

# Wheel Tracks



It is like sitting in your living room recliner when you ride down the road in this 1952 Imperial!

Barry East (pictured) of Montgomery, Vermont crosses one of the town's many covered bridges in his Imperial.

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT...  
DAN NOYES**

Although I enjoy working on and driving 1920's vintage automobiles, lately I have been working on my wife's 2009 Saab 9-3

convertible. It broke down outside of Fenway Park, just before the start of the game last month. Being an avid Sox fan she simply abandoned the car, called AAA and went to the game. I guess that's one way to quickly find a parking spot on Brookline Ave.

Thanks to a couple of e-mails back and forth with Dave Sander and a You Tube video or two, I figured out it was the fuel pump. Now fixing a fuel pump on a Model T is easy, just flip the car back over on its wheels, refill the tanks and gravity will take over. SAAB not that easy, you should see this thing that some engineer spent years, perhaps decades designing! Hoses, wires and little pieces of plastic going here and there, it barely fits in the gas tank. After about 4 hours of being on my back it fired right up and off she goes.

In the past I always thought there is no way to fix a car by yourself that was manufactured after 1985, never mind one that was made in 2009. Computers and sensors, reverse hex bolts and hose clamps that are easy to connect but impossible to disconnect. Lately I have found that is not the case.

The same computers that complicate a modern car can actually help us fix them ourselves. Think of the young men and women we honor every year with our golden wrench award. Their education is so woven into computers, they now learn how to fix a P304 code by going to the computer and looking it up. There they find a vast database of where to look first, what to do second and in the end the car is off and running.

Computers and sensors tell us where to look on a modern car but the VAE has the same wealth of knowledge. Who would you call if you were looking to replace the rings on a 1920's Franklin or tighten a reverse band on a model T? That is what makes the VAE awesome. We are a group of enthusiasts who are interested in cars and though individually we may not have the answers we sure know where to find them.

Whether you are interested in fixing your car or just driving it; come to the VAE monthly meets, The Cars and Coffee gatherings, Shelburne and Stowe shows, you will make some great connections, learn something about cars and I'm sure some new friends as well.




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FROM YOUR EDITOR... GARY FISKE

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**The Peake stories continue.....** Bill Fagan was recently reading through a 1906 "Horseless Age" magazine which seems was a nation wide publication at the time and came across this ad to the right. Has anyone in the club ever heard anything about this Maxwell?

A second ad in the same magazine was also very interesting.....

**Second-hand rubber tires wanted...** As we have use for a large quantity of old rubber, we will allow from 10 to 15 per cent, according to condition, for your old tires in exchange for new tires, any make. Glumatic Tire Company, Burlington, Vt.

**1906 Maxwell**, Model H, in perfect condition; top, two extra tubes, one case, gas lights, hamper and Weed chains; cost me over \$1,700; anyone wishing this car can save their expenses by coming here and looking it over.  
Royal W. Peake, Bristol, Vt.

Hasn't it been great to see some of your Wheel Tracks stories take on lives of their own? Please keep them coming.

**I really like the mix of interesting stories this month.** Paul Baresel's "A Boiled New England Dinner and a Glass Eye" caused a bit of a stir last month when I didn't have the room and had to continue his story into this month. Now you know the rest of the story.....  
I had spoken to **Judy Boardman** about writing something on the Handbell Ensemble she belongs to. She didn't think it would fit in this type of publication. Well, it fits Judy and now I really have to see a performance. All the time I was reading **Dave Steinman's** Packard story I was thinking about my teen years and falling in love with old cars. My Grandfather's huge 40s Chrysler was OK but my neighbor's 34 Chevy sedan was my favorite.  
And then there was the privilege of riding in **Berry East's** big '52 Imperial. I am not sure if I have ever ridden in one but I remember wanting to when watching an Imperial advertisement on the Sunday night Ed Sullivan shows.  
I hope you enjoy the June issue of Wheel Tracks as much as I have putting it together.

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Dear Editor,



Many VAEers might not know about our VAE library, could you pass this on please?  
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**This from Gene and Brenda Fodor, VAE members and Gene was the former editor of Wheel Tracks.....**

Dear friends and family. It is with sad and heavy hearts that we tell you that our beloved son Mike has died. Mike was 48 and died unexpectedly at home in London, UK. We have no other information at this time.  
We grieve not only for his passing and the loss we all feel, but for our daughter-in-law, Kasia and grandson Chris who are forever in our prayers and thoughts and as are our extended family and those close friends of his.  
Gene & Brenda and Charlie (his dog).

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## "THE SOFTER SIDE"

A Column Shared by Mary Noble (Left), Judy Boardman (center) & Nancy Olney (Right)

### Bell-Weather Day in Stowe from Judy Boardman

Six months ago (December 2015) we were enjoying some beautiful weather, warm, no snow, considering the time of year.

I am a member of an English Handbell Ensemble, Northern Bronze, ([northernbronze.org](http://northernbronze.org)) and occasionally we are asked to play at functions that are a bit out of the ordinary. Six months ago was one of those times. The Spruce Peak complex in Stowe invited us to play at the opening of their skating rink and we would be playing outside. No problem. The weather was good for doing this.

