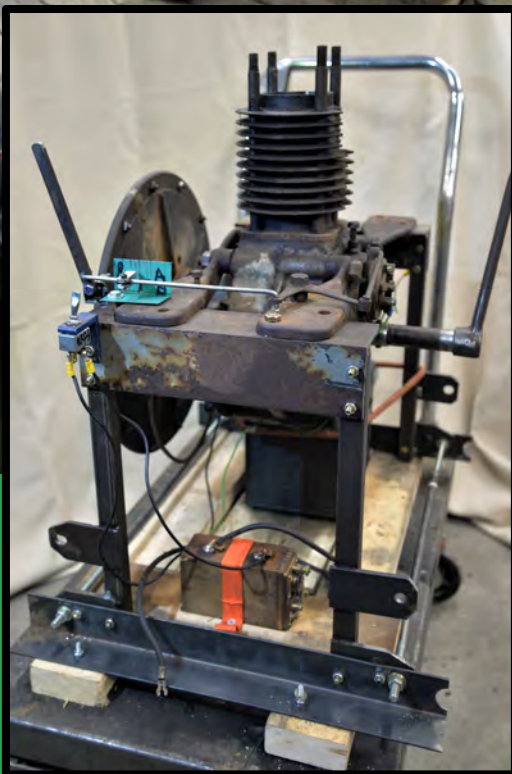


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The 1906 Orient Buckboard continues to make history in its quiet way.

Pictured above is the Orient introducing itself to the school children of Island Pond in May of 2015. Sorry, but Wheel Tracks has no name for the pretty young lady, seated.

Left is the Orient's engine being restored today in a machine shop in East Fairfield. Will we see the Orient under its own power in 2020? More on page 7.

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**FROM OUR PRESIDENT,
DUANE LEACH**

Hello, hope I'm finding everyone well, Its 30 degrees and snowing, the old cars are sleeping . I just came home from a vintage snowmobile show in Washington Vt , 70 plus machines from the early 60's - 92 some were restored better than new . Maybe we could get a model T or something on tracks and skis at that show next year to show them the first snowmobiles.

The winter is when most of the planning for the Waterbury show takes place ,you can join us the third Wednesday of the month ,7pm in the same building as Waterbury sports, (46 South Main Street, 2nd floor).

The club still has an open position for 2nd vice president, if your interested or know of someone's door we should knock on. Give me a call 849-6174.

Most of the monthly meetings have been planned, thanks to Gary. See the list on page 10 to mark your calendar.

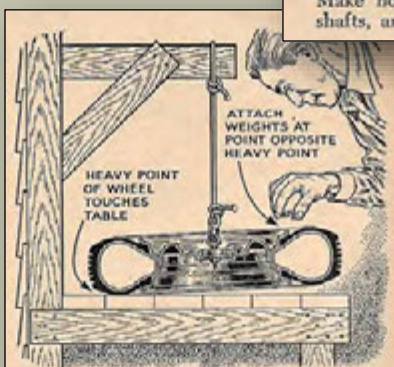
Maybe the lucky winner of last Falls Anne Gypson tour, will be announced soon, so the rest of us that participated can sleep!

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1952



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FROM YOUR EDITOR... GARY FISKE



Happy February!

Our club had a really nice New Years gift for 2020. Our webmaster, **Justin Perdue**, has completed about 80% of a new webpage for us and it is up for you to see!

It is called **"Member Vehicles"** and you can find it under the knock-down button called **"About VAE"**. You will find a list of just under 2000 VAE member vehicles listed by member name and the make, model and year of the vehicle.

The really good part, you can sort any column to find what you are looking for.

This is an idea that began 8 years ago and Justin has done a great job after lots of work. You will find a couple of pictures there also. There is a picture of Mike Felix's Dodge truck and if you click on the picture, the Wheel Tracks March 2019 story will come up. This will take some time, but eventually, all Wheel Tracks featured stories will be attached to the vehicles on this list.

The plan is, we will never take a vehicle, and its present owner, off the list. If, years from now, you sell your vehicle, then someone could start with you, if they want information about it. This way, our vehicles will be around...forever!

Here is a request I would like to ask of you.....

For all of you on this "Member Vehicles" web site but have not had a W/T feature story, would you please send a photo of your car? I would really like your vehicle picture there.

A digital picture would be perfect but if all you have is a photo, please send it to me. I will scan it and send the picture back to you.

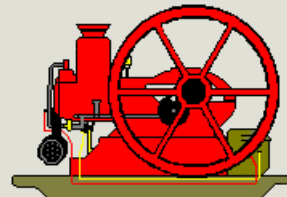
Something mysterious has also happened in the past eight years. I took a count of all VAE cars back then and found over 2400 vehicles. Where are you hiding them?

I would like to hear your comments about our new web page. Good or bad, I would like your thoughts.

