



**March 1, 2012**

**February Meeting** We had a pretty good crowd of CVSR members at Paya's Used Cars on February 11 in Williston. Peter Gadwag explained how the business of procuring damaged cars (generally from the south) worked and how they fixed them up and sold them from both the Williston and Colchester business locations. There was one building where mostly body work was done and a separate building where the painting was done. We asked him lots of questions and learned a lot. We then adjourned for lunch at Hoagie's in Essex.

**Project '56 Pickup** Our club project of improving the drivability of Irene Daigle's '56 Chevy pickup and preparing it to pass a safety inspection is just about complete. We keep finding little things and a few big things that need work before we can take it for inspection. Door operation hardware has been ordered as well as some trim molding. While test driving we found that the speedometer isn't quite right, the temperature gauge probably has the wrong sending unit and there is a slight hesitation at times which is probably a faulty throttle position sensor. It drives pretty well though and the interior is really looking good with the new carpeting, seat belts with shoulder harnesses and the dash complete with radio and all.



**Winter Dinner/Party** We have decided to go to **158 Main Restaurant** in **Jeffersonville** again for our annual **Winter Dinner/Party**. The date is **Saturday night March 24**. Bob and Gloria have worked hard with the chef to improve the meal over last year and everything seems to be in order. We once again will chip in \$7.00 a person and the treasury will handle the rest. Each member can bring one guest at the above deal and anyone else beyond that will pay the full meal price. Be there at 5:30 or so if you want a drink and would like to bench race a bit. We eat at 6 PM. And of course be prepared to pass on the Bright Idea Award and the Builder's Award from last year's recipients to this year's.



Paper Plate Awards are always fun. There should be lots of plates as a result of our work and fun with the '56 Chevy pickup this winter.

**More Winter Meetings** We have decided to make the March Dinner/Party also the club meeting for March. We won't take lots of time for the meeting part but we must line up any meetings for April at businesses and at members' homes to get a start on the summer events. Not sure if we will have a meeting in April at a business but these were on the docket as possibilities:

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

**Summer Events Committee** We should have our Summer 2012 Events Committee meeting some time in mid-April to get events lined up for the summer. As usual if you have ideas of special things to do and places to go to let the committee know. We will be asking soon for club members to be on that committee.

**Ken Retires** Ken Bessette of Williston and the Vermont Street Rodders who has been the Northeast Division Director for the National Street Rod Association is stepping down from the position due to not enough improvement in his eyesight. Ken has been Division Director for many years now and was Vermont State Representative before that. Surely we will all agree that he has done a fantastic job organizing and implementing many aspects of three big NSRA shows each year and co-ordinating the more than a dozen State Representatives from the Northeast. No easy job for sure but Ken is very good at it and his skills will be missed. Ken will still be around at the various car events and will be helping Event Director Frank Sloup with the Burlington NSRA show this September. No new Northeast Director has been named at this point. Thank you Ken very much for the fine job you have done for a long time.

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