

Wheel Tracks

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Don Lovejoy's 57 Chevy Bel Air

Don Waited Over 20 Years for Her

Don remembers seeing the car on the street in South Royalton when he was in high school in the early 60s. Cathleen Doyle was the town clerk then and was the proud owner. She had bought the car used from John Alexander who owned the Chevy dealership in town; he had bought it at auction in the Boston area. Some 20 years later Don found it for sale in Chelsea, Vermont and it was still in beautiful condition with only 23,000 miles on it. The owner then was a Mr. Sanborn who had driven it very little while he had it.

In 1984 Don bought the Bel Air and had a little rust and a dent repaired then had the lower quarter repainted. Other than that it is completely original in its Sierra Gold paint with Adobe Beige top.

Chevrolet started the Bel Air line in 1950 called the first generation. Don's 57 Bel Air is part of the second generation that included years 1955 through 1957. The Bel Air line continued into the seventh generation ending in 1975 then with the eighth generation in Canada only until 1981. Chevy even made a concept Bel Air in 2002 but decided not to pursue the idea.

Don's Chevy is a four door sedan with the company's new engine that year, the V8-283 that puts out 185HP. It was also a top of the line model that year with extra chrome, aluminum panel inserts in the rear fenders, a gold grill and gold medallions on the front fenders. He has won numerous awards with his beauty and especially pleased to have won 2nd Junior Award at the Antique Club of America, eastern National Show in 1986.

Don has traveled 13,000 miles in his 57 Chevy and I have the feeling there will be many more as the years pass by.

VAE CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Monday, February 28 -VAAS Meeting

1:30 PM at Dick Wheatley's office...#1 Market Place Unit 31, Essex Junction

March 12th- VAE/VAAS Meeting in Under Hill Center

11AM, All Welcome....Details on Page 3

March 20th- Spring Begins

Sun.. April 5 - VAE Board Meeting at Whitney Hill Homestead in Williston, 2PM. All members welcome. (See page 2)

Wed..March 16th - Stowe Planning Meeting

7PM at the Commodore Inn, Rt100 South, Stowe. Everyone welcome

Sun..March 27- Stowe Show Appreciation Dinner

At the Commodores Inn in Stowe at Noon...Buffet Dinner at 1PM

May 19-21- AACA Eastern Div. National Spring Meet

At Stowe Vermont

July 23rd & 24th- VAE Car Display @ University Mall

Check page 14 for details.

August 7th- Cars of Yesteryear 28th International Car Show

Newport, Vermont

August 12,13 & 14 - The Stowe Antique & Classic Car Meet

Summer will come.....be patient.

Sunday..August 21- International Lilliputien Auto Show

Sabrevois, Quebec, Canada

Great News

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FROM YOUR EDITOR

Gary Fiske

Good Day to you all, my co-editor and I are still here and watching for

signs of Spring. Entering the Summer Events on the front page assures me that grass will grow again...

I was typing Marnita's March Recipe into her column the other day and by the time I finished, I was starving. We also have a 'guest recipe' this month from Brenda Fodor, I can't wait for my wife Sharon to try it out.

David Sander's column last month on engine oil attracted some attention from the Newport car club, 'Cars of Yesteryear'. They asked if they could reproduce it in their 'COY News' newsletter. Way to go Dave.

Hopefully David Lavallee and I have made Christina's job a little easier from now on. You can now find 'Wheel Tracks' on our **vtauto.org** web site. All you need is a username and password to bring it up in 'living color'. Try it, we would like to hear what you think about it. Both the username and password are the same...**wt366**. For those members who normally get our newsletter electronically, that is also all you have to do. Christina will email you when the issue makes it to the web site. You will also find the January and February issue there and we have plans to get all of the 2010 Wheel Tracks on our web site also.

In Wendell's 'From the President' column this month he asks that you check out our web site and give us some feed-back. I would like to ask the same of you. Without your feed-back we are all working in the dark. I have to admit there has been many of you who have given me some great comments about Wheel Tracks but I would really like to hear from the other 80% of you. **This is YOUR Club**, advice and comments from you is what I use to make Wheel Tracks what it is.

As Wendell also indicated, our web site **vtauto.org** is a huge part of our future success and there are decisions we have to make that will affect its looks and use in a very big way. Please watch us and our work closely and give us your comments.

