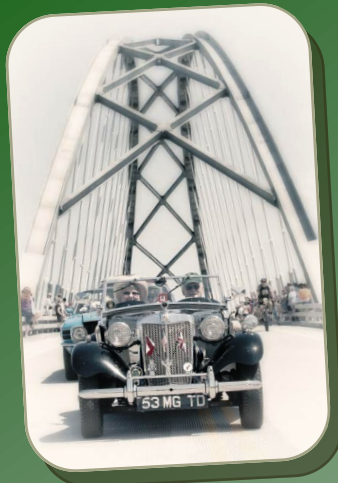


# Wheel Tracks

July 2012 \* Year 59 \* Number 7

DEDICATED TO THE VAE'S CELEBRATION OF OUR NEW LAKE CHAMPLAIN BRIDGE



Members, Gene & Brenda Fodor  
Introduces their '53 TD to the  
bridge



"Bridge Security !"



VAE Members, Gary and Nancy Olney head out  
On their bridge parade adventure

From Roy Martin.... "Giving the '29ers" a ride across the bridge in our cars was a great idea. My '29er' guest passenger was an 89 year young lady who wanted to ride in the rumble seat. She could not negotiate the very small step plates or the space between them to enter, but the use of a nearby picnic table as a platform worked fine. Getting out was accomplished by draping herself over her son's shoulder as he slowly lowered her to the ground. Her face was a big smile all the way".

To the right,  
29er Ida  
Wendell &  
G-daughter  
Kris  
Tromley.  
The rest of  
the story  
about Ida on  
page 6



The VAE In-Force with Dave Sander leading us  
In the 1929 Pierce-Arrow



29er Bill James...See page 6

The Official Monthly Publication of Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts by The Vermont Antique Automobile Society

- 2]...Our new home to the events "What's Next"
- 3]...Line up your Knight Point outing in July
- 6]...Continued from Page One...more from the Celebration
- 7]...Valve Cover Racing? & The Gossip
- 8]...Dave's Garage, Mastering JB Weld

- 9]... Don Rayta's mini-feature, The Tofani's
- 10]...Our Finances
- 11-13]...Catching up with our club minutes.  
You might think 'minutes' are boring to read but they also tell you how ideas began. Please read them and be involved in this great car club.
- 16]... Something New...check it out

Officer Jones....

"Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch after you wear them a while."

## ***Mission Statement:***

The Vermont Antique Automobile Society is a tax free 501c3 organization dedicated to the preservation, protection, promotion and appreciation of automotive history and technology.

Wheel Tracks is a monthly newsletter published in print and electronically for the public, and for the VAE and VAAS membership in ten states and two Canadian provinces.

*Your editor and other authors are made aware of some new products, services or information that they feel may have value to VAE's membership. These products, services or informationals are not an endorsement by the VAE unless otherwise noted. The opinions are solely those of the particular article's author.*

\*\*\*Contact Us At\*\*\*

**vaeinfo@gmail.com**

\*\*\*Our Website Is\*\*\*

**vtauto.org**



## **\*\*\* WHAT'S NEXT ? \*\*\***

### **June**

20th...Wednesday at 7PM. Stowe Show planning meeting at Commodores Inn on Rt. 100 Stowe.

Contact Bob, [recwrn@pshift.com](mailto:recwrn@pshift.com)

22nd thru 24th....VAE June "Birthplace of Vermont Tour".

25th... Monday 1:30PM. VAAS meeting at the Williston Public Library

### **July**

2nd.....Monday 7PM VAE Board Meeting at the Whitney Hill Homestead in Williston. All members are welcome.

7th...Sunday Automobiles at Knight Point, North Hero, VT. & VAE Show & Monthly Meet. Contact Bill Fagan. See page 3.

16th-20th....Model T Ford Club International gathering in Rutland [www.modelt.org/](http://www.modelt.org/)

21st & 22nd...Sat. & Sunday. VAE University Mall Display in Burlington, Vermont

### **August**

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆  
**10TH -12TH....ANTIQUE & CLASSIC CAR MEET, STOWE, VERMONT** ☆

11th...Sat. Noon till 6PM Moreau Rec Park Car Show, S. Glens Falls, NY. Show flyer

Want to enter your car...call Lisa Rowlands @ 518-307-7442

21st....Sat. 10am-3pm Annual Lions Auto Show, Deerfield, Mass.

More info, call Peter James 413-665-7104

25th... Sat. 10am- 4pm The 7th Annual French Heritage Day & Car show.

[www.frenchheritageday.com](http://www.frenchheritageday.com) Info: 802-388-7951

### **September**

16th...Sat. 9am-4pm "Better L8 Than Never Car Show" at the Bristol Rec Field.

Bristol, VT . Info - 802-388-7951

[www.bristolharvestfest.com](http://www.bristolharvestfest.com)

### **October**

**9th- 19th....The China Trip**

See page 9 for more details

## **VAE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

Chairman, **Wendell Noble, 802-893-2232**

[wnoble@hughes.net](mailto:wnoble@hughes.net)

President- **Dave Sander, 802-434-8418**

[dasander@aol.com](mailto:dasander@aol.com)

1st. Vice President & Activities Chair-

**Jim Sears 802-482-2698**

[packardsu8@netscape.net](mailto:packardsu8@netscape.net)

2nd. Vice-President & Assistant Activity Chair-

**Robert Lalancette 802-849-2692**

[rjlalancette@myfairpoint.net](mailto:rjlalancette@myfairpoint.net)

Treasurer- **Dick Wheatley 802-879-9455**

[rwheatcpa@aol.com](mailto:rwheatcpa@aol.com)

Recording Secretary- **Bill Sander,**

**802-644-5487, [sander@pshift.com](mailto:sander@pshift.com)**

**Tom McHugh** Exp. 2012- 802-862-1733

**Les Skinner** Exp. 2012 -802-485-8150

**Chris Barbieri** Exp. 2013 -802-223-3104

## **Committees:**

Audit.....**Leo Laferriere, Doris Bailey,**

**Jim Sears**

Futures.....**Gael Boardman,**

**Spencer Halstead, Gary Fiske**

Membership Recruiting..

