

Wheel Tracks

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Peveril Field Peake (1927-2007)

A founder of the VAE and former owner
Of this 1928 Willys Knight Model 56

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Officer Jones....

"Warning! You want a warning? O.K, I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket."

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EVENTS...

WHAT'S NEXT ?

July

July 23...**VAAS meeting**, 1:30 at Dick Wheatley's office, 1 Market Place, unit #31, Essex. All are welcome.

August

Aug 4—11... The Franklin car Trec, Cazenovia, NY Annual parade, Day trips, Private collections tour, Fashion Show and more.

WWW.franklincar.org

More info, Lloyd Davis 802-773-3590



Aug 10, 11 & 12... **ANTIQUE & CLASSIC CAR MEET, STOWE, VERMONT**

Aug 11... Noon till 6PM Moreau Rec Park Car Show, S. Glens Falls, NY. Want to enter your car...call Lisa Rowlands @ 518-307-7442

Aug 18..9AM to 5PM Aug 19 8:30AM to 4PM...L'International Lilliputien Auto Show. 1185-28th Ave. Sabrevois, Quebec. All small cars, motorcycles, trucks & tractors of 4 cyls and less. Info, Serge Benoit 514-830-1963

Aug 18... **VAE Monthly Meet**, Shelburne Area Tour and Much More. Arrive Wake Robin 8:30-9AM. More detail...page 13

Aug 21... 10am-3pm Annual Lions Auto Show, Deerfield, Mass. More info, call Peter James 413-665-7104

Aug 25... 10am- 4pm The 7th Annual French Heritage Day & Car Show. Vergennes, VT.
www.frenchheritageday.com
Info: 802-388-7951

September

Sept 15...**September's VAE monthly meet**. The meet will be a NY state tour with a stop at Champlain Valley Transportation Museum. Www.cvtmuseum.info
More info to follow...

Sept 16... 9am-4pm
"Better L8 Than Never Car Show"
at the Bristol Rec Field, Bristol, VT .
Info - 802-388-7951
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October

Oct 9-19... **The VAE China Trip**

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From The President

David Sander

Well, the VAE has done it again. Two more very successful events behind us. One more to go. These events are successful because of the very hard work and dedication of a few hard working members of our club. Work with the Stowe show needs to happen now. Please help your club by offering to help out any way you can. Any help will go a long way toward making this show a success.

The tour down to Windsor county, and the Knight Point State Park Car Show in North Hero were both quite successful. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend either event due to conflicts. Jim Sears was able to fill in for me in my absence. Thank you, Jim. I understand the weather was perfect for each event.

Last week I was hosting the New England Mgt "T" Register's "Gathering of the Faithful" in Rochester, New York. This was my second gathering since becoming the chairman of the Register. The first gathering was at the end of August last year, in western Massachusetts. Within hours of my becoming chairman of the New England MGT Register, hurricane Irene changed course, and barreled straight toward our car show, then proceeded to literally follow me up to Vermont the following day.

Western New York is experiencing a serious drought. They had not had a drop of rain in weeks. The grass was brown, and literally crunched just like dry straw hay under my feet. I only mention this because...I drove to Jim Sears's house on the evening of the fourth to drop off supplies for the Knight Point Car Show. As I was driving back, I drove through an epic rain storm. Rain was coming down hard. Trees were blowing down all around me. My driveway washed out under the Saab as I returned to my house. Within minutes of pulling in to my garage we lost power.

I left for the MG event on the morning of the fifth. No rain in the forecast. All of western New York was dry. Fast forward to Saturday, the day of the MG car show. I had finished setting up the MG on the show field at 9:00 on Saturday morning, when suddenly it got dark, very dark and thick clouds started rolling in. I just stood there and stared at the sky. The clouds literally rolled in right over the car show. And then it poured. Within minutes every car was soaked. The show was rained out.

I am starting to wonder two things. One, is there any connection between me attending a car show and the rain that follows? And, two; Should I avoid Stowe this year?

FROM YOUR EDITOR Gary Fiske

You would not believe the material I have this month that should go into Wheel Tracks. There is not room for it all but I am hoping you folks who give me your great items don't stop....you make this newsletter what it is. Please keep it coming and Thank You

This will be Don Rata's last month with his 'mini-features'. Thank you Don for launching the column, it has become a big success. Any time we can show off our members and their hobbies is a good time. I just might have someone who will agree to continue the column but just in case I wouldn't mind an email if you would be interested in taking it over and adding your creativity.

I was asked by a member to consider a 'letter to the editor' column. I know it would be interesting to read, but would there be letters to print? So far I have never received one.

Tell you what.....this is a test....if I get two letters to the editor before the next issue, the idea will be a go.

In the mean time I want you to know any letter to the editor will be printed...I will take the bad words out.

A personal 'Pet Peeve'.....I am still hearing how there is a communication problem between the VAAS and the VAE and this complaint is really getting old. All meetings are open, all minutes are published, there is a standing invitation to attend and every officer's phone number is on page 2. What's the problem? The business and accomplishments of the two boards and our membership in this Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts Club, in my time of being around, has been amazing and exciting to me. I would suggest joining the conversation and communication will follow.



Sunshine Report



Jennette Cruz, sister of Pierre Pepin has died. Jennette was 81 years old and lived in Colchester, VT and leaves her husband, Francisco, and their four children.

Bill Sander, has spent some time lately in the hospital. He is now home and doing fine.

Julie Greenia, is home after a surgical procedure. She was seen at the Knight Point event having a good time.



Shelburne Area Tour And Much More

VAE Monthly Meet
Saturday August 18th 2012
Beginning and Ending at Wake Robin
200 Wake Robin Drive
Shelburne, VT 05482



Please plan to arrive between 8:30 and 9AM
See complete details on page 13

THE SOFTER SIDE

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



Could this be a dream?

by Nancy Olney

I want to tell you about the perfect car tour I was on recently. We stayed in a hotel that had once been a single family "summer home". The living areas were plush and cozy. My room was quite spacious and the height of comfort with a lounging area and the most remarkable bathroom, equipped with all the "necessaries" and a large soaking tub with the most fabulous shower you have ever seen! I could go on and on about the accommodations but we are on a car tour aren't we?