The final, and probably the most important, subject I would like to comment on is the Bylaws discussion. Starting early last year the 'Bylaws Committee' started work on the transition bylaws to allow the VAE to be a non-profit 501c3 club. Being a non-profit will allow us to grow in many new directions. We can now sell advertising, a potential big step in our future. We can apply for grants and guide our club into a more educational role so that we may sustain and grow our membership. As explained earlier, the Society (the VAAS) was created so that we can comply with the IRS rules for non-profits but the VAAS is only temporary. **It is everyone's hope that the VAAS and the VAE will soon be one organization again.....the VAE.** We all need to work together to find the best path to that end.



From The President

Wendell
Noble

It's only February, as of this writing, and things are really hopping in the VAE and VAAS. Some things are happening that you members ought to be aware of. Having been granted 501(C) 3 non profit status by the IRS for our VAAS branch, we are now all members of both organizations. As member of the VAE, we can best consider the VAAS as one of our committees which reports to us at each monthly meeting. At our last meeting, we voted to transfer ownership of Wheel Tracks and our on-line web site with our VAAS so that, as a non profit organization, it can accept paid advertisements. **If we manage this correctly**, both publications can become bigger, better and financially self supporting. Wheel Tracks editor Gary Fiske and web site manager John Lavallee tell us that they are getting plenty of inquiries from businesses and organizations seeking to place paid ads. This indicates that, as they are today, these publications are very attractive and interesting to readers and prospective advertisers. In fact, feed back from the web site indicates that this interest is world wide. Gary and John are brimming with ideas to make the publications even better and are anxious to carry them out. **They are grappling with ad rates**, how much space to devote to ads, what kind of ads, new features and so on. John is considering a complete redesign of the web site. A new feature already in place is that the on line version of Wheel Tracks is now accessible through the web site by use of a password. This brings us to a couple of where comments and opinions from members would be very helpful. **If you haven't visited the web site recently**, do so now and give John your thoughts on how you would like it improved. Wheel Tracks has been a jewel of the VAE that is one of the benefits of paid membership that is not available to the general public. It is very effective incentive to become and remain paid up member. However, on the other side of the coin, maybe reading Wheel Tracks is a way for non members to learn who we are and what we do and therefore wish to join us. **Perhaps making Wheel Tracks available to the general public** is more in keeping our VAAS role as a non profit educational corporation. What do you think? We'd like to know.



Sunshine Report by Christina McCaffrey

Get Well to Joe Paradis following Stent Surgery
Sympathy to the Family of Bernard Couillard, death in the family.
Sympathy to the Family of Conti Conception for the death of his brother Stanley.

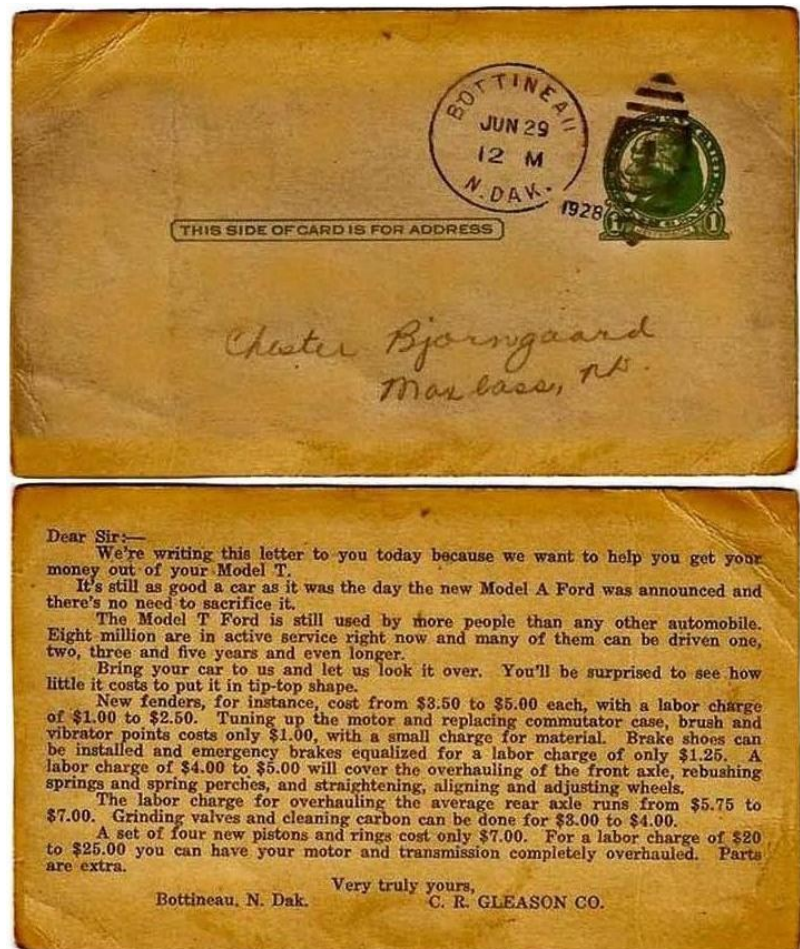
March Member Meeting March 2011 Monthly VAE/VAAS Meeting