**Chris Barbieri, Carol Lavalley**

**Hal Boardman, Rick Hamilton**

Nominating.. **Conception Conti,**

**Gary Olney, Bob Guinn**

Transition Bylaws.. **Andy Barnett, Fred**

**Cook, Doris Bailey,**

**Chris Barbieri**

## **VAAS Directors**

**Gael Boardman, Chairman**

**Lloyd Davis, Vice Chairman**

**Jan Sander, Secretary**

**Dick Wheatley, Treasurer**

**Andy Barnett**

**Bob Chase**

**Leo Laferriere**

## **MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT TEAM**

Membership Secretary (Ex-Officio)

**Christina McCaffrey**

89 Ledge Road

Burlington VT 05401-4140

VAE membership@gmail.com

[christina.mccaffrey@vtmednet.org](mailto:christina.mccaffrey@vtmednet.org)

Wheel Tracks Editor (Ex-Officio)

**Gary Fiske 802-933-7780**

cell 802-363-1642

[gafiske@gmail.com](mailto:gafiske@gmail.com)

2503 Duffy Hill Road

Enosburg Falls, Vermont 05450

**Edi Fiske**

Wheel Tracks proof-reader

Sunshine Chair

**Christina McCaffrey 802-862-3133**

[christina.mccaffrey@vtmednet.org](mailto:christina.mccaffrey@vtmednet.org)

VAE Show Chairs/Board Ex-Officio

Antique and Classic Car Meet (Stowe)

**Bob Chase, Chair, 802-253-4897**

**Duane Leach, Co-Chair, 802-849-6174**







## From The President

David Sander

Well... The Champlain Bridge Dedication was successful. Thanks to the dedication, hard work and serious time commitment by some of our VAE members. The VAE got some well deserved publicity, and the club members sure looked good in the process.

**While the final event was scaled back** a bit from the original plan, and the media coverage was also reduced, we still got a fair bit of good press.

We were blessed with great weather and great running cars. No rain, and all of our cars that attended went over the bridge in the parade with no issues. Phew!

**Personally**, I was very happy to chauffeur some special '29ers across the bridge. I enjoyed hearing their stories of the original celebration that they attended, back in 1929!

The consensus was unanimous from everybody I spoke with: "the new bridge is beautiful!"

While ascending the Vermont side of the bridge, I noticed my front seat passenger, a 98 year old lady was not waving to the crowd. I suggested she wave to the people who were cheering us. She replied that she had a bad right shoulder, and could not wave with her right hand. I joked that we could always swap seats, she could drive and I could wave to the spectators. She replied that she would love to, only she couldn't drive, and has never driven a car! Imagine!

## FROM YOUR EDITOR Gary Fiske

Can you see how I am being 'squeezed out' here. From almost two full columns to this little square...how is an editor supposed to vent?

**You should read below then go to the July event at Knight Point**, it will be a great hoot. Jim Sears has really done his job as Activities Chair, 2012 will be a banner year. Bob Lalancette will have Jims job next year...are you ready Bob?

**Has anyone figured out the 'little change' in Wheel Tracks this month?** A hint...check out page 16. I found with the way our printer, Brown's and Sons, puts Wheel Tracks together that we can also have page 16 in full color at a very small additional price....**like \$0.00!** So I am experimenting with it this month using the fantastic pictures that folks have sent me from the Bridge Celebration. **Speaking of....**This is the 1st time I have not had a VAE member featured on the front page of Wheel Tracks. Leo Laferriere had the idea and passing up the opportunity to feature our great weekend at the celebration was just not possible. I haven't figured out what to do with the other 200 beautiful pictures that I don't have room for, any ideas?

**Enjoy this July 2012 issue of Wheel Tracks.** Can you imagine what WT would look like without all of our great contributors? Thank you .....thank you.

Hey I just found a place for my 'venting'. I just finished the Gossip Column.....YES!



**You Can Now register  
Online  
For the Stowe Car Show  
It's easy....go to  
VTAUTO.ORG**

## Sunshine Report



VAE member Anita Bean is in the hospital with heart failure and pneumonia she hopes to be home soon.  
( Be well Anita... We need you at 'The Show' in August)



## VAE Monthly Meet .....“Automobiles at Knight Point”

July 7<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Knight Point State Park

44 Knight Point Rd. North Hero, Vermont 05474

<http://www.vtstateparks.com/htm/knightpoint.htm>

**July's monthly meet will be** a vehicle show at Knight Point State Park. The show is offering super prizes, food vendors, beach, car games, beautiful views of Lake Champlain, and more. There will be plenty of things to do.

Come share your favorite vehicle, young or old, with others. The stories about your vehicle are both entertaining and educational.

**Preregistration received by July 1<sup>st</sup> is \$7 or \$10 day of show. See registration form on page 13 of the June Wheel Tracks**

**Flexible Schedule:** 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM Arrive

10:00 to Dusk: Enjoy the Park, Car Display, Car Games, Vendors, and Food

Noon: Good time to enjoy lunch, whether it is from food vendors, or a picnic you made yourself.

2:00 PM: Spectator voting Ends....2:45 PM: Prizes Awarded....3:15 PM: VAE Business Meeting...3:30 PM: Clean-up

### Park Ranger Award:

... an overnight for two at **Seyon Lodge** with dinner and breakfast, value \$200!

### Chamber Award:

...basket of goodies including wine and gas card for \$50 by **East Shore Vineyards** and **A&B Market!**

### Spectator Prizes:

Overnight at an **Islands B&B** for two including breakfast.

And ... door prizes !

**WOW!!! Sign up NOW!!**



## THE SOFTER SIDE

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

This is Mary and Nancy's month off....Watch for Nancy's column in August.



### FROM THE 'COOKIE' AT THE STOWE SHOW

BY MARNITA LEACH



## RHUBARB MUFFINS

### INGREDIENTS:

1/3 CUP CRISCO

2/3 CUP SUGAR

2 EGGS

1 3/4 CUPS FLOUR

2 TEASPOONS BAKING POWDER

1/2 TEASPOON SALT

1 CUP COOKED RHUBARB

1/2 CUP RAISINS

### DIRECTIONS:

CREAM CRISCO WITH SUGAR UNTIL FLUFFY. ADD EGGS WELL BEATEN. SIFT TOGETHER FLOUR, BAKING POWDER AND SALT. ADD FLOUR MIXTURE.

THEN ADD COOKED RHUBARB AND RAISINS AND STIR. POUR INTO MUFFIN TINS. SPRINKLE WITH DASH OF CINNAMON AND SUGAR. BAKE 30 MINUTES AT 350 DEGREES.



## CELEBRATING THE NEW CHAMPLAIN BRIDGE - MAY 19-20 2012

The handsome antique and classic cars arriving at the Bridge Restaurant that bright sunny Saturday morning on May 19, were on a mission: pick-up their two senior citizen passengers, dubbed "29ers", get ready for the parade's 11 am start, and eventually transport them safely over the new bridge and to the Visitor's Center on the Crown Point, New York side for a reception.

VAE provided for many of the 30 or so 29ers. There was a good number of Ford Model A's and Model T's. Our editor, Gary Fiske, was seen driving his 1927 Model T, then Marvin Ball, Ron and Nancy Menard in their '29 Ford Model A pick-ups.

