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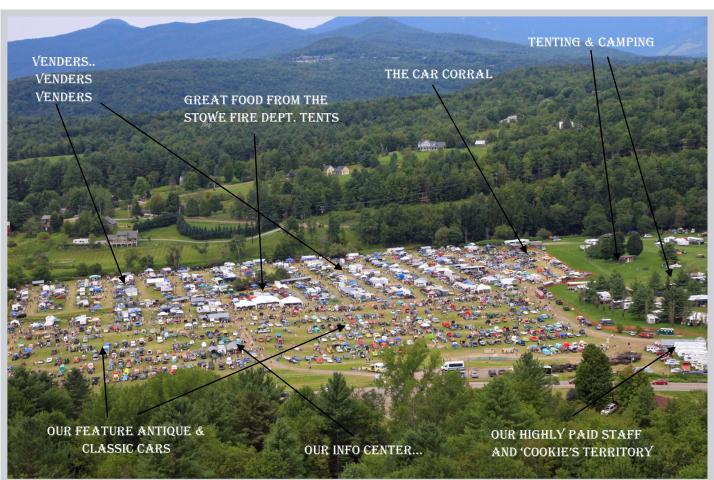
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# The Stowe Antique & Classic Car Meet Are You Ready For





2011.....August 12th, 13th & 14th

## CHAIRMAN OF THE STOWE ANTIQUE & CLASSIC CAR MEET BOB CHASE WITH HIS 1970 CHRYSLER NEWPORT



Bob was born in 1946 and is married to Wendy Nelsen. He has two sons, Duane and Michael, both VAE Members. A native of Stowe, Bob graduated from high school in 1964, attended UVM for 1 1/2 years then went into the Army for 3 years stationed most of the time in Germany. When Bob returned to Stowe from the Army in 1969 he went to work for Wendy's Dad at Mt. Mansfield Garage on Main Street where Maplefield's is presently then became the owner in 1974 for the next 23 years. He presently works for Mac's Market just down the street from where his garage was. Bob joined the VAE in the 70s when you needed a sponsor to become a member. His sponsors were Joe Bettis and William Young. Back when he was around 17, Bob

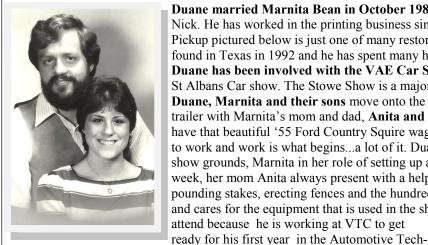
participated in the Stowe Show by driving William Young's '41 Packard 6 cylinder Coupe.

**Bob was a Flea Market vender at the show** back when it was at Spruce Peak, then at Topnotch Field and at the present location in Nichol's Field. He got involved in the Stowe Show in the 70s with Russ Snow, Dave Gonyea and later Tom Maclay and became Co-Chair in 2006.

**Bob says along with keeping many of our traditions that have been successful,** going into the future he would like to upgrade and change some of our displays. He says education demonstrations and displays will be key to our future.

Asked what his 'Dream Car' would be...his response, A '36 or '37 Chrysler Airflow.

## STOWE CAR SHOW CO-CHAIR DUANE LEACH & WIFE MARNITA (THE COOKIE) AND THEIR '64 FORD 100 PU



**Duane married Marnita Bean in October 1982** (picture taken in 1981), they have two sons, Steven and Nick. He has worked in the printing business since graduating from BFA Fairfax in 1979. His '64 Ford 100 Pickup pictured below is just one of many restoration projects he has had over the years. The pickup was found in Texas in 1992 and he has spent many hours in it's restoration.

Duane has been involved with the VAE Car Shows for many years including the Shelburne Show and the St Albans Car show. The Stowe Show is a major family affair. About a week before the Show gates open Duane, Marnita and their sons move onto the grounds with their travel trailer along with a second travel trailer with Marnita's mom and dad, Anita and Carroll Bean of Bradford, Vermont. Carroll and Anita have that beautiful '55 Ford Country Squire wagon that you have seen at the show. They have all come to go to work and work is what begins...a lot of it. Duane in his role of coordinating and working every detail of the show grounds, Marnita in her role of setting up and feeding the many volunteer workers that help during the week, her mom Anita always present with a helping hand. Dad, Carroll and sons Steve and Nick go to work pounding stakes, erecting fences and the hundreds of other tasks that are needed. Nick is also the "sound guy" and cares for the equipment that is used in the show. Steve this year is very upset that he will not be able to attend because he is working at VTC to get

nology Program this Fall.

Lets not forget that in all of this action you will also find Bob Chase running with his list to keep many details in order.

A time lapse movie should be made of what happens at Nichols Field in that week before the Stowe Car Show. From a field of hay to what you find when you come to the first day of the show has got to be counted as a small miracle. This "miracle" actually starts growing 12 months—earlier with Duane and Bob caring for the thousands of details that are needed and we get to "Go To This Great Stowe Show" every August.





## DO YOU HAVE A PAIR OF SHOES OR THAT SPECIAL JACKET THAT WHEN YOU SLIP THEM ON or slip your arms into,

things just feel good? Well, I've been sliding into the driver's seat of this Chevy II for 32 years now and that feeling of comfort comes to me every time.

I got this car in 1979, an even trade for my first vehicle I was allowed to own, a 1962 Chevy  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton four wheel drive pickup. I start-

ed work on the car, sandblasting the bottom because of surface rust. Before the primer paint was dry, I got hit head on by a Dodge Dart. Both myself and the car were knocked out, me for four hours and the car for 8 weeks. A Saturday with the backyard brigade put the car back on the road. That winter, the only winter I drove it, we got side swiped by a Honda. Another driver's side door was bolted on. We had various experiments with engines and transmissions until the original engine block was found before it was to be a sailboat mooring in Mallet's Bay. I got it and a powerglide transmission back into the car. It worked better than expected. Then in 1989, I decided to repair the firewall that was damaged in the wreck 10 years before. It stayed apart for 12 years, some tinkering here and there.

Then September 11<sup>th</sup> occurred. Do not get me going on the 9/11 saying. I just think we should take the time to say September. I thought that if anything happened to me, the car and all the pieces would end up in a scrap yard. So a push of working 5 to 9 pm every night and all day Saturdays and Sundays was started. Nine months later, I drove the car to a Nova show in Pennsylvania.

