

# Wheel Tracks



**Richard & Roxie Kerr**

of Essex Junction, Vermont  
is very proud of the restoration of  
their

1951 Cab-Over Dodge

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT... DAN NOYES

What a great year it has been for the VAE. The summer was warm and mostly sunny, great for touring around Vermont in your antique and classic car, except when we decided to hold a car show. I guess we could all say we could use the rain. Here is to next years forecast being sunny on the Fathers Day when we hold our show in Shelburne and in August for the VAE Car Show.

Fred Cook and I went to the Vermont Technical College for their award banquet recently. The six students that received the award were very appreciative. Our efforts are supporting some great college young men and women in automotive technology. Great work!

The Shelburne Show planning is well underway. This year our feature car will be the Camaro in recognition of its 50th anniversary. We need your help to seek out unique cars for the show. Online registration is open, so mark your calendars and lets have a good showing of cars this year.

We are moving forward with planning for next year's August VAE Car Show, and are happy to be working with the new director of the Stowe Area Association. We are still in negotiations with the new owner of the Nichols field and look forward to a positive outcome. We are always in need of help, organizing and running our shows, please consider getting involved, the VAE needs your help.

Many of you know that I was successful in my bid to serve in the Vermont House of Representatives. I look forward to serving my community in this capacity. I will support efforts at the state level to form relationships with organizations like the VAE, that are working to help student's transition to secondary education or employment, in automotive technology and engineering. Should you have any questions or concerns about legislation effecting antique and classic cars please feel free to give me a call or send me an e-mail.

Respectfully submitted

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## FROM YOUR EDITOR... GARY FISKE

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This is the very last Wheel Tracks of 2016. Who would have guessed the year would fly by like it did. I can't stand it when Time Magazine and many of the other national publications "waste" an issue in December by re-publishing the year's OLD photos and articles....and call it a review. Maybe the idea is to save a penny or two but that is not what I paid for.

Not here at the Wheel Tracks corporate offices...well OK....my den desk. You will see only fresh, straight off the press, **brand-slam new**....stuff. Although, I'm not going to guarantee top-notch, interesting stuff. I like using the word **stuff** and our proofreader hates it, so just for this month, OK?

A lot has happened these past 30 days, it probably has to do with all of us racing to get things finished before the snow comes. Remember that item in last month's Gossip column about a VAE member turning down American Pickers when they wanted to stop by for a visit? Well, if you read this month's Softer Side, Nancy Olney will tell you about a VAE member who said "OK" and the TV folks visited Derby Line. I can't wait to see the show.... Gary Olney is very suave, **I wonder if they put makeup on him?**

**I helped a neighbor yesterday** trailer that 1959 Bugeye Sprite to his home, that was in our classifieds. The Bugeye was built only three years and it turns out the little car is a long-time dream of his wife Linda. Can you imagine the leverage he now has! Speaking of wives, my wife, Sharon, joined me this year for the first time at the Hershey car show. We had a great time and she also found some treasures there. She now understands why I go on and on about Hershey.

The Bugeye Sprite was not the only Wheel Tracks classified that caused a stir last month. I understand the '27 Packard created a buzz, the third generation '84 Camaro caused some talk and that package of two dozers and the back-hoe had a "wow" factor also. You may need more storage room, or need to down-size, or you simply don't want to finish that long running project, please consider using our classifieds, so we can "keep it in the family". A 1919 Franklin will see it's first attempt to find a new owner in this month's classifieds, after spending it's entire life with one family. Gosh, I hope it can stay in Vermont.

**And, about the "VAE Email Auction" experiment....it was a huge success!** Every item sold. That means the auction will continue on page 7. I have a tendency of taking off on "what ifs" the minute something new comes along. The loudest "what if" that is rattling around in my brain is....what if more folks added nice items to the auction by giving them to the VAE for our education fund??? That Craftsman air tank that was in our first auction was in great shape but the owner didn't need it, the tank now has a new home and at a fantastic price. If you happen to have something for the auction, just contact Wendell Noble or me and we will do the rest. Remember, something nice that isn't heading for the junk pile.



### To the Editor:

Responding to your article in Wheel Tracks, Nov. issue "Gossip...here is a little more information on Bryce Howell's 1927 Packard. Harris and Betty Yandow of North Ferrisburg also owned the Packard for many years. When Harris died in 1980, his son Richard owned the Packard for some time and later sold it to Peter Markowski.

The Yandows lived right across the street from us for many years. They were our best friends.

Thank you, Marvin Ball

### To the Editor:

We have not been getting out much since my wife, Barbara, fell and fractured her pelvis. We are fine and I did just purchase over 500 number plates. Among them is a full set of the fifty states. Most of the others are out of states but in really good shape. I am forwarding a couple of classifieds for Wheel Tracks.

