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We are Coming to the Edge of the Drawing Board

by Gael Boardman & Gary Fiske

The last 2 years have been outstanding for us, the VAE/VAAS. We have complied with the IRS, successfully secured our 501c3 status, worked hard and have been really lucky. We have raised big money, saved big money and pledged big money. The sun has shown on Stowe. We have had 24 well-attended and fun educational meets. Our newsletter only gets better and better. We have signed up some great new members. AND...we have begun, finally, to really look to the future. For a group that looks a lot at the past....look at what we drive and even how some of us occasionally dress....the reality of the future hasn't come easily.

You may have noticed in President Dave's inaugural in Wheel Tracks that he voices the importance of looking ahead and even mentions our mutual dream of somehow achieving our interests. The VAE Futures Committee and the officers and board of the VAAS share this view and plan to get beyond this "dream" stage. Naturally we can't start at the top; rush out and buy, build and run a library or museum. We can, however, investigate a course and that might take us in that direction.

Our plan, currently underway, is to develop action on two fronts; archival with bricks and mortar and educational with emphasis on youth and in-school programs. Here is how it's going. Because we have more experience with the educational component (the VTC Scholarship program now at one hundred thousand dollars), here is where we are and some of the things we are considering. The plan is to help the high school student in Vermont Career Centers see themselves going on to further their education. The Futures Committee believes this recognition could make a big difference in these students' lives. Each year \$100 of tools and a "VAE Golden Wrench Award" plaque will be awarded to ten high school juniors chosen from the 17 Career Centers in Vermont that have automotive technology programs. The reason juniors will be chosen is because of the knowledge we have gained from working with Vermont Technical College over the years. Their advice to us is to help the students improve their math and science skills while in high school and to make a better transition for college.

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From The President



David Sander

The calendar says January, I have yet to plow my driveway and I have not worn my Down jacket yet this season. I can remember some late fall weather, but nothing like this. I am appreciating the propane savings however, so I am not going to complain too much.

I have to give a thank you shout to Lloyd Davis for a gift subscription to a magazine called "Skinned Knuckles". It is a good read, with in depth articles about things that mechanics seem to wonder about. Thank you, Lloyd.

One of my new duties as president is to recruit new people for club officers next year. If anyone is interested, please contact our nominating committee. Remember, we are always looking for volunteers to step up and help out.

I've been thinking about the list of "orphaned" cars, and how that list has recently gotten a little longer with the recent, but not unexpected, demise of Saab. Saab has joined a list alongside other familiar names like DeSoto, Oldsmobile, Plymouth, Pontiac, Saturn, and Hummer. How did Saab get their name? The company made aircraft. Swedish Aircraft A.B. SAAB. AB is the Swedish term used for a corporation, not unlike Inc. or LLC here in the US. The demise of Saab began when the automotive division of the company was purchased by GM, and "new" Saabs were literally built on existing GM platforms. Some Saabs were not Saabs at all, the Saab 92x was a Subaru Impreza with a Saab grill, and the Saab 97x was a Chevy Trailblazer, with Saab badging. After witnessing the downfall of Saab over the last decade the final fall of Saab was bitter sweet to me. Taking a premium brand name and rebadging a Japanese economy car with it was just too much. There was not too much left of the original Saab, in my opinion, it may have been time to just let it go.

My 87 Saab has some unique features. The engine is mounted at a 45 degree angle. It is bolted on top of the transmission, and mounted backwards. The belts and pulleys are up by the firewall and the clutch is behind the radiator. The power is transmitted from the engine to the transmission by a chain similar to the Oldsmobile Toronado. Why? The net result is a front wheel drive car with a near 50-50 weight distribution, a hood that slopes down sharply for a good view and a clutch that can be changed in less than an hour. How many other front wheel drive cars can say that? My ignition key is between the front seats. This for two reasons. Reason one is so you can't hit your knee on the ignition switch in an accident. Reason two is that the switch to start the engine in an airplane is, next to the seat.

Well, now that I have this column done I am going to go do the next thing on my list. I am going to go put my snow plow on my truck. The forecasts calling for snow. It is January 11th after all.



VAE Monthly Meet Silent Movie Matinee



Sunday February 5th 2012 1:00 PM Wake Robin Community Center 200 Wake Robin Drive, Shelburne, VT 05482

Join us for a nostalgic look back at the budding era when both cars and movies were in their infancy. Lloyd Davis, charter member of the VAE, will present a variety of silent movies from his collection. His collection includes some of the famous silent film stars such as Charlie Chaplin, W.C. Fields, Our Gang, Will Rogers, and Laurel and Hardy, with titles like 'Big Business', 'The Floor Walker' and 'The Immigrant'. These films generally run about 20 minutes and feature vehicles from the teens' and 20's. There will be time for us to reminisce about our own early experiences with the automobile while Lloyd changes films.

No movie would be complete without POPCORN. Our Wake Robin resident hosts will be Ann and Fred Hiltz, who are providing the popcorn and have helped greatly to make this event possible. Punch and other refreshments will also be provided.

This year I'm asking members to bring a non-perishable food item to our monthly meet for a local food shelf. There is a need for food items at many food shelves in Vermont due to the economy and the devastation caused by hurricane Irene.

Times are approximate ... 1:00 PM Introductions...1:15 PM Business Meeting 1:30 PM Silent Movies Begin... 3:30 PM Depart

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. Enter the Center and take the stairs on the left or elevator straight ahead to the lower floor. The auditorium is on the left.

See you there, Jim

Questions?

