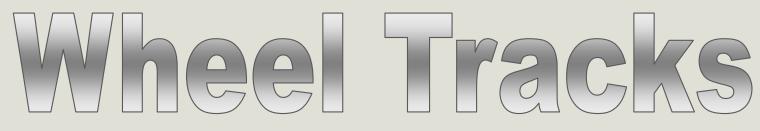
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This Issue of Wheel Tracks Will be Your Last if You Have Not Renewed Your Membership

FROM YOUR EDITOR

Gary Fiske

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Happy Holidays to all of you. There were almost fifty of us at the T-Bones Christmas Party last Sunday. Even though it was cramped, I know of no one who didn't have a grand time. Our proof reader, **Edi**, (my Mom) came along and had fun matching faces with the names she had been reading about all year. The magical thing about this VAE Group of People is, stranger or member...new member or old member...female or male...no matter what you collect or don't collect, everyone feels welcome and is included. I guess that is what the VAE is all about.

You will find some nice new additions to Wheel Tracks this month. **Clark and Isabelle Wright** have come up with a grand idea of adding the Berma Shave jingles to Wheel Tracks. Can you think of anything more fitting for our newsletter? It starts on page 5.

Do you remember the 12 'mini-features' that were in the August Wheel Tracks? I heard many positive comments about them and when I asked **Don Rayta** if he would give it a shot on getting one each month, he agreed. The response has been great, we have them lined up through March. Our first mini-feature is about a Camaro and one of the most interesting people I have ever met, **Doris Bailey**. You will find her story on page 7.

You will find another **'BEGINNING'** on page 15, **The VAE Yellow(ed) Pages**. I asked **John Lavallee** a few weeks ago if he would send a request out to the members for listings and I have never seen a faster response. Great encouraging comments immediately started coming in along with vendor and shop listings. You will find our first 15 already on our website.. **vtauto.org.**

Speaking of our website, go there and see all the new additions that have been added. Our web master **Rachel Smith** has been very busy doing the work that has been requested. A complete 'refresh', our new **Stowe Show Page**, Our home page with the latest Wheel Tracks feature picture and story, and the '**slideshare**' for Wheel Tracks that allows for Twitter and Facebook sharing. There is a '**Members Only Page**' that is being built and waiting Board approval for content. You may notice a few other changes in Wheel Tracks. Your comments are great and the driving force, so please keep them coming. **Happy 2012.**



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From The President

David Sander



I was 14 when I joined the VAE. I'm 42 now. I've seen a lot happen in the club during the last 28 years. Most good, some bad. I can remember feeling upset when I saw 1955-57 Chevys at Stowe for the first time. Somehow they did not look like antique cars to me. At the time I thought antique cars had brass lights and button tucked leather seats. Anything newer just looked like an old car. Now, my 1987 Saab is eligible for Stowe, but that does not upset me. Why? I am actually missing the cars of the '80's now. We just don't see them anymore, and I actually enjoy the rare spotting of one on the road today.

We have had some great years, And some bad ones too. We have also lost a lot of great people. Really great people. Some lived long healthy lives, others have had their lives cut

tragically short. Some have moved away, others have drifted away from the club. Some of these people may not be with us anymore, but I will never forget what I learned from them.

I never would have been able to learn how to rebuild an engine, shoot paint or restore a car without a lot of help from some special VAE members.

It's the people who are the heart and soul of any club, and our club is no exception. Our membership is the most valuable asset this club has. We are a very special group of people. As president, I will go out of my way to make myself available to our members, and to conduct club activities in a visible, fair, respectful and transparent manor.

I've learned a great deal over the years, and I have some strong feelings that were formed by what I've learned.

First and foremost, I want every member to feel welcomed and appreciated. It doesn't matter if your vehicle of choice is a kit built fiberglass kit car with a fuel injected small block Chevy crate engine, or if your car of choice is an all original 1906 curved dash Oldsmobile. We are The Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts, and I don't want people to feel excluded, discriminated against or unwelcome. We all have an enthusiasm for automobiles, all automobiles, and that is simply great. Everybody has something to offer. We have an eclectic group, with many experiences, memories, tastes and of course, a love of cars. I want our members to feel welcomed at all of our functions and events. Our events are a great forum to share this enthusiasm for automobiles.

Second, I care deeply about the success of our club, and it's future. I get really nervous about the weather in mid August... As this can have a disastrous effect on our Stowe Show attendance. We can't control the weather, but we can control our finances. I feel it is critically important to have a reserve fund, should we have a disastrous event again at Stowe. We got lucky this past year. A few days in either direction and we would have been rained out, again. If we have two bad years in a row, we could easily be broke, again.

