



Wheel Tracks



My 31-91 Buick... "Beside The Barn Find" by Bill Billado

This is not another "barn find" story, it is a story about a basket case found next to a barn! It is about a 1931 Buick that was purchased by Tom McHugh in the early 1970's from Dale Lake in Ripton, VT. It was so fragile that it was necessary to tie the rotted wood body to the chassis with rope before setting out on the trip north on the back roads (fewer cops) to Burlington. The car made it all the way to Charlotte (just north of Mt. Philo) when the web of rope called it quits. All hell had broken loose with 4 doors and the rest of the body panels spilling out all over the road. The crew consisting of myself, Tom, Tom's brother Joe, Clark Wright and Kip Matthews managed to re-load the pieces haphazardly back on to the chassis and we then re-tied the whole mess. We decided at that juncture to take the car to my place in Shelburne (without wife's approval). The chassis was dragged into the woods and the body pieces were transported to Tom's place. The car then did a Rip Van Winkle number until many years later. Tom awakened it by asking if I wanted to assume ownership. Pursuant to some daydreaming, I foolishly said yes. Never should have done that! Thereafter, a very long and challenging restoration process began and I'm still a long way from completion. This model 31-91 sedan is being brought back to life as a dual-cowl phaeton, using the original body with necessary alterations. This same job was undertaken by General Motors at the Buick plant in Port Elizabeth, South Africa in 1930. The two cars are virtually identical, with the main difference being that the GM car was based on the 6 cylinder engine and mine is based on the new 8 cylinder straight eight. Both cars were inspired by the Cadillac V-16 Sport Phaeton.

I called Bill because of a three month mini-investigation. I was trying to find the guy who drew the "wheel". You know, the wheel making the track in the snow that we use so often in our Wheel Tracks? I understood there was a wheel for each of the four seasons. Another VAE member thought I should try Bill. I not only found that Bill had in fact drawn the 'Wheel'...one for each season, but he had drawn 12 of them...can you imagine! I have asked, very politely, if I could use all 12 Wheels for our newsletter and I am hoping the 'car gods' will help me make it ok with Bill. I was also in need of a feature car for this June issue of Wheel Tracks and Bill agreed to allow me to use the 31 Buick (his favorite). Many long hours have been spent so far on this Buick body that is pictured (the smaller Buick picture was found on the Net of a 1931 model 91), my plan is to have regular updates of it's progress in future newsletters with Bill's help to explain what is happening. Someday you will see the finished Buick in all it's glory. gcf

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FROM YOUR EDITOR

Gary Fiske

I am sitting here trying to decide if I should take my Ford 'T' tomorrow to the Dust Off in Jeffersonville or the old faithful 27 Dodge. The T is a Roadster and the weatherman is calling for rain. I can remember a day not too long ago when I would have given anything if that was all I had to worry about. Like the day a truck took out three utility poles and my cable/internet/phone service was out for 250 homes. Then Dave Steinman's talk at our last VAE Meet comes to mind. He went from New York City to Seattle in a 'T' a couple of years ago (see page 13). What excuse do I have with the 60 mile round trip to Jeffersonville?

(24 hours later)...I took the Dodge and the day was fantastic. Over 40 members were there and even with the rain 8 or 10 old cars made their way to the Dust Off. **Dave Sander** put the day together and it was a total success. It never fails, to me every VAE gathering seems like a wonderful mini college course. I always walk away with new information that I can't wait to try. It is amazing the many things our members have done and are doing in their lives....with old cars of course.

I am now thinking of painting my own project next time using a low pressure paint gun after what I learned yesterday. I covered a quarter mile circle in red dust doing a project a couple of years ago on an antique Farmall tractor. I am told it is different with the new low-pressure guns. **I will be taking longer drives** in my Dodge after talking to a member who drove to Ohio last summer in his '30 Whippet. Although, I do need to talk to him more so I can learn to repress my type A personality way of preparing for a trip and just go do it.

In this month's Wheel Tracks issue you are going to enjoy **Dave's Garage**, his Model T article will have you running out and looking for one to purchase. A 'T' will send you back in time like no other automobile. Wendell will re-enforce the logic in his **'From The President Column'.....**we need to simplify our lives in 2011. **Gene Fodor's column, 'Did You Know'** always creates comments from members recalling their experiences. There are two great recipes this month, one from our **Cookie, Marnita** and one from a special guest.....enjoy. **The classifieds have been** coming together with some really nice **For Sale items** the past few months. I hope you continue to send them to me, I know they are working from the feedback I am getting. There is a special classified this month that I hope someone will act on, it is driving me nuts and if someone buys it I will be able to get it out of my mind. The 1922 Cadillac for sale on page 14 has given me a sleeping disorder. Please send me more classifieds.....



From The President

Wendell Noble

Driving a vintage car is a wonderful experience. That is one of the reasons for owning one, or more, or a lot more. The other reason is, of course, the rewarding experience of working on them. I was reminded of how wonderful this is just yesterday. I was driving home from an appointment in my modern car. This is not a high-end car with all the possible bells and whistles that technology can muster. It's the low-end, reliable car with strictly standard equipment. A chime sounded and a little yellow light appeared on the dash. It was a little cartoon figure of a car skidding. **Being the tech savvy guy that I am,** I recognized that this had something to do with my "electronic stability control system". This prompted me to take my eyes off the road to read the message in the "message center". "Power steering assist fault", followed by "service advance trac" appeared. The next sensory input was the fact that I no longer had power steering. It was starting to feel a lot like my '28 Dodge! Upon muscling the car home and into the driveway, the obvious thing for a mechanically inclined person to do now would be to check the power steering fluid level. Upon opening the hood and reaching for the power steering reservoir, **I was humbled to realize that I couldn't find it.** A study of the thick owner's manual revealed that there is no power steering pump. It's all electrical. The only remedy for this malfunction, or any other, is to "return to dealer for service". This has been done. It's probably something as simple as a bad gimble thrust sensor switch that needs replacing, reset the computer and we're good to go.