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Sunshine Report

Sunshine report:
Sympathy card to
Wendell & Mary Noble - his mother
died at age 107

Sympathy cards to families of Kenneth Benoit, Richard Stiles (both deceased)

Sympathy card to Julie and Ray Greenia (Death of Julie's brother)

New members:



- **Eugene Murphy, Warren VT
- **Karen Unsworth, S. Burlington, VT 1923 20 HP Rolls Royce
- **Gregory Liebert, Shelburne, VT 1929 Model A 2-dr, 1962 Chevy Impala 2-dr
- **Jerold Furnee, Williston VT 1930 Model A 5-window Coupe
- **Richard Warren, Grafton, VT 1949 MGTC EXU
- **Anthony Otis, Montpelier, VT (son of David & Ann Otis)
- **Pall Spera, Stowe, VT.

Welcome to All. New Rosters should be printed by February.

THE SOFTER SIDE



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





"The Eighty Days of Christmas" by Nancy Olney

If my memory is correct, I believe it used to be the twelve days of Christmas. This year the Christmas "stuff" started to appear in two local stores at the same time the Halloween candy appeared in August. Back "in my day", the Christmas season started when the Sears Christmas catalog appeared around Thanksgiving. Many an hour was spent pouring over that book, pencil in hand, to mark all the dreams a child could muster. Dream as we did, we also knew, somewhere in the recesses of our mind, that we might get one toy or game or maybe nothing from the catalog at all. Growing up, Christmas gifts were made up, mostly, of what we needed - not wanted. This was the time to get new PJs, socks, warm clothes – things that we had worn out or outgrown. Many gifts were geared toward what the whole family could use – like a toboggan or skis or skates for the oldest and you would get the equipment passed down. I remember opening the "used" with the same enthusiasm as the new. My Mom would always add something to the used to make it seem new, such as, new laces, paint touched up, polished and maybe our name stenciled on the item. Actually, one of the highlights was our stockings from Santa. Many a Christmas Eve, my Mom was woken before dawn, to find four children creeping around in the semi-dark house on a mission to see if Santa had come and gone. Again, the stocking held things like toothpaste, new toothbrush, candy cane, and always a nice orange in the toe! It was a wonderful, magical time that I think has been lost since Christmas starts coming at us in August. Also, who needs anything? I would admit I have quite a few wants but certainly, at this writing, no needs.

By now you can see why I'm writing this. Wouldn't it be more meaningful and fun to go back to the "twelve days of Christmas", not eighty? Actually be able to give someone something they need and get something you need. Teach each other that waiting for Christmas to get what may be waiting in your stocking or under the tree isn't a bad thing but it just makes the anticipation even sweeter. Now, I'm not lobbying for you to not buy new socks or PJs when you need them and if you do, I'm not saying you have to wait for Christmas to get them. All I'm saying is that we all should have a little restraint when it comes to buying. When you can't think of "anything" to get a person for Christmas – just maybe they already have too much.

I told you that I don't have any needs. I just remembered I do. I need a haircut - should I wait for Christmas?

December 27,2011 E. Thomas McClanahan of The Kansas City Star reports:



This has to be one of the most undercovered stories arising out of Congress' end -of-the-vear scramble: The lawmakers allowed the tax credit for ethanol blenders to expire, along with a tariff that effectively kept out more efficiently produced foreign ethanol.

The measures died from inaction; they were scheduled to expire and Congress let them die. The handwriting was on the wall anyway. In June, the Senate voted 73-27 to terminate the subsidy and tariff.

The blenders' subsidy extended a 45-cent subsidy per gallon of ethanol blended into gasoline. The tariff ended a 54-cent-per-gallon tax on imported ethanol, mainly from Brazil — which makes the stuff much more efficiently from sugar cane.

Will this kill the domestic industry? Not likely. Still in force is a federal mandate that requires a minimum amount of ethanol be used each year. In 2015, 15 billion gallons must be used. The mandate rises to 36 billion gallons by 2036.

The blenders' subsidy cost the taxpayers about \$6 billion annually, and by some estimates the program, over its 30-year history, transferred some \$45 billion to the ethanol industry. It's always good news when a specialinterest tax loophole comes to an end, especially one as wasteful as this one.



August 14, 1924. President Calvin Coolidge and his radioequipped Buick automobile in Washington DC. Notice the Antenna mounted on the car. The wave-length for some frequencies back then went from your back porch to the shed 250 away, the one on this car is Dim Your about 50 feet long. Antennas can't be grounded to work correctly, this one looks like a huge "lightning attractor"! Notice the dent on the corner of the car? It also looks like the President could do a little campaigning with that speaker. What year and make is the car?

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lights

Gene Fodor's "Did You know"

The Year is 1912 – 100 years ago!



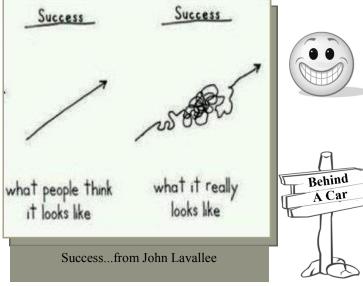
- ... Production was 356,000 cars and 22,000 trucks and busses ... Almost double the production of 1911.
- ... Walter P Chrysler became Buick Works Manager.
- ... Stewart Motors Corp, was formed to make cars and trucks.
- ... Cadillac adopted electric starting with generator-battery lighting and ignition system.
- ... The all steel body developed by Edward Gowen Buss was offered by Oakland and Hupmobile.
- ... Charles W. Nash became President of General Motors, Inc.
- ... Ralph DePalma driving a German Mercedes won the 8th Vanderbilt Cup Race in Milwaukee, WI on October 2nd.
- ... George A. Brockway, the famous coach builder organized Brockway Motor Co. to build trucks.
- ... Traffic lines were painted on the streets of Redland, CA
- ... John Dawson, at the wheel of a National won the Indi National 500 and set a new record of 78.72 miles,

Also, in this race Ralph DePalma's Mercedes was leading the field and broke down at 495!