To this observer there appeared to be a good variety of Packards from the late '20s. Longtime VAE member, Avery Hall and his wife Andrea Rogers of Burlington arrived in their '28 Packard, as did Bryce Howells in his '27 Packard. I have digital photos of at least two other Packards. Of particular note was the appearance of a 1927 Packard 336 tourer owned by E. Miles Prentice of NYC, a Montpelier native. This vehicle was once owned by the late New York Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt. Before the parade, I chatted with its driver, Nate Barcomb, an employee of Peter Markowski of Vergennes, well known restorer of performance and classic motorcars. Nate's family and parents were the lucky passengers this time. In referencing the late Governor Roosevelt, or "F.D.R." as he was popularly called, Roosevelt attended 1929 bridge dedication, meeting VT Governor John

Weeks on the new '29 bridge for the official ribbon cutting. There were an estimated 40,000 people that attended the August 26, 1929 opening. The four VAE member-owned vehicles that led the November 7, 2011 parade following the ribbon-cutting ceremony were on hand for the May 19th event. These included Bill Sander in a '46 Cadillac series 60 Fleetwood, David Sander driving the '29 Pierce Arrow 133, Leo and Liz Laferriere in their '30 Ford Model A Roadster, Wendell Noble in his '29 Plymouth Touring car, and Charlie and Marion Thompson in the '29 Willys Overland 98A Whippet sedan.

At 1:00 PM, several members participated in the car show (a static display of vehicles from VAE, the Snake Mountain Cruisers and some independent owners), held forth at a beautiful lakeside venue in the Crown Point State Historic Site. Thanks to VAE's Jim Sears, everything went smoothly both Saturday and Sunday. President Dave Sander presided at the Business Meeting on Sunday. We were pleased to share the location both with Becky Hutchins and her car club's 20 or so vehicles from the '50s -'70s. Good show, Becky. Thanks Mr. Weatherman, too. You done well,

Fred Cook







## GETTING OLD

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend. I have seen too many dear friends leave this world, too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging. Whose business is it, if I choose to read, or play on the computer until 4 AM, or sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 60 & 70's, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love, I will. I will walk the beach, in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves, with abandon, if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set. They, too, will get old. I know I am sometimes forgetful.. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And, I eventually remember the important things

Sure, over the years, my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break, when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But, broken hearts are what give us strength, and understanding, and compassion. A heart never broken, is pristine, and sterile, and will never know the joy of being imperfect. I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver.

As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong. So, to answer your question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day (if I feel like it).

## THE YEAR IS 1917 AND DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

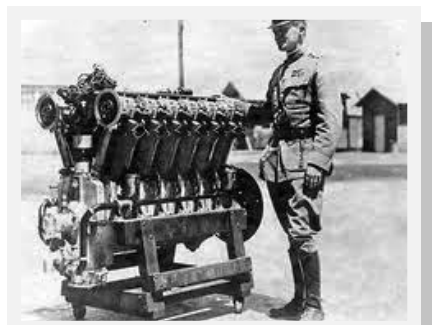
By Gene Fodor

- ... Production increased to 1,745 972 cars and 128,157 trucks.
- ... Henry M. Leland, former President of Cadillac, formed the Lincoln Motor Company.
- ... No race was held at the Indianapolis Speedway.
- ... The first NASH appeared with a six-cylinder, valve in-head engine.
- ... All car and truck manufacturers fully cooperated with the US government as the USA entered the WWI.
- ... Many companies helped develop the "Liberty" engine for aircraft.
- ... Chevy offered an eight-cylinder engine.
- ... Studebaker developed and adopted a "hot-spot manifold". Explanation from an SAE Journal Vol. 10 Issue 3, 1922 by O.C. Berry and C.S. Kegerreis: ... "a manifold that produces a mixture dry enough to distribute evenly and burn well in all cylinders".
- ... R.H. Collins became President of Cadillac.
- ... The Society of Automobile Engineers became the Society of Automotive Engineers.
- ... Paige introduced a coupe with a "rumble seat" and V-type Windshield.
- ... Hudson Motor Car Co, organized the Essex Motor Car Co to manufacture a light car.
- ... John Mohler Studebaker dies.
- ... Fredrick Furber developed a built-in radiator shutter.
- ... The Oshkosh four-wheel drive truck was introduced.
- ... 25 new marques were introduced in 1917, only the Oshkosh truck survives.

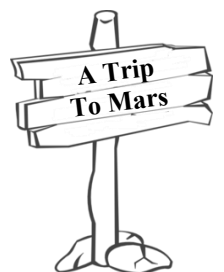
**Correction...** A sharp eyed Wheel Tracks reader noticed a mistake in last month's "Did You Know" and he is correct. It was written that Alvan Macauley became President of GM in 1916. In stead of GM it should have read '**Packard**'. The reader said it was Macauley who adopted the policy at Packard of keeping annual style changes to a minimum on the theory that ownership of a Packard should carry with it the assurance that the car was never outmoded.

Thank you for keeping an eye on us Wheel Tracks Reader.

**CAPTION 1:** 1917 Liberty V-12 liquid called aircraft engine developed for the military for WWI



**CAPTION 2:** a 1917 Paige



**From Granddaughter Kris Trombley.....**"My grandmother, Ida Wolcott Wendell, was 15 years old when she attended the Crown Point bridge opening in 1929. She has many memories of the day including having a picnic with her family. She



remembers watching the parade at the foot of the bridge on the New York side and remembers seeing, then Gov. Roosevelt in the parade. She also recalls seeing soldiers and scouts in the parade. My grandmother grew up in Crown Point, NY and later moved to Ticonderoga. She married Thomas Wendell. They were married for 72 years before he passed away in 2006. My grandmother was a seamstress. Long before the first Crown Point bridge opened, her grandfather, ran the sail ferry transporting passengers between NY and VT. (see attached photo) I felt very proud and honored to spend the day with my grandmother as we rode in the parade celebrating the opening of the new Crown Point bridge. Thank you so much. (This 29er and her Granddaughter rode with Gary & Nancy Olney)



would not be limited by the number of my cars, but finding people to drive them. By enlisting friends and neighbors, I got three cars successfully down and back. A wonderful couple of '29ers rode across the bridge in the back seat of my '29 Plymouth touring car. The front passenger seat was empty though. My wife Mary was nowhere to be found. She had chosen to go upscale and ride with Christina and Paul McCaffrey in their Bentley. For Lew Zeno, driving my '29 Plymouth roadster, there were no '29ers left so he had a kilted bag piper riding in the rumble seat. Clark Wright did just fine with my '28 Dodge Bros Coupe until the next day when it succumbed to vapor lock. On our way across the bridge, I heard one spectator say, "That's amazing, none of them have broken down yet." I scolded him for such talk.