Now contrast all this to your vintage ride. None of that stuff can fail, because you don't have it. Your message center is your two ears and what's between them. If you hear a bang, grind, or screech which you haven't heard before, note where it's coming from, and take a look. Then tighten it, wire it back in place, or oil it, and drive on. If you have heard it before, ignore it. It's been that way for eighty years and it's not going to break now. **That's peace of mind.**



****Sympathy card to Marion Zambon & family – death of long-time member Carl Zambon**

****Thinking of you to Corrine McHugh – health issues**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Bob & Judy Fuerderer- Surry, New Hampshire.....1956

Dodge Station Wagon & Custom Royal Sedan; 1949 Plymouth Woodie; 1952 Dodge Station wagon & convertible.

Duane & Amy Chase- Boulder, Co.....1970 Chrysler Newport Convertible

Thomas Buczkowski- Waitsfield, VT

R. Avery Hall- Burlington, VT....Welcome Back

Bonnie Chase- Essex Junction, VT

Kip Mathews- Montpelier, VT.... Welcome Back

Janet Steward- Plainfield, VT.... Welcome Back

Keith Brown- Worchester, VT.... (C. Conti) 1976 Porsche 914; 1968 Beetle; 1958 Gorth; 1985 Mercedes 300D; 1982 Subaru Wagon. *What is a Gorth????*

June Member Meeting and Activity

The June meet will be at Finish Solutions in Milton on Saturday, June 4th at 11:00 am. Finish Solutions is a media blasting and painting company. Members are encouraged to bring items to be used for demonstration purposes in the media blasting presentation. Adam will demonstrate soda blasting, sand blasting and powder coating. This should be another fun "hands on" meet, and a great opportunity for members to learn about media blasting and metal finishing.

Lunch will be pot luck, bring your favorite dish.

To get to: **Finish Solutions:**

54 Gonyeau Road

Milton, Vermont Phone 802-893-2100

From I-89.....

1. Take exit 17 for US 2 E toward US 7 Milton

2. Turn left onto US-2 E/Roosevelt Hwy

3. Turn left onto US-7 N

Turn left onto Gonyeau Rd (just past the park and ride...

Destination will be on the left in the industrial park. Look for "VAE" signs.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE





THE SOFTER SIDE

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



THIS IS MARY AND NANCY'S OFF MONTH...SORRY. MARY WILL BE BACK IN JULY



FROM THE 'COOKIE' AT THE STOWE SHOW

BY MARNITA LEACH

Marnita cooks & serves three meals each of the 13 days for volunteer workers at the Stowe Show



Apple Dumpling

2 cups sugar
1/2 stick butter
2 eggs
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cups flour
1 cup milk
3 tablespoon baking powder
bag of apples
cinnamon nutmeg sugar for topping mix enough for the top of cake

peel apples and slice, layer on bottom of greased of 13 by 9 pan
mix all other ingredients* mix cinnamon mix and place over apples and pour batter over apples and cinnamon
bake at 375 until done

Your Editor drove in his very first parade on April 17th, 2011....the St. Albans VT Maple Festival.. and it was a great time. I believe also that my distinguished passenger was in her very first parade.....Miss Shelby Vandevord. Shelby is 12 years old, a student at St. Albans Town Education Center and she was the winner of the Youth Cooking Contest (also her first contest entry). She and her mom Linda were my honored guests in the 27 Dodge Sedan. Shelby has agreed to share her winning recipe of Maple Layer Cake with us...Enjoy. gcf

MAPLE LAYER CAKE

8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter, room temp, plus more for pans
2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour, sifted, plus more for pans
2 cups Maple Syrup, grade A dark amber
3 large eggs
1 tablespoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1 cup milk
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1 1/2 cups chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter two 9 inch round cake pans and dust with flour. In bowl of an electric mixer fitted with paddle beat the butter until creamy, add maple syrup and beat until combined. Add eggs.. beat until all combined.

In large bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, salt and ginger. Add flour mixture to butter mixture and beat to combine. Beat in milk and vanilla extract then stir in 3/4 cup of chopped walnuts.

Divide batter into the pans, bake until golden (about 40 mins.) Rotate cake pans halfway through baking to ensure even baking. Transfer pans to wire rack to cool.

MAPLE BUTTERCREAM FROSTING

6 large egg Yolks
2 cups Maple Syrup, grade A dark amber
1 pound (4 sticks) unsalted butter, chilled and cut into small pieces

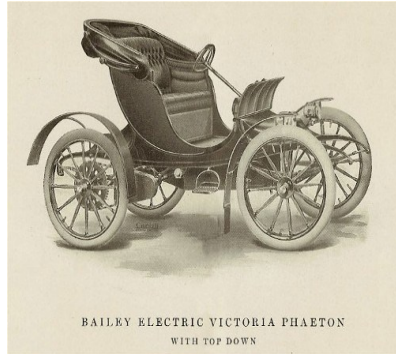
In electric mixer bowl beat egg yolks on high speed until light and fluffy. Meanwhile, pour maple syrup into med. saucepan and bring to boil and just above soft-ball stage (about 240 degrees). While electric mixer is running, pour syrup slowly down the side of the mixing bowl into the egg-yolk mixture, taking care not to splatter, until syrup is completely incorporated. Beat until bowl is slightly warm to the touch (5 or 6 mins). Add butter, one piece at a time, until all is completely incorporated and the frosting is fluffy, about 4 mins. more. Use immediately.

