



**March 1, 2016**

**Trip to The Auto Shoppe.** We had a fantastic visit to The Auto Shoppe in South Burlington on Saturday morning February 6. We had a total of 18 attend which included several guests and several spouses. Brian Hartwell and Scott Roth spent lots of time with us showing us around the very big shop with many vehicles in various stages of being rebuilt. Some were pretty much stock but there were many changes being made to most of them. Corvettes were the center of attraction! They have a paint booth and lots of specialty tools and equipment. The demand for their work is so great they have a separate building to hold those cars waiting to be worked on! After nearly three hours we broke up into a couple of groups and went out to lunch. We look forward to lots of news about The Auto Shoppe vehicles appearing on the national and local scene.

**Health Reports.** We were glad to see Stan at the meeting and to see that he is doing pretty well. Bob B. didn't make it but reports indicate that he is doing well but taking it easy. Lisa is doing well also.

**Winter CVSR Luncheon.** Well, it looks like we can call it a luncheon this year! In years past for our annual big dinner with awards and all, we have had an evening dinner at lots of different places, then we changed it to a breakfast for a couple of years at 158 Main and now we will have a **luncheon at Zachary's Pizza in South Burlington.** The date is **Saturday March 19 from 11 AM to 2 PM.** Zachary's offered us two meal choices:

**Choice #1** A buffet consisting of Chicken Parmesan, Baked Ziti, Pizza, Bread sticks, Salad and drinks.

**Choice #2** Pizza similar to what we had this past October when we celebrated the end of the street rod season and our success helping with the Street Rod Nationals.

Your secretary asked email members to make their choices. The responses so far are 8-2 in favor of the buffet. This is total people. There should be upwards of 25 people going so if you are going and didn't email with a choice **please do so before March 10.** We should know how many are coming and what the final choice is. Those who are going but don't have email give a call to Art at 879-7283. As usual each member can bring someone as a guest. The Treasury will pick up the tab.

**A new Shop.** There is a fairly new shop in the area that specializes in customs, street rods, etc. It is Ray Lasnier's Classic Collision, located to the rear of and "down the hill" from Rotunda's Body Shop off of Kellogg Road in Essex Junction. Ray Senior may be familiar to some of you as he had a gas station/repair shop in Colchester for many years and was popular in the racing circuit at Catamount for many years as well. Ray Junior who runs the shop has Ray Senior's '40 Ford in for lots of rebuilding including a replacement frame. You may have seen this car in the Essex/Colchester neighborhood and/or at the Northeast Street Rod Nationals.



**A Note from your Secretary.** Hi Guys! Marion and I are leaving town! Our daughter is with the school system in Katy Texas and has invited us down for a visit during their March vacation. From there we will go to Oklahoma City for a week and then Callaway Nebraska for a week. We will be leaving on Saturday morning March 12 and returning Saturday April 2 (Woo wee! Three weeks!) So for the first time ever we will miss the Luncheon/Party! I have Gary Bruening's Bright Idea Award just about done. Well, OK it was due a year ago so somebody get busy and make me up a Procrastinator's Award for the paper plate award thing. I will try to get Gary's plaque to Matt or someone else who will bring it to the luncheon and if I get to making up any paper plate awards I will send those as well.

**Scholarship Committee Head.** Matt and Art are working on this year's Scholarship. Matt has found a replacement for one of the five judges that retired and Art is corresponding with VSAC about forms that must be signed. As we said before, we would like one (or two) of the other club members to take over as we should spread the work load around a bit. We are committed to this spring's scholarship so we should name a new head to work with Art and Matt this spring to get a feel for the job which is actually quite easy.

**State of Vermont Registration.** Every two years CVSR is required to sign up again with the Vermont Secretary of State as a Tax Free entity. FYI This was done recently so we won't have to do it again for two more years!

**April Meeting Places.** Here comes spring (or has it been here a while?). The Luncheon will be the only event we have in March but April starts our two-meetings-a-month schedule mostly in members' shops so be thinking of hosting at least one meeting sometime between April and November. We need April right away.

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