The March meeting will be held on **Saturday, March 12th at the Underhill Town Hall in Underhill Center**. It will be a pot-luck affair that we have become good at, **beginning at 11AM** to include some social time, lunch, an interesting program and the usual brief business meeting. Plan now to attend.

"A Good Workman Praises His Tools"

When you come on the 12th we ask you to bring an interesting tool....one you like and use, one you don't like but use, one you like but don't use.....you get the idea. Gary Fiske is looking for some mystery tools and car parts for his Wheel Tracks column that has begun with so much interest. We have display tables and there is a lot of room. Ladies are also invited to bring tools of their interest or trade. Attending will be a couple of tool professionals to mention what's new in tools we might be interested in and there will be an expert on how to maintain and repair electric tools. It should be a great time.

Underhill Center is a small village located 3 miles East of Underhill Flats. Heading North from Clarkes Truck Center on Rt 15 turn right at the Jolly Mobil and follow River Road to the Center. The Town Hall is on the right 300 yards past the stop sign. Coming South on Rt15, turn left at the Green (park) in Underhill Flats then left on River Road and drive to the Center.

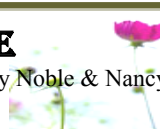


A 1928 car repair mailer on a penny post card. Sorry, I did not keep a note on who sent this to me but Thank You. gcf



A Column Shared & Written by Marnita Leach, Mary Noble & Nancy Olney

THE SOFTER SIDE



THIS IS MARY AND NANCY'S OFF MONTH...SORRY. LOOK FOR MARY'S COLUMN IN APRIL



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



Savory Chicken Pot Pie

Ingredients**

1 Tablespoon olive oil
1 Medium onion, diced
2 Large chicken breasts, cut into cubes
1 Large russet potato, peeled and cubed
2 Large carrots peeled and cubed
1/2 Cup frozen peas

1-16 oz. Can chicken broth
1 Tablespoon fresh chopped parsley
Salt and pepper to taste
1 tablespoon butter
2 tablespoons of flour

2 Pie crusts for 10 inch pie (ready made or homemade)

Directions.....In large skillet, heat the olive oil till almost smoking then add the onions and sauté them stirring them to coat with olive oil. Then add cubed chicken, cook until onions are translucent and chicken is cooked through, stirring often. Remove to a bowl.

Heat the chicken broth to a boil then add the potatoes and carrots to cook them through, simmering about 15 mins. Reserving the broth strain the potatoes and carrots and add them to the chicken. Add the peas as well.

In the same sauté pan heat 1 tablespoon butter and add 2 tablespoons flour. Stir continuously over medium heat. Cook until it's paste like...about 2 mins. Whisk the reserved chicken broth to it and cook until it thickens. Stir in all the vegetables, chicken and parsley. Add salt and pepper as needed.

Place crust in bottom of deep-dish 10 inch pie pan. Pour the chicken and veggies over the bottom crust then place top crust on top. Crimp the edges. Cut 3 or 4 small slits in the top, place on cookie sheet and bake at 425 degrees for 40 mins or until the pie is hot and bubbly. The crust should be golden brown. Serves 4.

A REALLY GREAT GUEST RECIPE...

Brenda's Ultimate Party Meatballs By Brenda Fodor

1 - 14 oz can Ocean Spray Jellyed Cranbury sauce

1 - 12 oz bottle of Heinz Chili Sauce

1 - 2 pound bag of frozen, pre-cooked cocktail size meatballs (a good choice is Our Own, Flame Broiled Swedish meatballs) or your own make.

Combine sauces in a large sauce pan. Cook over medium heat stirring until smooth. Add meatballs for 15 minutes or until heated through, stirring frequently. Makes about 30 appetizer servings.



