



Gary Fiske's 1930 Ford Pickup Truck

## A Vary Patient PU

This 1930 Ford Pickup is waiting for it's turn to be re-stored. It's been 80 years and the only thing in it's way now is the completion of an 85 El Camino and the varying ambition levels of Gary Fiske of Enosburg. I purchased it three years ago and I've been collecting parts for the job although there are many yet to find. If you wanted to stand in the bed you would be standing on the ground but a new bed is waiting just inside the barn. New fenders and running boards are in the cardboard boxes along with a bumper and a few other things.

## VAE CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**Fri. & Sat. Jun 11-12, 2010** Ye Olde England Inn Stowe, VT ... Mustangs

**Sat. & Sun. Jun 12-13, 2010** The Manchester (VT) Car Formerly Hildene  
[www.manchestercarshow.com](http://www.manchestercarshow.com)

**Sun. Jun 13, 2010** Canada's International Lilliputian Cars Show (See Page 3)

**Sat. & Sun. Jun 19-20, 2010** Blessing Cars/Travelers St. Anne's Isle LaMotte, VT

**Sat. Jun 19, 2010** Street Rod Show at Libby's Blue Line Diner (I 89 Ex 16) Colchester, VT

**Fri. & Sat. Jun 25-26, 2010** Ye Olde England Inn, Stowe, VT ... Cobras

**Sat. Jun 26, 2010 VAE** Meeting at Camp Ta-Kum-Ta, South Hero, VT (See Page 3)

**Sun. Jul, 4, 2010 Independence Day** (Parades see page 3)

**Mon. Jul 5th, 2010 VAE Board** (See page 2 and 6)

**Fri. JULY 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010** U.S. SENATE RESOLUTION DESIGNATING  
"COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY" SEMA SECURES (See July for more.)

**Fri. - Sun. Jul 16-18, 2010** Hemmings New England Concourse d'Elegance at Stratton Mt., VT (See page 3)

**Sat. Jul 17, 2010** Founder's Day Classic Car Exhibit, Paris Hill, ME, 9 to 5  
Donations - Adults \$10, Kids, 12 and under \$2. [www.parishill.org](http://www.parishill.org) Robert Bathre's Private Classic Car Collection

(See Page 2 for More Activities/Events)

Headlights, a windshield and frame, shocks, interior coverings and a seat is a short list of what is still needed. I would like to hear from folks who have already restored a vehicle like this, as questions come up all the time and the answers cannot be found in a book. The odometer only goes to 10,000 miles and it registers 1590 miles. One question is...what part of the PU would best be used to tell how many miles it has traveled. My email is [gafiske@gmail.com](mailto:gafiske@gmail.com). I'm looking for more parts if anyone has spares to sell.

(From Gary Fiske)

Hello Vermont VAE'ers...

Summer is right around the corner and we are holding our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Vermont Fun Festival event on **Saturday, June 19, 2010**, here at the *Fair Haven Welcome Center*.

We've held this event for the last three summers and it has been a huge success.

We would like to extend an invitation to you to set up a table and be part of this event. We encourage you to be a part of this promotional event. Call 265-4763, 265-2210, or email [fw.center@state.vt.us](mailto:fw.center@state.vt.us) Cindy Roberts.



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### More Events/Activities

**Sat. Jul 31, 2010** Swanton Car and Motorcycle Show (see Page 3)



**Sat. Aug 21, 2010** Milton Car Show, Old Milton Drag Strip, US Rte 7 Milton, VT 8 am - 4 pm

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## A Few Words From Your Editor

\*\*\* On page 6 in the Classified section, you will see that the request for another person to work on WheelTracks has changed. After my term as Chair expires this December, I got to thinking that I'd be pretty bored without anything VAE to do. So, unless someone steps forward and there is a groundswell of support for another Editor, I'll stay in that position with the help of one other person (*Gary Fiske* has already volunteered and is helping) by typing some material that may arrive as a hard copy. So, if you have WORD and can help and send via email as it will not take much time, please let me or the Directors know. I am however, still hoping that some one will step forward to take over the WT Editorship completely.

\*\*\* A note of thanks to all who sent me stories for WT, but I am not out of the woods yet. So, to all our readers, there is still a need for front page featured cars with you stories. Don't be shy and send them on.

\*\*\* Happy Motoring



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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Spencer Halstead, Addie Surette, Burlington, VT

## SUNSHINE REPORT

Marty Barnett - home recuperating

Christina McCaffrey



## DIRECTIONS TO BOARD MEETING LOCATION

**July 5, 2010**

Via the interstate, take Exit 12 in Williston, go north on St. George Rd., towards Taft Corners, passing "Big Box" stores right and left. At Taft Corners, turn right (east) onto US Route 2 and proceed 1.8 miles. The entrance is on the right. From Exit 11 follow Williston Road (5 miles) turn left onto Whitney Hill Homestead. All others: from Taft Corners in Williston follow above directions.





## 4th Of July Parade



**South Hero - Arrive by 9:30 as the parade starts at 10 AM** from South Street and Landon Road. There are prizes in the numerous categories. All are welcome.