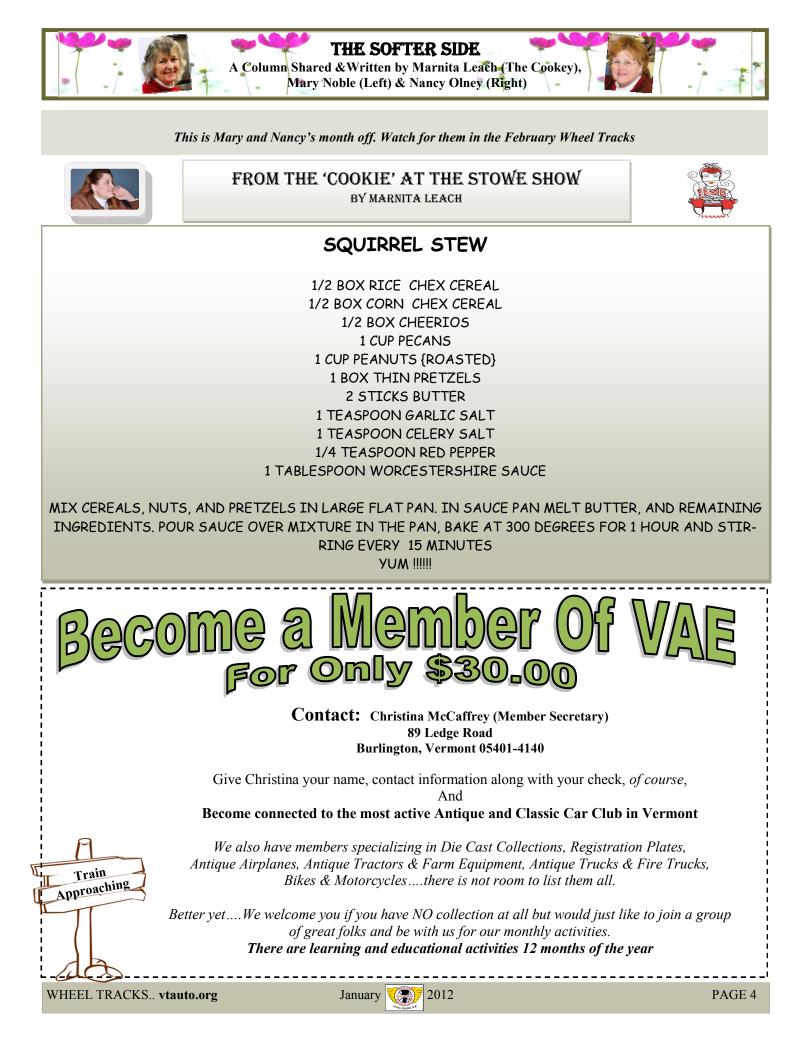
I think we should also be thinking about the future of the club. I would love to see our club obtain a building with a library of VAE history and a rotating group of member cars on display. Not a priority of mine for this year, but something to think about for the future.

We will also have some challenges this year. In May we will be providing vehicles for the Champlain Bridge Dedication and Celebration. Not an easy undertaking. Stowe 2012 will need a great deal of time, effort and hard work, all with volunteers. This show has always been a success, yet every year it just gets better and better. We will need your help to make these events successful.

I am very fortunate to be president this year. Our finances are good, our membership is strong, and I have a great relationship with our officers.

We have been very fortunate to have very talented members stepping up and serving as officers. Wendell is going to be a tough act to follow as president. Fortunately, we still have Wendell as our board chairman. We have a great team, and a great club. I am looking forward to continuing our excellent working relationship throughout this exciting new year. If you like what you see, tell a friend and ask them to join the club. If you don't like what you see, please tell me.





Gene Fodor's "Did You know"



Time goes on and in 1911, did you know that ...

- ... The production was almost 200,000 cars and over 10,000 trucks
- ... Chevrolet Motor Co. was organized and began production in Flint, MI
- ... Cadillac used an electric starter developed by Charles Franklin Kettering
- ... Pierce Arrow added a 5 ton truck to its auto line
- ... The Buick "BUG" set a speed record of 20 miles in 13 minutes and 11.92 seconds
- ... GM Truck Co. was formed combining the Rapid and Reliant truck companies
- ... A new Reo record NYC to San Francisco, 10 days, 15 hours, 13 minutes
- ... Hudson offered a simplified chassis and a multiple disk clutch
- ... International Motor co. was formed by combining Mack Bros. Motor Car Co., Sauer Motor Co. and Hewitt Motor Co.
- ... The first Indy 500 was won by Ray Harroun in a 6 cyl, Marmon "Wasp" and introduced the first ever rear view mirror
- ... The first automobile manufacturing securities were listed on the NY Stock Exchange
- ... The Studebaker Corp discontinued electric cars to concentrate on gasoline cars
- ... A Packard truck was driven from coast to coast in 46 days
- ... The first truck show was staged in Madison Square Garden, in NYC
- ... 50 new marques were introduced this year, sadly none remain today.

Photo Caption: the 1911 COEY Flyer, one of the cars introduced in 1911

Is it time to hang up the car keys?





Sent to WT by Bill Billado



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: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning? WITNESS: He said , 'Where am I, Cathy?' ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you? WITNESS: My name is Susan!

ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact? WITNESS: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

> ATTORNEY: Are you sexually active? WITNESS: No, I just lie there.

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning? WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he? WITNESS: He's 20, much like your IQ.

ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken? WITNESS: Are you shitting me?

ATTORNEY: So the date of conception (of the baby) was August 8th? WITNESS: Yes. ATTORNEY: And what were you doing at that time? WITNESS: Getting laid

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The Goodrichs and Their E-Type Jag from page one



While spending the winter in Florida in 1995 my wife and I drove by a garage in St Petersburg where they did antique car restorations. It looked like an interesting place to visit so we stopped in to meet the owner who gave us a tour. Among disassembled Bentleys, Studebakers and the pieces of a 1939 SS100 Jaguar was a 1968 blue Jaguar E-type which was receiving the finishing touches of a refurbishing.

My wife, who usually is not enthusiastic about visits to car garages, thought that Jaguar was, as she put it "art in motion". I seized the moment and immediately asked the owner if the

car was for sale. It turned out that it was his wife's car which they had reluctantly decided to sell. We left the shop, talked it over and decided that if he would repaint it red, we would negotiate to buy the car.