When cake is cooled, spread frosting on first layer, then on second layer, including the sides. Using your hands, gently spread remaining 3/4 cup walnuts onto the sides of the cake.

Did You Know ... 1907

By Gene Fodor

- ... Production this year was 43, 000 cars and 1,000 trucks and busses
- ... Oakland Motor Co. was formed by Edward Murphy of Pontiac MI, to make 2 cyl. car designed by A.P. Brush
- ... A White won the Hower trophy in the Glidden Tour
- ... International Harvester moved it's plant from Chicago to Akron
- ... A REO crossed the continent and back climbing Mt. Hood
- ... The Assoc. of Licensed Auto Mfgs., presented a formula for computing horsepower which was adopted by states as a means of taxation
- ... Oldsmobile employed nickel plating on parts that were before brass
- ... Humps were added to some streets to discourage speeding
- ... Ford made more then 1 million dollars in profits
- ... Buick went to a 4 cyl. Engine and sliding-great trans. and won the Dead Horse Hill Climb in Worchester, MA
- ... A Franklin went from NYC to Chicago in 39hr and 36min
- ... 93 new auto makers arrived on the scene



What is it ?

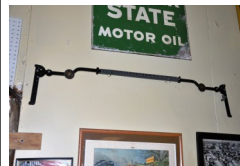
A number of pictures have been sent to Wheel Tracks from members asking for help to identify them and their value. If you can help please send your answers to gafiske@gmail.com and I will print your answer in Wheel Tracks for everyone to see. Please, also, send a picture of your mysteries (with any supporting info), it will be fun to solve them.



Can someone help with this one? There's a box of these and as you can see they are about 5 inches across. Is it an 8 or a B?
No takers on this, it is still a mystery...



Everyone knows what this is but why the twisted handle....just to be fancy?
Marvin Ball says the handle was for better grip and strength. He also got the "Hee-haw" comment...



We think it has something to do with the front end alignment of a car but not sure. Can anyone help?



Something left in a TR6 and I don't know what it is used for. Can you help?

off the mark.com by Mark Parisi



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LIFE AFTER DEATH

"DO YOU BELIEVE IN LIFE AFTER DEATH?" THE BOSS ASKED ONE OF HIS EMPLOYEES.

"YES, SIR," THE NEW EMPLOYEE REPLIED.

"WELL, THEN, THAT MAKES EVERYTHING JUST FINE," THE BOSS WENT ON. "AFTER YOU LEFT EARLY YESTERDAY TO GO TO YOUR GRANDMOTHER'S FUNERAL, SHE STOPPED IN TO SEE YOU!

GRANDMA'S AGE

LITTLE JOHNNY ASKED HIS GRANDMA HOW OLD SHE WAS.

GRANDMA ANSWERED, "39 AND HOLDING."

JOHNNY THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT, AND THEN SAID, "AND HOW OLD WOULD YOU BE IF YOU LET GO?"

A state trooper was patrolling late at night off the main highway. He sees a couple in a car, with the interior light brightly glowing. He carefully approaches the car to get a closer look. Then he sees a young man behind the wheel, reading a magazine. He immediately notices a young woman in the rear seat, filing her fingernails. Puzzled by this surprising situation, the trooper walks to the car and gently raps on the driver's window. The young man lowers his window. 'Uh, yes, Officer?' The trooper asks: 'What are you doing?' The young man says: 'Well, Officer, I'm reading a magazine'. Pointing towards the young woman in the back seat the trooper says: 'And her...what is she doing?' The young man shrugs: 'Sir, I believe she's filing her fingernails'. Now, the trooper is totally confused. A young couple, alone, in a car, at night in a lover's lane ... And nothing obscene is happening! The trooper asks: 'What's your age, young man?' The young man says: 'I'm 22, sir'. The trooper asks: 'And her, what's her age?' The young man looks at his watch and replies: 'She'll be 18 in 11 minutes.. '



25TH ANNIVERSARY MANCHESTER ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC CAR SHOW

The 25th Anniversary Manchester Antique and Classic Car Show returns to the Dorr Farm in Manchester, Vermont on **June 11 & 12, 2011**. Featured marques will include Corvette and Mercedes which will be judged by an independent panel on the weekend of the show. This “dust off” event began on the Hildene Meadowlands in 1985 drawing car enthusiasts from all over the United States. Over the past 25 years this event has grown from 25 cars to over 1,000 cars in any given year.

Set in the Green Mountains of Vermont this event continues to draw car enthusiasts to this southwestern corner of Vermont close to the borders of NY, MA and NH. Each year the Dorr Farm fills up with an extensive array of antique and classic cars exciting collectors and attendees alike. Visitors and residents rally for the annual parade through downtown Manchester and Historic Manchester Village creating a festive atmosphere throughout the region.

The event is hosted by the Manchester and the Mountains Regional Chamber of Commerce with support from its presenting sponsor The Land Rover Driving School.

This year's event will celebrate the best of the past twenty five years from field activities, to a special “Best of the Best” *Best in Show* display, awards, an annual dinner with guest speaker, Lenny Schaeffer of Chop Shop followed by the annual barn dance on Saturday night. Some highlights include the Back Seat Driver Competition, a special antique motorcycle rally and miniature car toy exhibition on Sunday morning of the event.

Car and flea market registrations are open. Visit www.manchestercarshow.com to read more about the show and this year's schedule of events. Special registration fees are available to car clubs upon request by calling 802-362-6313. Car show hours are Saturday 8-4 and Sunday 8-3. This year an early bird flea market event is set for Friday June 10th from 12-6PM.