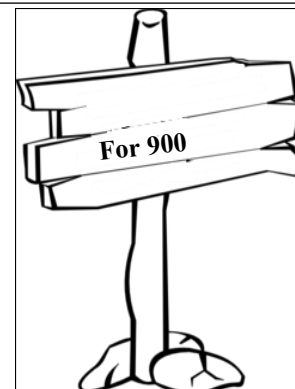
**Dave Sander did not get 'his' 29er's name but speaks about their great parade ride in his Prez's column on page 3.**



**Wonderful pictures above and to the right By Jonathan Hart of 'Amazing Vermont'**



**From Gary Fiske.....** I got lucky at the Bridge Celebration. Bill James of Bristol, VT. agreed to ride with me. I was able to learn just a little of this gentle-man's 100 years and because of this I will remember him for the rest of my time. Bill will be 101 years old this July. He drives his pickup and Buick where he needs to go, in fact he told me he would be changing the oil in his Buick on Monday....himself! Bill told me while the 1929 bridge was being built he would come by after hours and walk the board cat-walks between the girders to get a close-up view. That is when he found he had no problems with heights and later spent his career as a lineman for the CVPS power company. Bill lost his wife of many years not long ago but has a daughter that he lovingly says 'bosses' him around and watches over him. This was Bill's first ride in a Model T. I am not great in crowds but Bill is a natural, waving and smiling to everyone. Bill James made my day.







Hello.... My name is Malcolm Young and I just joined the club and thought you might be interested in a picture I took of my 1931 model A Ford at Jenne's Farm in Reading VT.

**Welcome To The VAE Malcolm.....**



### Valve-cover Racing Coming to a Car Show near you...

From Duane Leach, Co-Chair of our Antique & Classic Car Meet in Stowe. "We have acquired a valve cover race track ,to race at the 2013 Stowe Show. It is 40 'long 3' wide. We are looking for someone to head up and promote this project at Stowe this year so people have a year to build there car. Call me at 802-849-6174".



19 April 2012

**Why is it that folks tend to go after other folks weaknesses** ....especially when they are most vulnerable? It must have gotten around that someone paid a loan back to me and I had a few dollars hanging out of my pocket. I was minding my own business...well, trying....at a recent VAAS meeting when out of the blue a friend asked me if I would be interested in buying a 1929 Franklin doodlebug. He thought it is was parked in New Hampshire somewhere. Then he gave me a website and went on his way home. They say it is not safe driving while texting, well try driving home with a doodlebug on your mind!

I tried the website on my 'smartphone' but it was not smart enough. When I got home I went to my PC and still could not get what I wanted, the website did not work. A few days later I called this fine friend of mine who started it all, to get more information and finally did find the website.....and found the doodlebug was not there, maybe I had the wrong site, maybe it was sold, maybe it is still for sale in N.H. someplace.... Then I had a call from this friend, he had a phone number in Ontario where I might get some news of the doodlebug. I am still trying to get through. Along with this writing, can you imagine the time I have spent out of my life chasing this doodlebug? You can't imagine how much fun I am having.... **Since I am in a 'defensive mode'** I would like to touch on another 'touchy subject and that is people taking pictures while you are in a compromising situation. Here is the picture in reference.



Now I have a good explanation why my Model T ended up in the ditch, but it's too long for this page. The sneaky 'camera guy' lives somewhere in Derby Line, I don't know where the Dodge driver with the snarky expression lives but he did have the good manners of pulling me out. You know.....venting is good.

**There is one more item about the 'camera guy' that I would like to cover.** I know he belongs to the Plymouth Car Club and I also know he and another Plymouth guy recently went to the club's annual meet in Ontario. A story came back that the 'other Plymouth guy' left his emergency brake on and caused a lot of blue smoke in that Canadian province. Did I get a picture of that for Wheel Tracks? No way. Do you think if the 'camera guy' belonged to the Ford Model T Club the picture above would ever see the light of day? I hear ya.







## 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](mailto:dasander@aol.com) or 32 Turkey Hill Road, Richmond VT 05477

## YET ANOTHER USE FOR JB WELD

I like to dabble with models. I have modeled specific cars, and specific trains. When I am working with die cast parts, or need to make a part I often use JB Weld.

Recently, our past VAE president and Wheel Tracks editor Gene Fodor was fortunate enough to find a nice, well used and mostly complete model MG TD (pictured right). Gene decided to restore the model, and model it after his 1953 MG, affectionately named Eliot.



"Little Eliot" was missing the spare tire, the dashboard decal, and the steering wheel. Gene was able to locate a replacement spare tire and dash decal, but no steering wheel. These steering wheels were a very soft, high lead metal. They were easily broken, as the spokes in the wheel are quite thin.

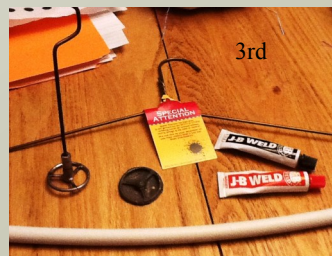
I took it upon myself to create a new steering wheel for Gene and little Eliot.

\* **First**, I borrowed a similar model to use as a mold for the wheel. I carefully made a relief mold of silly putty, and filled the mold with JB Weld.

\***Second**, I carefully peeled the silly putty off and cut off the casting slag.

\* **Third**, I took a piece of coat hanger for the steering shaft, hammered a flat on the end, and made a mold for the back side of the wheel. I carefully placed the coat hanger wire in the mold and poured JB Weld in to the mold. The final step was to bend the correct bends in to the shaft, and file and sand the wheel to the proper shape. I have used similar techniques to alter both model trains and cars to copy specific prototypes.

Gene has done a fantastic job with the restoration of little Eliot.



## Deerfield Lions Club....Deerfield, MA

### Deerfield Lions To Hold 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Antique Auto Show on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012

The Deerfield Lions Club proudly presents its 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Antique, Classic & Special Interest Auto Show to be held at Yankee Candle® Village, 25 Greenfield Road, (Route 5 & 10) South Deerfield, Massachusetts, on SATURDAY, July 21st from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Spectator admission is free. The rain date is Sunday, July 22nd.

Preregistration at [www.yankeecandle.com/about-yankee-candle](http://www.yankeecandle.com/about-yankee-candle) Info?... Peter James 413-665-7104





## DON RAYTA'S MONTHLY MINI-FEATURE

### Greetings VAE MEMBERS !

Marilyn and I are doing well here in Arizona. Would you believe it? This is our tenth year wintering out here. We commuted by motor home the first few years and now we are staying in hotels and driving a mini van.

Mini van? Yes mini van! A great way to travel cross country. We have had so many great trips , meandering here and there along the way.

Our association with the VAE goes back to the mid sixties being brought into the fold by Don and Jennie Brown. We were driving a 40 Ford Deluxe Coupe, a 35 Ford convertible and a 29 Ford Roadster back then. We continue to enjoy the Stowe VAE meet with our 66 Mustang. At one time we did a considerable amount of volunteering when I was judging coordinator for the show. Marilyn and Jennie worked at costume judging and Don judging his favorites, the Model Ts which by the way he still does.