I still tinker on it, trying to reduce the Stowe car show point deductions. I've driven twice more to Pennsylvania, winning the long distance driven award both times and getting bronze and silver certificates in a 1000 point judging class.

The next thing to do is to rebuild the original driver's seat upholstery, I just hope it doesn't change that old pair of shoes or that certain jacket feeling.

Robert Lalancette, Fairfax, Vermont

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FROM
YOUR
EDITOR
Gary Fiske

We have a little different Wheel Tracks this month of our Big Car Show and it all started a year ago when then editor Gene Fodor decided to surprise everyone with some color in the issues that we have printed and mailed the old fashion way. You of course can get Wheel Tracks on-line every month in full color. Gene found that using color increases the cost substantially so he produced a smaller issue last August to offset the cost and had two pages of color.

Following Gene's lead, I thought I would try to do something special for our 'Show Month' this year. An idea of a 4-page supplement with a tribute to the two hardest working members in our club has lead to what you now have in your hands today. The guys I am referring to of course are Bob Chase and Duane Leach. They spend all year making sure our Stowe Car Show is a success. Wendell's 'From The President' column says it best...Thank You Bob & Duane.

In a conversation with Jim Brown, one of the owners of the printer that we use in Barre (L. Brown & Sons Printing Inc.), led to another feature of this month's Wheel Tracks and that is color on every page.....Wow. He is giving us the color for the regular price of black and white and he wishes us well in our Stowe Car Show.

Thank You Jim Brown.

When the offer of 'all color' came along I

figured it would be a great opportunity to do some mini-features of our members collections. This led to another big find.....the many states and Canada that our members hail from AND the many really neat things they collect. You will find 12 of them in the pages that follow thanks to the detective work of Gene Fodor and Wendell Noble.

And finally, that aerial picture on the front page. Is that great or what? A business called 'Over & Above' in Stowe allowed me to use it. Owner, Gerald Smith, uses tethered balloons up to 500 feet high with a remote camera to get these pictures. I have added his business card to our 'Here's My Card' section on page 17, you should check out more of these unusual pictures on his web site.



## From The **President**

Wendell Noble

There have been many recent occasions when I've found an opportunity to talk to prospective new members about joining the VAE. To explain what the VAE is all about, I proudly point out that we are the ones who put on the car show in Stowe each year. This always strikes a responsive chord. While some people may not know what the VAE is, everyone with a pulse knows about our car show. It is, after all, the premier car show in New England and I'd even dare say, the northeast.

Yes, I've been to Hershey, and I'm proud of our Stowe show. Its proceeds provide a major share of the money we need to fund our educational goals. A show like that doesn't just happen because we spontaneously get together with our cars for a long weekend. It happens because of a lot of hard work and planning over a full year's time. It happens because a lot of wonderful people step forward. take responsibility, benefit from experience, and do their part, year after year. Gary Fiske caught the spirit of this well in his WT comment last month as he described the show workers "doing what needed to be done."

At the head of all this are two guys who provide leadership, do more than their share, and make certain everything is covered, from planning to clean up. They deserve all of the accolades we can give them. I'm referring, of course, to current chair and co-chairmen Bob Chase and Duane Leach. When the Lord gives us sunny weather, as in the last couple of years, the show is a great success, financially and otherwise. In years like that, I'm sure Bob, Duane, and all the volunteers feel greatly rewarded by that success. The real test happens in the years when the weather doesn't cooperate but the show must go on. In those years, the work is harder, the rewards are few, and the emotional strain must be enormous. Bob and former cochairman Don Craig know that very well. I salute you all. You give us reason for pride in our organization and what it does.



Sympathy card to Ken Raymond – sudden death of his longtime partner Sue Jordan

A note from Nancy Willett....Ken Raymond's partner, Sue Jordan, had a stroke at work last Friday and succumbed yesterday. She owned the Colonial Beauty Salon here in St Al-

bans. Ken owns the KAR body shop here in St Albans. They owned together that beautiful 1963 Ford Thunderbird sport roadster. I went to school with both of them and call them friends. I just can't believe she's gone.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

## Jerry Ludwig & Sarah Rockwell

2940 East Ave, Rochester, NY 14610 1973 BMW 2002; 1958 Chevy Pickup;1948 & 1950 Ford Station Wagons



Former member: Edward & Kathleen Gradel

36 Tuscarora Dr. Centerport NY 11721 1979 Mercedes 300; 1967 Sunbeam Alpine; 1966 Mustang

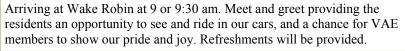
## **Please Remember** The President's Restoration Award

The sitting President selects a VAE Member to receive this award. The winner must have completed a restoration in the President's term, in this case 2011. The award is presented at the January meeting when the Officers and Directors are installed. The requirement is that the member is in good standing of VAE and have done or participated in the restoration of the vehicle. The restoration may not be for a third party. You may nominate yourself or another may nominate you.

Please contact 2011 President Wendell Noble with your nomination.

## Meet and greet event at Wake Robin in Shelburne

Saturday morning, August 6 with a rain date Saturday morning, August





## This will be a Monthly meet in addition to the Stowe

**show.** High Noon on August 21st on the shores of Lake Champlain at John & Carol Lavallee's camp in Swanton Vt. This will be our 3rd year, lets keep the tradition going. A very nice spot for swimming, maybe some fishing or just sitting on the lake shore enjoying the view with good company. Get there a bit early to set things up.



Plan on a pot luck lunch. The food alone is usually worth the ride. Gas grills will be available and plenty of Sunshine.

Something a little different. We'd like to have a mini-flea market! Bring things to sell, trade or just display. Bring a table or a blanket for setting up your stuff. Keep an eye for any additions to this meet on the web site. Wendell has some ideas and we may not get another Wheel Tracks before this meet.

Some of you know how to get there. Perhaps a few might want to caravan. It's a beautiful ride along the lake. From Burlington, allow yourself 45 minutes to an hour. 15 minutes from St Albans. Canadians taken at par! :). Nice touring roads.

The address is 1662 Maquam Shore Rd. in Swanton, Vt. If you get lost call 1.802.373. 9121. If you need directions--write to vaeinfo@gmail.org.