This email from Bill Billado to Wheel Tracks.....My friend in Massachusetts just finished this 1938 Plymouth on Friday. Saturday was to be a shakedown drive of about 50 miles just to see how it was. Driving along, the left rear wheel came off...the car dropped and the gas tank was punctured...the rest, as they say, is history. He said all 5 lug nuts had come off and the studs were stripped on the updated 1990 Explorer rear end. All 3 pictures taken Saturday April 30 2011

A VISIT TO WEST ADDISON AND CROWN POINT WAS WORTH THE TRIP - WATCH (BRIDGE) HISTORY IN THE MAKING!

By Fred Cook

Progress on the new Lake Champlain Bridge between West Addison, Vermont and Crown Point, New York is continuing at a good pace on Tuesday, May 19,

Yesterday's solo trip was to photograph those portions of the bridge under construction, the grounds that will serve as staging areas for the October celebration and to talk with some of the folks involved in the October event's planning. All are looking forward to the two day Fall event that should give the area a huge economic boost. **Prior to our April 12th visit**, the bridge project had been plagued earlier in the winter by heavy debris encountered in drilling for the future bridge's support structures. A more recent problem has been the high water level in the lake and strong winds halting work by the huge cranes brought in to service the work.

This new bridge is no small project. I'm excited that the VAE will be a part of the actual celebration. **Don't forget to stop at the West Addison General Store**, known locally as W.A.G.S. and say hello to Dana and Lorraine Franklin. Lorraine is one of the two co-chairs of the Lake Champlain Bridge Community (LCBC). **One thing is for sure.** The planning committees have definitely voted to move the original celebration date a week later making the new dates October 15-16. You might want to adjust your own schedule as a result. **Stay tuned for my next report.** Please check out some of my photos below.



VAE Gossip

By gcf



Wow...did I have some 'discoveries' last week.....that I can't talk about... "all off the record"! Remember a couple of months ago when I asked if there was anyone who would like to become a co-editor for Wheel Tracks and give me a hand on a couple of small tasks? Well, no one responded but if you had been with me last week collecting material for this issue you would have seen a car from that 1996 auction in East Orange. It was in terrible shape then but last week I saw an unbelievable beautiful, shiny, completely restored car that would blow your socks off....but I can't talk about it. I also came across another antique beauty that belongs to a famous movie star...well, it did but I can't talk about that either...you know, confidentiality and all that. Aren't you sorry you are not a VAAS editor?

While in a VAAS meeting I got a few tidbits on what folks are doing to their cars lately. **Andy Barnett** is restoring a 54 Chevy and wishes things were happening faster. **Leo Laferrier** got real lucky with engine serial numbers and will have his 1930 Ford Roadster flying down the road soon. **Bob Chase** had a 1970 Chrysler but now it resides in Colorado...a gift to his son. Much of the Franklin restoration at the **Fiske barn** has stopped for a time so the 85 El Camino can be completed. **Wendell Noble** is doing wood working at his shop....he is building bows for the top of his 31 Plymouth Phaeton. I forgot to ask if he is using oak or ash. **Lloyd Davis** is looking at the rings and valves on his 1923-10B Franklin. He says they need some attention. **Gael Boardman** speaks lovingly about his hand made hub cap for his 1918 Locomobile Sportif. He lost one and being very rare he had to make one from scratch...with Wendell's handiwork on the lathe.



This gent to the left is the younger version of Joe Kaelin taken in 1984. He is sitting on a 24 Sterns/Knight. The picture below is Joe's really nice 1934 Packard V-12.



When I asked if anyone knew this 'mystery person', someone guessed Bill

Billado. I have met neither gentleman...it will be fun to see if they resemble one another when I do meet them.

Did you see the picture in the Free Press of Pierre Pepin's property getting challenged by the high Lake Champlain waters? There was a picture of his garage door half-way up with an 'older' car peeking under it....I wonder what it was? Lets hope his home and collection is safe and sound. Pierre joined me last month at the Maple Festival Parade. He and I escorted Shelby Vanevord and her mom through the streets of St. Albans. Shelby won the Youth Cooking prize....see page 4.



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.

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WHY THE MODEL T FORD WAS SO HISTORICALLY SIGNIFIGANT

To say the Model T Ford was in influential and unique automobile would be an understatement. No other vehicle left such a lasting impact on the automotive world. This car not only made the automobile affordable to the masses, it put America on wheels and helped to define the modern, industrial and mobile American society.

Lets take a look at some of the unique features of the Model T

-First mass produced car on an assembly line; many production features that sped up and streamlined production, like only having one type of paint on the car, fast drying and easy to match black lacquer.

- The model T was the first production car with a removable Cylinder head.

-There was no water pump on the Model T. The cooling system relied on thermal cycling to achieve cooling. Ford opted for a cheaper and more reliable thermo-siphon system. Hot water, being less dense, would rise to the top of the engine and up into the top of the radiator, descending to the bottom as it cooled, and back into the engine.

-There was no fuel pump on the Model T. The carburetor was located relatively low on the engine, and the fuel delivery was gravity fed- the down side? people often had to back up steep hills due to fuel starvation.

-There was no distributor on the model T. There were four individual coil boxes, switched by a low voltage "commutator" or timer. Power came either from the six volt DC battery, or the engine magneto that produced AC current. The car was usually started on battery power, then switched to the Magneto with the key on the dashboard.

-There was no Speedometer, odometer, fuel gauge or gas gauge on the Model T. The only instrumentation was an amp meter on the dashboard.

