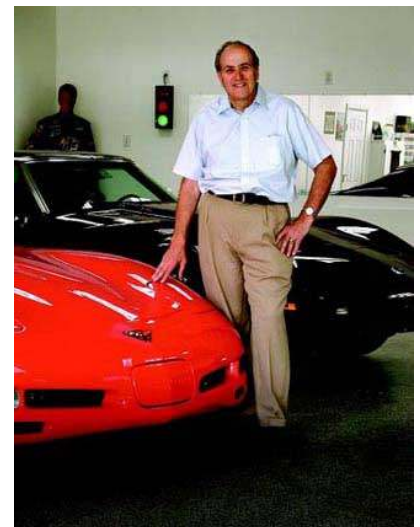


February 1, 2009

- **Club Trip to Eastern States.** Five CVSR members went to the annual Car parts Swap and Sell Meet at the Eastern States Expo in Springfield Massachusetts on Saturday January 17. Larry, Don, Jan, Art and Bob Landry rode in the comfort of Bob's van. We spent three hours there and bought lots of small items, mostly tools. There was a great crowd there with lots of vendors with mostly tools and racing parts but some street rod stuff and a half dozen nice cars on display. We stopped at a nice restaurant in Brattleboro on the way home.
- **February Meeting.** We are all set to have our February meeting at Dick Mazza's in Colchester. Date is **Saturday morning February 7 at 10:30 AM.** Dick has a real nice warehouse where he has several special interest automobiles on display as well as automotive memorabilia for us to see. We can look around and he will explain things to us and then we can have a brief meeting to discuss the Midwinter Dinner/Party as well as other topics. His warehouse is alongside his store, Mazza's General Store on Lakeshore Drive in Colchester across the street from the little strip mall where Mike's Auto Parts is located. After the meeting those who wish can go out to lunch somewhere nearby.



- **Cruise to the Nationals**. Ken Bessette, Northeast Division Director of NSRA will attend our next meeting and will explain to us the plans for a NSRA cruise from this area to the NSRA Nationals in Louisville KY in August.
- **Dinner/Party** Here are the latest ideas and suggestions about where to hold our annual winter Dinner/Party for this year. It seems like there are pros and cons of each place. The dinner/party is tentatively set for Saturday night March 14.

JP's in Essex where we have been several times before has the same banquet possibilities that they had last year plus a buffet offering. The Vermont Street Rodders had their banquet there recently and chose the buffet.

Pros: A room all to ourselves. No "setup fee". There is a bar.

Cons: We have to get our dinner choices in a week or more before the date. 30 person minimum so if fewer than 30 attend then the club pays to make up the difference.

Prices: INCLUDING 9% rooms and meals tax and 20% gratuity the meals off the menu are lowest \$14.12 and highest \$24.44. Buffet with tax and gratuity is \$30.89 per person.

If at the February meeting we elect to go to JP's then at that meeting we should make our choices of meals. Here are five choices to pick from:

1. Monterey Jack Chicken
2. Roast Turkey with homemade stuffing and gravy
3. Teriyaki Beef Tenderloins
4. Baked Lemon Pepper Haddock
5. Mediterranean Chicken Stir-fry



If none of the above are satisfactory to you the full menu will be there for us to pick from. If we can stick to the above five choices it will make it simpler and perhaps we will get served faster. Please talk it over with your spouse regarding whether you are going to the Dinner/Party and what your choices of meals are. Some phone calls will no doubt have to be made to make sure we have all bases covered.

The Hideaway at Cornerstone Commons is a restaurant on the corner of Susie Wilson Road and Kellogg Road in Essex.

Pros: A room just for our group that seats up to 30 people.

Cons: There is a \$200 “rental fee” and minimum priced meal is \$20.00. Not sure if that includes tax and gratuity. If it doesn’t then each meal will cost at least a grand total of \$32.46 per person if we have 30 people attend.

The Stone Grille in Morrisville was discussed at the Dec Meeting.

Con: Might be good but pretty far north for most of the CVSR population.

The Dragonfly Restaurant is a new restaurant in Colchester that is putting out lots of advertisement and is a nice place.



Pro: We will have our own room but another room with patrons will be within “shouting distance”. There is a bar. We can order off the menu when we get there.

Con: There is a \$4 per person “setup fee” to arrange the tables for our group and to make up for the fact that we will be using the room for perhaps several hours. With rooms and meals tax and the \$4 per person setup fee it amounts to \$18.12 per person (low) and \$31.02 per person (high) depending on your meal choice.

We could discuss just how much each person pays this year with the treasury picking up the rest if the prices will end up being higher than in years past.

- **Officers out of Town** FYI your President Larry Tyler will be out of state from February 16 to March 10 and the Secretary will be out of state from January 29 to February 6. The February newsletter will probably be in the mail about January 29.

- **Vermont Street Rodders Officers.** FYI The Vermont Street Rodders have recently elected officers for the upcoming year.

They are: President: Ken Bessette Jr.
 Vice President: Tom Adams
 Secretary: Ken Bessette III
 Treasurer: Brian Tuttle

The above officers will serve for the next two years. Ken Jr. can be reached at 878-3278 if needed.



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