There is quite a bit of equipment involved in our performances, starting with about 36' of tables, 4" foam to cover the tables, covers to put over the foam, many cases (heavy) that contain 5 octaves of bells, some quite small but some quite large and heavy. We made all the transportation arrangements (many cars) set a time to meet and carpool there. What fun we were going to have.

Then, on the morning of our going to Stowe, the weather changed. Oh, boy, did it change. We woke up that Saturday morning to temperatures in the low 20's, snow and wind! But, we were committed and off we went. We got to the site to find the snow machines also making snow, those nasty little granules. Well, we proceeded to set up outdoors and even before we started to ring, the tables were covered with snow, the bells were filled with snow and the wind was blowing our music around and off the table. We had a few clothespins to hold the pages of our music down but the music folders were even blowing off the tables. When you ring bells you can't wear heavy gloves either. Even before we started our fingers were freezing. It was quite a sight. Somehow we managed to fumble through all of our music when we weren't picking it up off the ground and totally losing our place. The audience was in a festive mood and didn't seem to mind. We were in Stowe and it was finally snowing! The skating rink was being shoveled off frequently and the skaters were happy. Even Santa made an appearance on skates. The only problem was ...we had to repeat the whole performance again 3 hours later.

What we thought was going to be a great day turned into a great snowy and blowy uncomfortably cold afternoon. After we were done we were presented with a check for our services that made it all worthwhile, almost. Would we do it again? Probably! Fast forward to a sunny warm day in the beginning of June and one forgets how miserable we were that day in the beginning of December. Perhaps this is a little like VAE meets that are scheduled in advance. One never knows what the weather is going to be like in October when the plans are made in March. (At least some of you have closed cars.)



The English Handbell Ensemble





## WORDS

**"Clodhopper"**... In early England the peasants were uneducated; it was therefore assumed they were unintelligent. The gentry rode horses across the plowed fields, while the peasantry walked, hopping over clods of earth. Thus, they were called Clodhoppers.



A woman noticed her husband standing on the bathroom scale, sucking in his stomach.  
"Ha--! That's not going to help," she said.  
"Sure, it does," he said. "It's the only way I can see the numbers."

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I once gave my husband the silent treatment for an entire week, at the end of which he declared, "Hey, we're getting along pretty great lately!"

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My fiancé and I went to a counselor to work on our communication issues. Using herself as an example, the counselor crossed her legs and her arms and exhaled loudly. I was about to say she was showing signs of frustration, but my fiancé beat me to it, yelling,  
"I've got it! You're constipated!"

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A commercial boasted that its product could help people live pain-free in their golden years.

"Am I in my golden years?" my wife, 63, asked.  
"Not at all," I assured her. "But you are yellowing fast."

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Ah, marriage. I was standing in front of the bathroom mirror one evening admiring my reflection, when I posed this question to my wife of 30 years: "Will you still love me when I'm old, fat, and balding?"  
She answered, "I do."

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My wife told me that I twist everything she says to my advantage.  
I take that as a compliment.

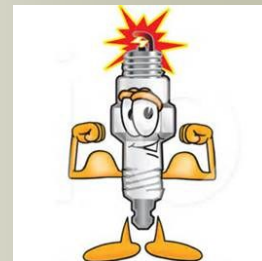
## Wheel Tracks Academy



### Spark it.....

Have you ever held a spark plug in your

hand and wondered what it is all about?

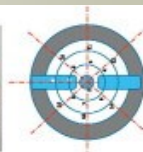


There is a wide variety of spark plug designs available in today's market.

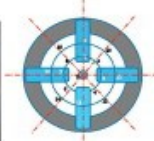
Major types of spark plug designs include **standard J-gap, fine center and/or ground electrodes, surface gap, multiple ground electrodes, and their combinations.** The design of spark plug center and ground electrodes is an important factor which plays a key role in the effectiveness of spark plugs.



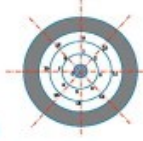
(A) J-type spark plug (single electrode)



(B) Two ground electrodes



(C) Three ground electrodes



(D) No ground electrodes

The spark plug was first invented in 1860. It consists of the terminal, insulator, the ribs, insulator tip, the seals, the shell and the central and side electrodes.

Using the car's 6 or 12 volt battery, the ignition system can create a 20,000 to 45,000 volt spark at the spark plug's electrodes while in an environment of 930 to 1500 degrees Fahrenheit.

All from this small item in your hand!

**Question 12 on Friday's exam.....**

How many times does a plug need to do its thing (spark!) while driving from Vermont to LA?

*From the front page....*

Barry East discusses  
**How NOT to buy a car.....**

**I bought this 1952 Imperial from a dealer in Canton, Ohio** six years ago. It had been owned by the financial manager at the Canton Chrysler dealership who drove it to Florida every year. I bought this car solely on the basis of photos on-line which looked pretty good. The dealer told me it would need some plating...fine, then a week or so later he informed me that the engine needed a total rebuild, also saying he would rebuild the carburetor, which he never did.