-The Model T had an unconventional, planetary two speed transmission. First gear was engaged by depressing the left pedal on the floor. Releasing this pedal disengaged first gear. Second gear was engaged by sliding the parking brake lever (just to the left of the driver) forward while depressing the low gear pedal. With the parking brake lever in it forward most position, releasing the first gear pedal engaged second gear.

-Reverse was engaged by depressing a pedal on the floor.

-The Model T had no gas pedal. The throttle was a pencil sized lever on the right side of the steering column.

This unique driving arrangement puzzled many unfamiliar motorists, and the transition from a Model T to other cars could be confusing at times, resulting in many fatalities and many more spectacular vehicle crashes.

With the exception of the original Volkswagen Beetle, no car has had a higher production number than the Model T Ford. The car was produced from 1908 through 1927, with a total production volume of more than 15 million cars. At its peak of production in 1925, the Ford Motor Company was producing more than 10,000 Model T Fords a day! The Model T was the world's first "global car" The Ford Model T was the first automobile built by various countries simultaneously since they were being produced in Canada, England Germany, Argentina, France, Spain, Denmark, Norway, Belgium, Brazil, Mexico, and Japan.. Ford made use of the knock-down kit concept almost from the beginning of the company. Ford was so efficient, that the shipping crate for the knock down Model T was made of components that became wooden members on the assembled car.

The Model T Ford had many non-automotive effects on our society as well. Henry Ford pioneered the "typical" work week, with a Monday through Friday forty hour week consisting of five 8 hour shifts. This set up the concept of a "weekend" with Saturday and Sunday off. "Kingsford" charcoal was made from waste at the Ford assembly plant.

"Firestone" tires were the tire of choice on the Model T, giving Henry Ford's friend Harvey Firestone business that built up the Firestone Rubber company. Harvey Firestone and Henry Ford developed a life long friendship and became industrial tycoons together. Harvey Firestone's granddaughter ended up marrying Henry Ford's Grandson. Ford and Firestone had a lasting business relationship that lasted 95 years. This relationship was severed with the Ford Explorer roll over problem, made worse by defective Firestone tires that would suddenly suffer severe structural failure resulting in sudden blow outs or tread separation. Ford had a defective product, the Explorer which had poor handling characteristics resulting in a tendency to roll over, and Firestone had a defective product, the Firestone Wilderness AT tire, a tire that was built to specifications by Ford for the Explorer. Ford and Firestone each publicly pointed the finger toward each other, and the business relationship was dissolved. Ford Motor Company ceased to buy tires from Firestone. While this very public feud was happening, the CEO of the Ford Motor Company was William Clay Ford, great grandson to both Harvey Firestone and Henry Ford.


I greatly enjoyed giving people the opportunity to experience a hand on test drive in a Model T at the April VAE meet. If anyone missed the opportunity, ask me and I would be happy to offer it again.

I received a nice type written note from founding member Lloyd Davis a few weeks ago. It was refreshing to read a letter written on a typewriter. Thank you Lloyd.

In closing, I want to tell you about a license plate that caught my eye on a Toyota Prius a few days ago. It was a New York plate that read "NVMYMPG." It took me a minute, then it hit me, "envy my MPG." With gas over \$4.00 a gallon, I do.

Wheel Tracks /VAE History

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1980 Spring

In this Issue: A Sampling of Marvin Ball's Scrapbook
The Second Honeymoon of "Amazing Grace."

Al Ward was President in 1980 and Chris Barbieri the VAE Editor. Twenty six award plaques were given to the previous VAE Presidents at the early meeting that year. Al was driving his 1930 Reo Flying Cloud 25 Sedan and the New England Brass and Gas Tour was planning to come to Stowe with their 65 pre-1915 cars. The Burlington Free Press had a Sunday Feature Story on the VAE and the VAE had cars displayed at the University Mall on September 13th and 14th. Nineteen new applications were read and accepted into the VAE Club (*you needed sponsors to join back then*). VAE Vice President was Russ

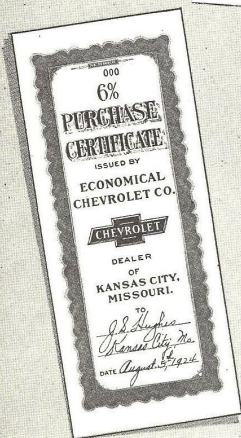
Snow and Secretary was Carol Lavallee. At a meeting in July, two new member were voted into the VAE Club. Fifty Woodies showed up at the Stowe Car Show that August and the Club treasurer reported a balance of minus \$500.00 in January. The Stowe Show had registered 361 cars that year.

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Dick Wheatley- Treasurer

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\$ 18,693.15

add: April interest income

5.82

less: transfers to checking

7,000.00

Balance May 11, 2011

11,698.97

GENERAL CHECKING - balance April 12, 2011

\$ 2,270.70

Deposits

Member dues

510.00

Stowe sponsorship

300.00

Sale of 50th Anniversary books

15.00

Stowe Area Association rebate

2.55

Reversal of bank service charges

105.00

Transfer from money market

7,000.00

Total receipts

7,932.55

Disbursements

5126 Denis Ricker & Brown - Directors & Officers insurance

1,179.00

5127 Town of Stowe - show permit

30.00

5128 Wells River Congregational Church - memory of Carl Zambon

25.00

5129 Stowe Area Association - mailing & labels

263.94

5130 Xpress - Stowe printing

42.40

5131 East Coast Printers - Stowe shirts & hats

3,373.25

5132 Jan Sander - meet expenses

92.20

5133 UVM Print & Mail Center - Roster printing

278.36

5134 VAAS - WT & website

750.00

5135 Stowe Area Association - postage for Stowe mailings

2,219.12

Total disbursements

8,253.27

Balance - May 11, 2011

1,949.98

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Balance - April 12, 2011

80,268.39

April interest income

49.50

Balance - May 11, 2011

80,317.89

Total VAE accounts

\$ 93,966.84

Vermont Antique Automobile Society, Inc.