What is this VAAS All About?

Editor's notes.....Wheel Tracks has received comments from the Membership wondering why the Vermont Antique Automobile Society has been formed by the VAE. The members who have been attending the monthly meetings know of the many months of work spent in making the VAE a non-profit (501c3) and satisfying the many requirements of the IRS. It is done...the VAAS is now a non profit 501c3...but the VAE is not; not yet. Those who have been unable to come to the meetings have had a difficult time understanding the process and your editor apologizes for not having more in WT. In a nutshell.... a second temporary organization, the VAAS, had to be formed to satisfy the IRS until the

VAE bylaws and activities can be changed to comply with the IRS rules. That is why you have seen so many 'bylaws' items in the last two Wheel Tracks and that is why we will soon have to all vote to change some of our club bylaws. When the VAE complies, the plan is to retire the VAAS. The following is a more complete explanation by the VAAS President, Gael Boardman.....gcf

Some thoughts on our 501c3 from the VAAS

In order to start the process to simplify our organization and return to a single effective and legal position we need to plan ahead. Our VAAS position allows us to do a lot of things unavailable before....but dis-allows activities such as car shows as the IRS perceives them. Because the Stowe, (and possible other shows), take a large portion of our reported time and effort, the IRS views it as our major activity and that it is just a large social event. We know that isn't the case but have not been able to prove that to their satisfaction. To generate proof that will get us back under one organizational structure we need to emphasize the educational and historic aspects of our car shows as well as the charities and institutions we support. The process is underway and should be noticed in Wheel Tracks, on line and in our planning and monthly meetings.

The new 501c3 (non profit), our own VAAS, not only makes us legal in some areas questionable in the past, but allows us to move ahead with plans to keep our hobby up to date and insure a future for our vehicles and all the related stuff we are personally archiving. We can (and should) solicit tax-deductible contributions, sell advertising and products, accept grants and bequests and maybe even consider annuities.

This brings us to a whole new level of fund raising. John Lavalley and Gary Fiske have already opened the door a crack for web-site and Wheel Tracks advertising. They feel the potential is enormous. There are plans in the works to begin a program of personal fund-raising. We could use a person or more who has some grant writing experience as those resources come available.

We hope all this is food for thought and that you share the enthusiasm we feel. We'll keep you posted and let you know what our 'Futures Committee' thinks we might best do with funds raised to meet our hobby' mission statement.

gb for the VAAS



A comment from a Wheel Tracks Reader...I know who Lloyd, what am I offered? (gcf)

I enjoy your February production of Wheel Tracks. It's different and very interesting. On page 11, there is a model T sent in by Lloyd Davis, and marked 26 or 27. I think it is older because: 26 & 27 Model T's have the gas tank on the cowl, and look much the same as a Model A. The car pictured has a flared-up cowl to the windshield, like 16-25.

Good picture of Lloyd though, I always wondered if he had aged much since 1930, and I guess he hasn't.



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.

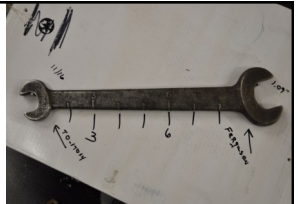


This is wheel was found in a barn that was owned by the great grandfather. It is 2 3/8 X 23 inches. The brake drum is 8 inches, the hub cap size is 2.12 inches. The axle size on the outside is .68" and on the inside is 1.065". As you can see there are four bolt holes to hold the rim on. What did the wheel go on and is it of any value?

(There were no guesses on this wheel, I will bring it to our next meeting....then maybe).

This is a Ferguson wrench probably related to a tractor. It has a built in ruler and is about 10 inches long. The left side size is 11/16 and the other is 1.09 inches. The left side has TO-17014 stamped on it. What was the purpose of the ruler when used on the tractor? What can you add?

(A member said the ruler is used to measure the fuel level...the big end of the wrench is too large to fit through the filler hole so it will not drop in)



What the heck is it? It's made of copper, has little handles as you can see and is the size of today's loaf of bread.

Another mystery...its made of cast iron and has the name Mexico on it. The handle opens and the round part opens like a waffle iron. Can someone help the owner ID this?



One more for March. It looks like a ruler without the inch marking and at one end has 1,2,2,3,3 printed on it. Can anyone help?