Our hats are off to the many volunteers who have continued to work making the Stowe show the grand event that it is. We also had the privilege of being charter

members of the Model A Ford Club of America, Green Mountain Chapter along with the Matoons,

the Whitamores, the Zampieris and others. We continue to enjoy the collector car hobby with the Mesa Vintage Cruisers.

When we first retired we volunteered at the Barrett Jackson auction as hosts at the media center in nearby Scottsdale. Since moving out here we have had some interesting early VWs including a 63 Crew cab, a low top 66 Kombi, a 57 ragtop and a 58 ragtop. Our current daily driver is the 55 Chevy Bel air 2 dr hardtop. Our days are tough, ha ha, getting up early with Marilyn reading and me watching the news before we venture out, her to the Silversmith shop where she is a monitor and instructor, and me to Pickleball. I do some tinkering on the Chevrolet Bel Air, although I have a mechanic that helps me when I need it, which seems to be more often these days. Afternoons we usually run errands and go for coffee with the Chevy. I had a 55 in 1960 when we were dating, which reminds me, Marilyn and I just celebrated our fiftieth anniversary in February. Wow! She has been a great partner throughout the years of

collecting, restoring and driving vintage autos.

We leave AZ in early May for our place on So.Hero island where there is always plenty to do. We continue to enjoy the Stowe VAE meet with our 66 Mustang. Sure do enjoy Marilyn's flowers, our lawn and lot and my bike rides along the west shore. Marilyn loves her walks along South Street in the mornings. We play Pickleball a few times a week and serving as ambassadors of the USAPA, we give clinics in Arizona and Vermont. Our Colchester program is going well. We work with the town recreation department and will be on the summer schedule for adult and youth programs. We spend as much time as possible with the children in Vermont



Ron & Marilyn Tofani



### EXPLORE CHINA THIS FALL WITH THE VAE !

★ CLIMB THE GREAT WALL ! - TOUR THE FORBIDDEN CITY ! - VISIT THE SHANGHAI AUTO MUSEUM

★ EXPERIENCE CHINA'S 5000 YEAR OLD CULTURE ! - SEE VW BEING BUILT IN SHANGHAI !

★ CRUISE BEAUTIFUL WEST LAKE AND VISIT PAGODAS IN HANGZHOU - AND MUCH, MUCH MORE !

**OCTOBER 9 – 19, 2012**

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION GO TO [VTAUTO.COM](http://VTAUTO.COM) OR CONTACT CHRIS BARBIERI AT 802-223-3104 Or AT [CGEEB99@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CGEEB99@GMAIL.COM)



# GAEL BOARDMAN'S 1918 G-48 LOCOMOBILE....IN PARADE DRESS



## Treasurer's Report - June 8, 2012

### Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts, Inc.

MONEY MARKET - May 14, 2012	\$108,805.10		
add: May interest income		46.27	
Balance June 8, 2012			108,851.37
GENERAL CHECKING - May 14, 2012	\$ 3,793.23		
Deposits -			
Member dues		300.00	
Stowe flea market registrations		5,215.00	
Insurance refund		78.09	
Total receipts		5,593.09	
Disbursements -			
5291 VT Signs & Graphics - new VAE banner		291.50	
5292 Stowe Area Association - Stowe show mailings		2,289.25	
5293 Gene Fodor - reimb. for Knight Point brochure printing		556.39	
5294 Charles Thompson - reimb. for bridge event expenses		42.84	
5295 Gene Fodor - reimb for Knight Point mailings		268.69	
5296 Peerless Insurance - insurance premium		153.00	
5297 Gene Napoliello - reimb. for 2011 Stowe awards		3.19	
		3,604.86	
Balance - June 8, 2012			5,781.46
Total VAE accounts			\$ 114,632.83

### Vermont Antique Automobile Society, Inc.

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT - May 14, 2012	22,521.42		
add: May interest income		7.66	
Balance - June 8, 2012			\$ 22,529.08
CHECKING ACCOUNT - May 14, 2012	\$ 1,547.52		
Deposits - Advertising revenue		120.00	
Disbursements -			
237 Rachel Smith - website		876.00	
Balance - June 8, 2012			\$ 791.52
Total VAAS accounts			\$ 23,320.60

### Restricted Funds

	Scholarship Fund	Long-range Fund
Balance - June 8, 2012	\$ 4,315	\$ 1,100



## Minutes of VAAS Meeting Held April 23, 2012 at the Williston Library



**In attendance:** Gael Boardman, Lloyd Davis, Gary Fiske, Wendell Noble, Jim Sears, Andy Barnett.

Good stories and motoring moments were aired prior to discussion of business. (The note-taker enjoyed the remarks but did not record them.)

**1. A review of the Golden Wrench presentation** at Enosburg was made by Gary Fiske, Wendell Noble, Jim Sears. Overall impression was very excellent. The responses of the awarded students was very high and their classmates could not have been happier with the recommendation of their instructors.

A. Should we send reviews to other centers was not determined.

B. Should we offer a permanent plaque for the school's trophy case? Andy B. will investigate with Gordon's for ideas.

C. Gary Fiske will follow up with career center instructor for an article to be published in Wheel Tracks.

D. Career centers will be asked for nominees for 2013 award.

### **2. Shelburne Museum—VAAS Mission**

Andy Barnett and Wendell Noble had lunch with the new director, Tom Denenberg, on April 18.

Our discussions were varied, friendly, and wide open. Tom is a "car guy"—owns a Porsche. We don't know vintage. His assistant, Leslie, owns a motorcycle (Harley?).

There was some discussion about putting cars in the Round Barn. Tom likes the barn and wants to use it more. We did mention a permanent display as something in the future. Tom's response was positive, but he must get the new building underway and built.

The best part of the discussion was that we agreed to meet again. Overall we left with good feelings all around for this first step.

### **3. Shelburne Farms**

Wendell will approach them about cars for their "Roaring Twenties" Gala. Jim will approach the farm about having a permanent/semi-permanent display.

### **4. Wheel Tracks**

A discussion regarding the distribution and wishes of membership.

**5. Audit Committee meeting** at Dick Wheatly's office, date and time to be determined.

**6. The nominating committee**, Jim Sears, Gary Fiske, and one other to be named, will make their slate known by next meeting.

Next meeting of VAAS time and place yet to be determined.

Respectfully submitted, Andy Barnett

## VAAS Board Meeting Minutes, May 21, 2012



**Board members present:** Gael Boardman, Bob Chase, Dick Wheatley, Leo Laferriere and Lloyd Davis.

**Others Present:** Wendell Noble, Gary Fiske, and Jim Sears.

The meeting took place at Dick Wheatley's office in Essex Junction at 1:30 p.m. on May 21.

**1. Dick Wheatley** noted the published treasurer's report and mentioned that an additional \$2,000 may be needed by year end. He also noted that Wheel Tracks expenses are about \$300/mo higher than originally budgeted. Lloyd Davis moved to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Leo Laferriere and passed.