CHECKING ACCOUNT- balance April 12, 2011

\$3,556.87

Deposits

Advertising revenue

30.00

VAE payment for WT & website

750.00

780.00

Disbursements

205 Denis Ricker & Brown - Directors & Officers insurance

870.00

206 L. Brown & Sons Printing - May Wheel Tracks

714.46

checks & checkbook

75.44

1,659.90

Balance - May 11, 2011

\$2,676.97



VAE Board of Directors Meeting

The regular quarterly Board of Directors Meeting of the VAE was held on Sunday, April 3, 2011, at the Whitney Hill Retirement Community.

The Meeting was called to order at 2:02 PM by Chairman Don Rayta.

Secretary's Report: Dick Wheatley moved that the minutes of the prior Meeting be approved as printed in Wheel Tracks. Tom McHugh seconded this motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Dick Wheatley stated that little had changed since the report printed in Wheel Tracks. Some money is coming in for Stowe. Any advertising revenue for Wheel Tracks is being credited to the VAAS account. David Sander moved to file the report for audit. Les Skinner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Audit Committee: Dick Wheatley stated that the audit has been completed by the audit committee, chaired by Leo Laferriere.

By Laws: Fred Cook reports that M. J. Dexter has expressed the desire to resign, but no action has been taken yet, because Fred does not want to be alone on the committee. Fred would like to remain on the committee. The interim by laws committee for the VAAS has suggested that it not proceed in the immediate future. Further discussion ensued, but no action was taken.

Nominating Committee: No change.

Sunshine Report: Christina McCaffrey mentioned that a member recently passed away.

Activities: David Sander outlined the next few Meetings, which will be described in Wheel Tracks.

Futures: Spencer Halstead stated that the committee has met several times, focusing on education (VAE members speaking at various venues about historic vehicles), interaction with other clubs that may be having difficulty and possibly granting them some space in Wheel Tracks, and other efforts.

Stowe Planning: Bob Chase reported that sponsorships are coming in well, including a major sponsorship from AAA. Fred Cook mentioned that Robert Palmer from VTC will have some of his students participate, and probably display a hybrid vehicle project vehicle at Stowe this year. Hopefully, some VTC students will also be involved in judging this year. Duane Leach has proofs for the trophies, which are available for review.

Membership: Christina McCaffrey states that currently, thirty seven members have not renewed, two lapsed members have renewed, and two new members have joined. There was extensive discussion of how to nudge current members to renew, and if to include NC (non-current) members in the Directory, and, if so, for how long. It was decided to list NC members for one year. It was also decided that those members who had not renewed would receive Wheel Tracks through the March issue of the ensuing year, and would receive the Roster for the first year of non-renewal only.

VAAS: Gael Boardman gave a brief report on the recent VAAS Board Meeting. For details, see the published minutes of that Meeting.

Bill Sander moved to adjourn at 4 PM. David Sander seconded this motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sander, Recording Secretary



Minutes of the April Stowe Committee Meeting

The Stowe Planning Committee met on Wednesday April 20, 2011 in the conference room of the Commodores Inn in Stowe.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by co-chairmen Bob Chase and Duane Leach.

1. Stowe Area Association: Stowe Area Association is now mailing out stuffed envelopes and will be completed by the end of next week.

2. On-Line Registration: Duane reported that 31 on-line pre registrations have been received so far, and 21 have been received by mail.

3. Sponsorship: Bob Chase circulated a hand out detailing the sponsorship receipts to date. The totals are \$3,950 for platinum (\$2,000 from AAA not actually in hand), \$1,400 for gold and \$400 for silver.

4. Plaques and Trophies: Duane reported that Joe Paradis will make the wooden plaque and trophy bases again. Printing of the plaques and trophies is underway.

5. Publicity: Chris Barbieri was not present so no verbal report was given. Gael Boardman suggested that we consider actively inviting clubs and interest groups to come to the show as a group. There was discussion of what specific groups might be included. An ad hoc group consisting of Andy Barnett, Gary Fiske and Gael will pursue this.

6. Permits: Bob Chase reported that all necessary state and town permit requests had been submitted.

7. Contracts: A contract has been signed with Hartigan for toilets etc. Cassella is asking for a higher rate for trash hauling due to increased fuel cost. They have agreed to take a \$100 sponsorship in kind which mitigates this.

8. Craft Tent: Hal Boardman has checked rental rates for a tent which will be \$700 - \$1,000 from McCracken or Vt. Tent. He will have to get a better idea of how much area will be available on the field before a final decision can be made. He will also look into the possibility of renting a 30' by 60' tent from the Waterbury Center Fire Department which may be a better deal.

9. Parking: Randy Cary has sent a written report indicating that a similar arrangement to last year with the Masons will be in place. He could not be present but will be at the May meeting.

10. Supply Needs: Duane asked if anyone could help obtain 35' to 40' feet of picket fence (in lieu of less attractive snow fence) for placement along the field edge where advertising banners are placed. We also need saw horses for traffic control.

11. Extra Fun Event: Duane is acting on a prior suggestion from Don Rayta that we have a Hot Wheels racing event as fun for the kids. He will construct a ramp for the race track and Don will get more information details from other similar events.

12. Upcoming AACA Meet: Bob and Duane announced that they will be setting up a tent and table at the AACA meet on May 19 - 21 to promote the Stowe Show and the VAE. They need help setting up on the 19th and manning the table during the meet.