In the morning, we would gather for breakfast and listen to the tour guide tell the days agenda. I must tell you the breakfast was just fabulous, a large assortment of muffins, scones, pastries, fresh fruit, yogurt, maple granola and coffee, tea and juice of your choice. The day's tour was a short ride to the resort's spa where you could have a pampered day filled with massages, manicures, pedicures and of course, lunch. There is a place provided for anyone (probably the men) to park their cars and walk around them and talk and talk and take a few pictures and I guess I did say talk didn't I? Then the short ride back for "happy hour" and get in a little more talk before dinner. Dinner and then back to our luxurious rooms for a little TV and a good night's sleep preparing for day 2.

Day 2 - We gather for the same wonderful breakfast and briefing for the day. Today we take a short drive to the local flea market known for its' many artists, crafters, and a wonderful food market where we will have lunch. Of course, there is a place to park the cars and let (probably) the men, walk around and talk and meet more men and talk, take a few more pictures and talk a bit more before heading back to our wonderful accommodations and have dinner. A little after dinner talk and by now there are some repairs or tweaks to be made to the cars and some discussion on how to make them. Another day gone and a good night's sleep needed.

We leave everyone today. The goodbyes take time and the next tour is discussed and we say goodbye until next time. You would think this is the "dream" car tour and you would be right! It was just a dream. So boring!!



FROM THE 'COOKIE' AT THE STOWE SHOW

BY MARNITA LEACH



ZUCCHINI AU GRATIN

2 MEDIUM ZUCCHINIS
2 TABLESPOONS BUTTER
1/4 CUP DRY BREAD CRUMBS
1/2 CAN CONDENSED CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP
1/3 CUP CHEDDAR OR AMERICAN CHEESE, SHREDDED
1 TABLESPOON ONION, MINCED
SALT AND PEPPER

CUT ZUCCHINI LENGTHWISE AND INTO SLICES 1/4 INCH THICK. MELT 1 TABLE-
SPOON BUTTER IN TO A SKILLET; STIR IN BREAD CRUMBS; TOSS AND SET ASIDE. MELT
REMAINING BUTTER AND SAUTE SLICED ZUCCHINI 3-5 MINUTES . ADD REMAINING INGRED-
IENTS TO SKILLET AND HEAT UNTIL CHEESE IS MELTED . SERVE TOPPED WITH CRUMBS.
SERVES 6



A 'DID YOU KNOW' BONUS

FROM GENE

If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle.
If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died because of wounds received in battle.
If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes .

FROM BILL ADO

A fifteen year old Amish boy and his father were in a mall. They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shinny, silver walls that could move apart and then slide back together again.

The boy asked, 'What is this Father?'

While the boy and his father were watching with amazement, a large elderly lady in a wheel chair moved up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened, and the lady rolled between them into a small room. The walls closed and the boy and his father watched the small numbers above the walls light up sequentially. They continued to watch until it reached the last number... and then the numbers began to light in the reverse order.

Finally the walls opened up again and a gorgeous

24-year-old blond stepped out.

The father, not taking his eyes off the young woman, said quietly to his son.....

'Go get your Mother'

Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside with only a pet dog for company. One day the dog died, and Muldoon went to the parish priest and asked, 'Father, my dog is dead...

Could ya' be saying' a mass for the poor creature?'

Father Patrick replied, 'I'm afraid not; we cannot have services for an animal in the church..... But there are some Baptists down the lane, and there's no tellin' what they believe. Maybe they'll do something for the creature.'

Muldoon said, 'I'll go right away Father. Do ya' think \$5,000 is enough to donate to them for the service?'

Father Patrick exclaimed, 'Sweet Mary, Mother of Jesus! Why didn't ya tell me the dog was Catholic?'

An elderly man went to his doctor and said, 'Doc, I think I'm getting senile.. Several times lately, I have forgotten to zip up.'

'That's not senility,' replied the doctor. 'Senility is when you forget to zip down.'

THE YEAR IS 1918 AND DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

By Gene Fodor

- ... The war effort has cut into production of civilian vehicles and only 943,436 passenger cars and 227,250 trucks and buses were manufactured
- ... White discontinued passenger car production
- ... Francis E. Stanley (Stanley Steamer) died
- ... Chevrolet became part of General Motors
- ... The auto industries war production included shells, helmets, caissons, aircraft engines, tractors, tanks, naval craft, anti-aircraft guns, gun carriages, artillery recoil mechanisms, in addition to military vehicles
- ... Passenger car production was curtailed to free facilities for war production
- ... Sunday driving was discontinued to save gasoline
- ... No race was held at the Indianapolis Speedway
- ... Nash became the world's largest truck producer by building 11,494 Quad trucks for the Army
- ... 22 new marques arrived this year

A 1918 PAN-American automobile outside of the factory in St. Cloud MN.



A Pan-American advertisement for the 1918 model



Pevy Peake of Bristol, VT. Owned over 1200 Antique Cars during his lifetime..... A 'trade' was always much preferred than a 'purchase'.