- ... 500 truck participated in a parade in Philadelphia of commercial vehicles
- ... Only 17 new marques were introduced this year.

Photo Caption ... 1912 Stutz Bearcat in Canary Yellow.

Happy New Year ...



From a book called Disorder in the American Courts, and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and now published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place. Sent in by Gene Fodor

ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None.

ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?

WITNESS: Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can

I get a new attorney?

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death..

ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?

WITNESS: Take a guess.

ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?

WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard

ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?

WITNESS: Unless the Circus was in town I'm going with male.

ATTORNEY: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?

WITNESS: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you

performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All of them ... The live ones put up too much of a fight.

ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 PM ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time? WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished. ATTORNEY: Are you qualified to give a urine sample? WITNESS: Are you qualified to ask that question?

And last...ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive

when you began the autopsy?

WITNESS: No.

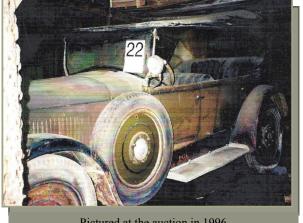
ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar. WITNESS: ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive,

nevertheless?

WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.

February



Pictured at the auction in 1996

One of A.K. Miller's Famous Collection Reappears

By Avery Hall

I decided to attend the now famous Christie Auction in East Orange in September 1996. I convinced Ross Anderson, a new acquaintance to go to East Orange on the day before the auction to see the cars and possibly partner with me in buying one. After viewing the dust covered and neglected relics of another time we decided we would bid on at least one of the cars. I had met A.K. Miller back in the 1950s driving an HCS touring car and had visited him with John Hawkinson (Hawkeye) a few years later. This early contact had introduced me to the HCS brand and to A.K. Miller's personality which could only be described as odd.

Due to my early contact with A.K. Miller and some further research I became most interested in the HCS cars. Since HCS cars were built by Harry Clayton Stutz (thus HCS), after he had lost the Stutz Motor Car Company in a stock takeover, they were now considered to be Stutzes.

There were several HCS cars in the Miller collection. There were 3 or 4 four cylinder cars with wire wheels and one six cylinder car with disc wheels. It was very difficult to determine the condition of the over fifty cars in the short time available but we developed a list of the cars that we felt might be within reason and how much we would bid. On the next day (auction day) only I was able to attend the auction so it became my responsibility to do the bidding.

The auction was very well attended due to much publicity and the reputation of the Stutz name as well as the long standing anticipation of the break-up of this most unusual collection. The bidding was brisk. I was successful with my bid for the six cylinder HCS which was numbered lot #22. I made bids on a second HCS but was out bid to my relief.

A great deal of mystery surrounded A.K Miller and his wife, Imogene. They had moved from East Orange, New Jersey to East Orange, Vermont in the late forties, early fifties, bringing with them a huge collection of Stutz cars and other significant cars as well as an autogiro. They lived very frugally even though they had considerable wealth! Occasionally A.K. would agree to sell a car but he would withhold a crucial part for which he was the only source.

We brought our prize HCS and several hundred dollars of Stutz ephemera home to Burlington in my trailer and proceeded with the restoration. A few years after the purchase and the initial restoration, I purchased Ross's share of the car and continued with the restoration. One can see from the photos that there was plenty to do. This year at Stowe Car Show this car received a first place indicating the restoration was a good one and a fitting tribute to Harry Clayton Stutz and to Alexander Kennedy Miller.



Pictured above at the Wake Robin outing last summer. The Front page photo is from the Auto Shop in S. Burlington just before the restoration completion.

*****From the editor....An Open Note To All Of Our "New" Wheel Tracks Mailings *****

"The Vermont Antique Automobile Society", the non-profit arm of "The Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts" has decided to send our Wheel Tracks monthly newsletter to many new addresses in hopes of enhancing our educational component of our 59 year old car club.

So, if one of you Vermont Career Technical Centers or Museums get a Wheel Tracks.....

Or, If one of you Fellow Car Clubs, Elderly Housing Complexes, Vermont Nursing Homes on Vermont Libraries get this wonderful newsletter published by The VAAS....



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Please place it where everyone can enjoy the reading

THE SUMMER NO LAWNS WERE MOWED by Gary Olney...part 2



After leaving the Black Hills and Rapid City, South Dakota, we went through a corner of Wyoming into Montana and on to Helena where our son, Kelton and his wife, Kate and our grand-children, Quinn and Grace were waiting for us. We arrived on June 2 and left on June 24. This provided lots of time to "car hunt". There are quite a few old cars and trucks in the west, from the 30's on up, and we checked out several with

Nancy ensuring there were no thoughts of buying anything!

When we left Helena on June 24th, we headed to Scobey in the northeast corner of Montana for two reasons. First, we were going to northeast North Dakota and thought the drive east along the Canadian border would be interesting and second,

there was a pioneer village in Scobey I wanted to visit. Entering Scobey we met a long parade of old tractors coming from the Pioneer Museum where there just happened to be a large antique tractor meet that weekend! After exploring the museum, including a dozen or so antique cars, it was time to head east. That's when we found out "you can't get there from here!" There was a LOT of flooding in North Dakota at this time. Many roads were closed and the only sure way to cross the state was to go



back south to I-94, cross the state, then go north again to our destination of Walhalla, probably an added distance of 300 miles. Even the interstate was limited to one lane in each direction in a couple of areas because of flooding.