**At this juncture, it should have been a deal breaker**, but I stumbled on agreeing to go forward. To his credit, he did lower the asking price. Finally the work was completed and we agreed to meet at Hemmings in Bennington where I would drive it home to Montgomery. When we got the car off the trailer it would not start. After various experts tried to figure out the cause, McNessor, one of Hemmings editors, found the fuel filter was on backwards. The filter had arrows indicating the fuel flow and they were definitely pointed in the wrong direction.

**Recklessly**, or just poor judgement, we decided to risk driving it home. It first stalled on Route 302 in Barre, backing up traffic for a half mile; then again in Shelburne but we finally did get home. Since then the carburetor was rebuilt by the Carb Doctor and there have been no problems.

**I have had three different mufflers installed** from local vendors, one even blew out the minute I started the engine. I am no mechanic but got good advice to order and install an original type muffler from Waldron's. I have had no problems since.

The car has needed a lot of additional work. A complete rewiring, more chrome plating, new tires and mostly correcting a lot of poor workmanship done by others. A new paint job and upholstery is my plan yet to do.

**When I worked in Cape Cod one summer, an elderly lady with a mean face was walking by the house I was painting. I said "Hello". She said "How are you?"**

Replying honestly,  
I said I had gotten a severe sunburn that Saturday.

In a dry, raspy voice she replied,  
" Well, I guess you learned your lesson!"



Yes, the lesson is when buying an old car, go and inspect it. Try to buy one, if you can, with low mileage and as good condition as you can find. Because the restoration cost are simply prohibitive.

**Editors notes.....**

I was surprised with Barry's reply when asking him if I could feature his Imperial. He thought Wheel Tracks only used "really old" cars for it's features. He is correct and that is entirely my fault. My head is in vehicles older than 1930 and unfortunately that is what ends up in Wheel Tracks. I will try very hard to be more inclusive of 1940s, 1950s and 1960s cars.

As I wrote on the front page, it WAS like sitting in my living room chair when Barry took me for a spin in his car! The transmission is a ahh-so-smooth "Fluid-matic Drive" an interesting cross between manual and automatic. The shift lever has reverse, of course but also "low range", "neutral" and "high range".

Another huge thing you will notice is when you close a door. It goes THUNK, not twang like my model T or boing like a 27 Dodge I know!

The Imperials were made from 1926 to 1954 and then a short time between 1990 and 1993. Barry's "Chrysler Fire Power" engine is one of Chrysler's first Hemi's and puts out 180 HP.

Chrysler, in WW2, developed their first experimental hemi engine for the Republic P-47 Thunderbolt fighter aircraft. The XIV-2220 engine was an inverted V16 rated at 2,500 HP.







Edi Fiske

# The Roadside Diner

I would like to hear how you liked the dish, [edifiske@gmail.com](mailto:edifiske@gmail.com)



## Baked Fish Au Gratin

2# White fish fillet  
8 Slices cheddar cheese  
1 Tsp. Thyme  
1/4 Cup Chopped parsley  
2 Medium onions, chopped

2 Tbsp. Vegetable oil  
2 Tbsp. Flour  
1 Tsp. Salt  
1/4 Tsp. Pepper  
1 Cup Milk

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Place half of fillet in greased baking dish. Cover with 4 slices of cheese. Top with another layer of fillet and cheese. Sprinkle with thyme and parsley. Sauté onions in oil over medium heat until clear and lightly brown. Blend in flour, salt and pepper. Slowly stir in milk; bring to boil over low heat, stirring constantly. Boil one minute, pour over fish. Bake 20 to 30 minutes



## Odds & Ends

This from Gael Boardman...

Pictured is former VAE member **Adrien West** Of Morrisville aboard his Rolls Royce Roadster.



These candid shots illustrate that despite its enviable reputation for quality and dependability that Rolls wasn't always easy to enter or exit. And... Adrien wasn't the best person to demonstrate this feature. Adrien put this Rolls together from bits and pieces and had many hours of satisfaction talking, building and driving Rolls Royce products.

A number of years ago it was Adrien who urged the VAE to purchase Nichols Field in Stowe to insure successful future Stowe Car Shows. He negotiated a great purchase price...and we didn't do it. Adrien has left us but it's a bet that he would be more than happy to see the current great progress in work done by our President, Dan Noyes, and the Board as we seek to finally follow his advice and seriously look into a purchase.

Thanks for the early push, Adrien, and we hope that any new "wings" don't make it any harder to settle into a heavenly Rolls.



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A number of years ago, Milton resident, Terry Badger promised his grandson he would make a street rod out of this Model A pictured left and give it to him.

Then.... After completing much of the project Terry found a huge surprise.

This Ford Model A was Henry's 18th pickup off the assembly line

And....is much more scarce and valuable than he thought.

Terry has found a new candidate for the street rod project and this Model A is "incarnating" back to what it was.



## Chilin'

Chances are, if you have an older car with air conditioning, it was equipped with R12 Freon refrigerant. This refrigerant was a very efficient medium for transporting heat out of the interior of an automobile. Unfortunately, it also depleted the ozone layer. Cars manufactured after 1994 have the later, more environmentally friendly R134A. While kinder to the ozone layer, it is not as efficient as the earlier R12.