Al and Barbara Ward

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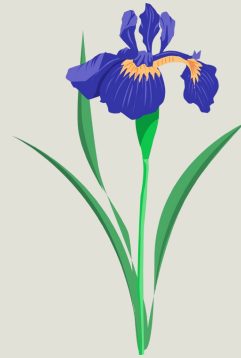
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## "THE SOFTER SIDE"

A Column Shared by Mary Noble (Left), Judy Boardman (center) & Nancy Olney (Right)

### Interesting Days from Nancy Olney

**As I have written before**, being involved with cars has made for some very interesting happenings. When meeting new people, it seems that there is always a connection to someone or something, like the time we met a couple in South Dakota with a 4 cylinder Plymouth and he had a picture of Gary's '31. It had been sent to his father by Gary's dad years before and it happened that Gary had never seen the picture! Then there are places like Hershey, where you are sure to reconnect with car enthusiasts and meet new ones.

**Several weeks ago**, Gary received a call from the Derby Historical Society telling him that the "American Pickers" were coming to Vermont and did he want them to have his name which might give him a chance to meet them and have them at our place. After telling himself that 'probably nothing will come of it' he said yes. Within an hour he had a call from Bonnie (from New York) and from then, things seemed to go into gear. A lot of questions, a lot of pictures were sent and in what seemed like no time at all; Danielle (Dani) and Robbie with a crew of nine came to town. They arrived about 9:30 in the morning and finished up about 7:30 that evening with an hour long interview with Gary. It was the real thing; cameras, lights (even had Gary wipe his face, as it was 'shiny').

We had always wondered, being a reality show, how staged it would be and it really wasn't. Being professionals, they walked around looking at things and asking questions and really made it very relaxing and easy to be on camera. Gary had the spot light on that, I stayed well out of the range of any recording. Did have



a lady walk into the filming at one point

but they quickly scooted her out of the way. We had been told not to tell anyone but our neighbors about their coming and to ask them to stay out of the way of the cameras. I don't think they realized that if everyone in Derby Line showed up, they still wouldn't have to do crowd control!



**All in all it was a great day.** Everyone was extremely pleasant and we found out that the "Pickers" and crew were from all over the country. Danielle played and climbed a tree with our grandchildren. If you are able to see the show, you will find out what Gary parted with. A whole day of filming, etc. and they will narrow it down to a 20 minute segment to air in about 3-4 months. Of course, we don't know where this might lead. It was fun to meet some new people and who knows; maybe there is a movie career in there somewhere.





## WORDS

**"Shooting-brake"** ..... The term began in the late 1800s. Shooting-brake is a car body style built to take wealthy hunters on a hunt with their firearms, dogs and game. The term 'brake' might have come from the Dutch word 'bric' which means cart or carriage.



**A husband and wife had been married for 60 years and had no secrets except for one:**

The woman kept in her closet a shoe box that she forbade her husband from ever opening.

But when she was on her deathbed—and with her blessing—he opened the box and found a crocheted doll and \$95,000 in cash.

"My mother told me that the secret to a happy marriage was to never argue," she explained. "Instead, I should keep quiet and crochet a doll."

Her husband was touched. Only one doll was in the box—that meant she'd been angry with him only once in 60 years.

"But what about all this money?" he asked.

"Oh," she said, "that's the money I made from selling the dolls."

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**On the first night of their honeymoon,** the husband isn't sure how to tell his bride about his stinky feet and smelly socks, while the wife is wondering how to break the news to him about her awful breath, which so far, she's been able to cover up. After some soul-searching, the husband gathers his nerve and says, "I have a confession."

She draws closer, peers into his eyes, and says, "Darling, so do I."

Recoiling, he says, "Don't tell me—you've eaten my socks."

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**After 12 years in prison, a man finally breaks out.** When he gets home, filthy and exhausted, his wife says, "Where have you been? You escaped eight hours ago!"

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My husband was waterskiing when he fell into the river. As the boat circled to pick him up, he noticed a hunter sitting in a duck boat in the reeds. My husband put his hands in the air and joked, "Don't shoot!" The hunter responded, "Don't quack."

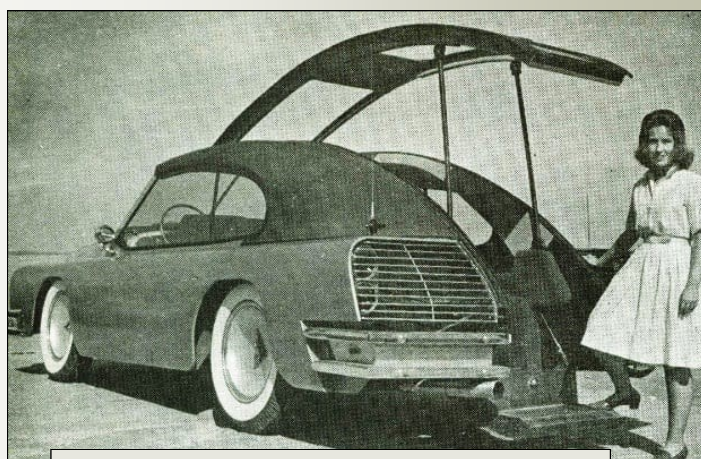
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**A hotel minibar** allows you to see into the future and find out what a can of Pepsi will cost in 2025.