Did you know there are 4 gas & steam engine clubs in Vermont?

We will be visiting one of the clubs in June at the Brownington Museum in the North East Kingdom. They will have their members there along with their old engines, pop-poping. Nancy and Gary Olney are heading up a 2-day, VAE gathering that will end at the museum on Saturday, the 20th of June. The name of that antique engine club is **"The Vermont Gas & Steam Club"**. I am still working to find the names of the other clubs but I know they are based in Quechee, South Barre and Ely Vermont.

I have invited the VGS Club to submit monthly articles to Wheel Tracks as an experiment. Many VAE members do not belong to an antique engine club but they do have an old engine in their collection. I have one and along with it, I have many questions about it. I would like to learn more about them.



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"The Softer Side"

A Column Shared by Anne Pierce (Left), Judy Boardman (Center) & Nancy Olney (Right)

CHRISTMAS PAST from Nancy

Most of us have just 'signed off' on another Christmas and are packing away the decorations and ornaments and dragging the tree to the curb.

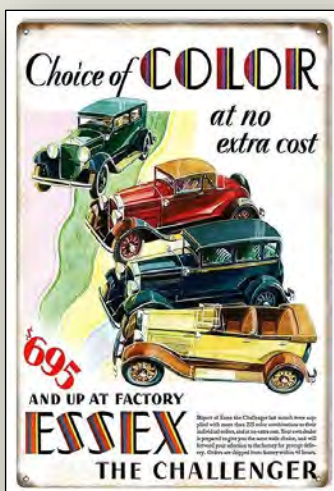
We were late with the tree and decorations this year, so we will leave them in a bit longer. Can't wait too long, as a lady at church today said that Walmart has all it's Easter candy and related stuff already to put out this week. I refuse to buy Easter eggs in January!

What I wanted to talk about is the change I have seen in the Christmas season since I was really 'into it'. I remember the real highlight was the stockings that Santa left on Christmas Eve. I have a picture of my brothers, sister and I up at 3AM holding our stockings. I believe my mother took our picture and sent us back to bed! The stockings were, for sure, the most important part of the 'gift getting'. I have often thought about why, but can just say, they were always fun.

Gifts under the tree were great too but we could almost always predict what would be there. If you needed PJs, they were under the tree. The same with other clothing, shoes, school supplies, etc. The key word is 'needed'. I am sure most of you reading this can relate to that. Santa saw to it, that things in the stocking, were fun and not necessarily needed. Probably some candy, socks, books, always a box of lifesavers (one item this Santa still gives everyone) and in the toe - a beautiful, large orange.

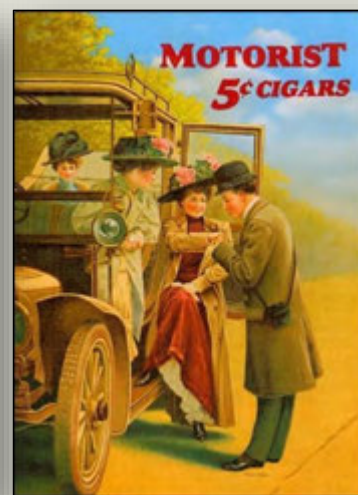
When I tell my grandchildren about the orange and how it was so eagerly welcomed, they look at me like I have two heads! I must realize that in their lifetime, oranges have been available and affordable all year round. The orange has now been replaced with a gift card to Xbox. What's an Xbox? A box with a X on it?? I dare say most things given at Christmas now are not on the 'needed' list and maybe that is good if it means families can afford the wanted list.

So what I am saying, is that waiting for Christmas for some needed things is just fine, especially if Santa supplies the fun things right along with the needed. Wishing you a belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Does any VAE member collect posters like these?

If you do, you should plan to let the rest of us see them, and learn how to be a collector of these beautiful pieces of art.



"Remember When" from Chris Barbieri

Nineteen Forty One was a great year for movies, cars and books.

One of those very good books is "Adventures of a White Collar Man" authored by automotive legend

Alfred P. Sloan Jr. It's a "must read" book for anyone interested in the early days of motor vehicles, including an inside look at General Motors during it's formative years and much more.



Published in 1941, in "Adventures of a White Collar Man", Sloan takes the reader through the challenges faced by the builders of motor cars from the teen's up until WW II.

I purchased a first edition of the book some 20 years ago at a flea market for one dollar. It was a great read back then and tough to put down. I then filed it with my old car book stuff, never to be seen again, so I thought. Not so! While recently sorting through my library of car books there it was. So, I read it again and it was worth every page.

Sloan walks the reader through his time as President and owner of Hyatt Roller Bearing Co. to President of General Motors. During his GM years Sloan helped propel General Motors to the largest car maker in the world. Along the way, the reader gets insights into auto icons, such as Henry Ford, Pierre S. DuPont, W.C. Durant, Walter P. Chrysler and more. Sloan also shares his views on the economy and politics of time.