Automotive air conditioning systems leak. There are many rubber hoses and O rings in the system. The hoses, and especially the O rings degrade over time, and leak. The system has a low pressure and a high pressure cut out switch to prevent damage to the compressor in the event of an improper charge.



So, what do you do when your system is not performing well due to a low charge? If it is a very slow leak, and you still have a stash of R12, you can simply top it off. Chances are, you do not have access to R12 and will have to change over to R134A. This is actually fairly easy to do. The compressor, expansion valve, condenser and the evaporator will all work fine switching from R 12 to R134A.

The first step is to find the leak and fix it. This usually involves replacing a hose or two and the O rings. Sometimes the evaporator will have a puncture or a hole caused by corrosion.

Be sure to lubricate the new O rings with refrigerant oil. A conversion kit to adapt an R12 system to R134A will be needed. These conversion kits include the new refrigerant, oil, fittings and conversion labels. They also have a gauge to show when the system has been fully charged.

The receiver dryer will also have to be replaced. These are relatively inexpensive. If the system is all set, it needs to be put under vacuum to test the seals. If it holds vacuum, it needs to be evacuated to remove all possible moisture.

A professional evacuation/recovery system is very expensive. If the refrigerant has leaked out, there is nothing to recover. Inexpensive vacuum pumps are an option, and will work just fine. Why does the system need to be evacuated? Any moisture will freeze and block the refrigerant, preventing it from working. Moisture can not exist under vacuum, and will literally be sucked out when the system is evacuated.



Harbor Freight sells an electric vacuum pump for about a hundred bucks. The one I have works with an air compressor, and cost nine bucks. Once the system has been repaired, fittings converted and evacuated it is ready to charge with the R134A. The kit will include instructions to charge.



No one has given Wheel Tracks an idea of the make of the car in this picture.... The owner of the pic is still trying to find out.

The picture was taken at the Shaker Village in Enfield, New Hampshire.

If you bring Wheel Tracks up on our website, you can Increase the size and get a better look.





**Little mice are cute....** In Disney movies and cartoons but not when they spend the winter living in your duster. A little chewing and going #1 and #2 for five months is what this duster had to put up with. It's my duster and I wonder how many "baby mice" this garment helped bring into the world?

**Remember the story in last month's Wheel Tracks about the UVM engineering team** that works in the AERO Program? Remember how they decided to cut their losses with the older problematic racing car and start over by building a new one? The team did build a

new electric race car, in six weeks, and they did make the competition deadline at the Loudon New Hampshire race track. That, it seems, is an accomplishment enough but they went on to win second place all electric in this year's competition and took home IEEE's excellence in electric vehicle design. Congratulations AERO-UVM!!



### **Some news about former Golden Wrench Award recipients.....**

The first GWA was given to Gabino Hernandez in 2012, a junior at Enosburg's Cold Hollow Career Center. The last news was that he was working in an area body shop, but just yesterday I found he is in college in Texas. Gabino's brother, Steven and friend Even Towne was in the news lately also. The two were in the same Cold Hollow Automotive technology program that is taught by Baxter Weed and they continued their education at Massachusetts' Universal Tech Institute in Norwood. The big local news was the two have just opened their own auto repair business in Richford.

**While we are at it I should also mention** an automotive tech student from the career center in St. Albans where Emmitt Hardy attends. Emmitt recently won the Vermont automotive section of the Vermont Skills USA competition ([www.skillsusavermont.org](http://www.skillsusavermont.org)) and is now eligible to take part in the national competition in Kentucky. When word got out that Emmitt is trying to raise the funds to pay for the trip some VAE members raised \$500 to help. This knowledge about Emmitt Hardy is thanks to our connection with the St. Albans school through the VAE Golden Wrench program. As the years pass, this Golden Wrench "connection" will only get stronger in the 16 Vermont career centers.

Try this quote on for size, from Crossfire co-host Michael Kinsley on the subject of life..... " **You start out wanting the most toys, and then you move slowly to wanting the most longevity, and from that to wanting to retain the most marbles, and from that to having a posthumous reputation.**"

**Have you ever heard about the folks in Northern Europe during WWII using wood gas to power their automobiles?** It's called wood gasification and it was not that unusual since gasoline was almost impossible to obtain. In a recent "**Vermont Magazine**" article a nice story about a logger from the North East Kingdom of Vermont was doing exactly that in his V-10 Dodge work truck. Nathan Puffer gets about **40 MPG** or putting it another way, he gets about **1 mile from 2 pounds of wood**. Nathan has a small stove in the bed of his pickup and a box that holds 100 pounds of hardwood. The burning wood creates gases that are then channeled into cooling tubes and changed to liquid. If you want to try it there is even a business in Groton, VT that can help you ([info@wisdomstoves.org](mailto:info@wisdomstoves.org)). If you do and you come to visit my place, just stay the heck away from my winter wood pile.