The Town of Cambridge, VT will have its 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Jeffersonville Village on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. As usual, we will line up at G.W. Tatro Construction Co. at the intersection of RT 15 and RT 108 starting at 9:00. The Parade will wind its way through Jeffersonville Village to the Cambridge Elementary School and there will be our traditional Fair on the athletic field. There will be prizes for antique cars and trucks. To clear up any confusion, Jeffersonville is a village within the Town of Cambridge.

Any questions, call *Jan Sander* at 644-5487

## Hemmings 2010 New England Concourse d'Elegance

**Friday July 16th** is the opening events including the Hemmings Green Mountain Rally.

**Saturday July 17th** starts with the Cruise-In Spectacular from 10 am to 4 pm followed by an informal judging starting at 3 pm for 1st and 2nd place in 24 classes. Later, 4pm to 6 pm, live music featured in the village and at 7 pm a gourmet dinner is available.

**Sunday, July 18th** the concourse d'Elegance 10am to 3 pm for pre-1973 collector cars. For more info. see: [www.hemmings.com/concours](http://www.hemmings.com/concours)



The "HUCK" starter... starting airplanes before they had starters.



## June 26, 2010 VAE Meeting

**Camp Ta Kum Ta**, a MUST See!!! ...the new gorgeous estate home of the Camp Ta Kum Ta. This will be the finest & classiest!!!

Take a road tour to and a walking tour of **Camp Ta Kum Ta** together with the Green Mountain Chapter of the AACA. A picnic and the VAE Monthly Meeting follows. Complimentary food (burgers, hot dogs, chicken) and drinks to be provided. (From: *Gene Napoliello*)

Tour 11; lunch about 12; VAE meeting about 1; departure by 3 pm. Please bring side dishes to share and chairs.

**Directions - The Tour:** Meet at the **Park 'n Ride** at the junction of US Rte 7 and 2 and Exit 17 of I-89, at 10 am for a tour to the camp. If you can't tour, then crossing the "sandbar" (US Rte. 2N) proceed 3.4 mi. to turn **LEFT** on **Sunset View Rd.** Follow this for .8 mi., to the Camp on the **LEFT**... (About 1 mi. of dirt road.)

**International Lilliputian Cars Show**  
13 of June from 9am to 4pm. In the town of Ste-Anne de Sabrevois, Quebec Canada at the junction of road 113 and 225. The show features micro-cars of 1-2-3-4 cylinders. This is a 'Premier event on the wonderful shores of the Richelieu River near the historic Ryanquay, just beside Sabrevois Marina.

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1<sup>st</sup> Annual Swanton Chamber of Commerce

## Car & Motorcycle Show

**Saturday, July 31, 2010**

(Rain Date: August 1, 2010)

**In the Village Park, Swanton, VT**

**10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

Hosted by the Swanton Chamber of Commerce

33 Classes, 3 Trophies in Each - Special Trophies - All Makes, All Models!



Did you know that...

Woodward Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, carries the designation M-1, so named because it was the first paved road anywhere.



Woodward had a bit more open space and fewer cars in 1931.

## On The Road Again ...

By Chris and Dell Chartier

Boston Bound - Weekend of March 26-28, 2010

*Hello fellow antique auto enthusiasts!*

Don't you enjoy two-fers! We often try to combine trips of "have to's" with "want to's" and that way get a "two-fer" out of the weekend! My wife, Dell, appreciates craft and yarn stores. From time to time, Dell needs her "fix" and we'll make arrangements to visit some yarn store or another, usually with some friends, or family. The way to make this more tolerable for the male contingent of the party is to combine a sports or antique auto museum or dealer, thus creating the "two-fer." I'm sure you get the concept & have perhaps added your own spin to the play. Doesn't it make it more fun? What have you done to make those "have to's" into "want-to's?"

This past weekend we had an obligation with our church in the Natick, Massachusetts area. This was the "have-to." Of course, it's not a dreaded thing at all, and many times it's very enjoyable. However, we converted this weekend into a "two-fer" by avoiding all the superhighways & travelling the back roads. We also scheduled a visit to the auto dealer in Exeter, NH for specialized service on my wife's car. As the dealer didn't have all the parts in stock to make the needed repairs, they gave us use of a vastly newer model with only 40,000 miles on it! They will even drive our car back to our home this week when the repairs are done! That's service!

Now, the bonus of "want to" kicks in. Scouring the roads for vintage, classic, & other fun cars! We got down to the coastal NH area, Rye and Hampton beaches & stumbled upon "Brit Bits." A very nice dealer / mechanic's shop of British sports cars. I'm sure Jim McCaffrey and Gene Fordor will appreciate this shop! (They probably already know of it.) This fellow repairs and sells British auto's & is a very friendly individual. While I was there - yes, Dell let us stop - he was working on a very rare MG Arnot...he was changing the fuel filler nozzle to be accessible from the rear deck instead of through the trunk! The only thing I spent there was time and electrons, but the values were neat!

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I've attached a few photos and if you want to see what he's currently got for sale, Google "Brit Bits, Rye, NH" & I think you'll find them! What fun!