## THE SOFTER SIDE

Column Shared & Written by Marnita Leach (The Cookey).
Mary Noble (Left) & Nancy Olney (Right)





## Vacation "highlights" by Nancy Olney

Gary and I just returned from a 6 week vacation. I used the term vacation but perhaps it should be more like an Odyssey. It really wasn't what I would term a "vacation". Gary drove (and I rode) over 7,000 miles. That isn't 7000 miles of new road, it is 7000 miles, some of which is backtracking and going forward, sideways and back again! He likes to tell people that he does all the driving, which sometimes is true but this time it wasn't. After finding a wonderful collection of old cars, tractors, etc. and parking me in the direct sun, I took matters into my own hands and backed the truck (with camper) into the shade!! Thus breaking his record for doing all the driving! Enough of that subject. My main reason for this article was to let everyone know that all roads lead to cars (in my world anyway) and the cars lead to owners or someone who knows the owners. Everyone we have met has some connection to someone or someplace or something that we do. Sometimes it is almost eerie! We started our trip traveling to Ontario for the 4-cylinder Plymouth tour. That proved to be very enjoyable. We met a few new people and many we already were acquainted with which was good to see them again.

We went from there to South Dakota to search out Jim Lay, a "Plymouth" owner who was in the process of restoring his car and had contacted Wendell Noble who had given Gary the information. We arrived at his place without too much trouble, (thankful for cell phones), and found that indeed he was doing a restoration. Of course, you know where that leads so I'll move on. During their conversation, Jim left to get something in the house. When he returned, he gave Gary a picture of a car on a trailer – Gary looked at it and quickly realized that it was a picture of his 31 Plymouth Convertible Coupe!!! He turned the picture over and stamped on it was; Return to Harry F. Olney, 62 Chester Rd., Springfield, VT. That was Gary's dad. It seems that Jim's dad and Gary's had corresponded about 50 years ago and as you could tell, Jim's dad never returned the photo!! It is now back in the family's hands!

We were eating with our grandchildren (THEY were the reason for the trip!!) in an A&W in Helena, Montana, when a man drove in (with his grandchildren) and probably wouldn't have caught our attention but he was driving a '63 Ford Galaxy Convertible. Waiting for food, Gary went and talked to him and found out he was from Connecticut but had lived in Montana a long time. And of course, found the history of the car! When their food arrived, they left and got into their car. I noticed he had left his wallet and cell on the table. My husband grabbed the items and ran after him and thankfully caught up with him. Needless to say, he was very grateful. The point of this story is that if he hadn't had that car and Gary hadn't talked to him, we probably wouldn't have noticed his left behind items.

On our way back to Vermont, after putting on several hundred miles going around the flooding in North Dakota, we were able to link up with Jim Benjaminson. Gary and Wendell wanted to thank him for his 40 years of service as an officer in the Plymouth Club and deliver some of Wendell's wonderful maple syrup to them. What my husband said would be an hour visit lasted all day! Are you surprised?? But, even I have to admit, it was extremely pleasant. We saw his collection, a museum he is involved with and a nice lunch. I couldn't ask for more.

So on your next vacation, go with the flow but make sure to take along a few books (I read 7), knitting or anything else that helps pass the time when you feel you can't listen to one more car story.!!!



## FROM THE 'COOKIE' AT THE STOWE SHOW

BY MARNITA LEACH

Marnita cooks & serves three meals each of the 13 days for volunteer workers at the Stowe Show



## **SUMMER SLUSH**

INGREDIENTS:
1-12OZ FROZEN ORANGE JUICE
1-12OZ FROZEN LEMONADE
2 CUPS OR SO VODKA
2 TEA BAGS
2 CUPS SUGAR
9 CUPS BOILING WATER

FIRST TAKE 7 CUPS BOILING WATER AND POUR OVER 2 CUPS SUGAR, SET ASIDE AND LET COOL THEN POUR 2 CUPS BOILING WATER OVER 2 TEA BAGS AND LET STEEP WHILE COOLING COMBINE ABOVE STEPS WITH OJ AND LEMONADE AND THE VODKA MIX ALL TOGETHER FREEZE IN A PLASTIC TUB AT LAST 24 HOURS

IN A GLASS PUT TWO SCOOPS OF SLUSH THEN FILL GLASS WITH GINGER ALE AND ADD A STRAW. ENJOY THIS SUMMER FUN !!!!

## Did You Know that in 1907 ... By Gene Fodor

... Production for that year was 43,000 cars and 1.000 trucks and buses

- ... A White won the Howard Trophy in the Glidden Tour
- ... International Harvester moves it's truck plant from Chicago, IL to Akron, OH
- ... A REO crossed the continent and back with climbs up Mt. Hood and the Raton Range
- ... The Assoc. of Lisc. Auto Mfg., presented a formula for figuring horsepower which was adopted by states for taxation
- ... Oldsmobile started using nickel plating for parts that were previously brass
- $\dots$  Humps were purposely built into roads in Glencoe, IL to discourage speeding
- ... The Ford Motor Company made more than \$1 Million in profits
- ... Buick adopted a four cylinder engine and sliding gear transmission and won the Dead Horse Hill Climb at Worcester, MA
- $\dots$  A Franklin was driven from New York City to Chicago, IL in 39 hours and 36 minutes
- ... The Oakland Motor Company (the predecessor of Pontiac) was formed by Edward M. Murphy a buggy builder of Pontiac, MI to make 2 cylinder cars designed by A. P. Brush
- ... 91 new auto makers appeared on the automotive scene!



Caption: pictured are a 1907 Oakland tourer and the Oakland emblem used between 1907 and 1909



## What is it?

A number of pictures have been sent to Wheel Tracks from members asking for help to identify them and their value. If you can help please send your answers to gafiske@gmail.com and I will print your answer in Wheel Tracks for everyone to see. Please, also, send a picture of your mysteries ( with any supporting info), it will be fun to solve them.



We know the top tool is for changing tires. Our member would like to know how the tire tool works? (The hammer is there to help know the size of the tire tool. Can you help?

Sorry, there was no response....the mystery lives on.

Any idea what these are?????? Some of us have seen these and others have not.....



This from Bill Billado. He found this 1939 GMC Futurliner on Ebay currently for sale. Bids start at \$500,000 and is located in Massachusetts so you can easily





drive it home for our next VAE meeting. Top speed is 50 mph, so plan to spend the day going North.