## Wheel Tracks Academy



**Mohs was an automobile make built by the Mohs Seaplane Corporation of Madison, Wisconsin.**



Mohs Ostentatienne Opera Sedan 1967

Bruce Mohs, the company founder, built limited-production automobiles on chassis built to custom specifications by the International Harvester Company. Show room price was \$19,600, had a weight of 5,740 lbs, and sat on a 119 in. wheelbase. Tires for the vehicle were nitrogen filled 7.50"x20". The Ostentatienne was powered by an International Harvester truck engine. Entry into the car was from the rear; solid steel side rails protected occupants. The Ostentatienne could be ordered customized to suit its buyer's wishes; Ming styled oriental rugs, refrigerators and sealed beam taillights were some of the options available. Production was reported to be three to four vehicles per year, only one was ever built.

Automobiles by Mohs were built between 1967 and 1979. **Bruce Baldwin Mohs died February 1, 2015.**



## Richard & Roxie Kerr's 1951 Dodge 2-Ton

Why would Richard Kerr want a two ton Dodge truck?

Yup, you guessed it....he has been a truck driver since he was nineteen years old and that is what makes him happy. He found the truck about 20 years ago, so the restoration has been a long haul for him. Richard works 10 to 12 hour days, for the past 26 years for ABF in the Burlington area, so he has had to farm a lot of the work out. He also claims he is not a mechanic but there is evidence in his garage that he might be more of a mechanic than he claims. They are a 'trucking' family, as Roxie works for FedEx in the office in Burlington. She also has her antique ride sitting in the garage...a really nice MGB.



The truck engine, transmission and rear-end have all been taken apart and rebuilt when needed. The body was taken down to the bare metal before repainting this beautiful green. It is a very impressive eye-catching vehicle. Richard built the flat-bed wood body in his shop and as you can see, he did a great job. The truck has a 238 Dodge Six engine with a 4-speed transmission and a single speed rear-end with a weight capacity of 2 tons. It has 27,915 miles registered on its odometer. Some call this type of truck a "COE" meaning Cab-over-engine. Another term used is a "pilot-house cab" which seems to be a loose term used even for some Dodge pickups. A more modern term is "cab-forward".

Another term that came up during the Wheel Tracks feature is something that is hard to read but is printed on the area just above the number plate. The term is "Job Rated". The best history Wheel Tracks found was that Dodge started using it in 1938 as a sales way of getting folks to think about matching their "jobs" to one of the many types of trucks that Dodge produced. Do any readers have more of the term.

Richard bought the truck from Dale Slack of Jeffersonville, Vermont after it made its way here from North Carolina.



**Editor's notes....** The amazing thing about this truck is how little is published about this type of Dodge truck. A few of us in the club have International High Wheelers and if you try to research this type of vehicle, except for some pretty pictures and a video or two, there is practically nothing available. I found the same for Dodge trucks from that time period. The High Wheeler folks attempted to put something together by starting a "registry" of owners and vehicles and the "Horseless Carriage Club" agreed to hold the registry. I did find a registry for Dodge trucks for 1948 to 1953 with only 298 trucks registered and no 1951 "Cab-over-engine" trucks. This might mean that Richard and Roxie has a fairly rare vehicle. **The Dodge Truck registry can be found online at [townwagon.com](http://townwagon.com).**

Another term I found when looking for information on this truck is "**Fargo Truck**". Fargo was a brand of truck back in the 1920s and over the years after a number of buy-outs, Chrysler ended up with the brand. Also over the years, the way I understand it, the word "fargo" just became a truck type and not a brand.

Lets start talking about those heavier antique trucks. I know we all have stories from our younger days about these big work trucks.

**Example...**I was too young to throw bales of hay on to the old '47 Reo 2-ton. So they put me behind the wheel. I knew what I was doing but my short legs tended to get the truck into regular "jogs" that made the worker on the back of the truck call me names.

**If you have information or a truck....or a truck story** please pass it on to Wheel Tracks. I know VAE members have a few pickups but I don't know if VAE members own larger antique trucks.





Edi Fiske

# The Roadside Diner



## Unbelievable Quiche

2 cups sliced cooked broccoli  
1/3 cup chopped onion  
1 cup shredded cheese  
(or 1/3 cup Cheddar or 3/4 cup Swiss)

1 cup small curd cottage cheese  
1 cup milk  
3 eggs  
1/2 cup Bisquick baking mix  
Salt and Pepper

Place broccoli in greased 8-inch pie plate.  
Sprinkle with onion, cheeses and cottage cheese. Mix milk, eggs and biscuit mix in blender for 15 seconds.  
Add salt and pepper to taste. Pour over broccoli and bake at 375 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes. Yield 4 to 6 servings.

## \*\*\*\*\*A VAE Email Auction\*\*\*\*\*

Below you will find items identified by **lot numbers**.