A few weeks later we were the proud owners of the 68 Jaguar which we drove to our first car show in Tarpon Springs. After winning a first prize we were returning to our condo in Largo when true to Jaguar reputation, first the horn failed, then the radiator cooling fans followed by the car overheating. We pulled off the road and were soon passed by two model A's and a model T!

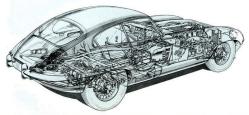
I mentioned the car to my son who lives in Nashville, TN. He said that he had a friend who had owned a similar car years before but it was blue. The friend mentioned that he had sold it to an antique car restorer from St Petersburg, FL! On a visit to Nashville a few years later I met the previous owner who said that he had to sell the Jaguar to finance his new business. It was the same car.

Since then we have enjoyed the Jaguar, taken it to many shows where it really is: Art in Motion (at least most of the time!).

I grew up in Sheldon, VT & while in college I worked summers at the state park at Lake Elmore and the Tyler Place in Highgate Springs. At Elmore in the 1950's I met Adrian West (deceased but long time VAE member) and we enjoyed our mutual interest in old cars.

After college and marriage, work took my wife and I permanently from Vermont in the late 1950's. We kept a camp on Fairfield Pond in the family and have returned there for a few weeks each summer since. After retiring my wife and I became reacquainted with Adrian and joined VAE about 15 years ago. We have enjoyed attending the VAE shows.

We keep a house in Lake Forest, IL where the Jaguar E-type and my son's 1967 Jaguar 420 currently reside; the 1963 MGB now being in Florida. My son and I brought his Jaguar 420 to the British Invasion at Stowe two years ago where it won second place in the Concours class.



Announcement From Gene Fodor

2012 Model T Ford Club International (MTFCI) National

Tour - The 2012 tour is going to be held in our backyard, Rutland Vt, July 16-20. 2012 It is going to be a great tour and we already have some great drives and activities lined up. If anyone has any questions about lodging or the tour in general go online to www.modelt.org.



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Some befuddling questions from Gene Fodor

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are almost dead?Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they already know there is not enough money?Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars; but have to check when you say the paint is still wet?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard? Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him? Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets? Whose idea was it to put an 'S' in the word 'lisp'? If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes? Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white? Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?









My friend, Arnold Ruch, told me when he was 16 years old the farmer he was working for, in the NE Kingdom asked him to get the tractor and haul the combine down the road to the neighbors. He was also told <u>not</u> to use high gear. This was in 1947 and the name on the tractor was Plymouth. I never knew Plymouth (Chrysler) made tractors and I found out they didn't. I found this 1934 Plymouth Tractor picture on the internet.....

A company named Fate-Root-Heath in Plymouth, Ohio started building Plymouth tractors in 1934. When the economy went bad from the '29 crash the Ohio company decided to rework their locomotive yard tractor into a farm tractor since they were in the center of farm country. Chrysler had been using the Plymouth name since 1928 for automobiles and it bothered them when they started seeing these tractors zipping down the road at 25MPH (one of the fastest tractors built at the time). In 1934 Chrysler had had enough and went to court to make Fate-Root-Heath stop using the Plymouth name but it turned out the little Ohio company had built a single automobile back in 1910 and called it a Plymouth. Chrysler lost in court and ended up paying \$1.00 for the Plymouth name in 1934. Fate-Root-Heath, that year, changed their tractor name to "Silver King", they had built 314 tractors using the Plymouth name.



So....back to my friend's story. He knew the tractor's reputation of being "fast" and as soon as he got

around the corner and out of sight of his boss he shoved that Plymouth into high gear. He said he made it to the next corner and that was all. The tractor and the combine flew off the road into the ditch and up onto the bank with the combine landing on top of the tractor. Arnold went flying also... into the brush many feet away and ended up with only a broken ankle. The story goes that Arnold kept his job but his boss had nothing to do with him for a few weeks until the boss's wife help make the peace. The afternoon of the accident the Plymouth tractor was back in the field pulling the combine through a field of oats doing the job it was built for with little damage to both.



Don Rayta's Monthly Mini-Feature "Doris Bailey and her Camaro"

I've had 3 extra cars (ones that weren't just family station wagons)... an MGTC, a London taxicab, and a 1968 Camaro RS convertible. I got the Camaro outside of the Rhoades junk yard in Milton and had it trucked down to Tamarack Garage on Sears Lane here in Burlington. I bought it because I wanted to build an engine. I had spent the previous year in the automotive mechanics course at Burlington High School and now wanted to see if I could really implement some of the year's learning. Upon taking it apart, pieces of the rings fell out in my hands, the cylinder bores were scored and had to be bored 60. over, the crank needed turning, etc, etc.

There wasn't room at Tamarack to rebuild it, so, by secret arrangement, I was allowed to use an engine stand in the back of Angell's Machine Shop (which preceded Maynard's) on Pine St. Whenever Mr. Angell came up from Brattleboro to check out his shop and parts store, I was advised to go out front and stand

around as though I were a customer so as not to brazenly flout insurance regulations. I couldn't work on it full time, so it took me 2 months to build it. I sought and received very good advice from various shop personnel, and I tried to be very meticulous and fussy about having everything very clean and checked and double-checked torqueing the mains, the rod bolts and the head bolts and I worried all the time that I would leave out some critical part of the assembly. Finally it was done. Back to Tamarack, we installed the engine back in the car. Now it was time to start it: what if it wouldn't start? What if something was terribly wrong with it? I couldn't stand it so I asked Bill Valyou, who worked there, to start it, I went and sat in the office with my hands clenched. He turned the key and it began to crank, the engine stumbled, coughed and sputtered and then suddenly roared into life. I ran out shrieking "It's running, Bill, It's running!" Bill cut it back to a nice loud hum and after we checked everything I was able to drive it home......