See you all "On the Road Again" soon! Remember to make it a "two-fer." Respectfully, Chris & Dell Chartier  
(That's Chris seated in a Jag XKE. gf)



## The Mercedes Benz Concept Car

This Mercedes Benz model SCL 600 concept car has many amazing features including a hard-top that folds under the rear deck; it has NO steering wheel, also NO peddles. You drive with a joystick! **Do you think that you can drive with a joystick? Your kids and grandkids can. The influence of video games in our lives has really arrived, wouldn't you say? But there is more! The SCARY THOUGHT is: NOW a 3-YEAR-OLD can STEAL your car AND DRIVE IT BETTER THAN YOU CAN!** (See Below) (From Nancy Willett)



## Member In The News - Peter Markowski

VAE member Peter Markowski of Restoration, Performance Motors (RPM) in Vergennes, VT with his sons Eben and Stephan were featured in a recent article by Lauren Ober in the *Seven Days* newspaper. The story explains how Peter located a next to death Ferrari 212 in a barn in New Hampshire and 29 years later he finally talked the owner into selling him the car.

The car has now been totally restored to its original glory with a completely new body hand crafted by Peter's son Eben, who is an accomplished metal artist and metal worker. Eben considers this bodywork, a "work of art" in the old world fashion.

The car is ready and Peter with its owner will be traveling to Italy to run it in the *Mille Miglia*, in May, which is a four-day, 1,000 mile endurance road rally that travels through Bologna, Rome, Florence and Modena before ending in Brescia at the foot of the Italian Alps.

On my visit to RPM in late April I discovered a very busy shop and Peter told me that he had just returned from New York after delivering the car for shipment.

(Rats, I missed it. gf)



## Heat range of your spark plug...

The term spark plug heat range refers to the speed with which the plug can transfer heat from the combustion chamber to the engine head. Whether the plug is to be installed in a boat, lawnmower or racecar, it has been found the optimum combustion chamber temperature for gasoline engines is between 500°C–850°C. When it is within that range it is cool enough to avoid pre-ignition and plug tip over-heating (which can cause engine damage), while still hot enough to burn off combustion deposits which cause fouling.



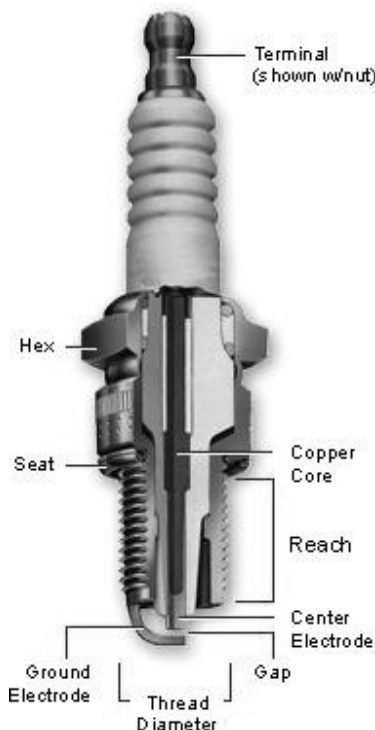
The spark plug can help maintain the optimum combustion chamber temperature. The primary method used to do this is by altering the internal length of the core nose, in addition, the alloy compositions in the electrodes can be changed. This means you may not be able to visually tell a difference between heat ranges. When a spark plug is referred to as a “cold plug”, it is one that transfers heat rapidly from the firing tip into the engine head, which keeps the firing tip cooler. A “hot plug” has a much slower rate of heat transfer, which keeps the firing tip hotter.

An unaltered engine will run within the optimum operating range straight from the manufacturer, but if you make modifications such as a turbo, supercharger, increase compression, timing changes, use of alternate racing fuels, or sustained use of nitrous oxide, these can alter the plug tip temperature and may necessitate a colder plug. A rule of thumb is, **one heat range colder per modification** or one heat range colder for every 75–100hp you increase. In identical spark plug types, the difference from one full heat range to the next is the ability to remove 70°C to 100°C from the combustion chamber.

The heat range numbers used by spark plug manufacturers are not universal, by that we mean, a 10 heat range in Champion is not the same as a 10 heat range in NGK nor the same in Autolite. Some manufacturers numbering systems are opposite the other, for *domestic manufacturers* (Champion, Autolite, Splitfire), the **higher the number, the hotter the**

**plug.** For *Japanese manufacturers (NGK, Denso)*, **the higher the number, the colder the plug.**

Do not make spark plug changes at the same time as another engine modification such as injection, carburetion or timing changes as in the event of poor results, it can lead to misleading and inaccurate conclusions (an exception would be when the alternate plugs came as part of a single precalibrated upgrade kit). **When making spark plug heat range changes, it is better to err on the side of too cold a plug.** The worst thing that can happen from too cold a plug is a fouled spark plug, **too hot a spark plug can cause severe engine damage**



## The Continuing Saga of E-10

After hearing that non-E10 may be history later this summer, I contacted a petroleum industry source to get the name of the supplier of non-E10 into VT. He suggested Petro Canada, but he also said that the availability of non-E10 is dictated by the EPA as it studies the air quality in any given region. Essentially, cleaner the air the more non-E10 is available. Below is the reply from Petro Canada to my inquiry...



