



Happy New Year!

January 1, 2012

- **A New Year!** Here comes a new year...ready or not! Hopefully we can continue with the many things that we do as a club and enjoy our hobby of building and driving street rods and other “special interest” cars as well. Not to mention keeping on with the many friendships that we have made within the club and in the street rodding community. It looks like we will still have winter meetings, the March club dinner, summer cruises and putting on the Scavenger Run and the Rod Repair Shop at the Northeast Street Rod Nationals *plus*.

- **Ken Benoit** We have lost yet another member of the street rodding community. Ken Benoit, 69 a member of the Vermont Street Rodders passed away Dec 1, 2011. Ken worked with the Vermont Air National Guard for 40 years. He owned a very nice 1955 Ford which was on display at many car events.



- **Project '56 Pickup** Our club project of improving the drivability of Irene Daigle's '56 Chevy pickup continues to move ahead nicely. The rear brakes have been rebuilt with new Lokar e-brake cables fastened to a Lokar e-brake mounted between the seats. The heater and related parts have been refurbished and are mounted in their stock location. We've found a good place for the computer to live. The transmission output shaft housing is off and being readied for the adapter for the mechanical speedometer. Lots of rewiring has been done to eliminate unneeded wires and make existing wires neater. Horn and wolf whistle are mounted and working. We have new tires ready to be mounted and have ordered a new Lokar gear position indicator and floor boot, coolant recovery tank, headlight switch, radio and antenna. So we are just about ready to really move on with more installations including insulation and carpeting.



- **January meeting** We have the first of three or four locations for our winter meetings determined. We will be going to Greg DuPrat's **Meadow and Mountain Transmission Shop** on **Saturday January 14**. We will start at **10 AM**. We visited his shop outside of St.Albans a couple of times in the past but now he has a new place at **39 Lower Newton Street** in **St.Albans**. Greg will show us around his new shop and no doubt answer questions that we might have regarding street rod transmissions, rear ends, etc. We could then go out to lunch somewhere in the area!

- **More Winter Meetings.**

For February through March we are working on the following places:

Charlebois Truck
Airgas
Paya's Used Cars
Mike's Auto Parts
Anderson Autoglass
Pepin's Old Cars



- **Winter Dinner/Party** We are working on a place to go to for our annual winter dinner/party. The two top candidates at this point are 158 Main Street in Jeffersonville (with a somewhat modified menu) where we went last year and the year before and the Apollo Restaurant in Milton. We generally have this event on a Saturday night sometime in March. Stay tuned.

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