I drove the Camaro to Florida 3 times and it always ran like a top. One time I stopped overnight in a motel in North Carolina. The next morning I was about to leave when a man came up to me and said, "That's a real nice Camaro you have there lady, is it your son's, - or your grandson's?" "It's mine!" I snarled, as I floored it going out of the driveway and back up on good old I-95, going south.

I couldn't find a picture of the Camaro, but it was a pretty car, being dark blue, with a white top. I got picked up for speeding a couple of



times. I always felt if the Camaro just stood still it looked like it was going 60 miles an hour.

> Editor's note...This picture was found online. Maybe it is similar to Doris's beauty.





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

Recently I got a question about the many different types of antifreeze available today. Specifically, what type to put in a new Honda with blue coolant.

So, here it is: COOLANT 101 TYPES OF COOLANT (ANTIFREEZE)

Today's coolant market is confusing. In days past all coolant was the green ethylene glycol variety, one type of coolant for every car. Now it seems that every car manufacturer has at least one color of coolant. What Type of Antifreeze Should I Use?.....All Makes and Models?...Extended Life 150,000 Miles?.....Green, Red, Yellow, Orange, Pink, Blue? There are a lot of choices of different automotive coolants today. So, which one should you use in your car? You should use what your car was made to have. However, sometimes it may be difficult to decipher what the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) used, especially if you purchased your car used.

Basically, there are three basic types of automotive coolant:

Inorganic Acid Technology (IAT), Organic Acid Technology (OAT), and Hybrid Organic Acid Technology (HOAT).

IAT coolants are the "traditional green" variety used in virtually all American vehicles from the late 1920s to the mid to late 1990s. Like all antifreeze, it is naturally clear; its color comes from dye. Unlike the other types of antifreeze, it uses silicate and phosphate corrosion inhibitors to protect the metal parts of the engine and cooling system. However, these inhibitors wear out guickly, so IAT type coolants need to be flushed every two years or 30,000 miles.

OAT coolants typically do not use silicate and phosphate corrosion inhibitors. Different manufacturers use different chemical additives to battle rust and corrosion, and they all dye their coolants different colors. GM's ubiquitous DEX-COOL coolant is an OAT antifreeze dyed orange. Toyota, Volkswagen, and Audi all use their own formulas that happen to be dyed pink. Honda uses a dark green (blue) dye. OAT coolants have longer service lives than IAT coolants, needing to be flushed every 5 years or 150,000 miles.

HOAT coolants use different additives than OAT, but also use some silicate to protect aluminum surfaces. Modern Ford, Chrysler, and most European vehicles use their own HOAT coolant formulas. Ford's is dyed yellow and Chrysler's is orange (not to be confused with DEX-COOL). Both use the marketing name of GO-5. HOAT coolant has the same service interval as OAT (5 years or 150,000 miles).

Summary:

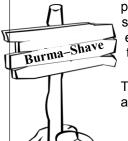
IAT - Used in early to mid-late 90's Domestic vehicles......This type is good for our antique cars

OAT - Used in late 90's GM and most Asian vehicles

HOAT - Used in 2000's Fords, Chryslers, and most European vehicles.

Although you can mix coolant types without harm, it is highly recommended against. If you mix an OAT or HOAT with an IAT, you will lose the extended service life of the OAT or HOAT coolant. Some people say that if you mix these types of coolant it can result in the coolant gelling, but if you keep your cooling system well maintained, this should not be a problem.

And finally, what about the "Universal, All Makes, All Models" coolant you see stuffing store shelves? Basically, those are OAT DEX-COOL clones, I would



personally steer well clear of them unless your vehicle is designed for OAT coolant. You should always check your owners manual, and make sure the coolant you add is the same type of coolant your car requires.

Thanks to "how-to-matthew" for information contained in this article

Selecting The Right Chemistry



Zerex Original Green







Zerex G-05°

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The Summer No Lawns Were Mowed

By Gary Olney....wife of ("Softer Side") Nancy Olney

Not mowed by me, anyway. I did hire someone to mow at the house and I would do the trimming. But, I never did - not once! Even though there's not much for a lawn at camp, it does need mowing. I mowed it once, but only after the grass was knee high.

What does this lack of lawn care have to do with cars? This being the most



Brenda Fodor... "How do you stop this thing", Dave Sander... "There should be a brake pedal down there somewhere"

active "car season" I've experienced, there wasn't time for much else! There were car tours, car shows, car auctions, car flea markets, along with parades to join, seniors to give rides to (more "senior" than me), "car people" to search out and visit all across the U.S. and Canada. This, of course, includes



VT. Maple Festival Queen & Entourage with Mary and Wendell Noble's 29 Plymouth Roadster

auto related landmarks to explore, such as highways, bridges and gas stations. Along with antique shops and malls to look for those auto related treasures I can't resist. Oh, did I mention a "car related" almost divorce?

The car season began much earlier than usual, at least for me; April 17 was the date of the Vermont Maple Festival Parade and several VAE members had their cars in the parade, including my '31 Plymouth Phaeton. April 23 was the VAE monthly meeting in Stowe with David Steinman relating his experiences on a 2009 cross country trip with Model T's and David Sander giving driving lessons in a Mod-

el T. This was followed with the Spring Dust off Tour to Bill and Jan Sanders' in Jeffersonville on May 15. May 21 brought the AACA National Spring Meet to Stowe. This was a new experience, never having entered a car in a National meet before. It was also a near disaster! The owner of a newly acquired 1906, one cylinder Cadillac with little or no experience operating it and not wanting to wait for the driver, decided to give it a go on his own! As he tried to drive away, the car "leaped" forward into a ditch. Angry, frustrated and probably more than a bit embarrassed, he tried to back up. It "leaped" out of the ditch with the wheels turned directing it on a coarse straight into Nancy and the '37 Ford. He was clearly "out of control"! Fortunately, he managed to stop about 10 feet short - disaster averted!

