



March 1, 2013

February Club Meeting Thanks go out to all the members, spouses and guests for acknowledging a postponement of our trip to Vermont Custom Auto due to the weather and coming out in force a week later. On Feb 16 we had 15 members, two spouses, and two former members attend the meeting and visit to the South Burlington street rod and custom auto builder. Owner Mike Burnham welcomed us with coffee and doughnuts. We had a short club meeting in the upholstery room and then Mike took us on a tour of the large shop. There were many street rods and customs undergoing partial or total rebuilding. A Pontiac formerly owned by Gabe Gagne was in there being totally rebuilt. Mike and his eight technicians do just about everything including sandblasting, body work, upholstery, wiring, and custom exhaust tube bending. They are even getting into a special chrome plating process which costs way less than conventional chrome plating. We then adjourned for lunch. Some of us went to Ray's Seafood and others to Pizza Hut, both nearby.

Check out the business at www.VTCUSTOMAUTO.com

March Meeting and Visit The March club meeting/visit is all set. We will be going to RPM in Georgia on **Saturday morning March 16** starting at **10 AM**. RPM is an engine rebuilding shop which promises to have lots of interesting things to see. The business is at **331 Carpenter Hill Road in Georgia**. If you get off Interstate 89 at Exit 18 head north on Route 7 and Carpenter Hill Road is a short distance

away. Go east on Carpenter Hill Road and it is a short distance on the left. We made a visit there many years ago but several who are in the club now weren't in the club at that time and no doubt there have been many changes.

Midwinter Dinner-Party We are almost all set for the Midwinter Dinner-Party. It will once again be at 158 Main in Jeffersonville. We have pushed the event back however from our usual March date to April 13. April seems to be a bit better what with Valentine's Day celebrations, "March Madness" and all. Harold mentions that April 13 is the date of the Stafford Springs Swap Meet so the date of this event may change. Stay tuned. And...get your paper plate awards and other prizes ready!

The menu for the buffet style meal is still "in the works" so the final menu will be in the April newsletter.

"Happy Hour" is 5 until 6 and the dinner starts at 7 PM.

As usual each member and guest will pay \$7.00 each; the Treasury will handle the rest.

Events Committee We usually have an Events Committee meeting in April so be thinking of things to do this summer and also be thinking of whether you would like to be on the committee. As the years roll by there are fewer and fewer places where we have not been so we could use some good ideas. Also we will soon be needing summer club meeting places to go to. Meetings resume at twice a month for the month of April.

Lamoille Valley Cruisers News. The club recently received a listing of lots of summer events that the Lamoille Valley Cruisers will be sponsoring or attending. This will help with our club's plans.

Al Briere. The latest issue of *Classic Chevy Magazine* features the '55 Chevy 150 two door sedan of Al Briere of Newport in the centerfold. We visited his home several years ago. He mentions that the body work

on his car was done by Rob Russin of Cambridge Auto in Jeffersonville. We also went there for a visit one day a few years ago.

Classified Ads

For sale: Two 1950 Dodge Coronets. One is a two-door and the other a four-door. Both have six cylinder engines. The four-door was running ten years ago. The two-door is missing the cylinder head. Sheet metal is “not too bad” but of course should be well checked out. Cars are in Montpelier. You can have both for \$500 but the price is negotiable. Perhaps you would want just one but perhaps having two will give you a good parts car. Call Todd at 229-0603. Art Stultz is the backup contact person. 879-7283.

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