I didn't know the man, he died in 2007 at the age of 79, but after talking to many of his friends I wish I had. The first Wheel Tracks newsletter in May 1953 contained a three page written by Pevy about a trip with his friend to Pennsylvania in his Model T. A good beginning to get to know Pevy. Here are the first two paragraphs:

The fun part of this project was listening to the 'Pevy stories' from his friends, some I can not print. **Doris Bailey** told about the day that Pevy and his friend John Keefer was on a trip to Boston in his Model T (from Bristol no less). While driving through a village they spotted a neat pile of leaves on someone's lawn and decided to drive the 'T' through them. The leaves went flying everywhere. On their way back the same leaves were again raked into a neat pile but this time an anvil had been hidden in them. Yes, you guessed it....they drove through the leaves the second time and the anvil did a job on the car while someone was watching through a curtain slit in the house. The car made it home but you could tell the 'T' has issues. **Lloyd Davis** tells about the day Pevy sold his 46 Caddy to Adrian West but found he had mistakenly agreed to sell it for way less than its value. While Pevy drove the Caddy to it's new home with Adrian following he was still mulling over his mistake taking many detours on the way. Adrian finally took the lead and the Caddy made it to Morrisville. **Bill Sander** has the car today, a picture of it can be seen on page 16. Lloyd also tells about the used

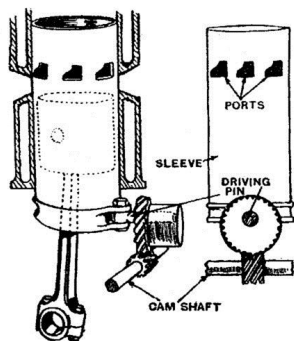
VW Beetle that was delivered to Pevy back when the car was first introduced to this country. It had stayed in the driveway for a number of days before Pevy figured out how to get it into reverse. **I am told Pevy had quite an Irish temper.** He had been known to 'beat-up' a car when it refused to start. In one mid-winter story the car actually started after its tires and hood got a thrashing. **VAE member Joe Kailin** is originally from the New York City area. Joe tells about the day he heard a recent story about some New Yorker running Pevy and his Model T off the road. Meeting Pevy for the first time, Joe pretended he was the New Yorker but seeing the Irish temper come across Pevy's face Joe immediately told Pevy he was joking. Later when the two became good friends, Joe invited Pevy to go with him to visit family in the city. New York City found out what real snoring was that first night Pevy went to sleep!

Pevy was a serviceman for the Oldsmobile dealer in Middlebury for some time and spent many years working as a quality control person at GE in Burlington. Pevy was a very intelligent man and had an encyclopedic memory. All whom I talked with remembers his ability to recall the smallest details of anything including cars.

Pevy owned the 28 Willys Knight that you see on the front page and in 1957 he entered the car in the first Stowe Antique and Classic Car Show. The main reason, I am told, that he bought the car was because it had a 'hot water heater' and that was good for the Vermont winters. The car also has a 9 quart oil sump because it has a sleeve valve type engine and Pevy found out all that oil gets thick when it is cold out and starting the engine is a task. He could be heard a mile away when the car would not start. The car was passed around and traded among VAE members over the years and today sits in a barn in northern Vermont. Pevy paid \$35.00 for the car in 1953 when he bought it from someone

in New York, the present owner paid Pevy \$12.00 in the early 60s for it. VAE names like Chuck Hill, George Farr, Gael Boardman and Lloyd Davis come up as either owning or 'using the car a lot'.

The valve sleeve engine was invented by Charles Knight in 1905 with smaller engines still using the technology today. Mr. Knight was annoyed by the noise the 'puppet valve' type engine made and developed this very quiet engine. The 6 cylinder engine has a 'vacuum operated oil rectifier' that recovers the oil before it gets burned and goes out the tail-pipe. One VAE member remembers a picture of a Willys Knight with a caption asking how one would know if the car was running or not. The hint in the picture was the plume of smoke that billowed from the rear of the car. The rectifier worked great but would get plugged easily thus causing the blue smoke. The big question I have now is....will I be seeing this 1928 Willys Knight in any future Stowe Car Show? I hope I do.



I also hope you know this early VAE member a little more now that you have looked through the eyes of some of his friends. The list of 'Pevy friends' is quite long and I talked to only a few. I will add the rest of Pevy's "An Uneventful Journey" in the coming issues as I have no room this month.

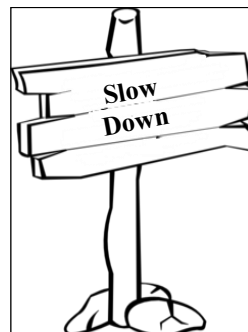
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AN UNEVENTFULL JOURNEY

By Pev Peake

I had been thinking of going on an extended trip in my "T" for some time, so when my roommate brought it up at the end of our school year I readily agreed. Now the question arose: Where to go and how much will it cost? And the final and most important question: How do we raise the money?

The question of where to go was soon settled: Pennsylvania, my roommate being from that state. The cost of the undertaking was a tough one but we soon came through with the brilliant assumption that since it cost some \$14.75 train fare to go that distance we would take \$25.00 apiece. This, we thought, would be ample to feed and shelter our selves and our car. How to raise the money, especially that large a sum, was a particularly thorny problem. Mr. roommate reached his quota about the time I was still trying to think up some money-making ideas. I finally hit upon the idea of selling off the junk that I had spent years accumulating. Junk was at that time high in price. I collected some old springs, two or three disc wheels, a "T" chassis I had used to hold down the leaves I had raked the year before, five leaking and otherwise useless auto radiators, four bumpers and twenty-three pounds of bent and broken nails. I received approximately \$16 for the lot. Nine dollars stood between me and a trip, so I made the supreme sacrifice and sold my only other runnable "T" for \$10. I was now one dollar over my quota and I felt pretty pleased with myself. I figured I was out to be a financier.



The 3-day tour of Historic Windsor County Was a total Success

The planning by Gary Olney & Fred Gonet, the turnout of VAE members, the fantastic countryside the tour drove through and the reception our club received from the many stops along the tour route all made for three days of great VAE memories.

We met two new members, Malcolm Young and Dave Gerecke. Malcolm headed north in his 31 Ford Pickup from Massachusetts to meet up with us until a head gasket turned him around. He joined us just the same with his 'civilian car'. We hope to see you both at the Stowe Show.