**2. No secretary's** report of minutes of the prior meeting was yet available.

**3. Gael Boardman reported on the results of a prior meeting with CPA Wally Tapia** regarding the board's concern for VAAS compliance with IRS requirements. According to Wally, our meeting minutes are the best record for any future IRS audit. Dick Wheatley reminded to the board that the original motivation for seeking 501 © 3 status for the organization was that the VAE is not really a true 501 © 7 as currently filing. Wally will get more information as to the VAE status.

**4. Dick Wheatley** stated that the treasurer's records are ready for audit and he will schedule with the audit committee.

**5. Nominating committee** presently consists of volunteers Gary Fiske and Jim Sears. They will seek a third member, Rick Hamilton if he is agreeable. Leo Laferriere and Lloyd Davis offered to step down in order to create vacancies.

**6. Maintenance of a Wheel Tracks archive**, which Gary Fiske is assembling, was discussed. There should be one set for Tom McHugh and one set for the VAAS board. Gary solicited new ideas for Wheel Tracks. He would like to be able to introduce a new feature for the beginning of the year. He also asked that the VAAS board also serve as the Wheel Tracks editorial board. A motion was made by Dick Wheatley and seconded by Lloyd Davis to do so and passed. Gary handed out copies of the current issue and asked for suggestions. Several helpful suggestions were provided.

**7. Tech Center Scholarships:** Gael Boardman brought up the need to get VAAS/VAE members to attend to other tech centers as was done for Cold Hollow Tech Center. This includes making contact with Tech Center administration, possibly joining their advisory board and inviting their participation in the VAAS awards program. Wendell Noble, Gael Boardman, Leo Laferriere and Gary Fiske will attempt to identify members to match Tech Center locations.

Continued on next page...



**8. Web Site:** It was agreed to have the members-only page include the complete current issue of Wheel Tracks and the membership directory. Note was also made of the need to maintain easily accessible current information on up-coming events and activities.

**9. Mobile Museum:** Gael Boardman read information from a New Jersey club that has 501© 3 status and is doing many of the things we do, described as educational display. He noted that we may do well to present our activities similarly. Wendell Noble pointed out that there are plenty of things that we can do and are doing, at little or no cost, that readily fall in this category. Examples are: our car display at Shelburne Farms, an Old Car display and presentation to Webelos Scouts, our participation in the historically significant Champlain Bridge opening, and a scheduled talk to a local historical society on the history of roads in Vermont.

**10. Jim Sears** mentioned that he and Dick Wheatley are considering a possible tour to the transportation museum in Plattsburgh in September and are looking for guidance on how and when to present our donation check. The next meeting was scheduled for June 25 at 1:30 at Dick Wheatley's office.

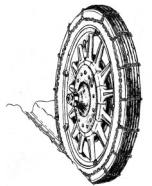


**The Webelos scouts of Milton pack 631** got a "hands on" education in automotive technology evolution last month, thanks to VAE/VAAS members Wendell Noble and Jim and Randy Cary. The members came to the scout meeting with vehicles ranging in age from Wendell's '29 Plymouth Roadster and Jim's award winning '65 Ford pickup to a brand new Chevy Cruz brought fresh from the show room by Randy. The scouts crawled over and under the vehicles, noting and discussing the changes that have taken place in 30-40 year steps. It was an educational experience for all. Said Wendell, "I think I learned something about new cars." Of course the scouts also had fun riding around the parking lot in the old iron. This is just one example of something we VAEers can do as individuals or small groups in our communities to share our knowledge of and passion for automotive history.



### Stowe Show Committee Meeting

The Stowe Planning Committee met on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, in the dining room of the Commodores Inn in Stowe. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by co-chairmen Bob Chase and Duane Leach.



- 1. General Information:** Duane Leach announced that the brochures are available for distribution.
- 2. Sponsorship:** Bob Chase announced that \$4,550.00 has been received so far, slightly behind last year. Another \$1,100.00 is expected by June.
- 3. Publicity:** Chris Barbieri stated that things are on schedule. Print ads have been sent out and air ads will go out 8 – 12 days before the show. Special events information can be included in the air ads.
- 4. Special Events:** The Bugatti display seems to be certain. Jim Sears said that no information has come back yet regarding a Porsche display, but Christina McCaffrey will be responding for the Porsche club. Duane Leach stated that lacking a response from anyone on it, the "Tuner" event is likely a no-go. Gael Boardman said that he had been in contact with a stationary engine group and they feel they can guarantee at least six engines, although he does not know at this point on what days they will participate. Duane Leach said that checks have been received from two Vermont Crafters.
- 5. Regular and On-line Registration:** Duane Leach noted that there has been confusion over the tax number blank in the on-line registration form. It is actually not needed and will be eliminated. 21 cars and one flea market space have been registered on-line so far. 11 car registrations have been received by mail.
- 6. Clothing:** Joanna Conti provided sample material she had obtained for U.S. made polo and tee shirts. Andy Barnett quoted a price of \$18.50 for the same polo shirts as purchased last year. He also passed around a sample 100% cotton shirt which would cost \$24.00. Those present voted to opt for the 100% cotton shirts in the same color as last year.
- 7. Contracts:** Bob Chase reported that he had received the contract with Cassella for the same trash removal service as last year as well as a class sponsorship. All though not final yet, indications from Hartigan are that the same service as last year will cost \$3,855.00. Bob also reported that he has all town permit forms (police, fire and EMT) in hand.
- 8. Show Departments:** Gene Napoliello reported that judging awards have been ordered. He also noted that Lloyd Harvey is stepping in as judging recruiter. Tom McHugh reported that three flea market vendors have registered so far.
- 9. Appreciation Dinner:** Will be held at Commodores Inn on May 6 starting at 12:00.
- 10. Special Bridge Report:** Dave Sander reminded us of the Champlain Bridge celebration on May 19 and 20 and announced that the VAE meeting will be held at 1:00 on May 20 at the dedication site.
- 11. Other Business:** Jim Sears announced that he has received a request from Shelburne Farms for some '20's era cars to display at Shelburne Farms on the evening of May 4.

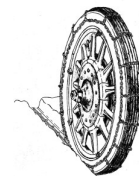
The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. Respectfully submitted: Wendell Noble, Acting Secretary



## Minutes of the May Stowe Show Committee Meeting

The Stowe Planning Committee met on Wednesday, May 18, 2012, at the Commodores Inn in Stowe. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by chairman Bob Chase.