*Good afternoon Gene Fodor, Thank you for your inquiry.*

*Currently the use of ethanol blended gasoline in Eastern Canada is very dependant upon the provincial requirements or regional marketing strategies. This makes it very difficult to identify individual stations that may or may not sell non-ethanol gasoline, as certain grades of gasoline may or may not contain ethanol.*

*In Quebec certain stations may sell non-ethanol blended 91 Octane Premium, but at a station where 94 Octane gasoline is available, the 91 Octane Premium will contain ethanol.*

*In the Maritimes currently all gasoline sold by Petro-Canada does not contain ethanol.*

*In the near future, 3 – 6 months, the Canadian Government will announce the Renewable Fuel Strategy which pertains to the ethanol content in gasoline. This will invariably change the landscape as to where non-ethanol gasoline and what grades of non ethanol gasoline are available.*

*Unfortunately our Site Locator information found on [www.Petro-Canada.ca](http://www.Petro-Canada.ca) is not designed to be specific about non-ethanol or ethanol gasolines.*

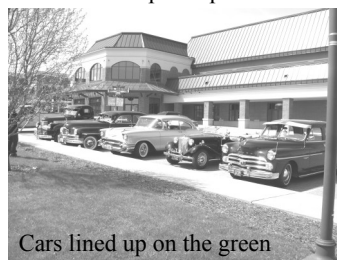
*The only warning that is present at the sites is a yellow label affixed to the pump on the upper steel cladding above the pump top or on the pump itself (at older installations) warning “Gasoline may contain up to 10% Ethanol”.*

*Regards,*

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## VAE IN THE MOVIES ...

Not only was April 15th TAX Day, but it was a chance for VAE members and friends to participate in the making of a video for the Williston Central School's spring production of *Bye Bye Birdie*.



Cars lined up on the green

Six of our members participated by bringing their classic cars which were staged by the park at Taft Corners Maple Place Mall.

Shortly the cast and production crew members arrived in their big yellow school bus and the Director and cinematographer began the plan of the video.

*Ian Stokes* arrived with his wonderful work in progress 1936 Citroën, and parked next to *Don & Theresa Rayta's* 50 Dodge (Stowe's brochure car). Then there was *Eliot*, the *Fodors'* 1953 M.G. TD, Next in line was *Gene Elmore's* slick Silver 1957 Chevy Bel Air and *Bryce Howells'* 1949 Packard 2300 Custom 8 (With bullet holes and all.). *Bucky Hartwell* came with his nicely restored 1946 Chevy pickup. The mini-car show was a hit with all.



Shooting a scene with *Eliot* (Rayta's Dodge and Stokes' Citroën in background) and the cast. *Mia Pasley* (red) and *Meghan O'Day* (blue).

## VAE Classified

### FOR SALE AND A GREAT GIFT IDEA

Official VAE lapel pin - \$5.00 & \$1.00 S&H mailing charge if mailed. Available through Don Rayta. Contact information in *Wheel Tracks* or the VAE Roster. **Wear it proudly and show your colors!**



**NEW JOB - Volunteer Co-Coordinator** - coordinate volunteers for any VAE Shows. Please apply to any Director or Officer.

### For Sale - A VAE Fund Raiser

2009 Stowe show picture Power Point CD (Plays on computers only). Over 370 photos. \$5 + \$2 S & H. Checks to VAE. Obtain from Gene Fodor, 802-372-9146 or crownwheel@comcast.net



### For Sale - VAE Tour Banner

This banner is made of a cloth material with a very soft backing designed not to mar the paint or finish. It is about 17 by 19 inches and has ties on each corner to attach it to your car. \$20. Order from Gene Fodor.



### FOR SALE 50th. Anniversary year book and patch



50th Year Book  
Wendell Noble or Gene  
Fodor \$5 + postage

50th Anniversary Patch  
from Don Rayta \$2.50  
+ postage



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**FOR SALE: 1963 Triumph Spitfire** an early car, FC695L. Just painted, Red, new rockers, all poly suspension, Mark 2 engine and seats. Hard/soft tops, Many new and old stock parts replaced and added. Race history, files, books, cover, etc. Excellent condition. Under 10,000 miles. **Also a 1960 Mark 9 Jaguar** for sale: Call Bill in Indiana 219 616-6975 [cellschair@jagdriver.org](mailto:cellschair@jagdriver.org). From: William Miller [wmarmiller@yahoo.com](mailto:wmarmiller@yahoo.com)

**WANTED - TRAILER**, I'm looking for a trailer to haul *Eliot*. 16 feet, two axels, brakes and ramp-gate Con- tact Gene Fodor

**FOUND ONE ...**

**FOR SALE** - I have reached the age where I realize my legs don't respond as I command. Rather than have an accident, I have decided to sell my 26 model T pick-up roadster. It would be nice to keep it in the VAE. It just had a valve job, carb. overhaul and a new timer. It should be worth \$12,500. I'll take a trade or finance. "Les" Skinner cell- 802-279-8877



**WANTED - THIS IS A CHANGE OVER THE LAST REQUESTS FOR HELP FOR WT...** the VAE is seeking a **second person**, as Gary Fisk has volunteered to help with preparing stories/articles for our newsletter *WheelTracks*, beginning with the January 2011 issue. On occasion, the Editor will receive hard copy typed material that needs to be made into electronic copy. Time commitment could be as little as 0 to 4-5 hours a month. If you have MS WORD and can send the finished product over the internet, and be willing to retype material for the Editor, Gene Fodor, please contact the Editor or Officers or Directors for information.