## Can You Spare 3 Hours to Help...

On Sunday After the Stowe Car Show Or

The next Day...Monday?
Please call and let the guys add you to their help list
Bob Chase at 802-253-4897
Duane Leach 802-849-6174

A New Yorker was forced to take a day off from work to appear for a minor traffic summons. He grew increasingly restless as he waited hour after endless hour for his case to be heard. When his name was called late in the afternoon, he stood before the judge, only to hear that court would be adjourned for the rest of the afternoon and he would have to return the next day. "What for?" he snapped at the judge. His honor, equally irked by a tedious day and sharp query, roared out loud, "You're fined an additional twenty dollars! You're in contempt of court!" Then noticing the man checking his wallet, the judge relented, "That's all right. You don't have to pay now." The young man replied, "I know. But I'm just seeing if I have enough for two more words."

## The Stowe Fire Department 1929 American LaFrance Fire Truck with long time Fireman Wendall Mansfield.

At 77 years old Wendall was born just a few years after Stowe purchased the fire truck new. Wendall joined the fire department in 1952 and until 1963 used the American LaFrance to fight fires in the area. The truck was then semi-retired and became a 'Brush Truck' used for fighting brush fires.

In the 70s the Stowe Firemen made a deal with Vermont Sports Car Center in Burlington to restore the truck. No tax money was used, the firemen paid for the restoration with the funds they made from working the food tent at our Stowe Car Show. You will find Wendall scrambling eggs in the mornings at the Show Food Tent.....Say Hi when you see him.



## 1954 Ford Sunliner

Owned by Ronald L Coll 92 Maple Farm Road Auburn, NH 03032

I purchased the car in October 2003 from a collector from southern, NH. After several years of negotiating, the car came home to Auburn, NH.

It has ps, pb, power seats and many options/ accessories. It is treated as a driver and has visited all NE States, Hershey, PA and Granby, Canada..

It is a delight to drive and I have enjoyed driving one of the early turnpike cruisers.

As we all know, these cars are always a work in progress. A lot of the guidance on this car comes from my friend, 50's guru, Rick Comeau!

Of course one of the car's favorite shows is the VAE Stowe Show which I have attended since 1964.

## This picture should illustrate the potential problem with collecting antique

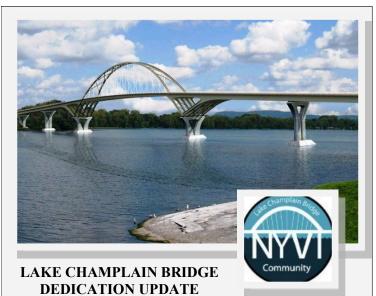
**military vehicles.** Even if you start small with a Jeep as I did, they can get seriously bigger. This 14 ton 1942 Stuart tank built by the American Car and Foundry Co., Berwick, PA, has been a regular at the Stowe Show since 1985. With the

enthusiastic help of very talented friends, the years have seen the installation of new tracks and suspension, engine and transmission, turret hydraulics, along with all the fixtures and accessories that complete the package. Gas mileage has been a little challenging thanks to the 670 cubic inch 7 cylinder radial air cooled airplane engine that the design engineers lifted from

Stearman aircraft due to its light weight!

John Vetter





By Fred Cook

Hi All: I just received this photo of the new Lake Champlain Bridge which VAE has been invited to be a major participant in the opening celebrations Saturday, October 15 and Sunday, October 16.

The local citizens group planning the bridge opening celebration in October. Lorraine Franklin, co-chair of LCBC, in a conversation with yours truly earlier this morning, said she expected that state transportation officials from both New York and Vermont will likely announce that the bridge will be completed by the October date. This is outstanding news as the VAE plans to participate in the 2-day celebration and will hold their October meeting at Crown Point, New York, on the western side of the Lake near the new bridge's approach. VAE has also been guaranteed prime location to exhibit their hobby vehicles for the benefit of the thousands of spectators expected. Also, VAE has invited club member owners of 1929 model antique vehicles to sign up as participants in a special phase of the official dedication ceremonies by transporting some 12-15 distinguished guests across the new bridge in their vintage vehicles. Contact Activities Director David Sander at 802-644 -5487) or Event Coordinator Fred Cook at 223-2933 if you want to be a participant in this very special event which will attain archival status as the years roll by.

Happy Motoring! Fred

## **Annual Labor Day Parade and "Cook Out" at the Skinners in Northfield**

Coffee and "Pit Stop" from 8:30am. Arrive at Norwich for Parade at 9:30am

Join us for pot luck, cook out, fellowship following the parade. If you forget to bring pot luck, Les will have hot dogs and hamburgers, for a slight fee!!!

Call if you need more info: 802-485-8150









This barn-find picture from last month is from Wendell Noble's Barn. Did you guess correctly? You can see the beginnings of what will be his restored 1930 Chrysler Roadster. We can all learn a lesson in the patience required to take on a project like this.

Get ready for a "great deal" when you visit the Stowe Car Show this year. The Board of Directors have just approved a discount if you members want to renew your next year membership early. Instead of \$30.00 you need pay only \$25.00 and if you want to renew for 2 years...you only pay \$50.00. What a deal. And if you are not a member! Well, hold on, you can get the same great deal. Remember this is good for those three days only.

Did you read about the Burlington Air show? There is a good possibility it will happen...Blue Angels and all. A few months ago Gene Fodor agreed to make some contacts with the air show people to find if maybe the VAE could be a part of it. That was before a few folks started protesting against not allowing a "war machine" show in Burlington. Well the show might be back on and lets hope Gene's people and the air show people can get together.

VAE Officer nominations time is just around the corner again. Yes, I know the folks we have now are darn good but don't let that stop you from throwing your hat in the circle. This might be one of the most important times for our VAE and it's future. It's also a time you can be a part of accomplishing a great deal with your efforts. The combining of the VAAS and the VAE, getting the most out of our brand new non-profit status, cracking the nut that will allow us to double our membership.....what more for a challenge could a person want?

## The Gypson Tour this year will be arranged by last year's winner Dick Wheatley

Dick has announced the tour will take place on September 10th and start at Lincoln Park on Main Street in Enosburg Falls Village. A tour of about 2 hours on beautiful Franklin County roads will begin at 10AM and end for lunch at a very nice and very old Inn in the area.

Mini-Get-There Tours have been arranged so you may join other club members in the drive to Enosburg. You should meet at these locations....