Farmer Joe decided his injuries from the accident were serious enough to take the trucking company responsible for the accident to court. In court the trucking company's fancy lawyer was questioning farmer Joe.

"Didn't you say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine,'?" asked the lawyer. Farmer Joe responded, "Well, I'll tell you what happened. I had just loaded my favorite mule Bessie into the..."

"I didn't ask for any details," the lawyer interrupted, "just answer the question. Did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine'?"

Farmer Joe said, "Well, I had just got Bessie into the trailer and I was driving down the road..."

The lawyer interrupted again and said, "Judge, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the Highway Patrolman on the scene that he was fine. Now several weeks after the accident he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question."

By this time the Judge was fairly interested in Farmer Joe's answer and said to the lawyer, "I'd like to hear what he has to say."

Joe thanked the Judge and proceeded, "Well, as I was saying, I had just loaded Bessie into the trailer and was driving her down the highway when this huge semi-truck and trailer ran the stop sign and smacked my truck right in the side. I was thrown into one ditch and Bessie was thrown into the other. I was hurting real bad and didn't want to move. However, I could hear ol' Bessie moaning and groaning. I knew she was in terrible shape just by her groans. "Shortly after the accident, a Highway Patrolman came on the scene. He could hear Bessie moaning and groaning so he went over to her. After he looked at her, he took out his gun and shot her between the eyes.

"Then the Patrolman came across the road with his gun in his hand and looked at me. He said, 'Your mule was in such bad shape I had to shoot her.'

"Then he said, 'How are YOU feeling?'"

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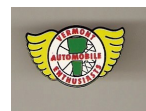
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For sale.....1962 Olds F85 convertible with a 215ci all aluminum motor. It is a North Carolina car with 48k. Real sharp Blue with a white top. Asking price is 5k firm. There are more pics avail on request. Located in Hudson, NH. Contact Bill Stone at 603-459-1678 WK 603-889-2077 Email..stoneb@spectrummicrove.com 3/11



For Sale, A great gift idea. Official VAE Lapel Pin. Contact Don Rayta. \$5.00 ea & \$1.00 S&H Wear It Proudly



Wanted Always... for you to check your membership expiration date by your address on Wheel Tracks. If you are about to expire please renew, we want you to be a VAE member. See page 16.

For Sale....1972 Toyota FJ40 Landcruiser, 6 cyl 236.7 cu. in., winch, Red/white top, 4X4. restored and in good condition. Kept most of it in original condition. Asking \$17,000. Contact Abe Lewis, Middlesex, VT 802-223-2759 3/11



Wanted... 1923 Moon Model 6-40 literature. Gilbert Bureau, gbureau@videotron.ca 2/11



For Sale... Chevrolet Bel Aire, 283, Automatic, 4 Dr, New interior, Hi #3 car. \$12,000 OBO Call Dean Powers 802-895-4851

For Sale... 1972 Pontiac LeMans 2 door Hardtop. 359 V8, sunroof, Keystone wheels, frame-on partial restoration, owner deceased. Widow asking \$7000. OBO. Drive it home. Chester Longe, 802-524-2092 2/11

For Sale...Chevrolet Monte Carlo, unrestored, Tennessee car. \$3000 OBO. Call Phil Drake 802-334-6079 5/11

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Did You Know, more from 1904...

By Gene Fodor

- ... that the automaker, **Pope-Hartford** was criticized by competitors for adding lamps as standard equipment?
- ... that a fire at **Cadillac** forced the company to return deposits to 1500 dealers?
- ... that **Ford Motor Company** opened its first branch on Jefferson Ave. in Detroit?
- ... that the **National Association of Retail Automobile Dealers** was formed in 1917?
- ... **Leland & Faulconer Mfg. Co** was merged with the Cadillac Automobile Co and renamed the Cadillac Motor Car Company?
- ... that the first **White bus** appeared in 1930?
- ... that the **Crawford Automobile Company** was organized in 1910?
- ... that there were **55 companies** manufacturing the automobile in 1904?

The 1904 Franklin pictured on the right is located at the AACA Museum in Hershey, PA. (gcf)



The Oldest Car Challenge

At the Stowe Car Show

The VAAS in cooperation with the VAE would like to remind all members and friends that The Stowe Mountain Resort has enthusiastically agreed to sponsor our Second "Oldest Car" challenge. Last year we challenged all comers that we would pay \$500 cash and award a 3 day stay at the following year's Stowe Show at the lovely Stowe Mountain Resort if someone would bring an operational and running gas-powered car older than the one we have; a **1905 Cadillac**. The Cadillac came and was admired by everyone.....but no-one beat its age.