Why Walhalla, North Dakota? We wanted to meet Jim Benjaminson. Jim is a long time member of the Plymouth Club, membership secretary since the mid 70's and for several years, the editor of "The Plymouth Bulletin". He's the author of several books, contributor to others and has done loads of research on automotive history. He has a great license plate collection and a nice car collection (not just Plymouths). Thinking we would spend a couple of hours (or that was what



Nancy was led to believe), we ended up spending all day. Jim gave us the "Grand Tour" of the whole area, including an excellent museum of local history. This included a few cars, trucks and many tractors, including a Plymouth. (See Gary Fiske's "VAE Gossip" in January's "Wheel Tracks".)

Continuing east through Minnesota, we entered Ontario at Thunder Bay and on to Timmons. It's pretty desolate west of Timmons. No old cars, but plenty of wildlife including a bear who patiently allowed me to take several photos while he sat and munched on grass. East of Timmins we were back in civilization with more old car sightings. In Mont-Laurier, Que., a gentleman had a collection of early restored road graders on his lawn. Also in Mont-Laurier, a place with several collector cars for sale, from the 50's and up. Then on through Montreal and home. It's July 1st



and the antique car season is in full swing. There's the Walter P. Chrysler National Meet in the Northeast Kingdom, an auction in St.Albans, the VAE display at University Mall, car shows at Granby, Que., Newport, Stowe and various other car activities. More about some of these next month, as well as the "grand finale" - another trip west ending at Hershey.

To be continues next month....



VAE GOSSIP By gcf

Hey, did you hear about me getting "kicked" out of my editorial space that I normally have on page 2? We, Gael and I, had a vote and since he has the oldest car...he won.

Seriously, we thought what we had to say needed to be up in front where hopefully all of you will read it. It is sort of a 'state of our club address' and if you read it carefully you will get a very good sense of the amazing amount of work that has been accomplished in our small car club over the last couple of years. The last part is an appeal for your donations for our future. Please don't think you need to give huge amounts. A small amount from a lot of you carries much more weight. It means you are cheering the club on, that you are looking to our club's future also. But, if you are thinking 'huge'....we are good with that!

I received some good reactions for the shift to the 'antique' looking paper that I used for the first time last month. I have told Toni at Browns printing in Barre it's a keeper. I asked a few folks to keep watch for typos and wow...all this time I thought I was close to perfect. Ya,ya, I know the Burma signs are always on the right when you are driving down the road, not the left and that 'e' that got stuck in "Burma" instead of 'u', well, I have given warning to the proof reader on that one. And, oh yes, Nancy Olney is the wife and her husband Gary is...well you understand, don't you?

I need to also thank Lloyd Davis for a gift subscription of Skinned Knuckles. Thank you Lloyd. A member of the Franklin Car Club and top notch carburetor rebuilder, Randy Fusco, says it is the only serious magazine out there if you are into restorations and I agree.

BTW....The Cuba Trip might not be dead yet. The official invitation from the Havana Car Club is in the mail and VAE member Tyrone Shaw is willing to keep at it until it happens. The list of 12 members who planned to go is still taped to my PC so stay in that Spanish class and keep your fingers crossed.

Get ready for the meeting in March at Anderson Auto Glass in Williston. Bring your glass projects and get a 5% discount that day. There will also be a substantial door prize gift certificate to save you some dollars.

I heard a rumor the other day about a 55 Buick Roadmaster convertible that 'might' be for sale. It's parked in a back yard and the 'informant' said he would ask if it is for sale if someone is interested.

Contact me if you want me to start asking question for you.

The number of Wheel Tracks mailed out this month decreased drastically because folks did not renew their VAE membership. I dream of the day we don't have to worry about that every year...



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

In prior columns I've discussed various automotive fluids, which types to use and why to change them.

Brake fluid needs to be changed every two to three years, or replaced with DOT 5 (Silicone) fluid. Failure to do so will result in low boiling temperatures and seizing pistons in calipers and wheel cylinders, resulting in brake failure.

Transmission and differential oil needs to be checked to ensure proper lubrication. Engine oil needs to be changed regularly to prevent sludge, varnish and corrosion inside the engine. Soft metals like bearing shells can be damaged if the engine oil can be damaged by neglected engine oil which can become acidic.

I have recently seen several photos that very graphically show the importance of regular coolant flushes and refills. The anti-corrosive properties of automotive coolant slowly fade away until the coolant can no longer protect against corrosion.



Notice this head gasket failure from a 2L Saab engine. The gasket literally corroded away. A very expensive repair that could have been avoided with some simple and inexpensive preventative maintenance.

Your Are



So if it has been three, five, or even ten or more years since you have changed your coolant, you may want to put this chore on your to do list before your pride and joy looked like these pictures. Certain Porsche, Volkswagen and Franklin owners need not worry.

By the way, This guy I met at Stowe who does a lot of Utube videos found some old nice fire trucks in an abandoned warehouse in Massachusetts. They are probably available for cheap if anyone is interested. Here is the youtube web address....... http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1hN2EmJTX6U





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December 1, 2011

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Dear Mr. Wheatley:

Thank you for the continued support of Vermont Technical College students in their pursuit of a degree in Automotive Technology. Your recent \$7,250 contribution will certainly help students to become well-trained automotive technicians.

The success of our academic programs would not be possible without the support of area businesses and the surrounding community. Thank you for your continued interest and support of the program.