**Wendell Noble has shared a 1904 London newspaper article with Wheel Tracks.** The London medical profession had reported a new disease had been discovered having to do with automobiles called "**motorpathea cerebri**". The vibration of the auto, especially at a high rate of speed, produces a temporary disorganization similar to what one would get on a moving ship. **The disease affects especially women** causing nausea, giddiness and headache along with shakiness of the hands and an unsteady gait. Hmmm... I spent six years on a Navy destroyer traveling the world and had no idea I had a "woman's" problem".

**BTW....those three "barn find" cars advertised in last month's Wheel Tracks have found homes.** A happy ending and beginning for the Willys Knight, the Buick and the Chrysler. If you happen to see an old car losing its battle for life, please let Wheel Tracks know. I am sure someone in the club can help find it a good home.



A

Chickasha

Tale



From Paul Baresel

## "A Boiled New England Dinner and a Glass Eye"

**We made it to Chickasha in plenty of time.** Vinny, Gary, and I helped the hosts finish marking dealer spaces and setting up tables. We all went out to dinner for hamburgers. We observed very quickly that Midwesterners' take hamburger very seriously, just as New Englanders do with seafood. Real cowboys and girls do not go to McDonalds. Thursday was half price night and these were specialty burgers. The burger could come naked! No Buns! One would never think of all of the combinations of delicacies that could top hamburgers at this fine eatery.

**Now, local accents and pronunciations count wherever you are in the country.** The "a" sound is pronounced as a hard "A" for Chickasha. It is not a soft "a" sound while having a wooden tongue depressor in your mouth. The hosts were so happy to have Vinny attend the swap meet. Delegates from surrounding counties and states just wanted Vinny to do what he does best. Talk and talk and talk. They were all mesmerized by his accent. Someone offered to bring over his pickup truck and place a chair in it so Vinny could entertain the crowd with so-so stories.

**I encountered the seductive trap of accents the following morning during breakfast.** I am functioning pretty well with or without a Morning Cup of Joe. As I passed a table, I heard someone talking as if they were attempting a "Chubby Bunny" with marshmallows in their mouth. I did not realize that person was talking to me until he pointed his arm and finger to me stating "????????? know you! You have ???????? glass eye!"

I looked at this person with the sad speech impediment and shot back, "I do not have a glass eye!" Well, he insisted that I had a glass eye until some caring individual in the crowd interpreted for me **Glass Guy!** This character manufactures new windshields, windows, and anything glass for cars. Maybe he bought me a beer in a previous life, but I did not recognize him. So much for East meets West and accents and vice versa.

**Things were going well at the show until** I decided to draw attention to myself. **I got sun poisoning.** I have never had this experience and I do not recommend it just to see what it feels like for curiosity sake. I looked as if someone had placed my face in boiling water. You know you have problems when the doctor walks through the door and greets you with "Boy, have you seen better days!" I would have been happy just to see him. A heavy shot of steroids topped off with a steroid taper was all I needed to drive back home in record breaking time. I could not sleep. My doctor back in Maine explained to me the medication I was on makes the skin extremely sensitive to the sun's UV rays. It is one reason why the medication is not used in the south and he was actually hoping someone had a photograph of me in my distress.

**This was actually a boon for Don Lang.** Word of a treacherous snowstorm blanketing the whole world filtered down to us on the field. Don and his crew packed the van and trailer to make room for the car. I do not know the full history of the car, but it is a modified model T coupe built up in the 1940's. All the modifications was there for speed. For example, a Frontenac overhead valves on the engine, two sets of shocks, Budd wire wheels, the gas tank built into the rear of the car, **and other doo-dads.** The car raced on the salt flats for several times and set records.

**We left the field early and on to home.** My father was a truck driver and taught me how to drive with a load and use side mirrors. A few exciting moments of wondering where to find fuel, #@!&? drivers, and interpreting road signs added to the ambiance of the trip. We did travel along part of route 66 on our trip down and found the most fabulous restaurant for smoked ribs. We loved them so much that I wanted to stop again for Sunday dinner. All the ribs you can eat.

We pulled into Don Lang's shop and he was ecstatic to see us. Right! He wanted his precious cargo and we made it home before any snow.

I am hoping we can stop in to see Charlie on next year's trip and ask him if he would like to go out for pancakes! (watch the movie REDS....Please)

### **Editors observations....**

*Some of you may know Paul Baresel and for all of you who do not, you need to know that he is from Maine via Connecticut or Massachusetts. Some of us can say, if we met a mid-westerner, that we have no speech accents. That is some of us but NOT Paul Baresel....*

*Also, many of you know all three VAEers in this story who made the journey to Chickasha and I believe you would agree all have their accent deficiencies.*