13. Committee Reports: None presented.

14. Other Business: Rob Palmer and students have committed to bring VTC's hybrid car to the show and set up their own tent. They will also do judging.

Bob Chase will get last year's raw survey data from Richard Pignatello and Gael Boardman will analyze it.

The same security team (Garda) will be used this year. We do need to establish what hours of coverage are needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00. Respectfully submitted: Wendell Noble



VAAS Board Meeting Minutes April 25, 2011

Board Members Present: Gael Boardman, Andy Barnett, Bob Chase, Lloyd Davis, Leo Laferriere, Jan Sander, Dick Wheatley. **Others Present:** Gary Fiske, Wendell Noble

All motions were unanimously approved unless otherwise noted.

1. Welcome and quick hobby news around the table. President Gael Boardman called the meeting to order at 2:40. The meeting was held at Dick Wheatley's office at 1 Market Place, Unit #31, Essex Junction. Gael welcomed everyone and asked the group to share the status of their cars. **Lloyd had driven a 1968 Plymouth 4 door sedan, Gael spent the winter filing a hubcap. The session evolved into a discussion of marvel Mystery Oil and similar concoctions.**



2. **Secretary's Report:** Andy moved to accept the Secretary's report. Lloyd seconded the motion. Leo abstained as he was not present at the March meeting.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Dick reported that \$870 was spent to obtain \$2,000,000 insurance coverage for the Directors and Officers of the VAAS. There is a separate policy for the VAE Directors and Officers. The VAAS balance as of this date is about \$2,700.

4. **Reports from any standing VAE/VAAS committees represented:** Leo reported that the audit is done. Other committees reported at the VAE Meet on the previous Saturday. Gary reported that the Roster lists 240 members; 267 people get Wheel Tracks either electronically or by snail mail. He is wondering why there is a discrepancy.

5. **Wheel Tracks:** It is going well; everyone says it is great. Gary reports that as it has gone from 10-12 pages to 16, we will be going over budget. Everyone felt that this is all right as the publication is doing so well.

6. **WEB site:** It is doing great, but there are some immediate access problems which need to be addressed. We also need to establish a grant/endowment/gift program which we need to get into Wheel Tracks and the WEB site. Fred has some contacts in this area. He and Gael will meet with them. We will all be thinking of ways that we can approach this. VAASinfo@gmail.com is the VAAS's email address. We need to look into this and see just what it is and see if anyone is monitoring this.

7. **FACEBOOK status:** Jan will check this with Roselie Sander and report back to the Board.

8. **Grant writing, etc.:** see #6 above.

9. **Other business:** The Board will think about a fund raising focus, the question is 'what do we want to raise money for'... a museum, a meeting place, etc., and how can we raise money to fulfill our mission statement including scholarships.

10. **Next meeting:** The next meeting will be on Monday, May 23 at Dick Wheatley's office at 1 Market Place, Unit #31, Essex Junction at 2:30.

Andy motioned to adjourn. Jan seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:15.

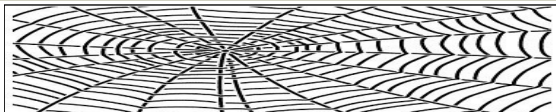
Respectfully submitted by Jan Sander

This From a Very Frustrated VAE member

(After spending hours on the phone fixing a PC Glitch)

It has been said that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing repeatedly and expecting a different result. Of course, that was before we all had computers.

If you bang your head against the wall long enough, eventually it becomes a window. And that, of course, is the "Windows" operating system.



**From Our
Website Guy
John Lavallee**

We have changed our Username and Password. To get Wheel Tracks on line our new Username is mynews and the password is 6200.

It's been a very long wet spring so far! All the high water has kept me very busy around Lake Champlain. If you haven't seen the lake this high--it's worth the ride. Talk about making history. Giant potholes, muddy roads and lack of sun has kept our vehicles hidden away long enough. Time to get them out there.

This month should be the start of a busy season with monthly meets that will have some very nice cars attending. Keep an eye on the schedule of events. Please remember, if you are aware of events we have not mentioned, please let us know at vaeinfo@gmail.com.

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NY to Seattle in 1909

It was a rainy day in Stowe on the 23rd of April

And one of the best VAE meetings and activities in memory. There were about 30 of us in the conference room at the Commodores Inn and during the presentation there was no sound except from our speaker. We did not want to miss a word from David Steinman and the recounting of his 2009 trip in a Model T from New York City to Seattle. There were 55 Model Ts in the group, one for each state and five other countries. The event was to celebrate a race that took place in 1909 where the Ford Model T won 1st and 2nd place. Dave joined his friend Dolph Cramer in Dolph's T and shared in the driving. It took twenty three days to drive the 4250 miles and all but 2 of the Ts made it to Seattle. Dave told us just a few of the many adventures that happened along the way...a very interesting and memorable presentation. **Dave**

also invited us to the '2nd Reunion' of the group that took the trip. It will be on the 12th of June at the Golden Eagle Resort in Stowe (check with Dave as to the time). He invited us to bring our Ts and join them in their tour around the Stowe area..

The day was put together by our Vice President and activities chair Dave Sander. Even though the day was wet and cool Dave had a Model T there for us to drive. Some had never driven a T before and some 20 folks join Dave in a drive around the Commodores Inn.



Dave Steinman speaks of his T trip



Driving lessons on a 'T'

Minutes....Commodores Inn VAE April 23rd Meeting

The regular monthly Meeting of the VAE was held on Saturday, April 23, 2011 at the Commodores Inn at Stowe. We assembled at 11 AM, and began the social part of the Meeting with a fascinating presentation by David Steinman on a cross country trip taken by a group of Model T Fords several years ago, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the introduction of the infamous Model T Ford. After David concluded, we had a very nice buffet lunch at the Inn. The Business Meeting was called to order at 1:17 PM by President Wendell Noble, who began by thanking David Steinman for his excellent presentation.

