



September 1, 2009

- **Notes on the Nationals** Your Secretary went to the August 6-9 NSRA Nationals in Louisville again and made these mental notes: 11,000 cars. Weather was good Wed through Friday but pretty hot Saturday and Sunday. Talked with lots and lots of people about lots and lots of street rod related things. Half dozen or more Vermonters there. Ken Bessette's cruise down with other cars went very well. May have seen Greg Roberts of Champlain NY but not sure. Quality of cars seems to be improving all the time. Professionally built cars on display inside were just awesome. Quite a few of them were post 1948 perhaps in anticipation of opening up to "Plus Years" cars next year. Many complaints about the Plus Years. It will probably blow over OK though. Spent some time at the Test your Alternator/Starter area put on by Powermaster as well as the UPS Weigh-A-Car area and the Safety Check area. Former club member Bob Latimer and I spent most of the weekend together. At Registration we helped out a fellow with his fuel system problem and I gave a fellow a half hour of my time to help him understand his cranking system. Found a nice car to represent the Northeast at the judging. ('32 Ford, no big surprise!) Great entertainment Friday night starred an Elvis look-alike who was excellent.
- **Crazy Cruizers Car show** A few members of the club went to the Crazy Cruizers Car Show at St.Albans Bay on Sunday August 16. Although it was a hot day it was pretty nice there on the bay and the show was very good.
- **CVSR Meeting Aug 18** The annual meeting at The Swanton House of Pizza was once again a great evening with 30 club members and spouses in attendance.

Lots of good pizza and bench racing. Some of us checked out Harold's new paint job on his street rod truck for the first time.

- **Trip to the Champlain Valley Transportation Museum** Eight members of the club plus two spouses took the ferry across the lake to the Plattsburgh area Saturday morning Aug 22. The museum is fairly new with new exhibits being added regularly. Dick Soper, our guide did a great job of taking us through two buildings featuring bicycles, automobiles, model cars, model trains and boats. The main feature was the Logier automobile which was built there in the Plattsburgh area in the teens and twenties. It was a very well built and expensive luxury automobile. We then went on to Guma's Restaurant in West Chazy for a nice lunch. We have been there several times.
- **Wednesday Night Cruise-In** About a dozen cars attended this past Wednesday's Cruise-In at Essex Automotive Services in Essex Junction. There is a small hot dog stand there and plenty of parking room. This cruise-in is taking the place of the one at Mazza's at Mallett's Bay. There was lots of talk about the upcoming Lake George Car Show coming up the weekend of Sept 12-13.
- **Army Guard Show** Our club has been invited to show off our cars at the upcoming Vermont Army Guard get-together on Saturday September 12 at Camp Johnson. The following have shown an interest in participating: Larry, Art, Paul, Don, Glenn and Gabe. More information is coming up later.
- **Glenn and Gin heading South.** Club members Glenn and Gin Turner are busy wrapping up the sale of their house in Essex and finding a new home in Tennessee. Although we will surely miss them in the club we wish them the best in their new endeavor.
- **Upcoming CVSR Meetings**
 - September 1** Matt FitzGerald's in Fairfax
 - September 15** Bob Landry's in Essex (Prep for Northeast Nats)
- **Next Meeting** The next CVSR meeting will be this coming Tuesday evening September 1 at Matt FitzGerald's in Fairfax. We haven't been there in some time but hopefully you remember the way. If not, "ask around" as they say.
- **Northeast Nationals** The annual NSRA Northeast Nationals is right around the corner, September 18-19-20. We'll do our thing again with putting on the Poker

Run and the Repair Shop. Nothing will be much different from previous years so we will do most of the planning with this in mind. The meeting at Bob Landry's will feature the final plans of who brings what to the Repair Shop. Thursday of that week we will bring the tools and equipment to the Grandstands and then go to lunch. Friday we will run the Poker Run and all weekend we will have members on hand to help the car guys with mechanical problems with their cars. The Poker Run is coming along just fine. Dan and Tim have designed the route. We will have draw sites at The Milton Diner, Boyden Family Winery in Cambridge, Cold Hollow Cider Mill in Waterbury Center, Perfection Motor Sports on Route 2 in Jonesville, and at the Repair Shop. Once again the toughest part of the Poker Run might be getting someone to work at the Draw Sites. Please consider working at one of the sites as we need eight people out there. We also need at least four people at the gate directing the cars out onto the routes.

- **September Events**

Sept 1 CVSR Club Meeting at Matt FitzGerald's

Sept 6 Olympic Car Show Lake Placid, NY

Sept 12 CVKK Cruise Night, Walker Motors, Montpelier

Sept 12 Vermont National Guard street rod display, Camp Johnson

Sept 12-13 Adirondack Nationals, Lake George, NY

Sept 15 CVSR meeting at Bob Landry's

Sept 18-19-20 NSRA Northeast Nationals Essex Junction, VT

Sept 18-19-20 Bennington Car Show, Bennington, VT

Sept 27 CVSR Picnic/Cruise (Unconfirmed, TBA)

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