**FOR SALE** - Recently discovered AND available... **1939 Plymouth** 2 door coupe convertible....NH all it's life..recent \$14 renovation/renewal of engine/ drive train, etc. paint and rumble seat mod- est....leather seats fair...Owner asking \$20K.. Anyone inter- ested? Thanx for your interest!

Chris and Dell Chartier [[ianmacleodscian@yahoo.com](mailto:ianmacleodscian@yahoo.com)]

**For Sale; 1962 restored red VW Bug**. New paint, brake system, interior, tires, shock absorbers, and rebuilt engine, 12 volt. Registered and inspected, come and drive it, \$4,500.00 Miscellaneous 1957 Chevy parts and late 60's Corvair parts. Don Lovejoy, 802-763-7037 evenings.

**NOTICE...** We are planning on putting the Classified section on our web sit starting in June for an expanded reading audience.

## FROM THE MAILBAG...

Hi Gene. I'm running a special for car club members on Collector Car Companion - a software tool that helps antique, classic, custom and muscle car owners organize and document their projects, parts, photos and more. Check it out at [http://www.collectorcarcompanion.com/club\\_special.php](http://www.collectorcarcompanion.com/club_special.php). We recently received an excellent review from Hemmings that you can also read on our site. Please pass this on to your club members. Cheers, John McKeon

## Tentative Board Agenda July 5, 2010

Usual Directorate Reports  
Review of IRS Application

Any other Matters That May Come Before The Board

All are welcome to attend the Meeting. See direction on Page 2.

## Did You Know ... that in 1900

- ... The *Ohio* (built by Packard) adopted the steering wheel in place of the then, conventional tiller
- ... The publication *Automobile Topics* made it appearance
- ... Special automobile lamps were announced by Dietz
- ... Harold T. Birnie received the first automobile license termed a *Engineer's Certificate* from New York City on May 15th.
- ... New York City acquired the first motor driven ambulance
- ... John Brisben Walker climbed Pike's Peak in a steamer
- ... Carl Breer aged 17, built his first motor vehicle - Breer's car seen at left →
- ... that in this year, there were **50 new** motor vehicle companies.
- So ended 1900 and the automotive industry was well on it way.




## You Never Know ...

It was the third Wednesday of the month and I was waiting for a ride with *Wendell Noble* and *Randy Cary* to Stowe for the *Antique and Classic Car Meet* Committee's monthly meeting.

As I was early at the Park 'n Ride, I was reading a book and as I looked up I saw a pickup with a trailer loaded with car parts. He stopped behind me so of course I got out to chat.



Well, the driver was Keith Schnabel, the owner of MasterTech Automotive, [www.mastertechvt.com](http://www.mastertechvt.com) 65 Elm Court (off Prim Rd.) in Colchester. The story was that he had bought all these (20 on the trailer and about 20 more at the shop) Pontiac engines and transmissions (all restorable) and had sold this group to a fellow in Plattsburg, NY.


So, of course I gave him a handful of *Antique and Classic Car Meet* brochures. *Hey, you never know ...* (gf) 

## Old Magazines

Most of us receive various automotive related publications monthly which we either keep, pass on to friends or simply recycle.

The following is not an original idea of mine, as I recently read of a way to reuse our wonderful reads. It came from a reader of some magazine and I for the life of me, can't remember its name nor can I locate the item so that I may give them due credit.

So, with due respect to the writer and publication, consider this: instead of taking your old reads to the recycle station, take them to **retirement or nursing homes**.

Many of the magazines there are for women, but few are for men. You may help improve the quality of life for these gentlemen and who knows, you or your club may even be able to give them a ride in your classic. Think about it. *Growing old is not for sissies.* (gf) 

## APRIL MEETING PHOTOS

What a delightful day for a meeting at the Sander's historical auto museum complex.

The forecast was questionable but as the day wore on it became obvious that we were in for a super day with bright sunshine and warm temperatures.

Pictured below is *Dave Sander* with *Doris Bailey*, *The M.G. Girl* as he explained his historic restoration of *Frank Churchill's M.G.*

A tour for the field revealed that many of our members brought their classics and of course, Bill and Jan's property turned into another impromptu car show.


The buffet table held enough food to feed a small army and the membership did themselves proud by finishing off a goodly portion of the repast. There were only a few crumbs left.

Our host, *Dave Sander* gave us a great explanation of his restoration project which is getting ready for its unveiling at the NEMGTR's first of the season GOF (*Gathering Of The Faithful*) on the weekend of May 6-9 in Oneonta, NY.