Five days later we, along with the Nobles, left for Grand Bend, Ontario for a four cylinder (1928-

1932) Plymouth Tour. Neither of us took our Plymouths, but we enjoyed joining the group and touring the impressive agricultural landscape of western Ontario. A highlight of the tour was a stop at Ken McGee's Auto Literature. Ken, who has a

GM car dealership, has much more than literature. There's a small, very nice car museum, an impressive toy collection and other automotive memorabilia pieces that are outstanding. At the end of the tour, on Sunday morning, the Nobles headed east, back to Vermont and we headed west toward Montana.

The 4-cylinder Plymouth tour in Ontario. 1932 Model PB, Owned by tour hosts, Peter and Ester Warner

stop. (It is LARGE)! They

as part of the complex there. Throughout Iowa we explored parts of the Lincoln Highway, which was dedicated in 1913. This was the first road across the U.S., crossing 14 states from New York City to San Francisco. Then through part of Nebraska, dodging floods along the Missouri River and into South Dakota.

In the Black Hills, we looked up Jim Lay, who had called me previously looking for '31 Plymouth parts. His Plymouth is a roadster that his father had restored years ago when the family lived in Iowa. While looking his Plymouth over, he asked his wife to get out a certain photo. She came back with a photo of my '31 Plymouth convertible coupe! It seems my father had sent his father this picture, perhaps 50 years ago! It was marked on the back "please return to..." but never was. It had gone from father to son, Iowa to South Dakota, surviving many decades before being returned to the son of the original sender. Amazing! I'm very grateful to have it back since it's the only photo I have of the car when my father brought it home to Springfield, VT in the late '50's.

Soon after entering Iowa, we stopped at "Iowa-80", the world's largest truck

have a very nice truck museum



The original Lincoln highway Bridge in Iowa

The 'out of control' one cylinder Cadil-

lac at the AACA National Spring Meet. My '37 Ford sitting in 'harm's way' beside it.

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH.....



VAE Monthly Meet



Pot Luck Installation of 2012 Officers, Business Meeting Automobilia, Memorabilia, and Collectables Presentation

Saturday January 14th 2012 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

St. Leo's Hall behind St. Andrews Church 109 S Main St (aka Route 2), Waterbury, VT 05676

Gather your favorite collection or part of it and bring to this meeting to display. At the end of the business meet the remaining time will be divided between the presenters to tell why they have collected these items and what they have learned while doing so. Also bring your favorite covered dish to share. This is the favorite part for many.

This year we are adding one more item. With all the devastation from Irene in Waterbury I'm asking you to bring a non-perishable food item for the Waterbury Food Shelf. Lucille has volunteered to deliver it to the food shelf.

Times are Approximant 11:00 AM or after to Setup displays and Pot Luck 11:45 AM Pot Luck 12:45 PM Installation of Officers and Business Meeting 1:30 PM Display Presentations 2:40 PM Clean up 3:00 PM Depart

Contact our host Lucille and Gene Napoliello (802) 244-7536 <u>bhcf332@aol.com</u> or almost 1st VP Jim Sears (802) 598-1663 <u>packardsu8@netscape.net</u> with any questions.

SEE THROUGH TIRESRadical new tire design



by Michelin. The next generation of tires. They had a set at the Philadelphia car show. Yes, those are 'spoke' like connections to the inner part of the tire from the outside tread 'wrap!' The next picture shows how odd it looks in motion...



Makes you wonder how the ride feels. These tires are airless and are scheduled to be out on the market very soon. The bad news for law enforcement is that spike strips will not work on these.

Just think of the impact on existing technology: A. no more air valves... B. no more air compressors at gas stations...

C. no more repair kits... D. no more flats... These are actual pictures taken at the South Carolina plant of Michelin.







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January



Treasurer's Report - December 12, 2011			Dick Wheatley- Trea	surer	
Vermont A	utomobile Enthusiasts, Inc.				
MONEY M	ARKET - balance November 10, 2011	\$14	8,397.42		
	add: November interest income			73.70	_
	Balance December 12, 2011				148,471.12
GENERAL	L CHECKING - balance November 10, 2011	\$	711.98		
Deposits					
Member d	lues			745.00	
Stowe sponsor for 2012				700.00	-
	Total receipts			1,445.00	-
	Disbursements				e
	5252 Eastern Etching & Mfg Stowe awa	rds		7.9	2
5253 University Mall - 2012 Mall display fee				250.0	0
5254 Undercover Tent - deposit on tent for 2012 Stowe show			179.0	0	
5255 VAAS - WT & website			750.0	0	
	Total disbursements			1,186.9	2
	Balance - December 12, 2011				970.06
Total VAE accounts				\$149,441.18	
Vermont	Antique Automobile Society, Inc.				
CHECKI	NG ACCOUNT - November 10, 2011	\$	3,724.64		
Deposits -					
	VAE payment for WT & website			750.00	
	Advertising revenue			30.00	_
	Total receipts			780.00	_
Disbursen	nents -				
	218 Rachel Smith - website refresh			420.00	
	219 Eternity Web - 3 yr. domain registrat	ion		65.85	
-	220 Rachel Smith - website refresh			850.00	
	221 L. Brown & Sons, Inc Dec. WT			665.57	_
	Total disbursements			2,001.42	_
	Balance - December 12, 2011				\$ 2,503.22
	Restricted Funds	S	cholarship	Long-range	
			Fund	Fund	

VAAS Board meeting Minutes November 14, 2011

Board members Present: Gael Boardman, Bob Chase, Leo Laferriere, Jan Sander, Dick Wheatley Others Present: Gary Fiske, Gene Napoliello, Wendell Noble, Jim Sears

The meeting took place at Dick Wheatley's office at 1 Market Place, Unit #31, Essex Junction, VT. The meeting began at 1:30 PM.