If you would like to make a bid simply email [gafiske@gmail.com](mailto:gafiske@gmail.com), state the lot number and place your bid. There are no reserves and on the 10th of December the bidding will close.

The winning bidders will get an email telling them where in Milton, Vermont they can pick up and pay for their items.

Read last month's winning bids on page 8



Lot #1-12  
6-10 oz. containers of  
fuel system  
conditioner/antifreeze



Lot # 2-12  
2-4.5 lb. containers of  
hand cleaner



Lot # 3-12  
Surprise box of good-  
ies...new value \$25 to \$35



Lot # 4-12  
8 lb. container of tire  
mounting compound



Lot #5-12  
Electric plugs &  
drop-lights



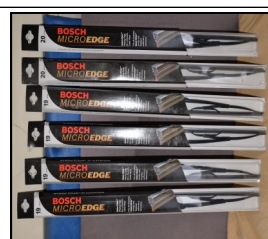
Lot # 6-12  
3 cans of windshield  
De-Icer



Lot # 7-12  
3 Gals. Tire Cleaner



Lot # 8-12  
5 qts. Synthetic gear  
lube 75W-140



Lot# 9-12  
6 Bosch wipers  
4-19in. & 2-20 in.



Lot# 10-12  
8 tubes bearing  
grease



## ANOTHER BRIGHT IDEA

Absent any questions this month, I will pass along a good tip for illuminating dim instrument panels. On the Saab 900 the instrument panel is not back lit, illumination shines down on the face of the instruments. When the bulbs work properly, illumination is barely adequate at best. The heat generated from the bulbs melts the plastic of the instrument panel, and the brightness of the bulbs diminishes as the bulbs age.

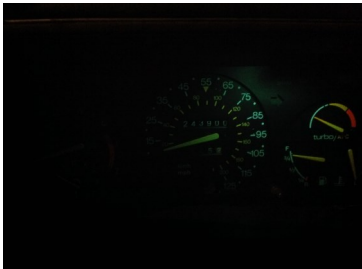
This is not unique to Saabs. Most older cars have the instruments illuminated this way. I have been converting these bulbs to LED bulbs, and the results are impressive. The LED bulb generates a very small amount of heat, and the illumination is vastly superior to the filament bulbs.

Most LED bulbs are dimmable, and now available at most auto parts stores. Recently the quality of LEDs has gotten much better, the quality of the light has gotten very good, and the price has fallen significantly.

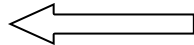
There are two things to consider before deciding to change your dash bulbs. First, the LED bulb is polarity sensitive. The bulb will only work when placed with the correct polarity. If the bulb does not work, it is backwards and needs to be turned around.

The second thing to remember is a lot of spade terminal bulbs have the contact wires on one side of the spade, yet the LED has the contacts on both sides of the spade. If this is not checked, the circuit will be shorted out and immediately melt the wiring.

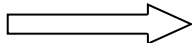
If you find the instruments to be hard to see at night, try an LED swap and you can "gauge" the improvement for yourself.



Before



After



Winning November bids..... Lot#1, Don Rayta (Rob) \$20.37 Lot#2, Dennis Dodd \$20.00 Lot#3 Don Rayta \$10.05  
Lot#4 Gael Boardman \$10.00 Lot#5 Gael Boardman \$10.00 Lot#6 Duane Leach \$32.95  
Lot#7 Duane Leach \$8.95 Lot#8 Don Rayta \$18.05



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Protecting  
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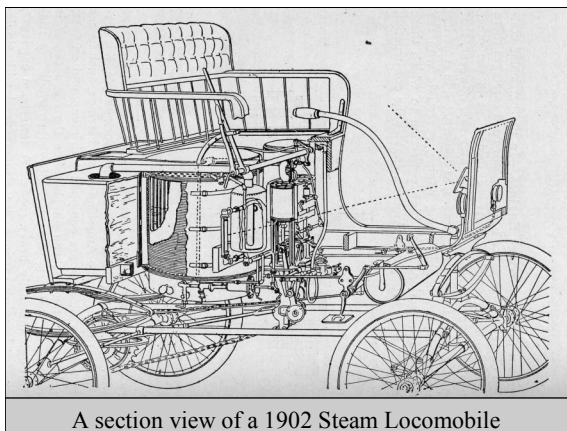




After last month's Gossip came to your mail box an error was pointed out to me.

The Packard that was pictured on page 6, that Doris Bailey and company drove across the U.S., is not the same Packard that was pictured on the Gossip page. So there must have been a second Packard from Vermont that competed in the 1985 Great American Race. Does anyone have some information that you would share?

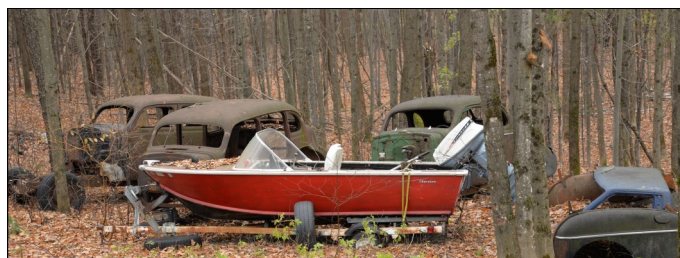
Also, it has to be realized, if you didn't figure it out on your own....your gossip editor knows diddly nothing about Packards.