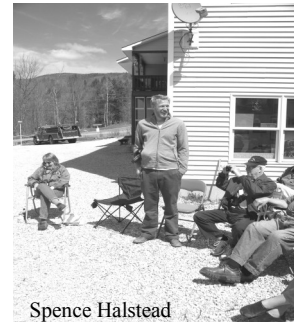
Later Pres. *Don* conducted a fine meeting under the clear blue canopy of the sky and *Fred Cook* explained his representation of VAE at the VTC Convocation. We acquired 3 new members! *Spence Halstead* introduces himself at the meeting. See *Bill Sander's* minutes on page 8 for more.



A new member, *Spencer Halstead*, (pictured - right) was invited to say a few words by way of introducing himself to those present.

The meeting finished about 3 pm and the attendees reluctantly headed home. (gf) 

Dave Sander with Doris Bailey



Spence Halstead



The warming spring sun shone and the rains stayed far south of Vermont. The food was great and the meeting informative and educational.

## April 2010 VAE Board Meeting Minutes

The regular quarterly Meeting of the VAE Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, April 5, 2010 at the Whitney Hill Retirement Community in Williston. The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman Gene Fodor, who began by introducing Gary Fiske, who may be taking over all or part of the responsibility for Wheeltracks after Gene steps down at the end of this year.

**Secretary's Report:** Bill Sander moved, and David Sander seconded, that the minutes of the prior Meeting be accepted as printed in Wheeltracks. This passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dick Wheatley reported that there is about \$60,000 in our accounts. Sponsorship for Stowe has now reached \$2,850. A question was raised about a possible scholarship donation to VTC, beyond the regular scholarship funds. David Sander will clarify with Fred Cook what past practice has been. Bill Sander moved that it be left to the Chairman and the Treasurer to pay up to \$200, if research establishes the precedent. **Audit:** Don Rayta moved to print the completed Auditors' Report in the June Wheeltracks. This was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

**By Laws:** Andy Barnett stated that a final meeting of the Committee will be held shortly to complete the new By Laws. **Tax Status:** Gael Boardman reports that there are still questions from the IRS, requesting clarification on some of our activities. **Nominating Committee:** Don Rayta is still working on this. **Sunshine Report:** Randy Clark is recuperating from a recent hospitalization.

**Activities:** Wendell Noble briefly described the next two regular Meetings, which are a Technical Session at the Sander garages in Jeffersonville on Sunday, April 25, and the Memorial Day Parade and cookout in Hardwick on May 29. That May Meeting is organized by John Des Groseilliers. Full details will be in Wheeltracks.

**Stowe:** Brochures have been delivered to the Stowe Area Association for mailing. The process is to be completed within three weeks. New windshield cards will be used this year, multi colored, and with room for further information about the car. Contracts are being signed, and permits are progressing. **Anne Gypson Tour:** After discussion with family, decision was made to leave name as it is now.

**New Business:** There was discussion with Gary Fiske about possibly taking over all or part of Wheeltracks Editorship next year. Gary is circulating sample copies to stores, waiting rooms, libraries, etc., to try to recruit new members.

There was some discussion of the formation of an Executive Committee. Bill Sander moved to table the discussion until the January, 2011 Board Meeting. This was seconded by Gael Boardman, and passed unanimously.

Don Rayta raised the possibility of using the website for listing articles for sale. By consensus, this was approved. Details will be worked out.

Gael Boardman recognized Lloyd Davis, sole surviving founding member of the VAE, and also a founding member of the new 501 C 3 Corporation now being established.

Bill Sander moved to adjourn at 9:05. This was properly seconded and passed unanimously.

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Board Members present were: Hal Boardman, Randy Cary, Gene Fodor, Wendell Noble, Don Rayta, Bill Sander, David Sander, and Dick Wheatley. Others present were: Andy Barnett, Gael Boardman, Bob Chase, Lloyd Davis, Gary Fiske, and Ray Tomlinson.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Sander, Recording Secretary.

## April 25, 2010 Membership Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly Meeting of the VAE was held on Sunday, April 25, 2010, at *Jan and Bill Sander's* garage complex in Jeffersonville.

The Business Meeting was called to order at 1:59 PM by President *Don Rayta*, who thanked everyone for coming, and thanked *David Sander* for his presentation earlier in the day on the restoration of the 1953 MG TD owned by the Sander family.

**Secretary's Report:** *Bill Sander* moved that the minutes of the prior Meeting be approved as printed in Wheeltracks. Jan Sander seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** *Dick Wheatley* sent in a report. *Les Skinner* moved to file the report for audit. This was seconded by Bill Sander, and passed unanimously.

**Audit:** *Gene Fodor* stated that the completed audit report will be printed in the June or July Wheeltracks.

**By Laws:** *Fred Cook* reports that the revisions are nearly complete, and should be available for action by the membership shortly.

**Tax Status:** *Gael Boardman* is having ongoing interaction with the IRS. The process is moving ahead slowly, with some questions yet to be resolved.