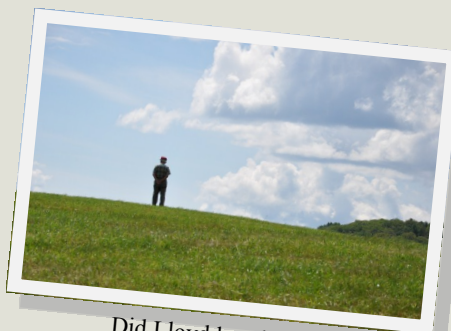


A Falls in the Hancock Area



The Castle

Steve and Nancy Gray from New Hampshire of the Yesteryear Motorcar Club also joined us their 46 Plymouth. We traveled about 500 miles over the weekend, 125 of them in our old cars and every turn of the road had surprises for us, either from our cars what we saw out of windshields.



Did Lloyd lose his ride?
No, just looking at Vermont...

Lloyd Davis joined me in my 27 Dodge much of the weekend. The car has a tired engine with the noises that go with it. We stopped hearing the noises when our attention was drawn away by vapor lock issues and when we thought we fixed the vapor lock problem by adding diesel fuel a brake issue came along because of a tire rim. Lloyd had the quote of the weekend when he complimented me on my wonderful old car. With all of my troubles I wondered why he would be complimenting my car. He said it was a great car because "it had only one problem at a time". Lloyd got a ride back to Proctorsville in Fred Gonet's 1908 Locomobile while I followed with my split rim. That is what 'VAE adventure' is all about folks!

The devastation from hurricane Irene was very evident. The resolve and spirit of the Vermonters affected is even more evident. Irene might have happened months ago but help is still needed. Jim Sears got the great idea for the VAE to buy 100 'Vermont Strong' plates and as we sell them we will return the funds to our treasury. Check out the classified ads to find how you can by a plate for \$25.00.

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Knight Point State Park – Vermont

14th of July, 2012

Good afternoon folks! We hope you are all sharing your love and driving your vintage car (s) around as we are now in July and, egads, the year is more than half over!

We had the privilege of attending the car show in South Hero, VT, on Saturday & it was terrific. Lamentably, my brother and his wife couldn't attend. Wait, don't feel too sorry for them, they had flown to Iola, Wisconsin to visit with friends, and of course, go to the IOLA show!

Tough life, but someone has to live it, huh?

Anyway, Knight Point was great!

The weather was mostly overcast,

which keeps me from getting burned, though it did clear up nicely in the afternoon.

How could it miss? Combine part beautiful State park, with two parts scenic islands, with at least two heaping parts of American History (the Knight family settled at this site & being in South & North Hero, these islands named for the Revolutionary War "heroes" in the area - Ethan Allen among them), and a liberal portion of antique cars! Mix this collection of ingredients with the clarion voice of our esteemed Gael Boardman and shake vigorously with love and camaraderie of many fellow enthusiasts and **voila!** There you have it! A fun time in Northwest Vermont.

Oh, there were car games going on too! (How slow can you go? - drat our Moon isn't ready

for this yet!) Most cars drove the 300 feet in about 40 seconds but the wining 1950 Dodge Power Wagon in 'Bulldog low' took 3 mins. 11 secs. to cover the distance. A smattering of vendors were also evident in this lovely setting. I had a wonderful interchange with Matt Parisi of Underhill, a VW bug enthusiast, who

brought his '67 VW convertible! We shared some stories & it turns out he's lost a couple to fire, too! Burnt bugs are no fun. The VAE club president, Wendell Noble, was in attendance with his wife and the Plymouth roadster! Good, as always, to see them! And there was actually wonderful poetry displayed on the rear passenger window of a Straight 8 Packard. The current owner had discovered it in the car as he rescued his "barn find." I hope we get to publish that poem in an upcoming Wheel Tracks.

The cars, the cars, the cars...let's go!

Okay! Everything from Gael's 18 Locomobile Sportiff to the working man's VW Bugs...did you see the red '32 Ford with the Offenhauser heads and McCullough Supercharger? Wow! The "Grey Fish" Plymouth Barracuda from '66? A nicely presented '29 Ford Model A?

Chris & Dell Chartier





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

THE IMPORTANCE OF REGULAR MAINTENANCE

Recently, I went to Rochester, NY for the New England MG "T" Register's Gathering of the Faithful car show. I decided to take advantage of this trip to also bring my boys, my wife, two of my nieces and my parents to see Niagara Falls. That's eight people with luggage if you're counting...

How can I fit eight people in a seven passenger van? In the Chrysler minivans manufactured before the 2005 model year, the seats can be moved around. The three person bench seat can easily be moved up to the center row in place of the two captains chairs. So... It only made sense that I could take out the captains chairs, and add a second three person bench seat. A quick trip to Rathe's salvage and I was all set. Comfortable, safe seating for eight, with ample leg room and everybody was belted in.

Anyway... Several days before the trip I was returning from Home Depot with a load of Sheetrock and lumber in my Chrysler minivan and the muffler fell off.

While the van was on the lift for the muffler replacement, I decided to give the vehicle a quick safety inspection before the 1,000 plus mile trip.

The van had just been inspected less than 3,000 miles ago, so I was not expecting any issues. A quick inspection of the brakes showed no surprises. Tires looked good. Tire presses were ok. All fluid levels were fine. Front end inspection, VERY LOOSE RIGHT BALL JOINT! It was just about to let go!

The van drove fine, no noticeable noise or movement in the front end. How could this happen?

When I took the old ball joint out, I could see that the cup was broken. It obviously failed fairly quickly. The surprising thing is that it gave no symptoms. The scary thing is that wheel was one good bump away from falling off, potentially at interstate speed with eight people on board.

The lesson learned? Pay close attention to your car. Inspect it regularly, especially before any major trips. Fortunately, a major and potentially fatal catastrophe was avoided with twenty minutes of work and less than \$50.00 in parts. By the way, my new Harbor Freight Press is working quite well...