Sincerely

Dr. Philip Conroy, Jr. President

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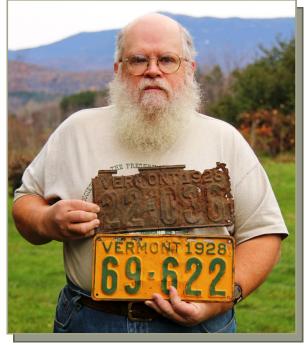
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Champlain Bridge All Day Events May 19th & 20th 2012



Crown Point NY Historic Site Chimney Point Historic Site

- ** Opening Ceremony
- ** Old Time Hometown Grand Parade Vermont to NY via the New Bridge
- ** Boat Flotilla on Lake Champlain
- ** Street Dance Saturday night
- ** Food Vendors
- ** Craft Vendors
- ** Farmer's Market
- **Performers... Musical Groups, Dance Puppets, Storytellers & Clowns
- ** Information Tent
- **Vintage Car Show...that's us VAEers
- ** Lois McClure Tours
- ** Blackhawk Helicopter from Fort Drum
- ** Re-enactors
- ** Sunday Sunrise Ecumenical Service
- ** 5K Foot Race
- ** Closing Ceremony– Vermont
- **Fireworks- Sunday Evening



Don Rayta's Monthly Mini-Feature

Hi, Don,

I am holding two plates in the picture - the top rusty one is my first plate of my collection that I started many years ago, and the bottom one is just for comparison, to show what they originally looked like. Nothing new here plate-wise, and with the good weather, I have not yet gotten inside to sort through my pile of plates. The Model A is put up for the winter, so I suspect outside work will end soon. Regards,

Gary

Gary Irish is from Jericho and was introduced to the VAE club by Gael Boardman many years ago. He was a member for several years back in the 70's and 80's. He started collecting plates in 1962 when he was in 7th grade. His plate collection is very extensive and he keeps looking to add more if he y has a 1931 ton and a half Model 4 trustical in the Shave

does not have them already. As for old cars, Gary has a 1931 ton and a half Model A truck which he purchased in 1971. He notes it is 80 years old and can still be driven on the road. He has a 1930 pick-up and a 1929 Murry bodied town sedan which are registered and on the road.





hope with the VAE/VAAS choosing these students, they will not only get the recognition they might not have ever gotten but will also have a chance to better prepare for a softer landing to begin at college. The 2nd component of our plan is to give out one "VAE Golden Wrench Tool Award" each year to a high school senior going on to VTCs Auto Tech Program. This award will consist of a complete set of tools that VTC requires its 1st year students to have, a value of about \$2700. On 'shopping day' when these tools are purchased the entire career center auto tech class will be involved. These tools will remain the property of the career center until the student completes his first year. Our career center awards work is still in progress and will be completed by the end of February. The Cold Hollow Career Center in Enosburg has agreed to work with us in developing our program and will be the only center getting award this coming June

The "bricks and mortar" part is less formulated. We know that we can't operate any large facility on a regular basis as a small volunteer group. We need a partner we can "help" who could/would be able to "help" us. We have a short list and will keep you informed. Another interim step has been suggested by VAE Vice President Jim Sears. Jim says that maybe we ought to start out in store-front space. We could easily fill such a space with donated and consigned auto- enthusiast type stuff, volunteer very short hours to the public, enjoy the "clubhouse' aspect of meeting there, make noise about our interests and offer education to any and all. Something to look into....and we will. If you have ideas send them along to either Gary Fiske or Gael Boardman. We need all the help we can get.

Now...about that help. It has started and as usual it started at home. Look at the bottom of our Treasurers Report in Wheel Tracks. Note 'restricted funds'. This is the seed money that's going to see us successfully into the future. It doesn't look like big bucks yet....but it could. This money came before we asked and we're asking now. Let's raise a little to start success and with that lots more will come. We have had in-put from a professional non-profit fund raiser who tells us that we should start, start now, start with our own friends and members and with this credibility other funds will follow. Let's give it a try. Cash, stocks, bonds, bequests...all are welcome. It's taxdeductible for you as we are that important 501c3. Please send it to the VAAS in care of our treasurer Dick Wheatley (1 Market Place, unit 31, Essex Jct, VT 05452-2943) and tell him how you would like the gift applied; education or futures. Also mention whether we can thank you in print or if you prefer to remain anonymous.

Thank You....Bless You...Happy New Year



Good evening friends & enthusiasts From Chris & Dell

We are well into January & the first winter snow is almost upon us. That October surprise is but a memory. How are you all faring? Did you manage to get your car(s) bedded down properly? Looking forward to the spring thaw? Me, too! This down time provides me time to reflect on the previous year's activity & better plan for the coming season. Lacking a heated garage, I don't venture out to visit or work on "Popeye" or our Blue Moon - with the exception of passing Popeve as I visit our snow thrower to ensure it's readiness to lend a helping hand.



So, some club meetings in January could be in store! Yay! Visiting with other infected adults! And planning the pilgrimages to Manchester, Vt. & the Stowe, Vt. shows! I've seen some advertising and pictures from the "Concour's D'Elegance" in Connecticut & we may be able to squeeze in the Bell Town Antique Auto show in East Hampton, CT...(weather & wife, permitting!) I am hoping to get our Moon started & running this year. I am saving up for a new radiator cap for Popeye....maybe I'll be able to get it by April.

Have you made any automotive art during your adventures in the antique car community? Whose style do you appreciate? I am fascinated by the quality & images of Ken Eberts. Wouldn't it be fun to meet him at one of our car shows? Maybe you've already had the



experience? Anyone want to invite him east? He does private commissioned paintings of folks' personal autos....? Here's hoping! & Finally, I see the Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg museum is searching for some obscure makes indigenous to Auburn. So comb your collections & search your memories....they are specifically looking for the following makes: An Auburn Motor Buggy & Handy Wagon (made from 1912-1915), the Model (made from 1902-06), the Union (1916),& the DeSoto by Zimmerman (from 1913-14)....Wow! Contact info@automobilemuseum.org to inform them of your findings or recollections....Surely we have

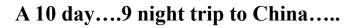
I've attached a couple of photo's from Stowe 2011 in the parts corral, another of the highlight of 2011 for me....a wonderful ride with the Parker's in their Rolls-Royce, and a summer shot of us with Popeye. Hope to see you all "On The Road Again" real soon!

such orphans in our midst somewhere??