**Futures Committee:** No report.

**Membership:** There are three new members today.

**Nominating Committee:** *Fred Cook, Leo Laferriere, and Gene Napoliello* have been named to this committee.

**Sunshine:** *Christina McCaffrey* sent a card to Fred Cook, and various other folks with recent medical issues.

**Activities:** *Wendell Noble* outlined the next few months' activities, which will be detailed in Wheeltracks.

**Stowe Show:** *Bob Chase* reports that the Brochures are complete, and available. Sponsorship support in the amount of \$3850 has been received, including the amount from AAA. Permit applications are complete, and about to be submitted.

**New Business:** *Fred Cook* spoke in great detail about meetings with VTC personnel with regard to holding the Annual Meeting there this year. Fred also gave a very complete account of a recent student ceremony at VTC where Fred represented the VAE, as scholarship donor.

*Bill Sander* moved to adjourn at 2:45 PM. This was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted.

*Bill Sander*, Recording Secretary



## Audit Committee Report

February 13, 2010

Memo: VAE Board of Directors

From: Leo Laferriere, Chair, VAE Audit Committee

Re: Audit Committee meeting

This is to confirm that the VAE Audit Committee met with Treasurer Dick Wheatley at Dick's office on February first. In attendance were Doris Bailey, Gael Boardman, Leo Laferriere, and Treasurer Wheatley. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct an audit of the VAE 2009 financial records.



We reviewed our prior committee report to the Board dated 8/21/08, and confirmed the procedures listed as A through G in the 2007 report are still in place. Doris Bailey continues to provide oversight of transactions through her at-home receipt of monthly bank statements.

We reviewed several records with Treasurer Wheatley, and discussed some current issues. We also sampled transactions for the month of August, 2009, confirming check numbers, amounts paid and supporting documentation.

In our opinion, the financial reports as presented for the year 2009 are in order and accurate. Attached as part of this report is a VAE 2009 Financial Summary, showing opening and closing account balances together with a statement of budgeted vs actual income and expenses.

Additionally, the following updates are noted:

The status change from 501(c)7 to 501(c)3 is well underway.

The financial agreement negotiated with the anonymous lender (to temporarily finance Stowe show start-up costs) was implemented. Only \$3,500 of the offered \$10,000 was used, the show was profitable, and the lender was repaid at the time the show closed.

It is noted that a significant portion of Stowe show profitability was due to great weather and an above-average level of volunteerism, with individuals foregoing income and/or reimbursement of personal expenses in exchange for building the club's financial strength.

A separate 2009 Stowe show account was established. This account was closed at year end, and the VAE will return to the prior practice of operating through one account. Although show income and expenses will be commingled with those of other club activities, the records-keeping system will enable separate identification of show financial matters.

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## Unusual & Interesting Items ...

Member **Alden Chapman** was kind enough to send me several clippings from the 20's & 30's. The first of which appears here. A special thanks to **Alden** for his thoughtfulness in sharing these memories with all of us. (gf)

• On Sept. 5, 1930, Charles Creighton and James Hargis, from Maplewood, N.J., arrived in New York City, having completed a 42-day round trip to Los Angeles. They drove their 1929 Ford Model A the entire 7,180 miles in reverse gear.

## NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The VAE Nominating committee would like those interested in the two offices below or have questions to contact them. Elections are in November and the offices begin January 2011.

Nominating Committee Members are: Contact them directly. Do not reply to this email.

Leo Laferriere [leol@gmavt.net](mailto:leol@gmavt.net)

Fred Cook [fncook@comcast.net](mailto:fncook@comcast.net)

Gene Napoliello [bhcf332@aol.com](mailto:bhcf332@aol.com)

Per the VAE Constitution and Bylaws:

The **2nd Vice President** shall:

1- in the absence of the President and the 1st Vice President, act in the same capacity and perform their duties;

2 - act as assistant to the chair of the Activities Committee and assist other officers as requested.

3 - assist the President and 1st Vice President in preparation and implementation of the annual Appreciation Dinner.

### Board member

(Summarizing what appears in the Constitution and Bylaws): Board members serve for either one or two year terms; receive, review and respond to the proposed Annual Budget as prepared by the Treasurer; review all expenses not covered by the budget prior to their submission to the membership for approval; recommend sums of money to compensate the offices of Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Wheel Tracks editor and Membership Secretary; meet during the months of January, April, July and October; recommend a replacement if a board member resigns or cannot fulfill his/her duties; determine that a quorum consisting of one-half of the Board members is present.

A man was driving when he saw the flash of a traffic camera. He figured that his picture had been taken for exceeding the limit, even though he knew that he was not speeding. Just to be sure, he went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly, but again the camera flashed. Now he began to think that this was quite funny, so he drove even slower as he passed the area again, but the traffic camera again flashed. He tried a fourth time with the same result. He did this a fifth time and was now laughing when the camera flashed as he rolled past, this time at a snail's pace. Two weeks later, he got five tickets in the mail ..... **for driving without a seat belt.**

(From Nancy Willett)

## Member Family Gets The Gold - Actually, Many Pouter Awards



Dave Sander and his fully restored 1953 M.G. TD

*Dave Sander's restoration of the co-founder of the NEMGTR, Frank Churchill's 1953 M.G. TD was unveiled at*

the New England MG T Register's GOF 87 (Gathering Of the Faithful) in Oneonta, NY during the weekend of May 6 – 9, 2010.