Secretary's Report: Les Skinner moved to accept the minutes of last month's Meeting as printed in Wheel Tracks. This was seconded by Dick Wheatley, and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Sander moved to file the report, as printed in Wheel Tracks, for audit. This was seconded by Les Skinner, and passed unanimously.

Futures Committee: Chairman Spencer Halstead reported that there will soon be meetings.

Membership: Christina McCaffrey reported that the 2011 Roster has been mailed. Renewals are still trickling in.

Nominating: Wendell has formed a Committee.

Stowe Planning: Bob Chase stated that all Permit applications have been submitted. No problems are anticipated. New this year will be a Hot Wheels race event for the younger folks. Stowe Area Association is in the process of mailing out Registration packets. Sponsorships are coming along well.

Sunshine Report: One Get Well Card was mailed out last week.

VAAS: Gael Boardman mentioned that the VAAS Board is meeting monthly.

Activities: David Sander reported on the next few upcoming events. Full details will be printed in Wheel Tracks.

Old Business: Fred Cook updated the group on plans for the upcoming, October 2011 dedication of the new Champlain Bridge.

Bill Sander moved to adjourn at 1:52 PM. This was seconded by Hayden Janes, and passed unanimously.

After the Business Meeting, all attendees were given the opportunity to drive a Model T Ford (a 1926 Doctor's Coupe, owned by the Sander family). Many of those present had never before actually driven a Model T. David Sander gave each person willing to try it a brief course of instruction on the intricacies of the unique characteristics of Model T operation. Some did very well. Others, not so much. Even though the weather was cold and rainy, a good time was had by all, and attendance was about 35 Members.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sander, Recording Secretary

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For Sale... I have a lot of extra Model A Ford parts to sell; frames, engines, radiators, gas tanks and much more. I also have a '30 pick up now under restoration which I would consider selling if a tempting offer were made. Wendell Noble, Milton, VT. (802) 893-2232

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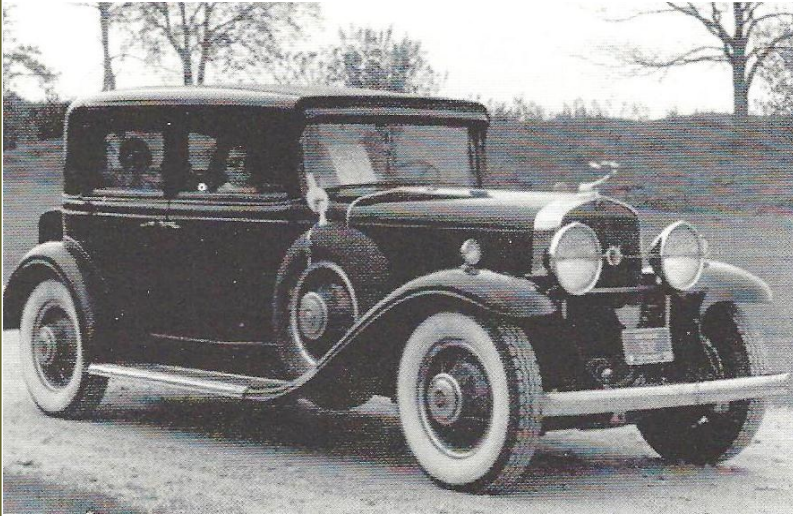
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VAE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May....

23rd, Monday 2:30 PM, VAAS Board meeting, at Dick Wheatley's office at 1 Market Place, Unit #31, Essex Junction
31st, Tuesday...Ninety Nine Cruise in Littleton, NH.

June....

4th, Saturday...VAE Monthly Meet. Finished Solutions in Colchester. Demos of sand blasting, media blasting, soda blasting, priming, painting and powder coating.
4th, Saturday 9AM...Yesteryear Car Club. Cruise for a Cause, The Lake Champlain Islands. Meet at Lakeway School
11th & 12th....25th Anniversary Manchester Antique and Classic Car Show, Dorr Farm, Manchester, VT
12th, Sunday....The 2nd Reunion of the Model T.. 2009 New York to Seattle Drive at the Golden Eagle Resort in Stowe
15th...Wed. 7PM...Stowe Car Show Planning Meeting, Commodores Inn, Route 100 South, Stowe. All are welcome.
18th, Saturday...White Mtn. Cruisers Car Show, Littleton, NH.
18th, Saturday....VAE Event. Camp Ta-Kum-Ta. More details on VAE Website under Coming Events.
24-26... Carlisle GM Nationals

July....

2-3...Exposition des Chutes Montmorency, Quebec
8-10...Carlisle Chrysler Nationals
11th...Monday 7PM...VAE Board Meeting at Whitney Hill Homestead in Williston
20th...Wednesday...7PM Stowe Car Show planning meeting, Commodores Inn, Stowe. All are Welcome
23rd & 24th...VAE Car Show Display, University Mall, Burlington. Plan to come and Support our club.
29th, 30th & 31st...Granby International Exposition, Granby, Quebec.

August....

7th...Cars of Yesteryear 28th International Car Show, Newport, Vermont.
12TH, 13TH & 14TH...VAE STOWE ANTIQUE & CLASSIC CAR MEET.
21st, Sunday...International Lilliputien Auto Show, Sabrevois, Quebec.
26-28...Carlisle Corvettes

October...

3rd...Monday 7PM...VAE Board meeting at Whitney Hill Homestead in Williston
15 & 16th...Champlain Bridge Celebration/ VAE Meet