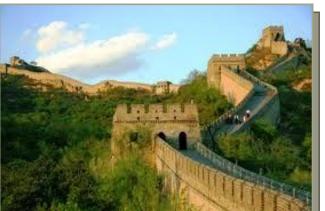
Treasurer's Report - January 9, 2012 Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts, Inc.		Dick Wheatley, Treasurer				
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	CHECKING - balance December 12, 2011	\$	970.06			
Deposits						
Member	177.75.25.75			2,215.00		
Postal Service escrow account refund				539.12		
Stowe ga	ate - 2012 prepayment			20.00		
	Total receipts			2,774.12		
Disbursements						
4931	Postmaster - Stowe post office box			70.00		
5256 Wendell Noble - reimb. For Pres. Restoration award			91.60			
5257 Gene Fodor - reimb. For Stowe sponsorhip expense			71.12			
5258	VAAS - WT & website			750.00		
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	VAE payment for WT & website			750.00		
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	Member donation	1		25.00		
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Balance - January 9, 2012

Anyone interested in a trip of a lifetime with a group of VAE friends?

Shanghai...Hangzhou...Beijing...an Auto Museum, a VW Assembly plant...a Dance Show...The Great Wall... Tian'anmen Square...The Temple of Heaven...etc...

VAE member Chris Barbieri is doing the arranging, the thought is to go this September or October, the price is in the neighborhood of \$3,000

5 to 8 VAEers are thinking seriously about going. If you want to get on the list, contact Wendell Noble at 802-893-2232.

The regular monthly Meeting of the VAE took place on Saturday, July 16, 2011 at Lyndon State College, in Lyndon, Vermont.

The Meeting was in conjunction with the National Meet of the Walter P. Chrysler Club, which had been going on in St. Johnsbury for several days. Saturday was the day of their car show, held on the Lyndon State Campus. Several VAE members who are also members of the WPC Club were participants in that event, and had cars in this show.



The VAE Business Meeting was called to order at 11:34 AM by President Wendell Noble.

Secretary's Report: Bill Sander moved, and Don Rayta seconded, a Motion to approve the minutes of the prior Meeting as printed in Wheel Tracks. This passed unanimously with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Sander made the Motion, seconded by Chris Barbieri, to file the printed Treasurer's Report for audit. This was passed unanimously.

VAAS: Gael Boardman reported that the Horseless Carriage Club has had their 501 c 3 status questioned. We are trying to avoid such a situation by expanding our educational efforts, primarily in the immediate future by making cash contributions.

Chris Barbieri mentioned incentives approved by the Board, specifically \$5.00 off new memberships at the Stowe Show, and \$5.00 discount per year on a two year renewal (\$50.00 for two years). Gael Boardman made the Motion for membership approval of this recommendation, which was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee: Gary Olney reports that the slate is essentially complete, and will be announced in Wheel Tracks.

Stowe Planning: Fred Cook reported that the Transcript, in Morrisville, is again doing the Program supplement for the Stowe Show, and is looking for advertising to cover its costs.

Fred Cook gave an update on the proposed dedication ceremonies for the new Champlain Bridge (October 9-10th or 16-17th). David Sander elaborated.

Activities: David Sander updated those present on future meetings, full details of which will be printed in Wheel Tracks...

Bill Sander moved to adjourn at 12:06 PM. This was seconded by Fred Cook and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sander, Recording Secretary

The regular quarterly Meeting of the VAE Board of Directors was held on Sunday, January 8, 2012, at the Whitney Hill Retirement Community in Williston, Vermont.

The Meeting was called to order at 2:03 PM by outgoing Chairman Don Rayta.

Secretary's Report: Les Skinner made, and Wendell Noble seconded the Motion to accept the Secretary's Report of the prior Meeting as printed in Wheel Tracks. This passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Dick Wheatley stated that the Report is essentially unchanged from the printed report in the last issue of Wheel Tracks. Bill Sander moved to file it for audit, seconded by Tom McHugh, passed unanimously.

Membership: Christina McCaffrey reports that renewals are coming in quite well. She needs some computer supplies, and was authorized to purchase as required, and submit the bills to the Treasurer.

Sunshine Report: Christina McCaffrey related recent events.

Activities: Jim Sears gave an update on upcoming events, almost complete for the full calendar year, which will be printed in detail in Wheel Tracks. Fred Cook spoke about Lake Champlain Bridge Ceremonies in May. It was also mentioned that we have had good publicity from our various charitable and educational donations.

Audit Committee: David Sander will ask the incumbents (Doris Bailey, Leo Laferriere, and Jim Sears) to remain.

By Laws: Gael Boardman and Fred Cook gave some history on the bylaws work for the VAE and VAAS. The new President, David Sander, will appoint a committee forthwith.

Nominating Committee: A new committee is not yet appointed, but will be shortly.

Stowe Planning: Bob Chase began by describing efforts to recruit sponsors. So far, \$950.00 in sponsorship money and \$20.00 for advance gate money is in. Duane Leach reports that the tent for Vermont Crafters has been reserved. The Lease has been renewed for the Nichols Field for three years, for \$6500.00 per year and 10% over the first \$30,000 in gate receipts.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Don Rayta raised objection to the VAAS Board Meetings outside of the VAE Meetings. Gael Boardman responded that the last VAAS Board Meeting lasted 3 ½ hours, and could not reasonably be done at VAE Meetings. Gael discouraged any alteration of the status quo. Les Skinner moved to affirm the current arrangement. This was seconded by Bill Sander, and passed unanimously. Wendell Noble spoke about a possible trip to China, to be facilitated by Chris Barbieri. David Sander moved that we continue to explore this possibility. This was seconded by Bill Sander. Gael Boardman cautioned about possible liability issues. Dick Wheatley volunteered to investigate. The Motion passed unanimously. Gary Fiske asked that \$100.00 be put up by the Club for a door prize for windshield repair services, to be given at the upcoming Meet at the windshield repair shop. It was brought up that this could be taken out of the budgeted amount for monthly Meets. The motion to do so was properly made, seconded, and passed.