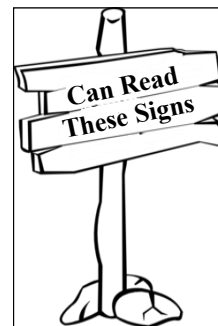
Stowe Show "Facts & Notes"

A permanent "Stowe show planning committee" of over 20 VAE members, meets year 'round to bring fresh ideas to each year's edition of the "Stowe Show". These same volunteers usually spend a week at Nichols Field as well, preparing the show field for the influx of highly restored vintage vehicles arriving on Fridays and Saturdays of show weekend. Marking the field for 300-400 automotive flea market vendors takes more than a day with a crew of six running line and driving stakes. Most are on duty throughout the three days, living in campers or RVs at the field. Food is prepared on site at the "compound" for work crews. **Come Sunday morning, 100 Judges breakfast** at the Firemen's food tent before going to the field to qualifying 300-400 vehicles in time for an early afternoon awards program. If you watch closely you can see the VAE member camaraderie firing on all cylinders as the Big Show makes it's way through the 3-day show. The two days after the show is spent returning Nichols Field to the farm field that you see the rest of the year and planning for the next "Really Big Shew" as Ed Sullivan would say.

Over the last 19 years, the Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts have contributed \$100,000 in scholarships to deserving Vermont students enrolled in the automotive technology program at Vermont Technical College in Randolph Center. An awards program to recognize the achievements of high school juniors in all 16 Vermont Career Centers has just begun to encourage students to continue their education.

Our sponsors make our VAE annual car meets here at Stowe possible. You can say "thank you" by patronizing them throughout the year.

Food service at the 2012 Stowe car meet is provided by the hardworking Stowe Volunteer Firemen. Excellent variety and reasonable prices.



The 55th Year

DON RAYTA'S MONTHLY MINI-FEATURE

My Whippet Roadster by Charlie Thompson

Besides my 1930 Whippet Model 98A Sedan which many Wheel Tracks readers have seen at Stowe and at many VAE monthly meets, I also have a 1929 Whippet Model 98A Deluxe Roadster. I became acquainted with the Roadster back in the 1970's when I met the owner, Dale Burroughs, at Stowe. When he saw my Whippet, he showed me a picture of "his beautiful yellow Roadster". It turned out that the picture was an advertising postcard! When I looked up Dale in Newbury, VT., I found that the car, in reality, was a true "basket case" lacking the wood framing, upholstery, and top. It consisted of sheet metal, frame, and running gear.

Jump ahead ten years to the mid 1980's. I became aware that Dale had died in a small plane crash. His son, having inherited the Whippet but having no interest, wanted to sell it to get a modern car. The Whippet was still in Newbury, VT at Dale's former home and that of his ex-wife Katie and her son. After a visit and a bit of negotiating, the car was mine for what was probably an excessive price of \$3000, that I rationalized due to the limited number of Roadsters in existence. With my friends Lyn and Clem, we hauled the Roadster to Colchester. A few weeks later, Lyn and I returned to Newbury and Katie turned us loose in the shed, loft, and house attic, telling us to take anything belonging to the Whippet. In boxes we found a mixture of Chevy, Ford, unidentified, and Whippet parts mixed with fallen plaster, mouse droppings, and disintegrating newspaper wrappings. Our treasure hunt yielded many amazing items collected by Dale over the years: door hinges and latches, extra radiators and shells, a pair of new old stock fenders with wheel wells, a re-chromed radiator shell, a pair each of re-chromed or new headlights and cowl lights with extra lenses, a new tail light and extra lenses, five or six instrument panels, spare vacuum tanks, four excellent hubcaps, new aluminum end caps for the Ballcrank bumpers, extra wire wheels (nine in all) and many other parts which would have been difficult or impossible to find. The \$3000 price wasn't looking so bad!

Jump ahead again to a new century plus 11 years. The Roadster restoration is finally underway. The body panels have been sandblasted, patched up, straightened, and coated with epoxy primer. Building a wooden frame without an old rotted one to copy is a difficult task. Copies of original full scale factory drawings obtained from Willys Overland Knight Registry (our Willys club) are complex and difficult to decipher. Other club members' roadsters are upholstered, making the woodwork difficult or impossible to see, measure, and photograph. Despite all this, I am gradually gaining the information and techniques needed to proceed.



Last summer, Ken Blair and I visited Dick Burroughs at the family farm in Newbury where the Whippet spent much of its early life. We were looking for missing parts, especially the top irons, spare tire support rods, and anything else of interest. Dick remembered the support rods being in a bucket of old iron that had been put in the dump across the field by the stone wall perhaps 40 or 50 years ago. After a couple hours digging with the help of Dick's tractor bucket, we unearthed one rod! Such excitement over a rusty chunk of metal! As Dick noted, you couldn't pay anyone enough to get them to do what we were doing for the fun of it!

Dick shared a bit of the history of the Whippet. His Dad had bought it used, then replaced the roadster body with a sedan body for family use. The roadster body sat unprotected beside a shed for years until Dale reunited it with its chassis, hence the lack of wood and upholstery. The Whippet was used occasionally to pull a mowing

machine around the fields on the farm and in general received pretty rough usage. Dick didn't remember the roadster ever having a top, top irons, or top bows so I am still at a zero point with those parts.

So, wish me luck! With a bit of that luck and a long life, you may actually see the Whippet Roadster at Stowe one of these days.

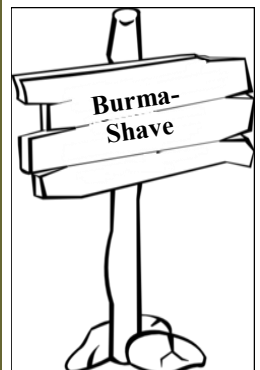
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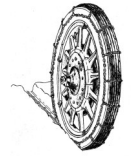


Treasurer's Report - July 11, 2012
Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts, Inc.