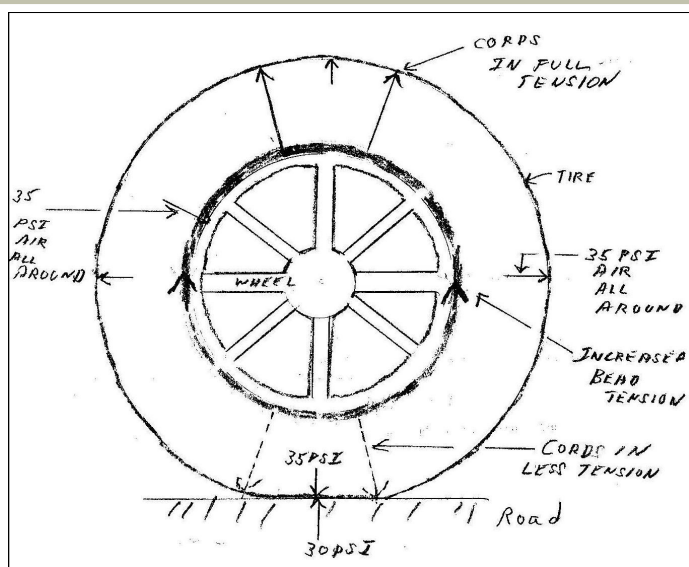
- 1. General Information:** Fred Cook provided an update on the upcoming Champlain Bridge celebration and noted the need for more cars to transport the '29ers and their companions.
  - 2. Registration:** Heather Mclay stated that 171 registrations had been received by mail, 45 on-line and one flea market space. She also noted that there was a good variety of vintages ranging from 1907 to 1987.
  - 3. Sponsorship:** Bob Chase announced that \$5,050.00 has been received so far.
  - 4. Special Events:** Hal Boardman stated that there was one space left in the crafters tent, which he hopes to fill with a quilter.
  - 5. Permits:** Bob Chase stated that state permits were received as of May 4. A permit for highway usage during the parade was granted May 9. Certain regulation road signs will be required. Bill Sander agreed to look into where these signs may be purchased and at what cost. Bob added that the necessary town approval was granted by the select board the prior Monday.
  - 6. Field Setup:** Duane noted a question as to the best location for signs directing incoming show cars. Since a group has agreed to put on a stationery engine display we must decide the best location for them. This can only be decided when we know when they will be there (Sunday only?)
  - 7. Judging:** Leo Laferriere stated that there are no new issues although he is looking for one more (young) person on the judging team.
  - 8. Show Departments:** Tom McHugh noted that he has been requested to meet with Randy Cary regarding security procedures for Gate One, next to the Flea Market.
  - 9. Duane's New Future Event Surprise:** Duane Leach announced that he had obtained a track for "Valve Cover Racing" from Craig's list. This will be a new event for next year. Serge Benoit pointed out that this is a very popular and competitive event at Quebec car events and should be the same here.
  - 10. Other Business:** Serge Benoit announced that he is involved in sponsorship of a car show for "little cars" (no more than 4 cylinders) in Sabrevois, Quebec. This event will include a flea market and valve cover races and will be held on August 18-19.
- Respectfully submitted: Wendell Noble, Acting Secretary



Dear Mr. Noble (VAE Chairman),

I live in Springfield, in a house that was once owned by one of the very earliest auto owners in Vermont, W. D. Woolson. The house, to which Woolson about 1908 added a 3 car garage with a grease pit, has beadboard wainscoting throughout it. Not long ago I discovered a 3 inch brass disc mounted on the wall that's marked "AAA" in the center and "Automobile Club of Vermont" around the edge. Would you or any of your members be familiar with this sort of badge and might be able to tell me it's vintage?

Here's a photo of the disk. I've been reluctant to polish it lest I remove what little paint remains. I appreciate any help you might be able to give as to it's age. I suspect it's fairly early as I have an essay that W. D. Woolson wrote in 1902 called "The Vagaries of a Vermont Automobile". The car that he was writing about was a one cylinder Packard that he had bought as a replacement for an earlier steam car. Thank you, Robert Dacey



Sent to WT by AJ Davis. This is believed to originated from the GE welding department of the early 1950s



Christina and Paul McCaffery's 1954 R-type Bentley  
Wowing the Parade Crowd



### A boy, about 9, opened the door. The following conversation developed:

"Is your Dad home?" ..... "No, Sir, he isn't; he went to town."

"Well, is your Mother here?" ..... "No, Sir, she went to town with Dad."

"How about your brother, Howard? Is he here?" ..... "No, Sir, He went with Mom and Dad."

The rancher stood there for a few minutes, shifting from one foot to the other, mumbling to himself.

The young boy asked; "Is there anything I can do for you? I know where all the tools are, if you want to borrow one, or I can give Dad a message."

"Well," said the rancher uncomfortably, "I really wanted to talk to your Dad. It's about your brother Howard getting my daughter, Suzie, pregnant."

The boy thought for a moment. "You would have to talk to Dad about that. I know he charges \$500 for the bull and \$50 for the hog, but I don't know how much he charges for Howard."

### Gene Fodor & Rick Reinstein introduces Rick's 'Dorothy' to the VAE

Why the name Dorothy? Well the un-restored 51 Chevrolet Styleline Sport Notchback Coupe came from Kansas! Dorothy was not only purchased by Rick in Kansas but she was also built there in March of 1951. The base engine that year was a 92 hp overhead valve 216 cu. in. six with babbitt bearings, but the powerglide models (automatic) had a 115 hp 235cu. in. babbitt motor. Dorothy was sold new for about \$1500. Rick has replaced the floor pans, shocks, torsion bar bushings, wheel bearings, complete brake and fuel system, wiring harness, installed turn signals in existing parking/brake lights, and installed a later model 1954 235 cu. in. motor with 115hp and full pressure oiling. Lastly, a new clutch and rebuilt 51 3sp manual transmission completed the mechanicals. She has many dents and dings and will undergo final body work and paint this winter to return her to her former glory and Trophy Blue color. Dorothy will be at Stowe this year as a "work-in-progress" and will never be judged.



# Wheel Tracks Classified

**For Sale...** Leer Cap for a 1982 El Camino. I believe it fits 1978 to 1985...good condition. \$150...email grandpgny@aol.com or call 631-261-5011...Ed Gradel, Centerport, N.Y. 7/12

### JUNE BUMPER STICKER

4 Out Of 3 People  
Have Trouble With Fractions

### For Sale...

Many rare parts for a 1955 Ford Station Wagon. Bumper, front seat, auto transmission, and much more. Carroll Bean, Bradford, VT 8/12



### For Sale...

2 1966 Ford Mustangs GTs. One is a hardtop the 2nd a convertible. Rust free. \$8000.00 for HT, \$12,000 for Conv. Joe Paradis, Bakersfield, VT 8/12

### Convertibles for sale:

**Dodge** - 1986 ES Turbo all original Arizona car in excellent condition. \$3950 obo

**Chrysler** - 1989 GTC Turbo 5 speed all original southern car in very nice condition. Price reduced to \$4250 obo

### I need the room !

**Essex 1924 parts manual** for 6 cylinder models. Excellent condition \$25.

**Dodge C-3 series truck Shop Manual.** Published 6/56. \$20.

**Firestone, Goodrich** and Goodyear antique tire ashtrays. All in excellent condition. Make offer.

**Marx 1950's Marx toy Army truck.** A very nice original complete with cloth top. 18" long. \$175

Chris Barbieri  
802 / 223 - 3104  
cgeeb99@gmail.com

8/12

### For Sale...

**1937 'near mint' Packard One Twenty** Technical Data manual. 130 pages \$175.00

**1937 Replacement Packard radiator cap**— not the bird. \$70.00

**1940 Gilbaro gas pump**— no globe.

Does have hose and nozzle with a Opaco bulk oil tank. \$450.00

**Red Rose Feed sign**, three colors, clean, bright, 2 bullet holes. 48X30 \$475.00

**Firestone tractor tire.** Ground grip sign. Shiny, bright, some nicks. 75X23. \$1000.00

These are wife's prices, better if you talk to me.