Bob Chase has tentatively lined up the Commodore's Inn, in Stowe, for Sunday, May 6, 2012 for an Appreciation Dinner, at an all inclusive price of \$22.00 per person. Dinner would be at 1 PM. Bill Sander volunteered to handle the mailing.

February

Bill Sander moved to adjourn at 4:30 PM, seconded by Wendell Noble, passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Sander, Recording Secretary

December 21, 2011 Minutes of December Stowe Committee Meeting



The Stowe Planning Committee met at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday December 21, 2011 in the conference room of the Commodores Inn in Stowe.

The meeting was called to order by chairmen Bob Chase.

- 1. Show Updates: According to Bob Chase, show dates are August 10 12. Once again, the Stowe Area Association will sponsor the Street dance and Stowe Vibrancy will do the car parking for it.
- **2. Judging Classes:** Bob Chase announced that we continue to consider a request to add a "Firebird" class. The person making the request is already a sponsor and can guarantee at least eight entrants. The entrants would also want to participate in the judging of that class. A consensus was reached to add the new class and eliminate the tractor class which has had little participation.
- **3. Sponsorship:** Bob stated that \$950 in sponsorship money has been received so far. He also noted that he had already received a request for gate passes from people wishing to use them as gifts. Discussion ensued of exploiting such advance sales of passes by advertising in Wheel Tracks and our web site. We agreed to consider possible specifics of this at a future meeting.
- **4. Brochure Preparation:** Duane Leach mentioned his suggestion to add at least one additional panel to the brochure to allow more space for sponsor information. Bill Sander set a goal of having a mock-up of the brochure for discussion purposes at the next meeting.
- 5. Special Events: Andy Barnett was not present so there was no update on the possibility of having a "Tuner" event.
- **6. Trophies and Plaques:** It was agreed that Gael Boardman's 1918 Locomobile will be used for the trophy picture and Carroll Bean's 1955 Ford Wagon will be used for the plaque picture. The President's Restoration Award winner will be used for the poster and Wendell Noble is to provide a photograph.
- **7. Contracts:** Bob Chase reported that the food service contract had been agreed to with the Stowe FD although not yet signed. Stowe FD has also agreed to contact the Good Humor truck owner regarding selling ice cream.
- **8. Show Department Comments:** Tom McHugh reported that one flea market vendor has signed up already.
- 9. On Line Registration: It was agreed that on line registration would be made available after the show classes are established.
- 10. Other Business: Bob Chase reported that he had received an inquiry from a business seeking to rent golf carts. It was agreed that we want to adhere to a policy of not allowing motorized vehicles on the field and will state this in the brochure.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12PM.

Respectfully submitted; Wendell Noble, Acting secretary

A very brief business meeting was held in conjunction with the Holiday Party of the VAE at T Bones Restaurant in Colchester, on Sunday, December 11, 2011.

The Meeting was called to order at 1:15 PM by President Wendell Noble.

Secretary's Report: Les Skinner moved that the minutes of the prior Meeting, as printed in Wheel Tracks, be accepted. Don Rayta seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Sander moved to file the Treasurer's Report, as printed in Wheel Tracks, for audit. Les Skinner seconded this motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to be discussed at this Meeting, Bill Sander moved to adjourn at 1:20 PM. Les Skinner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sander, Recording Secretary



A Great Visit to Proctorsville and Fred Gonet's Shop

A contrast that boggles the mind.....

We arrived months after Irene and the floods hit the Cavendish and Proctorsville area. The devastation could still be found. Damaged houses, huge road repairs, and complete hillsides missing. Then, we walked into Fred Gonet's shop and saw his completed five year restoration of a 1912 Simplex. It was a beautiful sight after what we had seen before we got to his place. There was nothing on the car that did not shine and the sound of that engine was really something. **Fred is the conductor in this 'multi-string' shop.** You can see below how complicated his shop looks and throughout the day when he wanted to show us something, he would simply reach into a complicated pile of tools and parts, and

come out with exactly what he wanted...on his 1st try. We six VAEers had a great day with Fred and his

wife BJ and you want to know a secret? They have the same virus that we have when it comes to collecting! When lunch time arrived we went down to Singleton's General Store to order at the deli counter. Singleton's is a few doors down from the 'Six Loose Ladies Yarn Shop'. When you walk into the old time general store you literally have to stop....and look. There are at least 300 Winchester rifles hanging on the walls plus everything you would need to live in Proctorsville. The owner even parks his Harley on a corner stage of the store for the winter! Jim Sears is planning a 2-day visit for us this summer to this same area and much more. Your really must plan to join the tour and the fun.



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For Sale... 1932 Essex Terraplane, original, running. \$13,000 Call Pierre Pepin, Colchester, VT. 802-878-5748 5/12



VAE Name Tag

Write \$7.00 check and sent to Phyllis Skinner PO Box 208 Northfield Falls, VT. 05664-0208



For Sale...1932 Ward LaFrance fire truck. Body in good condition, motor needs rebuild. Gas, dual ignition. \$10,000...I like to barter. Ray Kittell, Enosburg, 802-933-2830. Fire Truck was purchased new by Crown Point, NY fire Dept. and later was used for years at Smugglers Notch to give rides.

I am trying something different this month to bring more attention to our classified page. Have you noticed there have not been many ads the last few months? You must have something you need or want to sell.....please get your ads into Wheel Tracks and help make this page something everyone wants to read first.