A section view of a 1902 Steam Locomobile

A semi-famous VAE member known for his collection, who I will not name, has come home from Hershey with the engine from a 1902 steam Locomobile. I was expecting a huge engine and found something that was quite small. The two pistons are only about three inches in diameter. I was told, one of the huge differences with a steam engine is the fact the pistons are powered in both directions and every stroke. I am not sure if that is true for every steam engine (the "diddly" covers this subject also) but I found it fascinating. Gasoline or diesel pistons are powered in only one direction and even then only every other stroke. One of the ways the editor of Wheel Tracks knows a little about other brands of automobiles is because he gets to do different feature stories each month. Wouldn't it be something if a member who owns a running steam powered vehicle would contact Wheel Tracks to feature theirs in Wheel Tracks?

While touring Lucien Belisle's restoration shop in Eden I asked about the old car bodies in the back of the shop. Lucien owns them and is hoping someday someone will come along and want to restore one of them as their own. There is a '38 Buick coupe, a '34 Ford Tudor and others, and all of the working parts are stored safe and sound.



**Check your Expire Date  
Beside your name**

**I forgot last year but this year I**

will be sending an order to the folks who print our Wheel Tracks, to also get our reminders out to all of you whose VAE membership expires the last day of December. Wheel Tracks also took a

chance hoping the U.S. Post Office will not jail us for mooching a little of their space on our last page with this little explosion diddy. Please give Christina, our VAE secretary, a break and get your membership renewed early.



**I recently saw something I have never heard of.** A hot-tube one-lunger engine. The hot-tube was an early way of exploding the compressed air/gas mixture in an engine instead of using a spark plug. I am not sure if spark plugs were discovered by that time but when I witnessed this monster running it was quite an experience. If smoke and noise were the end product then it could light all of Burlington, Vermont! Maybe, after reading this, I will get something from a member with more information on these things.

Wouldn't it be great if we had a monthly meeting next summer that featured one-lunger and steam engines.....? Jeff Maclay will be our new 1st. Vice in 2017, what do you say Jeff?

**Wow....It is unbelievable how a short thought can take off like a rocket.** I just finished the feature page 6 on Richard and Roxie Kerr's Dodge work truck. I suggested in the editor's notes that if you have some work truck stories from days gone by, to send them to Wheel Tracks, and I gave a short one from my past as an example. That short example has not left me alone and is "hooked" on to a bunch of other stories. I can't wait to hear some of yours.....

**I also just finished the December "VAE Email Auction"** with a lot of really neat items...and NO RESERVE.

Wouldn't it be something if someone wanted to sell their old car in our "Email Auction".....with a reserve, of course.

## REVISITING DESTINATIONS FROM THE PAST Bob Lalancette

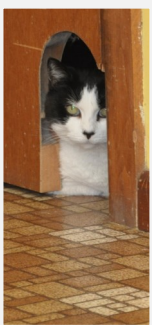
This past summer brought a couple of visits to some past VAE road trips. Being a past President brought the job of selecting a restoration award. I was blessed with having two cars to look at. This put me in Glover and looking at John Vetter's Plymouth. When I asked about the bumpers, he said a little shop in So. Burlington made them. I asked if it was "P. G. Adams"? I had worked for Paul on and off since I was 17 years old and yes he did make the bumpers. This summer Paul and I made the trip to Glover to see John's shop. If you get the chance, call John and see it for yourself, you will be amazed.

**One September Saturday** reunited me with a friend I had not really done anything with for many years. We rode our motorbikes to Post Mills, the site of a past VAE tour stop. There was the Rusty Dusty Things building. We found Brian Boland and I asked him if he remembered me. He said, "yeah, you're that car guy." After our self-guided tour, we walked to our bikes and he then asked us where we were going. Home of course. He then asked for a few minutes of our time, TO LAUNCH A HOT AIR BALLOON! We could not pass that up.

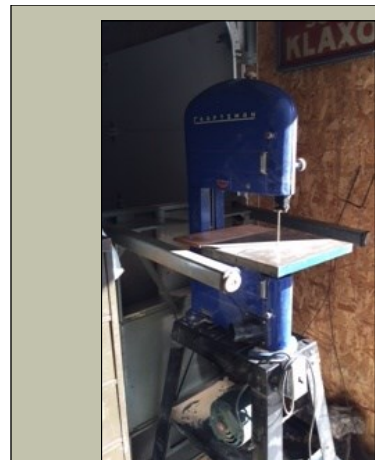
So go to that past event location or call that member for a shop tour, you never know what you will get yourself into. I am enclosing a couple of pictures of those exciting days.