I wondered if copies of the 1941 first edition were still available. So I Googled and found plenty from (beat up) \$4 copies all the way up to (like new), autographed with dust cover for \$1,200. Most fair to good condition copies could be had for \$20 up. Autographed copies from \$200 up. Happy reading!



These pictures most likely have never been seen by anyone except the person who took them. On the back of all of them, is written "Stowe '79", except #4 where it is written "Bill Young & his Packard"

Can anyone tell us more about these pictures of the 1979 Stowe Show?

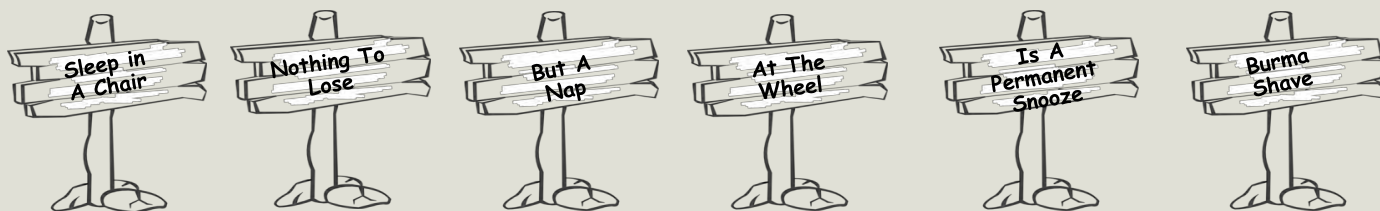
Is that a Model A in #1, who owns it? Who's Model Ts, is #2?

How big was the flea market that year(#3), was this where everyone complained about the mud?

Were there many one-lungers (#5) at the show?

Wow, how about the steam car the bell-bottoms and side-burns in #6!





Used To be....

You hear..... "Number Please", when you lift the phone.



Two men talking on a bus:
"I've been riding this bus to work for 15 years now."

"Lord Almighty, where did you get on?!"

Wife: "It's our wedding anniversary in a week, darling. How do you think we should celebrate?"

Husband: "With a minute of silence."

I have a very good feeling about my job interview today. The manager said they were looking for somebody responsible.

"You've found your man," I responded, "whenever there was a problem in my last job, they always said that I was responsible!"

Judge: "Why did you steal the car?"
Man: "I had to get to work."

Judge: "Why didn't you take the bus?"
Man: I don't have a driver's license for the bus.

The police stop a guy in questionable condition at 1 am.

"What are you doing out so late, sir?" asks the police officer.

"I'm going to a seminar on 'The harmful effects of alcohol'," replies the man.

"Are you pulling my leg or something?!" says the police officer, who would hold a seminar like that at this hour?!"

The man sighs, "my wife."



Wheel Tracks Academy

What's In your Tank

From Wendell Noble

Probably what we shade tree mechanics understand the least about our internal combustions is the internal combustion process.

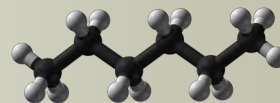
That process is chemistry. My educational background is physics, so that leaves me with a distain for chemistry. Very early I concluded that the main difference between chemistry and physics is the smell. Chemistry smells bad and physics doesn't.

The specific kind of chemistry involved in the combustion process is organic chemistry. I know very little about organic chemistry but I'm willing to share my ignorance. Organic chemistry involves molecules made up of carbon and other atoms, like hydrogen. The compounds are called hydrocarbons. When a hydrocarbon burns it is actually reacting with oxygen. The carbons oxidize to carbon dioxide and the hydrogens oxidize to water. Each reaction gives off heat. The more atoms there are in a fuel molecule, the more heat. For the most part, the hydrocarbons in our fuel are of a family known as aliphatic hydrocarbons. **You can forget that name unless you are a name dropper and want to drop that one at a cocktail party sometime.**

The important thing is that these molecules exist as straight line chains of carbon atoms bonded together. Each carbon atom to four other atoms, either to neighboring carbon atoms or hydrogen atoms off to the side. The smallest molecule in this family has one carbon surrounded by four hydrogen atoms. It's called methane, natural gas, swamp gas or, according to the environmental community, **cow farts**. Every compound in the family is named according to the number of carbons in the chain. The shorter and lighter molecules, like propane and butane are gases at atmospheric pressure.

The longer ones from hexane on up are liquids until the longest which are solid paraffin with more than 20 carbons.

The liquid fuels that we are familiar with don't seem to have any clear cut or consistent definitions. Gasoline is a mixture of molecules from 5 to 12 carbons in length. There are usually some other types of hydrocarbons blended in, such as benzene and ether. Kerosene has molecules from 10 to 14 carbons in length. Diesel fuel and home heating oil molecules 10 to 15 carbons long with some dissolved paraffins. It should be noted from all this that a volume of gasoline has less energy content than the same volume of kerosene or diesel fuel since it contains fewer atoms to oxidize during combustion.



