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Late Newsletter Sorry this newsletter is late compared to previous ones but it's been held up pending news about a February club meeting at a local automotive business as is the custom.

<u>Great Trip to Charlebois'</u> 14 Club members and spouses plus a guest (John Keefer) visited R.R. Charlebois Inc. on Saturday morning January 24. Mr. Ron Charlebois himself was our tour guide as he took us through the huge and awesome facility for the sales and repairs of large trucks. Here are some notes about the various rooms and shops:

Showroom: Large Freightliner truck on display.

Restored 1940 GM wrecker truck. Modern huge wrecker truck which is worth \$80,000. Has four booms. Lots of potential here!

Fabrication: Plenty of room to get in many large trucks and trailers. Exhaust system. Large MIG welding units. Weekend storage of many wrecker trucks and related vehicles.

Paint Room: State of the art room which allows safely painting the truck or trailer by two men at one time. Quick drying heat system.

Restaurant: Two cooks serve breakfast and lunch for employees during the work week.

Mechanical Repair: Huge tool boxes accompany the large work areas for truck repair. Individual co-ordinated lifts for many work stalls. Huge alignment rack that adjusts to each vehicle.

Meeting Room: We had a brief club meeting and those that wanted them received a new Charlebois related cap.

We adjourned to lunch at the diner of our choice in the Milton area. Most of us went to Apollo.

<u>February Meeting</u> Three of us have been working on a February meeting and visit to an automotive business similar to the January visit. Visits to either one of the two potential locations are simply not possible as it has become difficult to get them finalized. We are getting so close to February 21 we'd better resort to "Plan B".

So here is what we have planned: We will go to JP's Restaurant in Essex Saturday noon February 21 for lunch. We seem to enjoy "bench racing" and related conversation so here is a chance to do something a little different with just a lunch and have a good time with the other guys and their spouses should they want to attend as well. Matt will have news about the annual brunch coming up in March.

However there is a remote possibility that in the next week one of the two places that are working on having us visit them will come through. Should a February 21 or even Feb 28 visit then be on we will cancel the lunch at JP's and revert to a new plan. You will then receive an email with that news and those without email will get a call with the change. George and/or Chet can keep Stan appraised of all new plans and changes. Dan and/ or Tim can keep Dave appraised...thank you. JP's Restaurant is the one we went to a couple of times for our annual Dinner of the club. It is on River Road in Essex on the east end of a business building.

<u>Dues due</u> Another reminder that dues for November 2014 to November 2015 are due. If you have not paid your dues please send them to Dan or see him at an upcoming meeting. Four dues checks were sent to Dan the last of January so that might complete the dues club members owe for 2014-2015.

Fellow Pages The list of CVSR club members has been sent in to NSRA for the upcoming street rod season. All of our present club members should be in the next Fellow Pages that comes out about May. If you are or are not a member of NSRA please consider helping out a fellow rodder should you get a "distress call" sometime. We have helped out on at least two occasions and have been helped as well. If you are not in a position to help out please call another rodder in the club to assist with the request. Fellow Pages has lots of other information in it such as a list of street rod safety items to concentrate on while building your rod or prepping for an inspection.

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