### At-the-Deadline Classifieds...

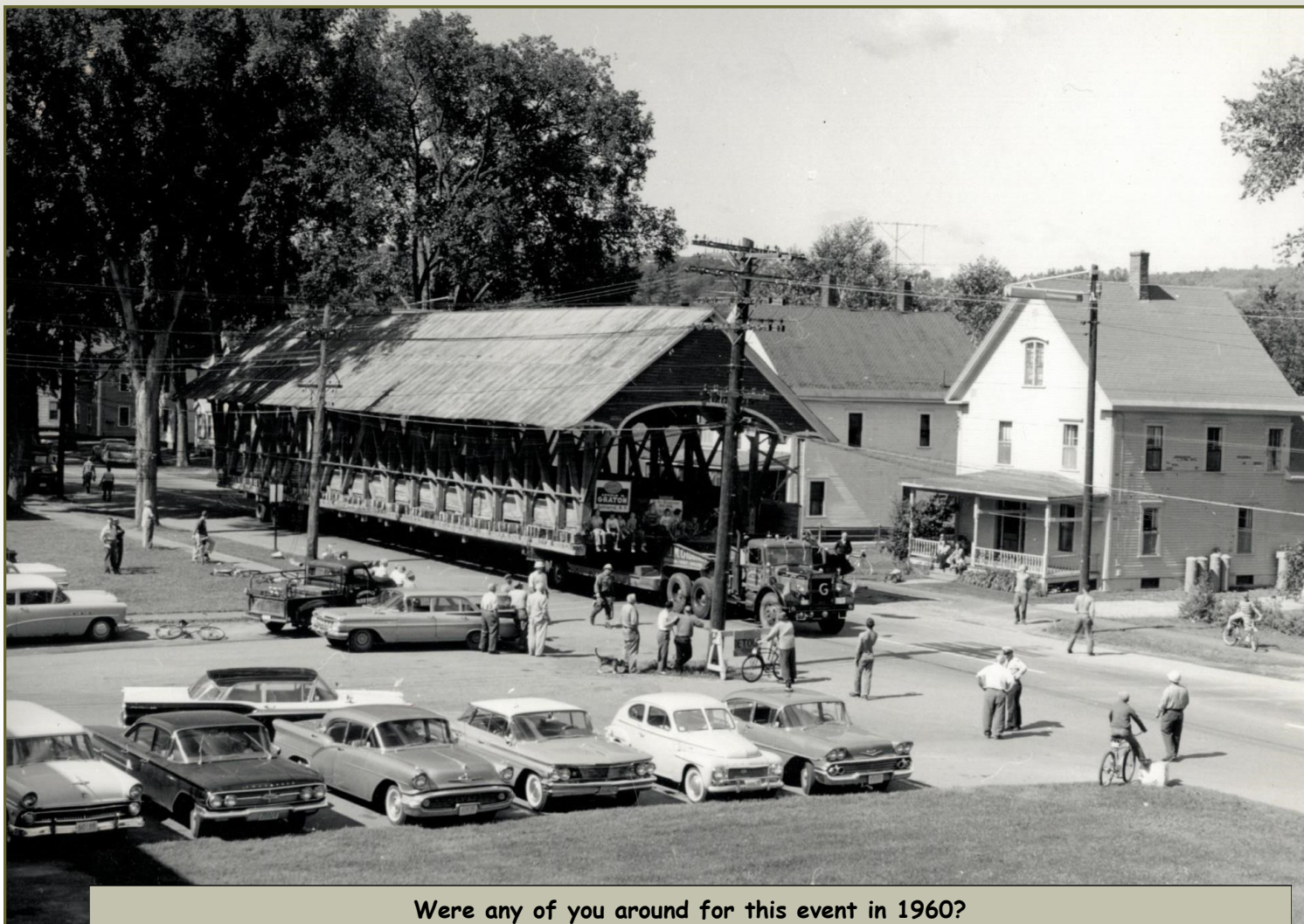


**Alden Chapman**, pictured, passed away recently leaving his huge die-cast collection with instructions for the sale proceeds to go to the SPCA. Pictured also is one of the feline reasons for his request. His nephew, **Robert Codling**, has been given the job and if you would be interested in any purchases, Robert's number is 802- 522 4295



**For Sale...**Operating 12 inch Craftsman wood band saw...\$75.00. Call Bill Erskine, 802-878-5303





Were any of you around for this event in 1960?  
Ken Barber was, when he took this picture of the Lyndonville covered bridge being moved.

It looks like everyone in Lyndonville that day had U.S. built vehicles  
except that one PV544 Volvo.



**From the Lyndon Chamber of Commerce.....  
Sanborn Run Bridge - 1869**

Near junction of U.S. Route 5 and State Route 114.  
A bridge of some kind was built in 1858 when a road  
was constructed across the meadow connecting Lyndon  
Center with farms on the eastern side of the  
Passumpsic River. At that time there was no village of  
Lyndonville. After the high water of 1886, the  
Vermont Union reported "Selectman Cunningham,  
commenced last Monday extensive repairs on the  
Centre Bridge, having to put in a new abutment, part of  
a new roof..."