Hexane Molecule



That's one reason you hear about some impressive fuel economy numbers for diesel engines. Since it contains some dissolved paraffins. Diesel fuel has to be reformulated for seasonal temperature changes. The paraffins will precipitate out at very low temperatures and plug up the fuel filter and injectors. I've had it happen and it stops you dead until things warm up again.

Well that's all I know and a bit more. Enjoy your drive and may all your traffic lights be green.

From front page.....

**Indeed, the 1906 Orient Buckboard
continues to make history in its quiet way.**

It was July, 2010, Gary Olney's Orient Buckboard made its way to Wheel Tracks. At the time the Buckboard had a lonely corner of a rented barn in Derby, Vermont. There was a visit to a small car show in Island Pond, the front page pictures a young lady sitting in the vehicle's 114 year old seat.



Today, the Orient has a place of honor at Gary and Nancy's home in Derby Line. The tires are still flat but there is a plan! The engine has been removed and sits in Dennis Dodd's shop in East Fairfield. There is a plan to get it running, on the shop stand, then the rest of the vehicle will be retrieved to reinstall the engine. From there, the other small problems will be tackled and the Orient will have a new life of car shows and short parades.

The engine has a carburetor but most of its innards are missing. Dennis will be making new valves since it is impossible to find factory valves, also a cracked exhaust valve seat needs to be addressed. He has found the ignition timer is still in good condition and has it set for running. The bottom end and the cylinder/piston also seems to be in working order so he has decided to go after the other items that need attention. That attention will cover the exhaust routing, new gaskets, possibly the valve sleeves and what has already been mentioned. He says the hardest task is to follow Mr. Olney's instructions and leave the engine's patina as is. We all love to make things look brand-new, but Gary's hope is the Orient will basically look the same when the restoration is complete.

Dennis has also found the engine is a late 1905 model. It is most likely the original engine, it is just that the factory had probably not made the switch to the newer engine when they sold this vehicle. Most manufacturers of the time added changes throughout the year and was not into today's New-Model-Year mentality of today.

This is a part of the Wheel Tracks story from 2010....

There are some mysteries we have been unable to find answers to but isn't that exactly how it should be? This Orient Buckboard was built by the Waltham Manufacturing Company on Rumford Avenue in Waltham, Mass. Thanks to Bill Sherk's article in 'Old Autos', a publication printed in Bothwell Ontario, a few of the mysteries have been solved. The auto...with it's Massachusetts number plate..... made it's way from Waltham to Antigonish Nova Scotia when a jeweler purchased it (date unknown). The story goes that the jeweler would often turn to swearing as he turned the crank because the car was so hard to start.



At some point the jeweler made arrangements to store the Orient Buckboard and a 1912 Studebaker in an area barn owned by the grandfather of Mr. Gordon Penny. When the Studebaker was removed it is said the Orient was left as payment for storage. When Gordon was 14 years old in 1945 he found the Orient in his grandfathers barn, the Massachusetts plate was still attached. He pulled the Orient out and got it running.

The "friction drive"
can easily be seen here.
A rubber disc,
mounted, and touching,
90 degrees to this disc,
allows the speed
variations



The story continues.....in the early 1950s Gordon sold the Orient, in running condition, to Mr. Harry Olney of Springfield, Vermont.

Mr. Gordon still resides in Antigonish, Nova Scotia and when he was interviewed by Bill Sherk he said he thought the Orient was now in Maine someplace. Well, guess what, the Orient resides in Derby, Vermont and is owned by Harry Olney's son Gary... the Orient still has it's Mass.1908 plate #0237K.

There were about 2500 Orient Buckboards built and it is estimated 57 exists today, of which 45 are in the United States. The 1906 Orient was sold new for \$440 and was the first to have what is called Friction Drive, a wheel and disc that allows an infinite variation of speeds forward and reverse also allowing for much less vibration when driving. Top speed is 35 MPH and if you want to enter a race, special 'racing' sprockets can be installed to reach up to 40MPH. The engine produces 4 horsepower and is air cooled. The car weight is 525 pounds with a wheelbase of 80 inches. The wheel track is 42 inches but can be changed to 56 inches which would allow it to fit into the 'standard wagon tread'.



Edi Fiske

The Roadside Diner

Chicken Dijon



2 whole medium chicken breasts	3 tbs. butter or margarine
1 tsp. onion salt	Chicken broth
1/2 tsp. lemon pepper	1/2 cup light cream
1 six ounce package regular long grain and wild rice mix or 2 cups hot cooked rice	2 tbs. all-purpose flour
	1 tbs. Dijon-style mustard
	Tomato wedges (optional)
	Parsley (optional)

Skin. halve lengthwise, and bone chicken breasts, sprinkle chicken with onion salt and lemon pepper.