All motions passed unanimously.

1. Welcome: Everyone shared a Motoring Moment.

2. Secretary's Report: Leo motioned to accept the minutes of the Board meeting of October 17 as amended. Dick seconded the motion.

3. Treasurer's Report: Dick reported that there is currently \$3,625 in the account. There was a \$1, 300 contribution from a member with instructions that 50% was to be placed in the Scholarship Fund. The remaining 50% is to be put into the Long Range Fund.

4. Report on on-going Horseless Carriage Club of America (HCCA) situation: IRS has revoked the HCCA's 501-C3 tax exempt status. The HCCA has appealed the decision. IRS has challenged the percentage of time that HCCA has actually devoted to educational activities. Gael updated the Board on this situation. We as a Club need to be very vigilant on this issue. We need to document that VAAS spends a significant amount of time and money to promote educational activities that are accessible to the public. 5. Web Site: The administrator of our web site, Rachel Smith of cR Web Development, was a guest at our meeting. Rachel informed the Board that our web site gets a lot of traffic. There have been 17,000 hits in the past 12 months. We discussed ways to make the site more appealing and more user friendly. As most visitors are interested in information about the Stowe Show and club events, we should make this information more accessible. There should be a separate page for the Stowe Show. It was decided to shorten the list by moving and consolidating items to make it easier to find specific information. The car photo should change each month. On the Events page, there should be a statement "Any public event sponsored by VAE or VAAS is an educational event whose purpose is to educate the public about the history of antique automobiles and to preserve and protect that history and those vehicles." Rachel pointed out that frequent updates on Face Book can be used to send people to our web site. Updates to the web site are in progress.

6. Wheel Tracks: Gary Fiske, Wheel Tracks editor, will be mailing copies to libraries and technical centers around the state. 7. Scholarship program update: There will be monthly updates in Wheel Tracks.

8. Guest Gene Napoliello: The VAE Judging Committee is proposing to establish a program of lessons on antique vehicles that could be incorporated into automobile technology programs at schools. Gene proposes working with the instructors to make this part of the curriculum. Bob suggested that we begin by working with the Hagerty Insurance people at the Stowe Show. Hagerty has a junior judging program. This could be written up beforehand in Wheel Tracks. We should ask Hagerty if they are interested in joining with us in this program. Gene will be in communication with Gary.

9. Guest Jim Sears, in-coming VAE 1st Vice President: Jim outlined upcoming VAE meetings. In January, Gene and Lucille Napoliello will once again host a Memorabilia and Collections meet in Waterbury. February will be a movie matinee at Wake Robin. Lloyd Davis will supply the movie. Wake Robin residents will be invited to attend. The May meeting will be the Champlain Bridge Festivities.

10. Report from Dick Wheatley on possible donated car: Dick reported that David Sander contacted the possible donor and told him that the car would need to be appraised. To date, David has not heard back from this individual.

11. Ray Unsworth's estate offer of automotive books: There are 4 boxes of books. Gael will pick them up and store them until a decision is made as to what the club will do with them.

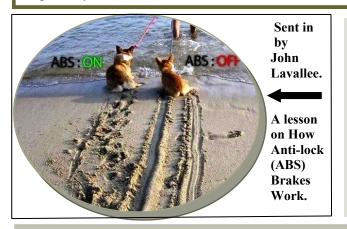
12. Annual Meetings: Fred Cook expressed his sincere thanks for the club having named the VTC scholarship in his honor.

13. General discussion of the VAE/VAAs organizational status: Bob moved that after January 1, 2012, the VAE will put \$30,000, which is the amount that VAE voted to allocate to the VAAS at the Annual Meeting, into a VAAS money market account for the year's expenses. Jan seconded this motion.

14. Other business: Gary suggested that there should be an Editorial Committee established to ensure the continued publication of Wheel Tracks. At present, the editor is solely responsible for Wheel Tracks. If for some reason the editor should become unable to carry out his duties, there is no one to take over the monthly publication of Wheel Tracks.

Next meeting: Monday, January 16 at Dick's office, 1 Market Place, Unit #31, Essex Junction, at 1:30 PM.

16. Adjourn: At 5:03, Bob motioned to adjourn. Jan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned. **Respectfully submitted: Jan Sander**



A SHORT 'DID YOU KNOW'

Burlington VT -Our Club, The Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts, Is the subject of a Burlington Free Press Newspaper Article by Ted Ryan.

The article is in the December 16th Cars.com Section. Ted has done a fantastic job.

Ask a member for a copy if you might have missed it



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Minutes of November Stowe Committee Meeting, November 16,2011

The Stowe Planning Committee met at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday November 16, 2011 at the conference room of the Commodore Inn in Stowe.

The meeting was called to order by chairman Bob Chase. Bob announced that the show dates for 2012 would be August 10 -12.

Vermont Crafters: Duane Leach said that a 40' x 40' tent has been reserved for the coming show, which is 10' wider than last year. Bob Chase said that he would work on getting electrical power to the tent. Hal Boardman said that the last years event was very well received. There was a discussion of possible fees for space rental. Hal will come back to a future meeting with a proposed fee schedule following a discussion with participants.