Dick Wheatley - Treasurer

MONEY MARKET - June 8, 2012	\$ 108,851.37		
add: June interest income		36.98	
Balance July 11, 2012			108,888.35
GENERAL CHECKING - June 8, 2012	\$ 5,781.46		
Deposits -			
Member dues		120.00	
Stowe car registrations		2,170.00	
Stowe flea market registrations		9,975.00	
Stowe sponsors		699.00	
Knight Point car registrations		1,199.20	
Knight Point flea market - due to Chamber		15.00	
Sale of Vermont Strong license plates		25.00	
Total receipts		14,203.20	
Disbursements -			
5298 VT Trophy & Engraving - dash plaques for Knight Point		344.50	
5299 State of Vermont - Stowe brochure distribution		150.04	
5300 FW Media - Stowe advertising		450.00	
5301 David Hillman - reimb for postage (membership)		54.91	
5302 Addison Press, Inc. - Champlain Bridge program advert.		800.00	
5303 VT Dept. of Motor Vehicles - Vermont Strong license plates		2,500.00	
5304 World Publications - Stowe advertising		230.00	
5305 Marnita Leach - advance for Stowe food expenses		500.00	
5304 Lake Champlain Chamber - Knight Point vendor reimb.		15.00	
5305 VT Dept. of Motor Vehicles - 2 yr. trailer registration		96.00	
5306 Old Auto's - Stowe advertising		314.64	
		5,455.09	
Balance - July 11, 2012			14,529.57
Total VAE accounts			\$ 123,417.92
Vermont Antique Automobile Society, Inc.			
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT - June 8, 2012	22,529.08		
add: June interest income		3.93	
less: transfer to checking account		(5,000.00)	
Balance - July 11, 2012			\$ 17,533.01
CHECKING ACCOUNT - June 8, 2012	\$ 791.52		
Deposits - Advertising revenue		30.00	
transfer from money market account		5,000.00	
		5,030.00	
Disbursements -			
238 Andy Bamett - reimb. For Shelburne Museum lunch with Museum Director and Wendell Noble		43.52	
239 Windsor Precision Museum - contribution		1,000.00	
240 L. Brown & Sons Printing - June Wheel Tracks		1,081.60	
241 L. Brown & Sons Printing - July Wheel Tracks		1,096.00	
		3,221.12	
Balance - July 11, 2012			\$ 2,600.40
Total VAAS accounts			\$ 20,133.41
Restricted Funds			
	Scholarship Fund	Long-range Fund	
Balance - July 11, 2012	\$ 4,315	\$ 1,100	

Minutes of the June Stowe Committee Meeting



The Stowe Planning Committee met on Wednesday, June 20, 2012, at the Commodores Inn in Stowe.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by chairman Bob Chase.

- 1. General Information:** No reports
- 2. Registration:** Heather Maclay stated that 175 registrations had been received by mail as of June 16. Duane Leach reported 62 received on line. With additional registrations turned over at the meeting the total is now 330.
- 3. Sponsorship:** Bob Chase announced that \$5,450.00 has been received so far.
- 4. Publicity:** Chris Barbieri reported that everything is on schedule. He has a request in to WCAX for coverage on Friday evening of the show. He will start placing radio ads within the next couple of weeks to be run during the week of the show. John Mahnker also has placed ads with radio station WIKR in Wells River.
- 5. Committee Chair Reports:** Gene Fodor handed out posters for the Knight Point car show in July. He also stated that he is pursuing complimentary advertising on WCAX.

Fred Cook reported he is working with the Morrisville newspaper to compile their insert for the paper on the week of the show. He is requesting articles by members like those contributed last year. They would like to include a "Mystery Car" contest featuring a '60s or later car. They also would like any personal humorous stories from previous shows.

David Hillman introduced himself and volunteered to help in any way needed.

Bob Guinn reported that judging preparation is proceeding as planned.

Chuck Gonyeau said that he has four preregistrations for the car corral.

Hal Boardman reported that ten of eleven spaces in the crafters tent have been spoken for and he has a likely source of a quilt for the last space.

John Mahnker said that he would be available to announce at the parade reviewing stand and during the awards presentation. He also requested some improvements to the awards positioning to improve visibility.

Bill Sander announced that he is ready to organize the parade.

Laurel Barbieri said they have 800 participant envelopes prepared, with 750 of them prenumbered. She also forwarded a request for some on field facility improvements.

- **place some port-a-pots near registration tent
- **drinking water should be available at various sites
- **EMT station should have a visible identification flag
- **Rest benches are needed
- **Need an effective means of communicating with EMTs

Jim Sears announced that we now have participation ribbons for the parade. Bill Sander will take care of handing them out at parade form-up.

6. Field Setup: Duane Leach suggested we use a larger tent where WDEV is located to provide shade for spectators. He is also seeking someone to take over the valve cover race event to be featured next year.

7. Special Events and Vermont Crafters: Already covered.

8. Signs for Road: Certain signs are required by the state. Bob Chase said that Ed Kaiser will likely be able to obtain the needed signs from the local highway department. Bill Sander has obtained a price list for any additional signs we can't borrow.

9. Stowe Area Association: Envelope count already covered

10. Other Business: Don Rayta asked about coverage of the spectator parking. Bob Chase stated that it was taken care of by Randy Cary, but he would follow up with Randy for status update.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 Respectfully submitted: Wendell Noble, Acting Secretary

VAE MEETING AT THE AMERICAN PRECISION MUSEUM

Windsor, Vermont

Saturday, June 23, 2012

Lloyd Davis presented Nancy Hoggson and Hub Yonkers of the Precision Museum with a check from the VAE/VAAS.

Jim Sears opened the meeting officially at 2:35 p.m. and thanked Gary Olney for planning the tour of Windsor County.

The April minutes were approved by a motion from Wendell Noble, seconded by Andy Barnett.

The Treasurers report was approved for audit by a motion from Andy Barnett, seconded by Wendell Noble.