Prepare long grain and wild rice mix, directions on package.

Meanwhile, in a skillet over medium heat cook chicken in butter or margarine about 20 minutes or until tender. Remove to a platter and keep warm. Measure pan juices, add enough chicken broth to make one cup liquid. Return to skillet. Stir together light cream and flour, add to broth. Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly. Cook and stir 1 to 2 minutes more. Stir in Dijon-style mustard.

Spoon some sauce over chicken; pass remainder. Garnish with tomato wedges and snipped parsley, if desired. Serve with hot cooked rice. Makes 4 servings.



Charlie Thompson's "My First Car Stories"

Contact me if I can get your "First Car Story" for Wheel Tracks...802-878-2536

My First Car by John Mahnker

My first car goes way back to 1946 when I was 15 (you can do the math). I was working part time after school at the Wells River Shell Station, and learning to drive, by moving customers' cars around and sometimes driving. The Vermont learners law at that time permitted a person 16 or over to drive with a mature driver occupying the passenger seat. OK, so I was not yet 16, but I got away with it.

I heard an elderly **Mr. Lyons** was giving up driving and knew of his pristine 1927 Studebaker Standard Six. I went to his home with my life savings of \$50 and offered that for the car and he accepted it. The car was in storage with a dead battery and a drained radiator. So on a cold winter night I got my step-father to pull it out of the garage and tow me across town to our home. It was in perfect condition and I had it running by the weekend. I also received the owner's manual and a large wall chart to hang on the garage wall with detailed lube and maintenance instructions, which I still have.

This Studebaker was dark green with black fenders. It had full instruments including a clock, ornate flower vase on the inside B pillar, ignition switch on the instrument panel and secondary ignition switch which locked the steering column. Also had pull-down curtains on the three rear windows, rear wheel brakes only -- but they made broad-siding in the snow a lot of fun.

I turned 16 on December 31 and a few days later one of my over 18 buddies rode with me to the Bradford Highway Department for my driver's test. After completing the paperwork the examiner and I went out for a test ride. He was a large tall guy and climbing in he bumped his head on the door opening. (Not a good start, I thought.) Off we went down the steep grade to Main Street and a stop sign at the bottom of the hill. The paved road had sand in on and I locked up the rear wheel brakes and kept sliding down the hill. I told the examiner it's not going to stop and he said, "There's nothing coming so let her go -- I use to have one just like this."

License was approved and I went home and waited four or five days for it to come from Montpelier as that was how it was done.

Although the Stude was perfectly dependable, I found that working after school in the winter, I really could not afford a car.

A local farmer and milk hauler who liked his booze came out of the bar one night and offered me \$60 for the Studebaker and I sold it on the spot. He got it home and the next morning he had no memory of buying the car. He had sons younger than I and they used the Stude to go out in the fields to bring in the cows. They did that until the universal joint (which was fabric material) broke and to this day they remember the car but do not know what became of it.

So that's the saga of the 1927 Studebaker. I got my license with it, saved more money and later bought a 1934 Ford V-8 which was more suiting for a High School Senior.



John's 1927 Studebaker



VAE Gossip from GCF



Do you want to see something very special? Bill Billado sent Wheel Tracks the internet address of a video you really need to watch. I have passed it on to John Lavallee, so maybe you have seen it already, if not, then send Wheel Tracks an email and I will forward it to you.

The video is of an attempted car hijack by four men, caught on a street camera. The car with the men pull across a narrow street in front of an oncoming car and two jump out, while two are still in the car, and run toward their victim. But then the driver of the 'victim car' starts blowing his horn! The only thing different, is the horn had been rigged to sound like GUN SHOTS! The hijackers, immediately, went from 'brave' to '4- cowards', running down the streets, away from the gun-shots. They even leave their car behind, getting away. You will really enjoy watching this video.

I just heard that **Bill Sander** has been released from rehab and was home for Christmas. He had an operation and has had a long slug of rehab. All good news Bill, 2020 will be a good year but you probably know that by now.

Have you ever heard of the "Antique and Classic Boat Society"? It is a national organization and there is a local Lake Champlain Chapter of the Society. The local chapter has begun their planning of a 2021 society gathering at the Burlington Waterfront. It will be held on September 10th and 11th.

Do you want to hear about the "really good part" of the plan? We have been invited! Can you imagine the scene? Hundreds of antique and classic boats in the harbor and hundreds of antique and classic vehicles in the park beside the Coast Guard Station?

They have asked if we could provide a couple of members to help with the planning as liaisons between the clubs. So if old boats and old cars are down-your-alley, drop Wheel Tracks a note and we will pass it on.