# The Return of the Return to Shelburne Museum

## Ten Things You Should Know about Shelburne Museum

1. **Electra Havemeyer Webb** is believed to be the first woman in America to found a museum, creating the Shelburne Museum in 1947.
2. **Many museums** are based in a single (often very large) building on a modest plot of land. Shelburne Museum has 39 buildings on a 45-acre campus.
3. **Fodor's, the foremost travel magazine** in the country, ranks Shelburne Museum as one of the "15 Best Small-Town Museums in the U.S."
4. **Over twenty gardens** are located throughout the campus. Lilacs and peonies dominate the spring landscape before thousands of daylilies appear for the summer.
5. **The Museum has a collection of over 1,200** waterfowl decoys, regarded as the best such collection on public view in the United States. The decoys include works from legendary carvers like A. Elmer Crowell, Charles "Shang" Wheeler, Capt. Charles Osgood, and Lemuel T. and Samuel Ward.  
Visit the exhibition Birds of a Feather currently in the Pizzagalli Center for Art and Education!
6. **Want to learn about a great engineering feat?** Watch the video aboard the 1906 steamship Ticonderoga and see how this 220-foot vessel was moved two miles over land from Lake Champlain to the Museum in 1955. The Ticonderoga is a National Historic Landmark. The Museum has about 225 carriages and horse-drawn vehicles, including sleighs, stagecoaches, and commercial wagons. Most date from the late 19th to early 20th centuries, and nearly every type of vehicle used in New England at that time is represented. Carriages on exhibit can be seen at the Horseshoe Barn and Round Barn.
7. **Interested in railroad history?** Shelburne Museum has "The Locomotive of the Presidents," a 1915 coal-burning powerhouse that hauled special trains for Presidents Coolidge, Hoover, Franklin Roosevelt, and Eisenhower.



*You can bring your vehicle to the museum grounds on Friday and leave it for the three days. Ample museum security will watch over your beauty and keep it safe.*

8. **Among the most popular** exhibitions at Shelburne are two hand-carved wood circuses: the Roy Arnold Circus Parade and the Kirk Bros. Circus. The Arnold Circus Parade has nearly 4,000 figures in a parade over 500 feet long. The Kirk Bros. Circus is a miniature three-ring circus with audience comprised of over 3,500 pieces, fashioned over 40 years using only a treadle jigsaw and penknife.
9. **Yankee magazine** rated Shelburne Museum as Vermont's "Best Tourist Hot Spot" in its Best of New England issue.
10. **Shelburne Museum Classic Auto Festival**  
**June 3rd, 4th, & 5th, 2016**  
**Shelburne Museum** welcomes participants in the 2016 Classic Auto Festival and invites you to enjoy all that we have to offer during your time here!



## Our Tour to Bennington to Hemmings and Garage Tour Trip

Friday the 8th of July, from 5:30-8PM, Hemmings cruise night, National Collector Car Appreciation Day, Hemmings will be setting aside parking for the VAE!!  
Also members garage tour trip on Saturday morning.

I would like to get a head count for this function so I can RSVP Hemmings and Ken Gypson.  
Go to page 12 of the May Wheel Tracks for over night accommodations. Feel free to research your own.  
Make your reservations fast, this is a tough time to book with all the activities and events.

Thanks...Dave Stone dsatbtv@aol.com 802-878-5943



## New Craze for Old Cars

from

David Steinman

For reasons unquestioned the Saturday Evening Post arrived on Thursdays at my parents home, actually it arrived on Thursday the 1st of March 1956. The "in this issue" box in the upper-right corner of the cover had a listing that would pique the interest in any 16 year old kid who liked cars. The article was entitled "The new craze for old cars". The article was written by a Gerorg H Waltz Jr., I have no idea who he was or is, but there spread across the center fold were ten pictures of the most fabulous cars that this kid had ever seen.

Packard, Duesenberg, Lincoln, Aston Martin, Doc. Simione's Cord convertible, Bill Coverdale's Buggatti, Jesse Nalle's "37 Bentley—Wow! This was something outrageous.

The article went on to extol the virtues of Classic cars, the club, the activities, restoration, the people. This was really cool (or so we said then), how does one get involved? Well, there was the answer, the New York Times, Saturday night edition, the back of the sports page, a section just for old cars. Well, it was Saturday night, Freddy and I had no dates and were hanging around at the Hot Shop, Broad and Stenton, for the folks from Philly, and low and behold out front there was a news stand that on Saturday night sold the NYT. Here we were sitting at the counter eating hamburgers and drinking root-beer

reading the car ads. A 1927 Packard Convertible Coupe for only \$200 located in some town named Yorklyn, Delaware jumped out at us. It was eleven o'clock, much too late to call, but what about a night letter. That seemed a good idea and cheaper than a standard Telegram, so off it went to a fellow by the name of T. Clarence Marshall. "Hold car will arrive tomorrow A.M.", G. David Steinman, F. Bertram Bauer." After all if he can have an initial up front why couldn't we?

Sunday morning, off we went to Yorklyn with a grand total of \$35.00 between us, after-all certainly we could bargain with T. Clarence. All went well. We found Yorklyn, somewhere past Kennett Square. Pulled into town and found a group of 5 or 6 fellows sitting in front of an old gas station. When I asked had any-one ever heard of Marshall, they all stood up. "Did you pass the Victorian mansion on the way into town?" You guessed it, that was Mr. Marshall's! With a little less gusto, we pulled into the drive under the porte-cochere. We knocked on the large front door and met Mrs. Marshall, a delightful lady in her late seventies. Mr. Marshall had received our night letter and was holding the Packard, even though there had been lots of calls. Being, he was at a meeting, we would have to come back in an hour, "where should we go?" The answer was the museum behind the house. In 1956 it housed the largest steam car collection in the country. An hour later he arrived, a tall formal gentleman, past president of the AACA and obviously not the farmer we had expected to be dealing with.