Bylaws Committee: Nothing new, reported member Andy Barnett.

Futures Committee: Nothing new, reported member Gary Fiske.

Membership Committee: New members Malcolm Young and Dave Gerecke were present.

Nominating Committee: No report.

Sunshine Committee: Bill Sanders is in the hospital.

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Upcoming Activities: July - Jim Sears reminded us of next month's Knight Point car show in North Hero. There will be door prizes, games, and several drawings. The date is July 7th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. July 2 the VAE Board of Directors will meet.

July 21st and 22nd, Saturday and Sunday, VAE University Mall car display.

August: Saturday, the 18th there will be a tour of the Shelburne area starting at Wake Robin where residents will be taken for rides if wanted, then lunch and ice cream social with a barbershop quartet. The Stowe Show on the 10th and 12th at Nichols Field.

September: Tour to New York to present a check to the Champlain Valley Transportation Museum. In Plattsburgh.

Stowe Report: All set to go.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: There are Thursday night cruise-ins from 5 to 9:00 p.m. at the Bayview Restaurant in Mallets Bay that all are welcome to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Noble, acting secretary



VAE MEETING AT KNIGHT POINT STATE PARK

July 7, 2012 North Hero, Vermont

Jim Sears opened the meeting at 3:20 p.m. and thanked Rob Peterson, Mike, Wesley, and Dick, park attendants, for setting up this event.

Wendell Noble made a motion, seconded by Julie Greenia, to accept the minutes as printed in Wheel Tracks. Motion passed.

Ray Greenia made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report for audit; Wendell seconded it and the motion passed.

Bylaws: No report

Futures: No report

Membership: Wendell reported that at the VAE board meeting a motion was made to give people who join the VAE at the Stowe show a sixteen month membership. He made a motion asking for approval. Don Rayta seconded and the motion passed.

Nominating Committee: Don Rayta asked for an update on who is on this committee. Gary Olney is a member.

Sunshine Committee: A card was sent to Bill Sander

Activities: Jim Sears reported upcoming activities; **July:** Saturday and Sunday, 21st and 22nd at University Mall

August 10th – 12th, Stowe Show. August 18th, Wake Robin/Shelburne tour.

September: Tour to Plattsburgh, N.Y. to present a check to the Champlain Automobile Museum via the Grand Isle ferry, returning on Essex Ferry. **October:** Gypson Tour – not set up yet. **November:** Annual Meeting. **December:** Christmas Party.

Stowe Show Report: Duane Leach reported that everything is on track. Hal Boardman would like to find a quilter for the crafters' tent. Duane Leach has a valve cover race track and is looking for someone to run it next year.

Unfinished Business: Don Rayta asked about the hearing device for VAE meetings as he hasn't seen it yet. Dave Sander had ordered and purchased it and has it for future meetings. Dick Wheatley made a motion to have the VAE purchase 100 "Vermont Strong" license plates (relief for Tropical Storm Irene and aid to the Food Bank) to be sold at the Stowe Show. Wendell seconded the motion and it passed with one No vote. There was discussion about the relationship between the VAE and VAAS needing to communicate more closely. Also whether or not the VAE roster should be on the VAE website. No action was taken.

New Business: None.

Announcements: Granby Show July 27th, 28th, 29th.

There being no more business, Kit Wheatley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom McHugh and the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Mary Noble, acting secretary



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Shelburne Area Tour And Much More

VAE Monthly Meet
Saturday August 18th 2012
Beginning and Ending at Wake Robin
200 Wake Robin Drive, Shelburne, VT 05482



We will gather at Wake Robin for a tour of the area with stops along the way. If you have room in your vehicle for a resident to join in on the tour please let us know ahead of time. When we arrive back at Wake Robin we will give rides to the residents. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy on the patio or you can purchase your lunch at the cafeteria. Following lunch will be our business meeting and then an ice cream social with a barber shop quartet.

Again we will collect food items for the local food shelf.

8:30 - 9:00 Drivers arrive, get name tags, and arrange passengers for the garage tours. Coffee, tea, bagels, cream cheese, and pastries on the front porch.

9:00 Tour for all who want to visit some nearby places of interest. Depart in cars old and new for up to two hours.

11:00 Cars on display and rides around Wake Robin, perhaps to Shelburne Beach 1.5 miles away.

12:00 Lunch for VAE members and Wake Robin residents. Bring your own to the meeting room or buy it at the adjacent café. Outdoor tables are available too.

12:45 - 1:30 VAE business meeting in the meeting room.

1:30 - 3:00 Ice cream social on the front porch for visitors and residents. The High Voltage Barbershop Quartet entertains. Rides continue as desired.

Directions:

At the intersection of Route 7 and Bostwick Road (Just south of the Shelburne Museum Entrance) drive West 1 mile on Bostwick Road to Wake Robin Drive (on the left). Take Wake Robin Drive about .5 miles to Colman Way on the right.

See you there, Jim

Questions? Contact Jim Sears (802) 598-1663 Packardsu8@netscape.net

Thank you to everyone who made 'Automobiles at Knight Point' such a success.

Automobiles at Knight Point' was a bigger success than I had anticipated. 135 vehicles registered in total with 86 of them the day of the show. I was hoping for at least 75, guess I was thinking small. This couldn't have been done without your help, participation, and support. Thank you so much.

Jim Sears

Prizes and Winners



The Park Ranger Award, an overnight for two at Seyon Lodge with dinner and breakfast, was won by Bryce Howells with his '49 Packard 4 door sedan

The Chamber Award, which included a gas card from A&B Beverage, a gift certificate from Ransom Bay Inn and Restaurant, a bottle of wine from East Shore Vineyard, a back pack and cap, and a T-shirt from Green Frog was won by James J. Belladella with his '36 Chevrolet

The Spectator Award, an overnight at Thomas B. Mott B&B, was won by Jacques Chevelier with his '37 Ford 3 window coupe street rod



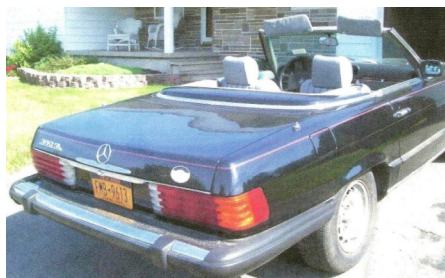
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For Sale... Gary, appreciate running my adv. for the Leer cap for the El Camino but the email address should be grandpagny@aol.com....