Wheel Tracks recently found a copy of the latest book on a variation of your **Vermont 251 Club** experience. **Nancy and Ken Stone** had completed the Vermont tour of all 251 towns and she ended up doing a really nice book. She hand-sketched a postcard for each of the towns, using one of her many photos she had taken and then wrote a small message on the back of each. A little like they did when post cards were often used in the early 1900s.

She even included a post-mark that indicated the date of the visit.

The book is called "251 Vermont Vistas", a great book for your shelf and a very nice gift for your out-of-state family.

From Charlie Thompson's response to his first "My First Car" column. He wrote about his '49 Plymouth but had no picture. Wheel Tracks found a replacement picture, that was not his.

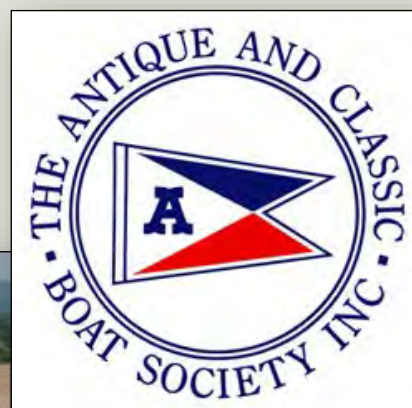
"Nice photo of a 1949 Plymouth in the January 2020 Wheel Tracks. Mine didn't have the visor and its color was black or dark blue. My patched rusted left front fender was where that chrome strip was. I still have the four 15" wheel covers like the ones in the photo. I put them on a borrowed horse trailer when we were fetching our daughter's horse and then went and asked for them back from the trailer owner. Charlie"

The new column is a great addition to Wheel Tracks, we need to thank Charlie for the idea. We also need your story. Contact him, if you don't want to write it, then Charlie can take your notes on the phone. Wheel Tracks needs to have a nice talk with John Mahnker about his life's choices, after giving up his beautiful Studebaker so easily (read John's story on page 8).

Richard Maclay sent this to us. His ditty does not apply to many of us youth-oriented folks, we are not sure who he is writing about.... **From Richard Maclay-**

THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE.

- 1) You believe in Santa Claus.
- 2) You don't believe in Santa Claus.
- 3) You are Santa Claus.
- 4) You look like Santa Claus.



VAE Trivia from Don Tenerowicz



- A. 1st year of Corvette production and the number produced
- B. Yes or No, the 1953 Blue Flame Six had mechanical lifters
- C. 1st year different color options available other than Polo White
- D. 1st and only year of the rear split window
- E. What model year did not have any production
- F. Corvette production of 56 street legal models for the SCCA Corvette Challenge
- G. 1st ZR-1 Corvette
- H. Year of the Lotus designed 375 hp LT-5 engine
- I. Year of base price of \$2,774
- J. Model Year production of 3,460, desired production of 12,000

Answers....at bottom of page



Coming VAE Events for 2020

Next up.....



Saturday, February 29th at 10:30
RPM - Restoration and Performance
Motorcars at 462 Monkton Road,
Vergennes, VT

From Ed Hilbert..... " *Peter and his work-ers do beautiful work on all sorts of cars, trucks, and tractors. He has customers and cars from all around the world. I didn't count the number of cars there but it must approach 80 or more cars. It will be a great gathering!*"

Directions..... From RT 7 there are three entrances to Vergennes, all of which go to the west. Peter's turn is at the second entrance, but not west into Vergennes. Rather go east on Monkton Rd. Very quickly you will cross some Rail Road tracks and Peter's is the first driveway on the right. There you will find some brown buildings which are Peter's home and business buildings.

As for lunch, we will have a bag lunch at Peter's. The club will supply coffee, soda and water. There will also be a short business meeting.

Call Ed if you have questions.....802-453-3743

The AutoShoppe

March....Saturday, March 14th @ 10AM.
 6 Gregory Drive, South Burlington, VT.

Bill Billado will be arranging the VAE gathering. Brian and Cory will give a one hour "tour" of the shop and at around 11:00 AM the VAE may conduct their business meeting followed by a pizza lunch provided by The Auto Shoppe. The VAE will provide beverages. Wrap up time will be noon. Questions, call Bill at 802-985-2405

April.... Watch for dates.... Richard Mclay will be leading a gathering to Port Henry, New York, to Mark Rougier's paint shop.

From Richard.... "Mark will be showing everyone how to put epoxy onto metal followed by two gelcoats. You can see your face in it. Mark has a few other tricks he'll reveal too. I've asked Mark to make samples that the VAE people can take with them."

May 30th, rain-date June 6th....

Wings & Wheels at Highgate airport. A fly-in and old cars with more details later. Gary Fiske & Hal Boardman.

June 19th & 20th.... Newport/Brownington Museum Tour. You can choose to stay over night Friday for that days gathering and the Saturday tour or meet us at the museum later Sat. The antique engine event will be happening at the museum. Gary & Nancy Olney.