Judging: Leo Laferriere mentioned that car classes need to be set. Bob Chase reported that he had received a request that a "Firebird" class be designated. The person requesting it felt that he could get others to participate. Leo said that at least eight entrants would be needed to justify a class. A discussion ensued of other entrants who do not fit an existing class.

Sponsorship: Bob Chase stated that he had already received a sponsorship from a local insurance agency. Following Bob's suggestion, it was generally agreed that sponsors should be included on our web site for a year. Bob will relay this to Gary Fiske. Brochure: Duane Leach suggested that another panel be added to the brochure to allow more prominent space for advertisers. Duane will

contact Bill Sander about this. Jim Sears suggested that the show hours and admission charge be included on the poster.

Special Events: Bob Chase stated that Stowe F.D. suggested a special event be held on Sunday to maintain attendance. Several possibilities were discussed, such as a "Tuners" event or an antique tractor pull. Andy Barnett will investigate the possibility of a Tuners event.

Contracts: Bob and Duane reported that the Stowe F.D. have agreed to be food vendors again. They have agreed to a price of \$3,500 (up from \$3,000). The Nichols contract is still being negotiated. Agreements need to be reached on allowed hours of entry (late night) onto the field and needed improvements to the entrance road near the barn. We do have a \$1,000 retainer on the field.

Clothing: Andy Barnett asked about the desirability of another color such as denim for aprons. He will find out the price for twelve of them as well as the last year's white when the new prices are available in February. Several people stated that they would very much prefer 100% cotton shirts, even at a higher price. Andy will also get prices for the shirts.

Department Comments: None made

On Line registration: It was agreed to maintain existing fees for car corral, flea market and admission.

Appreciation Dinner: The committee agreed that they would like to have an appreciation dinner in the spring to recognize 2011 contributors as well as in the fall following the 2012 car show. This recommendation will be taken to the board of directors for action. **Other Business: Anderson Auto Glass would like a place in the flea market and also intends to join the VAE.**

Respectfully submitted, Wendell Noble, Acting secretary

How to Lock Your Car and WhyA message sent to VAE member Bill Billado

I locked my car. As I walked away I heard my car door unlock. I went back and locked my car again three times. Each time, as soon as I started to walk away, I would hear it unlock again!! Naturally alarmed, I looked around and there were two guys sitting in a car in the fire lane next to the store. They were obviously watching me intently, and there was no doubt they were somehow involved in this very weird situation . I quickly chucked the errand I was on, jumped in my car and sped away. I went straight t o the police station, told them what had happened, and found out I was part of a new, and very successful, scheme being used to gain entry into cars. Two weeks later, my friend's son had a similar happening.

While traveling, my friend's son stopped at a roadside rest to use the bathroom. When he came out to his car less than 4-5 minutes later, someone had gotten into his car and stolen his cell phone, laptop computer, GPS navigator, briefcase.....you name it He called the police and since there were no signs of his car being broken into, the police told him he had been a victim of the latest robbery tactic -- there is a device that robbers are using now to clone your security code when you lock your doors on your car using your key-chain locking device..

They sit a distance away and watch for their next victim. They know you are going inside of the store, restaurant, or bathroom and that they now have a few minutes to steal and run. The police officer said to manually lock your car door-by hitting the lock button inside the car -- that way if there is someone sitting in a parking lot watching for their next victim, it will not be you.

When you hit the lock button on your car upon exiting, it does not send the security code, but if you walk away and use the door lock on your key chain, it sends the code through the airwaves where it can be instantly stolen. This is very real.



"A VAE Member meets Elvis"

It was a beautiful Fall day in November when I joined a small group of VAE members on a journey to the Northeast Kingdom area of Cambells Corner not far from Lake Eligo. The group had heard about a fellow VAE member deciding to sell off many highly valuable old car parts and we wanted to be at the head of the line. So with pockets filled with cash

(they trade in only cash or car parts in that area) we traveled East. The driver decided we should not waste time so with no pee stops and nearly running off the road at a couple of unexpected corners we arrived at Dave Maunsell's yard with ladened tables of cars parts.

That is when I saw him, Elvis was sitting on the table guarding the cash box. I ran to get my camera for the picture of a life time..... you can see him there, way to the right, gazing into the valley below.

It seems Elvis came to Dave's area looking for



accommodations for a few weeks but found all the inns filled. He also learned they never did have mangers in that area of Vermont, they just kept their car parts in old barns or outside on tables. The towns folks told Elvis about a fellow just out of town who was good at samaritizing and that is how Elvis found Dave's place. Dave had no room in his home so he allowed him stay in the hen house. All was good for a time.

The day before we showed up at Cambells Corner Dave had to tell Elvis it was time to move on. Elvis had made a nice place for himself but the chickens refused to go in when Elvis was home and Dave was getting



tired of picking the eggs off the lawn. The VAE group had some discussions and decided there was room if Elvis wanted to ride West with us on the assumption the Champlain Valley just might be a little more accommodating. Elvis agreed as long as we chose a different driver going home (he had heard us talking about our harrowing ride to get there).

So, Elvis did find accommodations, I agreed to allow him to stay in my 1933 Franklin Olympic. Very little time had past when he told me he felt at home, but that before the winter cold sets in he would have to leave. He is pictured here to the left watching the scenery of Franklin County passing by. I also often found him outside (pictured to the right) waiting for the next apple to drop while humming his tunes. I even spent some time helping him clean up from



his time in the chicken house....it was a bonding moment for us. A tooth brush worked real well cleaning the deep waves of his hair.