The price was firm, \$200.00 no haggling. Perhaps we could come back later on in the week—or one of us could call home and have the money wired to Wilmington.

Freddy said not a chance, I thought, oh well why not, what could the "Old Man" do? I was 60 miles away. Well, he said "an old Packard with a rumble seat, hmmm, I'll send the money". He did and the deal was made, unfortunately it took us about 3 hours to get it started, something to do with a choke cable that had been moved, but once it started it ran all the way back to Oaklane, without missing a beat. It even went up Calumet Street in Manayunk in high gear. The true test of a car.

Within a year there were 4 Packards in the garage and in the backyard, a '27, a '23 roadster, a '27 limo cut down into a tow truck and a '32 Super 8 Victoria Convertible...that one I still have. It's story is for another time. The '27 Convertible Coupe has been replaced with a '27 roadster and has 6 stable mates ranging from a 1909 EMF to a 1964 Austin Healey.

That article in the Saturday Evening Post of a long time ago started what is a life long passion.

**DAVID G. STEINMAN, WAITSFIELD, VERMONT**



### 2015 Ford 150

- ♦ Price new....\$50,000
- ♦ Weight 4700
- ♦ HP- 325
- ♦ MPG 18 to 26
- ♦ 6 speed transmission, possibly 10 next yr.
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### 1930 Model A Ford

- ♦ Price new....\$500
- ♦ Weight 2375
- ♦ HP- 40
- ♦ MPG 20
- ♦ 3 speed transmission
- ♦ Driving controls....rods and steering box...you do the work.

What Would Henry Say.....?

"Well, I'll be dang!"



**The Golden Wrench Award tools were boxed up today**, May 12th, and they are now on their way to the 16 high school career centers in Vermont. A VAE gathering of five members spent three or four hours making sure the items got sorted correctly. There were the tools themselves and along with them the NASCAR book "The Science of Speed", the VAE marble trophy, and the signed letter of commendation and the award citation. Free Stowe tickets are also included for both the students and the instructors.

**The hope by awarding the 16 high school juniors** is the recognition will propel them into their final year of high school with extra energy and focus on their future careers. We have found they excel in their Automotive Technology program and know what ever their career choices; they will excel there also. These are the 16 students.....

Austin Baker....Barre Technical Center  
 Matthew Hoag....South West VT Career  
 Kyle Pittman....River Bend Career and Technical Center  
 Peter Loomis....Windham Regional Career Center  
 Hunter Callahan....Burlington Technical Center  
 Jared Gervais....Cold Hollow Career Center  
 Josh Baker....Center for Technology, Essex  
 Devlin Daniels....Green Mountain Technology and Career Ctr.

Kurtis Utley....Lyndon Institute  
 Cody Robert....Patricia Hannaford Career Center  
 Elliott Brunnette....North Country Career Center  
 Trent Gregoire....Randolph Technical Center  
 Tara Johnson....Stafford Technical Center  
 Luke Parent....Northwest Technical Center  
 Micheal Hooker....Applied Tech Ctr. St. Johnsbury Academy  
 Scott Tracy....Hartford Career and Tech. Center

**The 16 VAE member award presenters will have our next task.** Some will have presentation on stage and some presenters who would rather stay away from stages will simply go to the schools during class to present the awards. In all cases, it's a very special day for everyone. Many of us have forgotten what teenage students are like and guess what we find? They are very "plugged in" and deserve our highest respect.

**The Golden Wrench Award is the creation of the former VAAS, the non-profit arm of the VAE.** Now that the VAE has re-organized into one entity the awards have been taken over by the Education/Outreach Committee. You can find the committee members involved on Wheel Tracks page 2. You should consider joining us, it's a very exciting group. Call any one on the list to find time and place for the next gathering.

**One new direction** being developed is a sort of "Career Center Road Show". We have been invited to some of the career centers and using our many members and their extensive automobile/mechanical knowledge, there are some interesting lesson plans that will be used this coming Fall.



# The Shelburne Museum/VAE Auto Festival



**June 3rd to the 5th**

**See page 11  
and  
go to our website ([vtauto.org](http://vtauto.org))  
for more details**

## Our 2016 VAE Schedule

**3rd Saturday all summer....Cars & Coffee, 7am - 9am**  
at Community Bible Church at 2025 Williston Rd., South Burlington

**June 4-5....Shelburne Show (See page 11 & our web page...[vtauto.org](http://vtauto.org))**

**July 8-9....Our Bennington Tour to Hemmings and more.**

**August 12-14....VAE Show at Stowe  
(See our web page)**

**September .....Trip to the Cog Rail at  
Mount Washington. (To be confirmed)**

**October 8..... Foliage/Gypson Tour**

**November 12....Annual Meeting**

**December 10.....Holiday Party**



**June 11th & 12th....**It's time to plan now to be at the Dorr Farm in Manchester, Vermont, for the 30th Annual Manchester Antique and Classic Car Show on June 11th and 12th.