Cambridge Park & Ride at 9AM
Georgia Park & Ride at 9AM
Wendy's in downtown Newport at 8:30AM
(More information will follow in our next newsletter)

## Dave's Garage by Dave Sander



This column is a Q & A column with you asking me questions and after researching the answer I will reply.

Any questions 'automotive' is fare game, I might not know the answer but hopefully I will find someone who does know.

Please send all inquiries to dasander@aol.com or 32 Turkey Hill Road, Richmond VT 05477

## **Happy July!**

I hope your summer is going well... it is nice to finally get somewhat of a break from the rain. As I am sitting here typing this, I think I can actually hear the grass growing outside my window.

I have been quite busy with my MG TF project, the body tub went back on the running chassis yesterday, now I am hooking everything back up and trying to find all the parts I took off last year...

This question came to me this month:

Q. I have the "sliver" of a '25 Moon. Continental 6 motor, chassis, wheels, radiator, hood, steering wheel...umm that's about it.

I had the starter rebuilt & now want to try to see if the motor will run. The flywheel does turn & it doesn't appear to be "stuck". I think it's a 6 volt system, but is it negative ground? The radiator leaks real good, too! What do I have to do to test it out? Is there a basic flow chart/ or some diagnostic chart to follow for basic engine starting? Thank you for your response.

A. To test an engine, the engine needs to be firmly mounted to something. I would recommend bolting it in to the frame. Before you attempt to start the engine, the carburetor should be taken apart and cleaned and the engine oil should be changed. You need some provision to check for oil pressure. Do you have the gauge from the car? If not, do you have a mechanical gauge? With the engine bolted down, the carburetor cleaned and the oil changed the spark plugs should be removed and the engine should be turned over using the starter until there is good and stable oil pressure.

To run, the engine needs three things; air, fuel and spark. You can hook the distributor up to any coil, six, or twelve volt, positive or negative ground, the electrons do not care, and the point and condenser system will work with any combination of the above to test fire an engine. I would check the points to make sure they are clean and working first. Either wire a switch in to the wire, or hook it up in such a way to be able to quickly disconnect a wire to shut the engine down.

With the carburetor cleaned you can take several feet of hose and either hook it up to the fuel pump (if it works) or siphon fuel through the hose from a gas can to the carburetor, keeping the gas can higher than the carburetor.

Since you are test firing an engine, and only running it momentarily, you can put the coolant hoses in to a five gallon pail of water.

To start the engine, use jumper cables directly on the starter. The starter has permanent magnets in it so it is not polarity sensitive. Place one lead on a good ground, and the other on the starter terminal. When you have power going to the ignition coil and you are ready to start, connect the jumper cable to a battery to activate the starter. **BE prepared to "pull the plug" and keep a good fire extinguisher near by!** 

This will quickly tell you if the engine is running or not, but will not give you much information as to the condition of the engine. Since it has been sitting for so long, it will probably not run very well, and it will smoke. Taking compression readings and noting the oil pressure will give you a good idea of the condition of the engine. I would not run the engine for more than a few seconds. Best of luck to you and keep us posted with your results.

I received this tip from Ken Taplin, and I am passing it along. I do not have a cell phone or a GPS, but I know most people do. I have not tried this, but would assume that it will work since most electronics operate on low voltage DC power.

### Dave,

Maybe I'm the only one that didn't know this but I recently discovered that you can run a gps and charge a cell phone just as well on 6V as 12V. I used to carry a 12V battery pack for that. You do need the right polarity and In my positive ground cars I have installed marine grade power points. The cases are plastic and therefore not grounded so you can hook up the two wires for the right polarity.

Ken Taplin Blue Hill, Me.



## Jim Cary's '28 International

"1 Ton 6 Speed Special" Truck is a native son to Stowe. In 1975 it was a barn find that actually belonged in the barn at the Rocky River Farm on the Mountain Road, where it worked as a farm truck. Jim owned and operated the Stowe Road Building Supply at the time and saw it as a great advertising vehicle for the business. Some fresh gas and a twist of the tail and it ran. He continues to spruce it up, show it and drive it.



## Pictured on the right is Bonnie & Tom Willis of Bethel Vermont. On the left is Tom and their beloved 1950 MGTD.

The TD has over 300,000 miles and a long history that intertwines with the Willis's. Tom purchased the MG in 1958 and it has been used for everything from transporting his lawn care business in his earlier days to the get-away car when he and Bonnie eloped.

We are told to check with them if we would like to hear the hundreds of other TD adventures they have had.



## 'The Kid' is Serge Benoit's favorite name for this 1970 BSA Thunderbolt 650 Motorcycle.

Serge lives in a small village called St Anne De Sabrevois in Quebec, along the Richelieu River about 20 miles North of Lake Champlain. His BSA recently won 1st place in the Montreal Concours d' Elegance and was featured in a full page article in the February 2011 Hemmings News.

BSA (Birmingham Small Arms Corp.) of England built motorcycles from 1909 until the mid 1970s and had the unusual left-foot shift that endeared many of us. Serge purchased his BSA in 2009 from it's original owner with only 300 miles on it. Serge says the BSA was called the Canadian Harley and was very popular in his country.

The BSA came to Stowe in 2010 and received sixth place because it did not have it's original Dunlap Gold Star tire brand. He is coming back this year with not only the original brand tire but the exact tires that were installed on the bike in Birmingham 41 years ago.

















Treasurer's Report -July 11, 2011

**Dick Wheatley-Treasurer** 

MONEY MARKET - bala	nce June 10, 2011	\$	11,703.12		
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Stowe sponsorships				1,230.00	
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Disbursements					
	5142 Commodores' Inn - Stowe meeting room Wendy Nelson - veh exp for brochure			150.00	
	5143 distrib			40.00	
	5144 Marie Maclay - Stowe car reg. postage			145.00	
	5145 Heather Maclay - Stowe car reg. supplies			119.63	
	5146 Undercover Tents - deposit on tent rental			125.00	
	5147 VAAS - WT & website			750.00 211.00	
	5148 Winooski Press - Stowe printing 5150 Dept. of Motor Vehicles - trailer reg			46.00	
	5152 L. Brown & Sons - Stowe printing			627.41	
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	5153 Gene Fodor - Stowe sponsorship expens-		_	246.48	
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	<b>Balance - July 11, 2011</b>				\$2,466.72



## Bill & Lauren Fagan's Brass Cole

James Melton the famous opera singer and major car collector of the 1940's and '50's once owned this 1911 Cole Touring. The car was purchased at an auction in 1954 of surplus cars Melton owned for the winning bid of \$225! Oh the good old days! We are now the proud owner, this is a photo of the Cole last Fall on one of our jaunts near Deerfield, Ma. Our group of Brass Era cars try to get out most Saturdays or Sundays for nice country side tours of 150 miles, or so. Great fun! Happy Trails.