I found this fire truck parked and for sale just down the road and thought it might be a good 1st

EDITORS CHOICE FEATURE CLASSIFIED.

If you see something unusual that is for sale and you think the VAE members would be interested, send me a picture and the particulars. I will build the classified page around it.

For Sale...

Many parts for a 55 Ford Station wagon. Bumper, front seat, auto transmission and Much more.
Call Carroll Bean in

Bradford, VT. 802-222-4436

5/12



For Sale..1976 Lincoln Continental, one owner's baby, top condition, 42k miles. Contact Dan Burns 802-933-9670 3/12

For Sale...2001 Subaru Legacy L, \$3,350 negotiable. 5 speed, 144k miles. Quite nice shape.
Call Joanna Conti 802-244-8375 leave message. 5/12

I Need

A great idea for the Classified Page from VAE member Roy Martin

Do you need a car part? Tell Wheel Tracks and maybe a VAE member out there has what you need.



I need.....mounting hardware for a 1930 Chrysler spare tire...call Wendell Noble 802-893-2232.

I need.....Tire irons for mounting tires on wheels...Call Gary Fiske 802-933-7780

I Need....?

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I need....?



New.....from Wheel Tracks ****The VAE Yellow(ed) Pages****



Every month from now on Wheel Tracks will be collecting listings from you and building (we hope) hundreds for our **VAE Yellow(ed) Pages** on our website...**vtauto.org**. How many times have you tried to remember who told you about that carburetor rebuilder they used now that you need one yourself? How about that place where you can get 'slotted screws' without having to pay a fortune? If you read about or drive by a shop or a vender that you would like to try, what is the first thing that comes to mind.....Yup you have it..... "I wonder if they are any good and can I afford them"? Hopefully the VAE Yellow(ed) Pages can help, because for as many of the listings as possible we will get the VAE member's permission to add their name if the member has used the service. The member's name will be in (*italics and in parenthesis*) at the end of the listing. Now you have someone in the **VAE Family** to call and get straight answers before you make an investment.

So.....please send Wheel Tracks listings of the 'shops and venders' you have done business with...the ones you trust.

Send them to gafiske@gmail.com or give me a list when I see you at a meeting.

Give meTHE CATEGORYTHE NAME....THE ADDRESS....THE PHONE NUMBER. Plus your name if I can list it.

All new listings will be in Wheel Tracks each month before they are transferred to our website.

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Vermont Technical College

Randolph Center, VT 802-728-1387

Engines:

Machine Shop:

Metal Restoration:

Classic Metal Restorations

123 Airport Rd, Shaftsbury, VT 802-733-5421

Glass:

Photography:

Great Photographic Art of Vermont

216 Lake St #303, Burlington, VT 802-999-1119

Over and Above Photography

579 Beam Rd, Hyde Park, VT 802-585-1011

Printing:

Winooski Press LLC

10 Stevens St, Winooski, VT 802-655-1611 (VAE)

Restorations:

Sand/Soda Blasting:

Small Tool Repair:

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Diesel Dan

5025 River Rd, Arlington, VT 802-233-1212

Upholstery:

Welding:

Duggan Welding and Line Boring

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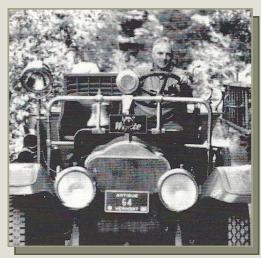
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1988 President Tom Maclay at the wheel of his 1917 White-Kress Fire Truck





VAE Calendar of Events..... vtauto.org....A Great Website



February 2012...

5th....Sunday 1PM to 3:30 PM.....Silent Movie at Wake Robin. See Monthly Meet on Page 3. Contact Jim, <u>packardsu8@netscape.net</u> 15th...Wednesday at 7PM. Stowe Show planning meeting at Commodores Inn on Rt. 100 Stowe. Contact Bob, rccwrn@pshift.com

March

17th... Saturday Noon. VAE Monthly Meeting at Anderson's Auto Glass in Williston. Details later.....

21st...Wednesday at 7PM. Stowe Show planning meeting at Commodores Inn on Rt. 100 Stowe. Contact Bob, rccwrn@pshift.com

April

Details later......VAE Garage Tour in Northern Vermont to include visit to Cold Hollow Career Center in Enosburg

12th-15th...Pigeon Forge Car Show (Spring Rod Run) Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, Contact 866-896-2950

18th...Wednesday at 7PM. Stowe Show planning meeting at Commodores Inn on Rt. 100 Stowe. Contact Bob, rccwrn@pshift.com

May

6th...Sunday @ 1PM Appreciation Dinner at the Commodore's Inn, Stowe Vermont

16th...Wednesday at 7PM. Stowe Show planning meeting at Commodores Inn on Rt. 100 Stowe. Contact Bob, <u>recwrn@pshift.com</u> 19th-20th...Sat. & Sunday. Crown Point, New York. See details page 9. Contact Fred Cook 802-223-2933

June

Details Later...VAE Tour to Central Vermont

17th...Sunday 10AM to 3PM...White Mtn. Cruisers Car Show, Bradford, VT. Contact Carroll Bean 802-222-4436

20th...Wednesday at 7PM. Stowe Show planning meeting at Commodores Inn on Rt. 100 Stowe. Contact Bob, rccwrn@pshift.com

July

16th-20th....Model T Ford Club International gathering in Rutland www.modelt.org/

August

10th –12th....Antique & Classic Car Meet, Stowe Vermont

September 2013.... 8th-13th. The 68th Glidden Tour being held in Vermont. All VAE invited.

Contact Richard Pignatello 802-496-5097