In 1960 this bridge was moved across town to its pre-  
sent location on the grounds of LynBurke Motel. The  
bridge was preserved, for it has been considered one

of the finest examples of the Paddleford type constructed in the state.



The one job that Lucien Belisle has a problem doing is promoting himself and his restoration business in Eden, Vermont.

Most of us don't even need a prompt to go on and on about ourselves but when I tried asking Lucien some leading questions about his skills...and he has many, I got close to nothing. This was after seeing many of his finished, before & after pictures of projects, in scrap books that he keeps, many of them. So I already knew about many of his refined skills.

I asked the same question from three different directions and it took an employee to nudge him for an answer. My question was "what part of a restoration do you like the most"? He would reply, "I like it all". The answer I finally got was shaping and forming steel..... that was it....but he likes it all.

The Warren Road is way off the beaten path in Eden, Vermont. Very beautiful country but no one would expect a top notch restoration shop has been there these past fourteen years. Lucien went to high school in Colchester and worked doing similar work at Heritage Ford in Burlington for 10 years. He now has his dream job.

Two top restorations that he enjoyed were a 1940 and a 1948 Ford Woody. The '48 owned by Real Parris, pictured, of Morrisville is below. A body off restoration with many hours shaping new steel. I didn't realize everything above the floor boards behind the driver's seat.....is completely 'WOOD'!



Another beauty is the 1950 Buick Roadmaster, pictured below.



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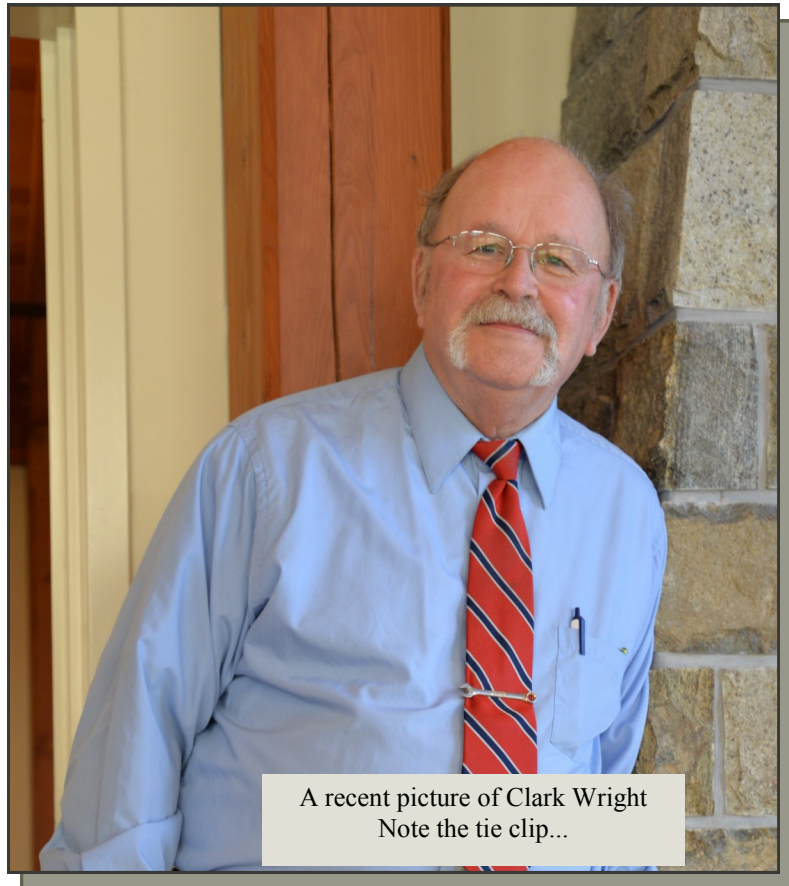




## The VAE was more than a vintage automobile club from Ken Green

My first car was a 1940 Buick; it never ran. I bought it with my dad's encouragement when I was 15, back in the early 70's. That Buick gave me miles and miles of joy in the friendships with and fellowship of others also involved in the hobby. It gave unique life time experiences and a certification for continued vintage automotive addiction. I spent all my money on that car; all of it. That was an age when virtual friendships hadn't been invented yet. When I was not grinding rust, disassembling or degreasing, I spent time with a variety of my high school friends doing the usual teenage things, and I also had a very special friend in Clark Wright. Clark was instrumental to me as a mentor to the vintage car hobby. I recently reconnected with Clark, after having disappeared over 40 years ago.

**Nurturing the young generation.....** I can't remember how I met Clark. He lived near a church in Essex Junction where I would occasionally attend youth activities. Clark had a late 50's Chrysler 300 in the garage, I think an old tractor and one or more one-lunger engines. We would talk for hours about old cars and their engineered and artistic attributes. He introduced me to his friends, Joe Bettis and Bob Jones of Morrisville. Others too, whose names I can't recall. There was a banker or lawyer from Shelburne, and a VAE member who sold me a 65 Corvair; it came with a free transmission that might have worked because the one in the car surely didn't. It seems the first several cars I owned had to be trailered home in boxes. Clark recognized my proclivity and saw to it that I became involved.