July 17th, 18th & 19th.... A "Nichol Tour" in the Proctorsville, VT. All Nichol Era 1915 to 1931 vehicles are welcome. Don't have a Nichol vehicle?.....Come and stay over with your modern car and catch a ride with one of the tour cars. Fred & BJ Gonet.

July 10th....

Ken Gypson has invited us back to Bennington for the Hemmings gathering and a low key tour. More details later.

July 1st, 6PM..... VAE Board meeting at Whitney Hill Homestead in Williston

August 7th, 8th & 9th....

The 63rd Annual Vermont Antique & Classic Car Meet in Waterbury. Bob Chase & Duane Leach.

September 19th.....

Vermont Cars & Coffee extended and a Burlington Tour. Plus other plans forming. John Malinowski and Charlie Thompson.

October 7th, 6PM.... VAE board meeting at Whitney Hill Homestead in Williston.

October.... The Gypson Tour

November....The VAE Annual Meeting

December....The VAE Holiday Party.
 Charlie Thompson.

A. 1953, qty of 300 B. Yes C. 1954 D. 1963 E. 1983 F. 1988 G. 1989 H. 1989 I. 1954 J. 1954

Wheel Tracks Classifieds



Free to all Enthusiasts

For Sale....1940 Lincoln Zephyr Club Coupe.
Number 3 condition. Completely stock w/ V12.
Runs great. New brakes, fuel pump and rebuilt
carb. NY state inspected. Needs only minor
things done. Asking \$25,000 Ken Gypson
kengypson@yahoo.com 518 423 7565 (can text)

February Bumper Sticker...

**Life is short.
Smile while you
still have teeth.**



For Sale...New, never mounted,
Edelbrock Finned Aluminum Valve covers for AMC 390
\$275 plus shipping.
Call Don Tenerowicz 960-872-9013

For Sale.....

- **1964 Corvette Sting Ray** brochure. Full color, 8 pages, 9"x12" and in
very nice condition. \$15.
- **The Ford 1957 Almanac** for Farm, Ranch and Home. Size 5" x 7" in
color and 176 pages. Unusual piece in excellent condition. \$10.
- **1957 - 58 VW** owners manual in fair to good condition. \$10

Chris Barbieri cgeeb99@gmail.com [e-mail preferred as limited cell
service at 802-249-0272]

For Sale... 1940 Buick Super Series 50 Sedan. Completely original. No rot
anywhere! Never smoked in. Was used as chauffeur-driven transportation
for its wealthy owners. New tires, brakes, tune-up, radiator, water pump and
more. Original interior is in
excellent condition, even the
glove box and trunk lights still
work! Running, registered and
inspected through October 2020.
Excellent condition. \$8500.00
Call 802-476-6097.



For Sale...

* 8 Valves, in original box labeled RICH King Quality
Valves, V958, .33" stem dia., 1.4" head dia., 5.42" stem
length. Make an offer.



* Gas cap with chain attached so you can't
leave it at the pump. Would fit 2" filler
pipe. Make an offer.

* Distributor cap for 6 cyl., would fit a 2.5"
ID body. Make an offer.
Charlie Thompson 807-878-2536.



Wanted.... An 18-foot closed car trailer in good condition.
Call 802-933-7780

1950s expressions..... Back Seat Bingo— Necking in the car.
Tear Ass— Go Fast. **Pop the Clutch**— no explanation needed.
Lead Sled— using lead to customize. **Haul Ass**— drive fast.
Cherry-original or new. **Bent Eight**— a V-8 engine.

Announcement.....

Antique Car Theme Trip to China for VAE Members !

Trip to China for VAE members ! This 11
day trip to China will include visiting
antique car museums in Shanghai and
Beijing and a tour of the huge VW factory in
Shanghai.

Trip highlights include visiting the Terra
Cotta Warriors in Xian and the Great Wall,
Tian'anmen Sq., and Forbidden City in
Beijing.

This will be a small group. All meals will
be in local restaurants, not tourist bus stops.

This is an opportunity to learn about Chi-
nese' unique culture.

**Contact Chris Barbieri for more details
at cgeeb99@gmail.com.**

1915 New York Auto Law

Fifty Dollar Fines Common Under New Stricter Regulations

1. For failure to take out registration with the
secretary of state when required by law, they
are liable to a penalty of \$50 fine.
2. Operating as a chauffeur without first being
licensed, fine of \$50.
3. There is no #3.
4. Unauthorized use of motor vehicle,
imprisonment for ten years.
5. Owner of moto vehicle for conveyance of
passengers employing as intemperate driver,
penalty \$5 fine for every day of such
employment.
6. Operating car while intoxicated, imprisonment
for one year or fine of \$500, or both.
7. Failure of vendor to notify the secretary of
state upon sale of car, fine of \$50.
8. Person under 18 years of age operating car
unless accompanied by owner of the car or
duly licensed chauffeur, fine of \$10.
9. Any person driving away after causing injury
with out leaving his name is punishable by fine
of \$500 or two years imprisonment, or both.
10. Any one driving any rig or motor vehicle is
supposed to keep on the right of the center of
the road, and failing to keep to the right of the
center of the road when he is signaled by a car
going in the same direction is a misdemeanor.