Marvin Ball, Ferrisburgh, VT  
802-425-3529 8/12

### JULY BUMPER STICKER...

Driver Carries No Cash  
HE'S MARRIED





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

All new listings will be in Wheel Tracks for one month before they are transferred to our website.  
(The name in italics is a VAE member who has used the service)

**YOU GOT 'EM, WE NEED 'EM**

PLEASE SEND US MORE LISTINGS OF YOUR FAVORITE VENDORS

### Suspension

Bailey Spring and Chassis  
15a Maple St.  
Essex Junction,  
VT 802-879-0881 (Bob Lalancette)

### Slotted Screws and Much More

McMaster-Carr  
Robbinsville, NJ  
Www.mcmaster.com  
609-689-3415 (Wendell Noble)

### Notice.....

I have seen a few **NON-Ethanol Gas** stations. It seems to be a new thing. Go-Go gas has it on their premium fuel, Hero's welcome in South

Hero has it on the docks so you could bring gas cans to get it. Also, Shelburne ship yard has it. If you know of other and they seem to be growing, Please let me know and we'll spread the word. Thanks John Lavallee

Also....Blouins Brother's Oil in Enosburg Falls sell non-ethanol gas

# Hello...Here's My Card

1-802-863-2326  
1-800-287-5488  
Fax: 802-862-3031



## VERMONT ENGINE SERVICE, INC.

Dean Thibodeau  
Owner

ENGINE MACHINING & REBUILDING ♦ DIXIE CHOPPER ZERO-TURN LAWN MOWERS

16 KRUPP DRIVE Email:Vermontengine@myfairpoint.net  
WILLISTON, VT 05495 www.vermontengine.com



Travis Dubuque  
Independent Distributor

6 Adams School Road  
Grand Isle, VT 05458

cell 802-316-6260  
home 802-372-6703

Restoring First Prize Winners Since 1968

Waitsfield Motor Car Company  
Restoration of Fine Motor cars

David G. Steinman  
Waitsfield, Vt. 05673 802-496-4277

For Only \$100 per year Your Business Card can be here and on our website....vtauto.org Every Day of the Year

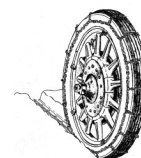
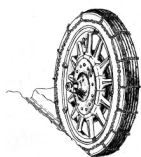
# Become a Member Of VAE For Only \$30.00

**Contact: Christina McCaffrey (Member Secretary)**

89 Ledge Road  
Burlington, Vermont 05401-4140

Or

Go to vtauto.org  
And click onto  
"Join VAE"



## VERMONT AUTOMOBILE ENTHUSIASTS

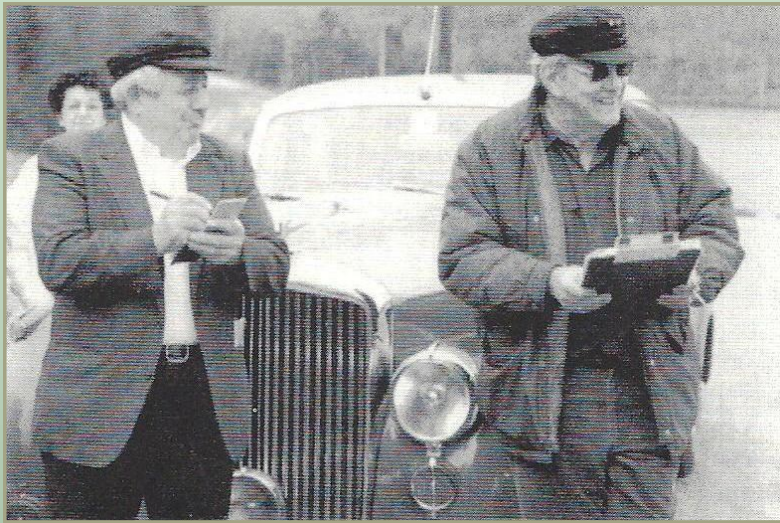
Please Send Dues or Address Changes to:

**Christina McCaffrey**

Membership Secretary

**89 Ledge Road**

**Burlington, VT 05401-4140**



1993 President Bob Jones, on right, on VAE's  
April '93 Mothball Tour  
(C. Conti on left, Rod Rice's Bentley in center)

July 2012



### *Champlain Bridge Celebration by Charlie Thompson.....*

Eight am on Saturday morning and Marion and I are off to the Champlain Bridge, driving the 1930 Whippet, of course. (Trailer it? What's a trailer?) From Colchester we take our usual route through Hinesburg, Monkton, Vergennes, and Panton for the hour and a half ride to Chimney Point. We swim upstream on Route 125, where the road is down to one lane as the parade is forming up, to get to our friends who are camping at Ten Acres Campground. They are joining us in a second Whippet, a 1930 Deluxe Sedan.

After a cup of coffee, we weave our way back to the Bridge Restaurant and wait to load up our "29er". Shortly, we load up a wonderful nonagenarian lady and her septuagenarian daughter. (Uh, that's age 90+ and 70+. I never got to use those words before.) We wave and toot our way over the Bridge with our passengers keeping a sharp lookout for their family. We finally find them on the New York side near the old Toll House, now serving as a reception area for the 29ers and as a Bridge Museum. As they wave, take pictures, and try to get Grandmother's attention, we stop and motion them to come to the car. We get to say "Hello" to Granddaughter, Great Granddaughter, and Great-great Grandbaby plus a few cousins. Five generations! What a wonderful family!

*Leo Laferriere comments on our Champlain Bridge Celebration.....* "For me and my wife Liz, the trip was fairly routine - no real problems with our 1930 Model A, and nothing particularly newsworthy. The presence of the VAE vehicles was a major contribution to the authenticity, amenities and attraction of the event. It brought the spectators and participants right into the ambience of that time period, and heightened the sense - and appreciation - of history. The VAE delivered a strong element of integrity to the celebration - that in itself is a singular achievement."