Also would like to place an adv. for my **1974 Air-stream trailer, model 31 foot Land Yacht**. Solid carriage but needs some work: fridge, heater and water heater...looking for best offer over \$1500.

Thank you, Ed Gradel

11/12



For Sale....1985 Mercedes 380SL Convertible, Black, 2 tops, 123,000 miles, leather, excellent condition inside and out. \$8995.00 OBO

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Help those affected by Tropical Storm Irene

Looking for, 'I Am Vermont Strong' license plates for your vehicles or collection, but having trouble finding them? The VAE purchased 100 license plates for your convenience and these are available for purchase at \$25 each.

The affects of the storm were very evident on our June tour around Windsor and Cavendish. Help Vermonters impacted by Tropical Storm Irene with their long term recovery needs by purchasing a 'Vermont Strong' front license plate. Net proceeds from the sale of each plate will be distributed to both the Vermont Disaster Relief Fund and the Vermont Food Bank. <http://vtstrong.vermont.gov/>

The plates are selling faster than expected, so contact Jim Sears packardsu8@netscape.net 802-598-1663 to reserve yours now.

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Al Ward, St. Albans, VT

802-524-2466

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Fred Gonet's 1908 Locomobile
At the Precision Museum



The 48 Plymouth at the museum
owned by Steve & Nancy Gray



For Sale... Red Rose Feed Sign, three colors, clear bright, two bullet holes. 48X30 inches...not tin. \$300.00

Firestone Ground Grip Sign, Shiny bright some nicks. 75X 23inches, not tin. \$900.00.

1937 Near mint Packard 120 technical data manual. 130 pages. \$100.00

Marvin Ball, Ferrisburg, VT

802-425-3529

11/12



For Sale.. 1940 Buick Super. Barn find survivor, Drivable, 4-door sedan, 70,000 miles, new tires. Pretty much the way I bought it. Reason for selling...too many old cars. \$9000.00 might dicker.

Hayden Janes, Richford, VT

802-848-3622 mhj@surfglobal.net

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For sale... Brand new Duralast Brand 6 volt battery. Never used. \$75.00 obo.

Rick Reinstein, Colchester, VT

802-363-0605

Email, chevdude51@yahoo.com 11/12

For Sale... Good used connecting rods for late teens to early 30s plus some pistons.

Hudson, Packard, Jewett, Willys, Willys Knight, Stearns Knight, Jordan, Winton, Star, Lincoln, Velie, Plymouth, Pontiac, Hupmobile, Nash, Mack, Studebaker, Pierce, LaSalle.

\$15.00 each.. cheaper by the dozen.

There are 100s unidentified, bring yours and make a match.

Airport/ Railroad Baggage cart. Has VT history, 8X3 foot, Picture on Craigslist. \$400.00.

1949-50 Nash Model 40 front coil springs. Pair of NOS in original unopened box. \$50.00

Trade... I have an Ammco brake disc lathe, I need a brake drum lathe

Steve Skinner, Northfield, VT.

802-485-6490

11/12



From Gary Irish of Jericho, VT....I saw Robert Dacey's comments about the Automobile Club of Vermont badge he found. I have attached a photo of one of their badges in somewhat better condition than the one he found, so you can see what the colors look like. The Auto Club of Vermont was formed in 1902, and remained an independent club until merging with the Auto Club of Maine in 1996 to form AAA Northern New England. The next year, the New Hampshire club also joined, and in 2001 AAA Northern New England became part of the Auto Club Exchange. This latter group makes up about 20% of the total AAA membership in the U.S. I have Vermont register books (the listings that show who each license plate was registered to) put out by the Auto Club of Vermont from 1915, 1916 and 1922 (similar to, but independent from the listings put out by the state), and they all have this same logo on their covers, so the club was using it at least as early as 1915, and very likely even earlier. So if I had to guess, I would think these badges probably date from somewhere around 1910. And as both Charles Warren and William Woolson were active in improving motoring in Vermont, I would suspect they were active in the Auto Club of Vermont right from the first.

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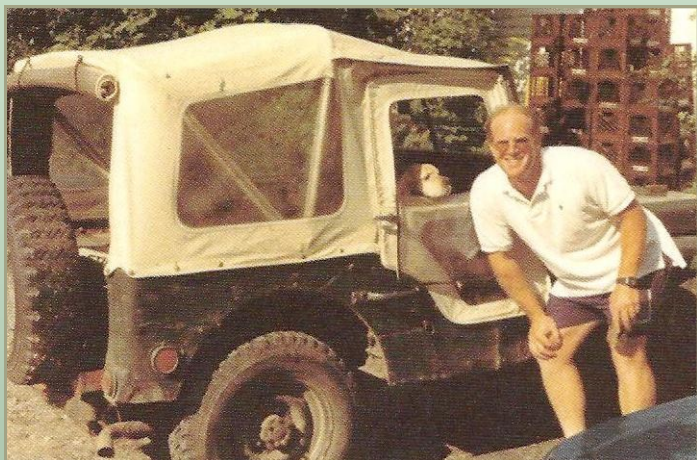
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August 2012



**1994 VAE President
Bill Fagan**



This beautiful 1946 Cadillac Fleetwood is owned today by Bill Sander. This is the 'Caddy' mentioned on page 6 as once belonging to Pevy Peake. The car originally came from Pennsylvania with just a few miles on the odometer, it has around 19,000 today.