Gael Boardman's '29 or '30 Farmall 'Regular' and the 1912 grader are mates and work together often. Gael's friend, Tommy Anderson, purchased the tractor from Camp Abnacki and before the tractor left the camp Gael bought it for \$50.00. Tommy had

a case of 'buyers remorse' and Gael was available. That was almost 40 years ago. The Farmall spent the next 15 lonely years in a barn waiting to go back to work, then the barn was sold and the tractor got the needed attention from Gael. The parts removed over the years were found and replaced, a new valve job, new tires and a lesson to Gael on the combination of gas and spark it liked and it was back ready to go to work. The tractor...and the grader started life on steel wheels and now has rubber. As mentioned, they are both "regularly" working on Gael's farm today.

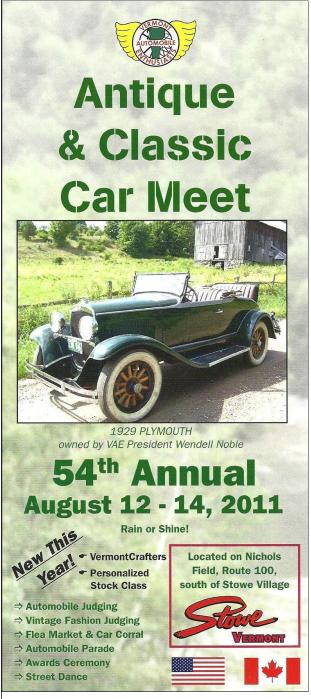


## Dave Sander's 1970 VW Beetle Convertible.

I purchased it in Wolcott, Vermont in April of 1989. It was the perfect companion to my first car, a white 1972 Super Beetle. The car was dark blue when I bought it. It was a South Carolina car with virtually no rust, but it did have numerous dings and dents, and it needed a top and an interior when I bought it. I decided to buy the car because it was made in the month I was born, September of 1969. It was the 150th Beetle Convertible made in the 1970 Model year. It has an interesting serial number, as "150" is the model designation in the VIN number so the first three numbers of the VIN are 150; and the last three numbers in the VIN number are the production sequence, also 150.

When I restored the car, it ended up being painted red. Funny how that happens. The car just did not seem like it wanted to be painted dark blue again, the red just suited the car better.

I drove it on a 16,000 mile cross country trip in the spring of 1993 with stops at Niagara Falls, The Rocky Mountains, The Grand Canyon, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle Mt. Rushmore, Yosemite National Park and Yellowstone National Park. The highpoint of the trip was driving along the Pacific Coast Highway from Los Angeles all the way to Seattle.



## **Minutes of June Stowe Committee Meeting**

The Stowe Planning Committee met at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday June 15, 2011 at the conference room of the Commodores Inn in Stowe.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 by co-chairmen Bob Chase and Duane Leach.

- 1. Stowe Area Association and Stowe Vibrancy: Bob Chase reported that Stowe Vibrancy had helped by parking cars for the street dance last year and that he would try to get them to do so this year.
- **2.** Pre-Registration: Duane Leach reported that there are 242 registered by mail and 57 on line so far.
- **3.** Sponsorship: Bob Chase provided a hand out detailing the committed sponsors to date. \$7,450 has been committed and \$6,650 received. Of that, \$2,000 from AAA and \$200 from TD Bank are newly received. The hand out also listed inkind contributions from Coca Cola, Interstate Battery, Radio North and Casella.
- **4.** Vermont Crafter's Exhibit and Tent: Duane Leach and Hal Boardman are still getting price quotes for a tent. Bradford Tent is the lowest so far at \$2.00/ft. Vermont tent will be given an opportunity to match this.
- **5.** Parade: Bill Sander reported that arrangements are in place. Duane Leach has sawhorses for traffic barricades and John Mahnker will provide announcing.
- **6.** Publicity: Chris Barbieri was not present but Bob reminded us that Old Cars Weekly and Hemmings ads had been placed.
- 7. Judging: Gene Napolielo stated that he intends to establish a youth judging committee as has been done at AACA meets. This activity is sponsored by Haggerty Insurance, who provide the needed materials (hats and tee shirts). He was given approval to pursue it.
- **8.** Model Car Race: Duane Leach reported that this event went very well at the AACA meet. Some minor modifications will be made and the event will be held on the awards ramp if weather permits and under cover otherwise.
- **9.** Flea Market: Tom McHugh reported that 240 spaces have been sold to date for a total of \$9,365. He has all of the materials to layout the field.
- **10.** Car Corral: Duane Leach stated that there will be a gate between the Car Corral and the camping area. No other report.
- 11. Committee reports: A written report was received from Randy Cary regarding the prospective purchase of hand stamp for attendees. The cost will be \$720 (plus tax). It was suggested that Randy consider using the same stamp for all three days with a change of color each day to reduce the number of stamps needed. Approval was given for Randy to proceed as he deems necessary.

Bob Chase will verify if Stowe Mercantile is willing to provide prizes for the fashion show.

- 12. Supply Needs: Gene Napolielo will get needed ink cartridges and paper for the judging. Duane Leach will get necessary supplies for the field trailer. Windshield cards from last year will be exhausted and any additional supply will be ordered from Winooski Press. Number cards will be ordered from L. Brown.
- 13. Other Business: We have received a request for permission to locate an antique Good Humor truck on field from which ice cream products will be sold. Agreement must be obtained from Stowe Fire Dept. to do this since they have exclusive rights for all food vending on the field. Bob Chase is awaiting a reply from them.

August

Respectfully Submitted, Wendell Noble

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## A WHEEL TRACKS CHAT WITH OUR VAAS CHAIRMAN GAEL BOARDMAN

WT... It has been many months Gael, maybe years, the VAE has been working to become a non-profit corp. and it has finally happened. The VAAS Board now has the task of getting the non-profit off the ground. Are you happy with the progress?

Certainly there is progress. It's kind of like planning a trip: where to go, what to take, who to invite, etc. Ours is a volunteer-run organization and many have other demands. We are doing well.