Clark was the friend who introduced me to the Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts (VAE) Club, and I became a member. I attended as many monthly meetings as I could. I was the only teenager in attendance, but the adults made me feel welcome. The everyday people, bankers and lawyers bridged the gap in our generations with understanding and patience. I enjoyed invitations to ride in various vintage cars of theirs for a cruise around the block, or to engage in enthusiastic conversation concerning automobiles, restoration tricks, and how to network for parts before the internet existed. Remember the old "SSAE" when responding to Hemmings ads? Clark arranged for me to drive his friends 1926 REO fire truck to one of the Stowe meets. It was unusual for a 17-year old kid to have possession of a nearly 40-year old fire truck, driving unsupervised from South Burlington to Stowe and back plus I drove it in the parade. I couldn't have been more proud and it is something I recall with great fondness to this day. Clark extended his reputation to me, I would not let him down.

**Rusting away....** I entered college and had to sell the Buick. I wonder where it is today? My dad regretted that I never got the car fully re-assembled and running. As such it lost considerable value and may not have survived my diligent restoration efforts; it may have rusted away by now. I struggled but graduated, moved out of state for more education and then on to my career. The exposure to a mature crowd with a similar interest and the man who mentored me has not been forgotten. I've had a busy and rewarding career; one that has me talking to everyday people, bankers and lawyers with the ease and comfort I learned in my days as a VAE member. I have learned to become a leader in great part by the leadership and commitment that Clark showed me. It was a simple and generous gesture, and it was an important gesture.

**Renewal and restoration.....** I recently found Clark through the internet and reconnected by phone. What a joyful reunion! We have both gotten older, but are mightily blessed. Between my dad and Clark nurturing this hobby for me, I've had and still have special interest cars in my garage. You can still hear me grinding rust, disassembling, degreasing, welding, and wrenching. While these machines may turn to rust, the friendships never fade.

Taste and interest in special old cars is changing with the younger generation. The hobby is still about renewal and restoration. It is about renewal of the bonds between generations and restoration of peace of mind. Mentoring the younger generation is an important and necessary commitment. Without that generosity the ways of old are never passed down and history along with human experiences are lost. Just as importantly, we find our relevance. I pause and ask myself if I have done enough renewal and restoration. I hope I too am helping to bridge the generational gap, like Clark Wright taught me.

## December Christmas Party

December 11, Sunday at noon. Gift exchange if you want to, \$15.00 limit or more. Buffet available plus the regular fair. Always an entertaining time! Yankee gift swap.

PLACE: STEAK HOUSE RESTUARANT  
1239 US RT 302, BARRE, 802-479-9181

YEP, an RSVP event again, they would like a head count by Dec. 7, Wednesday, so you know the drill. Shoot me an email at dsat-btv@gmail.com or call/text 8025982842. Thanks so much! Enjoy your Christmas season. David Stone

## MEMORABILIA AND POTLUCK GATHERING

JANUARY 7, AT 11 AM.

Potluck lunch and memorabilia show in association with the AACA, Green Mtn. chapter.

Enjoy checking out cool automotive artifacts, models, print and do-dads from all makes and years. Bring some hands on parts and pieces and stories to share. Whoever brings the weirdest automotive related memorabilia gets a homemade cookie from Mary Noble.

So warm up your crockpots and show fellow members how well you can cook!!

TIME: 11am setup, noon lunch followed by meeting, then memorabilia, thing-a-magig time.

PLACE: ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH PARISH  
109 S. MAIN ST, WATERBURY

Happy New Year members, time to renew!  
Dave Stone

### Notice.....

The VAE Appreciation Dinner will be in the Spring of 2017



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not sure the 3rd  
plate.

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condition. RARE automobile. Sloping back.  
Interior redone. Engine turns but does not run  
at the moment.. 6 cylinder engine. Nice  
chrome. Excellent floors and frame. Very art  
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[gbureau@videotron.ca](mailto:gbureau@videotron.ca). Ph: 514 745-6278. Car  
is in Montréal, Québec.



**For Sale.....** Two Jerry gas cans, good condition.  
\$25.00 for one, take them both for \$40.00.  
Ed Gradel 631-261-5011

**For Sale.....** 1954 Chevrolet pick up 3000, Good condition (Number 2), many  
new parts, radiator, generator, etc. \$15,000. Call Felix 802-592-3530



**For Sale.....** 1984 V6 automatic Camaro. Not driven  
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**For Sale.....** 16 pre-war cars for sale. Gilbert Bureau,  
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**Editor's notes....** We have limited room here in  
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**"A Diamond in the Ruff"**

Ken Cota (left), of Alburg, VT has had this 1959 Bug-eye Sprite for over 20 years.  
Ownership was recently turned over to an East Fairfield, VT. couple,  
Dennis (pictured right) and Linda Dodd.

Why is it such a da-gone great day when someone purchases a new/old car?