VERMONT AUTOMOBILE ENTHUSIASTS

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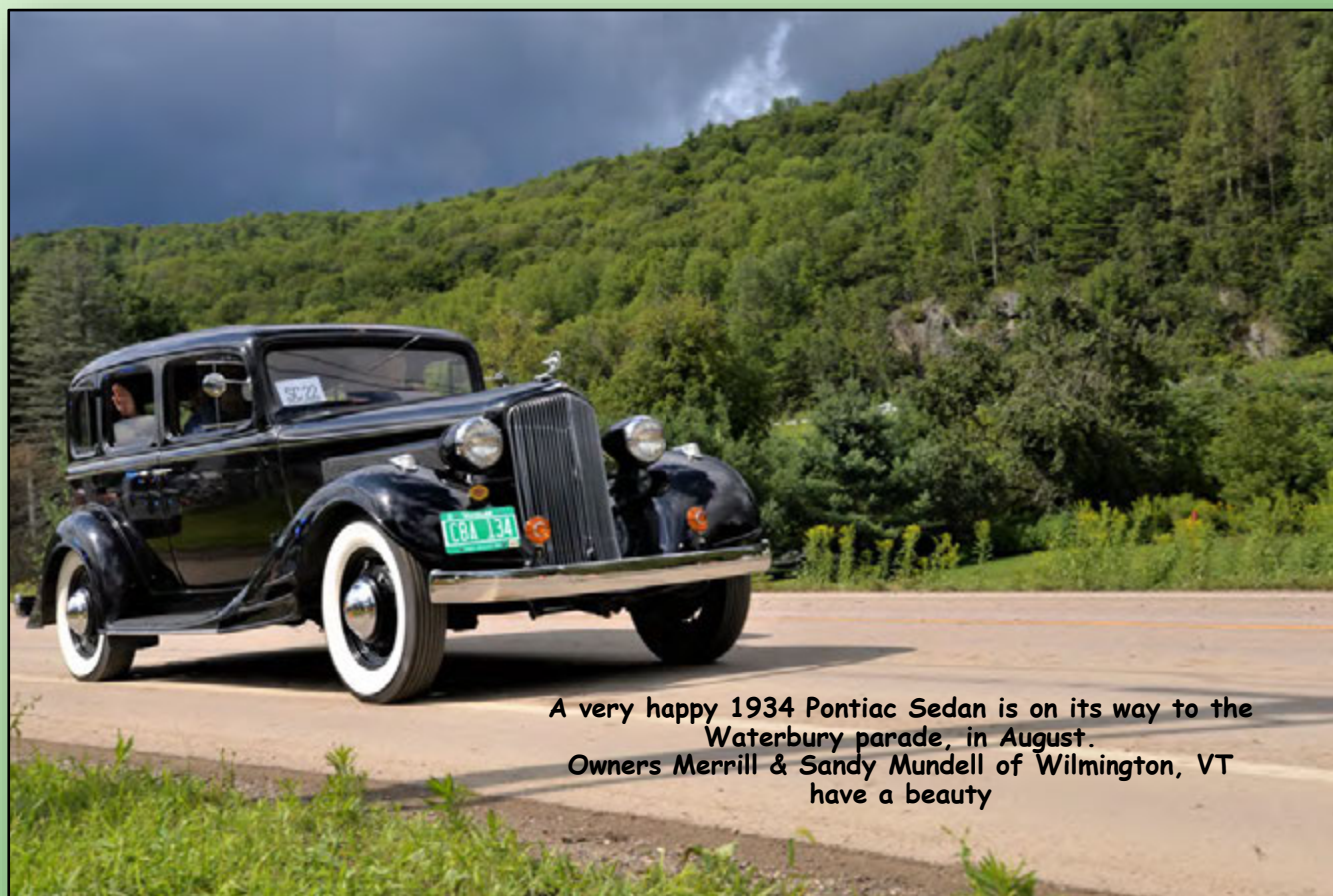


**1989 Studebaker Avanti
From Dannemora, NY.
Owner: Stephen Brown**



February 2020

Check the date after your name,
Your VAE Membership
might need to be renewed.



**A very happy 1934 Pontiac Sedan is on its way to the
Waterbury parade, in August.
Owners Merrill & Sandy Mundell of Wilmington, VT
have a beauty**