WT...What would you like to see accomplished in the next year and two year periods?

We need to really understand our MISSION STATEMENT and act to support it as completely as we can. We need to raise money and implement programs and action to insure our long-term interests and the success of our mission. Our interests shouldn't fade with our aging membership.

WT...In your mind, what are VAE's biggest assets?

We have significant assets. Our members, our name, our history, our publication and web site and our hard-won 501c3 status.

WT...Do you see areas that 'need fixing' in our 58 year old Auto Club?

Our VAE President has recently reported in Wheel Tracks "that if it still runs not to worry about a regular noise, drive on". He then had an experience and modified the advice somewhat. Our regular noise in the VAE has been membership. We're missing the boat by not recruiting and sharing with new younger members. The major charge of the VAAS is to change that. This noise is getting louder.

WT... What do you most enjoy in our VAE Car Club?

The chance to share 'car stuff' with other afflicted people. To see and admire what's in their garage and to realize that there is a little band of us that really care about all this.

WT... What one thing would you like to see more of as we go forward...also what would you like to see less of?

More of? Members getting their cars out and on the road. Check our Roster; there are many great cars that we don't see. Less of? Ethanol. BELOW.... SOME BEAUTIFUL PICTURES OF THE VISITING MODEL T GROUP THAT TRAVELED FROM NEW YORK TO SEATTLE IN 2009. THEY CHOSE VERMONT FOR THEIR 2ND REUNION AND THE RAINY JUNE DAY DID NOT STOP THEM.

Racing the rain On State Street In Montpelier





"In Formation"







A Rainy visit At the Sanders In Jeffersonville



## **Alden's Diecast Car Collection**

A big problem for many old car collectors is finding enough room to store them. Long time VAE member Alden Chapman of Barre Vermont has found that by reducing to 1:20 or 1:40 scale, he can keep 2,500 in his house. Alden's collection of die cast toy vehicles is too vast to capture in a single picture. He prefers pre war trucks, but has cars, trucks, airplanes, fire engines, construction equipment and trains; spanning brass era to the '60s. He started collecting while in the service in Europe in 1947 and is still adding.

## The 1948 Crosley Wagon

We purchased the Crosley locally 11 years ago. I did a tune up after we bought it and all the parts... points, plugs, distributor cap, and coil - came off the shelf at NAPA.

Most people are surprised to learn that the Crosley is an American made car, but when coached a little, they realize they know the name as an appliance manufacturer. The Crosley is a curious mixture of high tech and "cheap". The engine has a gear and shaft driven overhead camshaft with the head and block cast as one piece, just like the "OFFY" racing engine. The "Cheap" part ....... mechanical breaks, non syncro transmission, no turn signals, and no noise insulation.

Most of our mileage has been between Stowe's Commodores Inn, Nichols Field and the Stowe Show Parade. The Crosley always draws a crowd at the Show and we have never seen another in the years we have been in the Stowe Show.

Al & Judy Faust, Winterport, Maine





## Dave Maunsell's 1917 Studebaker

Dave acquired his 1917 Studebaker "Six-Fifty" touring car in 1995 when he and Pev Peake brought it home from Michigan. It's as close to original as a car can hope to be and still run, and run it does. Dave is comfortable cruising at 40 MPH, as long as he leaves plenty of room to stop. Even the brake shoes are original. Although the sheet metal has a few wrinkles and some surface rust, the body is as solid as ever. No need to restore it, it's a driver.

## Hello...Here's My Card









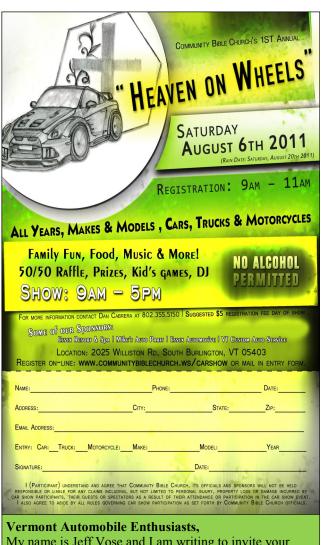
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My name is Jeff Vose and I am writing to invite your club to our car show on August 6th. We are a group of car lovers who admire and love cars old and new.

After being married for 40 years, I took a careful look at my wife one day and



said ..... "Forty years ago we had a cheap house, a junk car, slept on a sofa bed and watched a 10-inch black and white TV, but I got to sleep every night with a hot 23-year-old girl.

Now ... I have a \$500,000.00 home, a \$35,000.00 car, a nice big bed and a large screen TV, but I'm sleeping with a 63-year-old woman. It seems to me that you're not holding up your side of things."

My wife is a very reasonable woman. She told me to go out and find a hot 23-year-old girl and she would make sure that I would once again be living in a cheap house, driving a junk car, sleeping on a sofa bed and watching a 10-inch black and white TV.

Aren't older women great? They really know how to solve an old quy's problems. (The couple in picture are unknown)

## **Vermont Antique Automobile Society Classifieds**

Contact: John Lavallee at Wheeltracksads@gmail.com

Advertising (free or paid) in Vermont Antique Automobile Society News (printed and on line) is a privilege. Advertising is free to all members of The Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts Club/VAAS members. Ads can be up to 60 words with an optional photo. Prices must be shown on all For Sale items along with full name and phone number and/or email address. Your ads will appear in Wheel Tracks and on line for three months unless we are notified to remove it earlier.

Non-members classified (non-business) can also place ads as described above at a cost of \$10 per ad per month.

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All ad fees must be <u>paid in full</u> before publication...make all payments to VAAS. All advertising is accepted in good faith and only after our editors approval. Emailed ads are welcome and preferred. Please check for deadlines.



For Sale...2005 Mercury Grand Marquis, less than 17,000 miles, great condition. Texas/Florida car. NADA over \$14,000. I will sell for \$9,000. Hayden Janes, Richford. 802-848-3622 9/11

For Sale... 1971 Land Rover 105 Military. Low mileage, rusty floors, good rubber, SA-FARI top. \$4000 OBO Joe Paradis, Bakersfield 802-827-4490 10/11

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For Sale ... Kwiklift "low-rise". 13 gauge steel, Powder-coat safety yellow. Max. capacity 5000#, 4 casters & center-lift bridge. 3 positions adjustable length to 14'9" and width to wheelbase to 142". See <a href="www.kwiklift.com">www.kwiklift.com</a> \$850.00 USD Contact: Gene Fodor preferably by email to: crownwheel@comcast.net or 802-372-9146 10/11



For Sale...Many VW (air cooled) engine parts in good condition. I am moving, all have to go. Call Bob Preston 802-355-7633 8/11

Got-Something-to-Sell..... Sell-It-Here

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For Sale, A great gift idea. Official VAE Lapel Pin. Contact Wendell Noble. \$5.00 ea & \$1.00 S&H. Wear It Proudly.