The restoration brought back many fond memories of *Frank* who was involved in a tragic and fatal automobile accident in this TD a number of years ago. It was an emotional time and the quality of the restoration of his car was admired by all.

The car bears the same Vermont license plate (SCCV - Sport Car Club of Vermont) as the one *Frank* had on the car for many years.

At the Saturday night Banquet and the Awards Ceremony, **Dave Sander** received a distinguishing award for his work as he was penalized only 1 point off a possible perfect score during the safety check of his restoration. **Well done Dave** for a great restoration! (Pictured L to R are: *Dave with Jan*



The Sander clan display's their awards.

*Sander, Charlie Searles*, NEMGTR Chairman, *Will, Bill and Sean Sander* all holding the winning trophies at the Banquet/Awards Ceremony of the NEMGTR)

By the conclusion of the awards ceremony, we saw that the **Sander's contingent** had won a total of 5, that's right 5 different awards. Several were FIRST PLACE in class prizes! Another, **Well Done** folks!

But, there is more ... the 50/50 raffle was drawn and the winner took home \$275. Guess who won that prize ... **Will Sander, Dave and Rosalie's** son who was also celebrating his 9<sup>th</sup> birthday!

(gf)



## Chevrolet Suburban Marks 75 Years

ARLINGTON, Texas - The Chevrolet Suburban, the romy choice of hunters, law enforcement agencies and soccer moms, celebrated its 75th anniversary in May as the longest continuously produced vehicle in the U.S.

The sport utility vehicle is only made at General Motors' Arlington plant, which showcased one of the first Suburbans ever produced — a boxy yellow version from 1936 with large round headlights and a spare tire on each side. The



1936 Suburban Carryall

interior featured a big steering wheel and spacious tan and dark brown vinyl seats that could be removed for storage space.

Unveiled as the Suburban Carryall more than seven decades ago, it could seat eight people comfortably and offered whitewall tires, a radio and heater as options. Unlike other 1930s cars that had wood sides and canvas tops, the early Suburban was designed as a more durable truck-type vehicle. Through the years, engineers increased the Suburban's towing capacity, revised the design and upgraded the interior. It reached the height of its popularity in the 1990s when SUVs became the rage.

*"The Suburban is the longest-running nameplate in the country, and that's a significant accomplishment that shows its great heritage,"* plant manager Paul Graham said.

GM on Monday also debuted the new 75th Anniversary Diamond Edition Suburban, which will be available this summer. Only 2,750 will be made

with an all-steel wagon body. NASCAR's Jimmie Johnson, who races in Chevy cars, drove one of the limited-edition Suburbans on Monday and later signed some autographs for several plant employees.

The anniversary came as GM and other automakers who received billions in a federal bailout have begun reporting gains.

GM recently began airing TV ads announcing its repayment of a \$6.7 billion government loan. The company later was criticized for not mentioning that most of the \$52 billion in federal aid to GM was converted into a 61 percent government ownership stake.

"We understand that some people were against the support that we got," said Alan Batey, vice president of Chevy's sales and service. But he said the company has attracted new customers because "we can produce the world's best vehicles."

Batey also said GM has had seven consecutive months of increased sales.

The Texas plant, which has about 2,400 employees, has been on an overtime schedule to keep up with orders for the SUVs made there, Graham said. It's a major turnaround from last year, when GM closed 13 North American factories — including the Arlington plant — for two months to slash inventory. *(From MSNBC News Feed)*



Workers Parking Lot at San Diego Airplane Factory, 1940

VERMONT AUTOMOBILE ENTHUSIASTS  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
MAY 12, 2010

MONEY MARKET—balance April 15, 2010	\$15,256.55	
Add April interest income	<u>5.02</u>	
Balance May 12, 2010		15261.57

GENERAL CHECKING—balance April 15, 2010 \$2,121.79

Deposits

Members dues	90.00
2010 Stowe Sponsors	1,300.00
Stowe Flea Market	2,960.00
Stowe Area Association dues rebate	<u>4.44</u>
	<u>4,353.44</u>

Disbursements

4978 Void	
4979 Town of Stowe—Show permit	30.00
4980 Xpress—Stowe printing	203.94
4981 Winooski Press—Stowe Printing	2,128.00
4982 One Beacon—Commercial Insurance	396.00
4983 L. Brown & Sons—May WheelTracks	429.08
4984 Standard Register—Roster Printing & Postage	634.30
4985 Jan Sander—April Meeting Expense	14.97
4986 Stowe Area Assoc.—mailing	<u>551.00</u>

Total Disbursements	<u>4,398.53</u>	
Balance may 12, 2010		2,077.70

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT—balance April 15, 2010 40,131.06

Add: April interest income	<u>32.86</u>	
Balance may 12, 2010		<u>40,163.92</u>

TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS		<u>\$57,503.19</u>
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Dick Wheatley, VAE Treasure

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**VERMONT AUTOMOBILE ENTHUSIASTS, INC.**

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1968 President Leo LaFerriere and Liz LaFerriere in their 1930 Model A Ford.  
Photo taken at the 1991 Labor Day Parade in Northfield.



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