I went to my shop a few mornings ago and found that Elvis had left during the night. He left a note on my bench thanking me and said he would have a blue Christmas without the Franklin but he was moving on.

Not long after that I attended a Christmas party and you would not believe who I met again. Elvis had hooked up with another VAE member. He told me he loves the Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts folks and he hopes this one was planning on heading South for the winter. You can see the happiness that Elvis has brought to his new VAE friend, Michael Chase, in this VAE Christmas Party photo. I wonder if Elvis knows that Michael lives in Stowe all winter? (*A note from the editor: The member who met Elvis has asked to stay anonymous*, he *is concerned the press would be at his house at all hours with Elvis questions.*)





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.

Engines:	Restorations:			
Quintin Brothers Auto & Performance	Auto Shoppe			
1028 S. Brownell Rd. Williston, VT 802-951-8678 (Doug Wacek)	6 Gregory Dr., S Burlington, VT 802-863-3555 (Bill Billado)			
Vermont Engine Service	G&G Restorations			
16 Krupp Dr., Williston, VT 802-863-2326 (Doris Bailey)	159 Maple St., Proctorsville, VT 802-226-7844			
Machine Shop:	Govette Restorations			
Foundry Machine Shop	80 N. Benningtin Rd., Bennington, VT 802-447-7500(John			
116 N. Main St., St. Albans, VT 802-426-2685 (Wendell Noble)	Lavallee)			
Glass:	Waitsfield Motor Car Co.			
Anderson's Auto Glass,	PO Box 562, Waitsfield, VT 802-496-4277 (David Steinman)			
236 Krupp Dr. Williston, VT 877-634-5277 (Duane Leach)	Sand/Soda Blasting:			
Insurance:	Finish Solutions			
Hagerty Insurance	60 Gonyeau Rd., Milton, VT 802-893-2100 (Bob Lalancette)			
PO Box 1302, Traverse City, MI 800-922-4050 (Gary Fiske)	Small Tool Repair:			
Printing:	BTR Service & Sales			
L. Brown & Sons	3 Kellogg Rd., Essex, VT 802-872-0051 (Gael Boardman)			
14-20 Jefferson St, Barre, VT 800-486-1947 (Gary Fiske)	Upholstery:			
Metal Fabrication:	<u>Coggio Upholstery</u>			
Mountain View Ind.	182 East Main St., Richmond, VT 802-434-7421 (Gael Boardman)			
Fayston, VT 802-496-2426 (Fred Spencer, Owner & VAE member)				

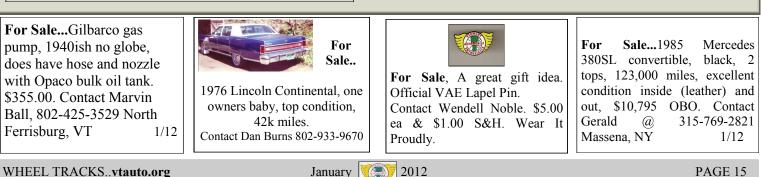
Vermont Antique Automobile Society Classifieds

Contact: John Lavallee at vaeinfo@gmail.com

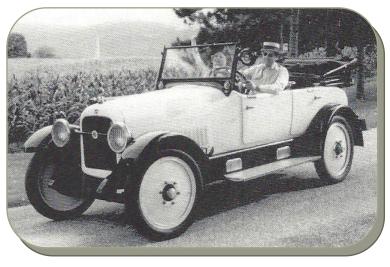
Advertising (free or paid) in Vermont Antique Automobile Society News (printed and on line) is a privilege. Advertising is free to all members of The Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts Club/VAAS members. Ads can be up to 60 words with an optional photo. Prices must be shown on all For Sale items along with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

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

1/4 Wheel Tracks Page...\$35.00 per month 1/8 Wheel Tracks Page... \$25.00 per month Your Business Card in "Here's My Card"...\$10.00 /mo. All ad fees must be <u>paid in full</u> before publication...make all payments to VAAS. All advertising is accepted in good faith and only after our editors approval. Emailed ads are welcome and preferred. Please check for deadlines.



VERMONT AUTOMOBILE ENTHUSIASTS Please Send Dues <u>or</u> Address Changes to: Christina McCaffrey Membership Secretary 89 Ledge Road Burlington, Vermont 05401-4140



1987 President Bonnie Groves Waves from the passenger side of a 22 Studebaker





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

December...

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

January 2012...

8th... (tentative) 2PM VAE Board meeting at Whitney Hill Homestead in Williston. Contact Wendell, <u>wnoble@hughes.net</u> 14th... Saturday 11AM to 3PM. VAE/VAAS...Annual Installation of Officers and Covered Dish Luncheon in Waterbury, Vermont. Memorabilia/Automotive displays. More detail in next Wheel Tracks. Contact Jim, <u>packardsu8@netscape.net</u>

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

February 2012...

To Be Announced.....Monthly activity.....Silent Movie Meeting. Contact Jim, packardsu8@netscape.net

15th...Wednesday at 7PM. Stowe Show planning meeting at Commodores Inn on Rt. 100 Stowe. Contact Bob, <u>rccwrn@pshift.com</u>

March

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

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

April

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

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

May

To Be Announced...Champlain Bridge Celebration

16th...Wednesday at 7PM. Stowe Show planning meeting at Commodores Inn on Rt. 100 Stowe. Contact Bob, <u>rccwrn@pshift.com</u>

June

To Be Announced...VAE Tour to Central Vermont

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

July

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