To celebrate your support of this show over the years, our sponsor Don Dorr, Dorr Oil Company, has made everything FREE. The show is free for cars, free for flea market vendors, and free for spectators. There is no reason not to come and enjoy a great weekend in Vermont's greatest region! Call (802) 362-2100 to register -- or just show up. The show field will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day. Saturday at 4:00 p.m. will be the annual Car Parade through Manchester. There will be food, music and fun on field. Be There!

**June 18th....**The first Annual Laker Football Car Show. At Colchester High School, registration form 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Vehicles must be older than 1999 and please no for-sale signs.

**July 16th and 17th.....CHAMBLY QUÉBEC ANNUAL CONCOURS D'ÉLÉGANCE**

You are cordially invited to attend the 25th Chambly Concours d'Élégance. July 16th and 17th 2016.

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Information: [gbureau@videotron.ca](mailto:gbureau@videotron.ca) (514 745-6278)



**Cars and Coffee is not your fathers car show.  
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**For sale...** 1927 Model T Ford vaporizer-carburetor \$60.00.  
**Late 1920 Buick carburetor-** clean \$40.00  
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**Early Durant Gargoyle** hub cap and coned wheel hub \$35.00  
**Pair of 1911 Mass matching number license plates**-good condition \$180.00 Will trade for 1914 Maine matching license plates  
Can bring parts to Stowe Car Show. BO on prices.  
Paul Baresel 207-727-5855 pgbaresel@yahoo.com

**Do you need a VAE name tag? Send \$7.00 to Phyllis Skinner with correct spelling. PO Box 208, Northfield Falls, VT. 05664**

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**How about a VAE banner for your car?  
Call Wendell Noble to order one. 802-893-2232**

**For Sale.....** Large plastic container of 1980 Triumph Spitfire parts leftover from a project car. Includes tan boot, console, manuals, marker lights, and more. Asking \$100 for all. For more details please call Larry at 540 454-2294 or email: wood5557@gmail.com



**For Sale..... 1927 426 4 door sedan  
Packard 6 CY 284**

Over the past 10 years: New Michelin Tires , new brakes, nickel plated lights & radiator shell, engine rebuilt , new wiring, great driver.

\$25,000, Bryce Howells , 802-363-1723

brycehowells@mac.com

**FOR SALE....** 1926 Model T Ford Coupe, \$10,000  
Beautifully restored older restoration with natural wood wheels with black body and very nice interior. Comes with dust cover, repair manual, original jack and misc. Ford tools. Pix on request. Must sell, have lost storage space.  
Contact John Meyer, Montpelier, VT, 802 223-6666  
JBMcF@aol.com

**For sale..... 1966 Plymouth Barracuda** 273 V-8, Torqueflite auto on the console. Mint interior, mostly original paint. All gauges and radio work. Chrome good to very good. Soft yellow finish with soft green interior. Unusual factory combination. Includes factory option wood finish steering wheel and rally, open lug nut wheel covers 47,000 original miles. Owned for 17 years but purchase of another A body forces sale. \$11,750.

**Antique Bowes oil filters**, Over 200 brand new and still in boxes. Covers 50's, 60's and possibly 40's units. All for \$25.

**Pair of sun visors** for 1946 - 48 Plymouth. Very good original condition. \$25.

**Early single barrel Stromberg** carburetor for 6 cylinder flathead Plymouth / Dodge. Needs rebuilding. Free for the taking.  
Chris Barbieri 223-3104 cgeeb99@gmail.com

## Dear Wheel Tracks.....

Here's an opportunity to reunite a car nut with his treasures. About three years ago, a gentleman showed up at The Auto Shoppe in Burlington with several door pillar and body parts from a light green 1928 coupe (make unknown) and asked to have reproductions made. He didn't leave his name and he hasn't returned for the original wooden parts and the new reproductions. The workmanship is superb and it is a shame to let these creations languish unclaimed. Would you be willing to include a notice in the next issue that these parts would like to be returned to their owner. Can anyone identify the person who belongs to the '28 coupe ? Thanks, Bill Billado 802-985-2405

## For sale .....

The greatest accumulation of Ford T and A parts in Québec! Surely one the largest in Eastern Canada.

Also: tons of old automobile tools and parts. Would prefer selling as a LOT to a motivated buyer. Very reasonable price. All this is in Montréal QC. I'm selling this for an old friend who does not speak English very well.

Gilbert Bureau, gbureau@videotron.ca



**I can't remember your name**

**But don't you have the red & black  
'67 Chevelle  
with the supercharged  
big block?**



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**Be Nice.....Buy a VAE Membership for a Friend**



Just look at the faces and you know it was a good day for **Paul Baresel**, left and **your editor**, back-right. Paul had just purchased this beautiful 1914 wide-track **International Auto-wagon High Wheeler**.

**Tina Wulfken** (pictured front-right) and her husband **John** had decided to sell their three "cars" (so they are called in the High Wheeler community). John is ill and needed to find homes for them.

It is an Adirondack mystery what new home the other two now reside in.....