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For Sale....Original owner has the following vehicles for

1950 Ford F1 Pickup \$15,000 1971 Mercedes Benz 280SE 3.5 Coupe \$45,000

1989 Range Rover Contact:

Steele at 802-878-3072

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## For Sale... I have a lot of extra Model A Ford parts to

sell; frames, engines, radiators, gas tanks and much more. I also have a '30 pick up now under restoration which I would consider selling if a tempting offer were made. Wendell Noble, Milton, VT. (802) 893-2232



For Sale...1980 Cadillac Seville, GL engine, triple blue, leather, Alcoy wheels, very good condition, no rust, needs tune-up and muffler. Always covered and garaged. \$1500.00. Call Felix

Bottenhorn, East Ryegate, VT 802-592-3530 10/11



For Sale... Wheel Puller. I had it made for my 26 Packard. It is heavy duty and very well made, works great. \$125.00 Hayden Janes, Richford 802-848-3622 9/11

For Sale.. 1963 Ford Falcon 2 door sedan, new paint (blue aqua), new engine overhaul, very good interior, 5 new tires, 54,844 miles. Asking \$3995. Al Ward, St. Albans 802-524-2466 10/11

For Sale.... Four steel wheels. Dodge Caravan through 2009. \$40 for all four. Contact: Gene Fodor

 $\underline{crownwheel@comcast.net}$ 



Barn Find For Sale...1922 Cadillac 7 pass. Touring car. Needs reassembling. Complete plus many extra parts. \$14,000. Andy Crane, Sheldon, VT 802-933-4083 Pictured below before disassembly. 9/11



**Free to Someone...** one pair of 19 inch Buick front wheels. Shot rims, hubs and bearings are ok.

For Sale... 1950/1960 step toe bumper, good condition, \$25.00 Gilbarco gas pump, 1940ish, gas bubble in face, has hose & nossle. Includes Opaco bulk tank, \$350.00

**1956 Olds fender skirt**, \$25.00 **Fender skirt**, maybe 60s Dodge, good shape, \$50.00 **VW wheel covers**, jack and small hubcaps, \$20.00. Marvin Ball, N. Ferrisburg, VT 802-425-3529 10/11

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## Now, here is an innovation... Sent in by Gene Fodor

Tata Motors is soon launching a new car that runs on air.... yes...compressed air. With spiraling fuel prices it is about time we heard some break-through.

India's largest automaker Tata Motors is set to start producing the world's first commercial air powered vehicle. The Air Car, uses compressed air, as opposed to the gas and oxygen explosions of internal combustion models, to push its engine's pistons.

Some 6000 zero emissions Air Cars are Scheduled to hit Indian streets by August 2010. The Air Car, called the MiniCAT could cost around \$3138.00 in India and would have a range of around 180 km between refuels. The cost of a refill would be



World's First Air-Powered Car: Zero Emissions by Next Summer



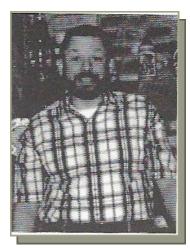
about \$1.90.

The MiniCAT is a simple and light urban car, with a tubular chassis that is glued not Welded and a body of fiberglass powered by compressed air. Micro controllers are used in every device in the car, so one tiny radio transmitter sends instructions to the lights, indicators etc. There are no keys – just an access card which can be read by the car from your pocket. According to the design engineers, it will cost less than \$1.23 per 60 miles that is about one tenth that of a petrol car. Its mileage is about double that of the most advanced electric car (120 to 180 miles or 10 hours of driving). A factor which makes a perfect choice in cities where the 80% of motorists drive at less than 36 miles. The car has a top speed of 63 MPH. Refilling the car will, once the market develops, take place at adapted Petrol stations to administer compressed air.

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1982 President John Gray of Proctor, Vermont His '29 Model A on the left

## VAE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## July....

23rd, Saturday.... The Kingman Street Car Show in St Albans

23rd & 24th...VAE Car Show Display, University Mall, Burlington. Plan to come and Support our club.

29th, 30th & 31st...Granby International Exposition, Granby, Quebec.

An apology to John Mahnker for not listing the July 2nd & 3rd Annual Twin State Early Ford Show in Fairlee VT. (Sorry)

## August....

6th....Saturday 9AM-5PM, Heaven On Wheels Car Show, Williston (See page 17)

6th....Saturday 9AM, Wake Robin Meet & Greet, Shelburne, VT (Details page 5)

6 & 7th...British Cars of New Hampshire 2011 Show of Dreams, Nick Athletic Field, Wolfboro, N.H.

7th...Cars of Yesteryear 28th International Car Show, Newport, Vermont.

## 12TH, 13TH & 14TH...VAE STOWE ANTIQUE & CLASSIC CAR MEET.

17th, Wednesday...Worlds Largest Cadillac Parade, Orleans County Fairgrounds...Bring your Caddy

20th, Saturday 9AM to 4PM...Milton Area Car Show @ the Old Milton Drag Strip on Rt7

21st, Sunday...International Lilliputien Auto Show, Sabrevois, Quebec.

21st, Sunday...The 1st Annual Grand Master's Fair at the Addison County Fair Grounds. Everyone is welcomed

25th...The Mason's Grand Master Fair @ The Addison County Fairgrounds, New Haven, VT.

26-28...Carlisle Corvettes

## September....

5th, Labor Day, Starts 8:30 AM...Labor Day Parade and 'Pot Luck Cook Out' @ The Skinners in Northfield (See page 9) 10th, Saturday....The Gypson Tour starts at Lincoln Park in Enosburg Falls Village at 10AM (See page 9 for more info)

## October...

3rd...Monday, 7PM...VAE Board meeting at Whitney Hill Homestead in Williston

15 & 16th...Champlain Bridge Celebration/ VAE Meet