This year the mountainside resort has generously extended its offer and we will be there with our 1905 car. The car itself is worth the price of admission...it's a beauty.... But somewhere there may be a challenge...is it you? Your entry doesn't have to be restored but it does have to be gasoline powered, running and drivable. It has to be older by a year, not just months or weeks.

There is even the possibility that the Stowe Mountain Resort will extend the winner's stay for an entire week in 2012 at one of their beautiful condos if you win at this years show. We are eager to see what might show up. Have the manufacturer data ready and treat us to the car...and you to the winnings. Thank you Stowe Mountain Resort and our friend Mr. Erwin.

Car Show Events Announcements

If you have a car show or know of one please get the information to Wheel Tracks for publication. Please remember.....I need **'Who, What, When and Where'**. Here are some events but I don't know the 4 -Ws, can someone give them to me?

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| 1. The Granby, PQ Event | 2. The Lions Club event in Littleton, NH |
| 3. The Show in Plattsburg | 4. The event in Ticonderoga |
| 5. The Milton Children's Miracle Network Event | 6. The Cruise @ Libby's in Winooski |
| 8. The Swanton show Event | 7. The St Albans drive-in-theater Event |
| 10. The Conway, NH Event | 9. Brass Era Event, Orford, NH |
| | 11. Essex JCT Street Rod Event |

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VAE Gossip

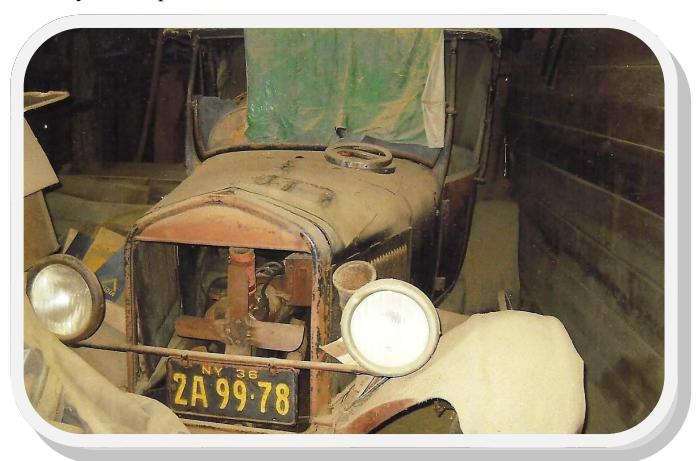
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VAE Gossip, Wow, I don't have much of it this month. The snow has kept me from getting around as much as I usually do and **YOU FOLKS** have not done so well getting the really good stuff to me.

I can't mention names but I did hear about a member who, it is said, by some special arrangement gets his Hemmings delivery by night and 24 hours early (*I just made part of that up*). Anyway, it seems this member found an ad before anyone else. Someone is selling a complete 1914 Cadillac real cheap but it is in parts, you have to put it together. This member knows another member who has been pining for a car like this for years and calls him with the news of the ad. The second member does not have the liquid funds at the moment and has spent a week in a depression. We members should think twice before making calls like that.....don't you think?

Here is another 'barn find' picture that someone has given me. I don't know where the barn is and I don't know what this vehicle is. Can anyone help me?



Take a look at our 'Here's My Card' area on the classified page 6. There is plenty of room for more if you want yours there also...for only \$10 per month...you can't beat the deal.

I had a real nice conversation with a VEA member the other day, he is also the Director of the **Northern New England chapter of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America**. His name is Rick Reinstein. They have a really great newsletter on line, I asked Rick how our VAE members could check out their newsletter...Its called **Chev Relay-Messenger**. He said just email him and he would shoot it to you in Adobe Reader. His email address is **chevdude51@yahoo.com**. I wonder what year his Chevy is?

You must have heard by now about Wheel Tracks making it to our Web Site....vtauto.org? Thanks to John Lavalley's efforts and Rachels magic. When we needed a username and password the first two letters were easy...w....andt. Then we needed a number and John's plate number seemed handy. So the username and password is **wt366**. John, as you know, has taken on the job of managing our web site and handling the paid ads that are coming in. He is also our VAE contact person. He asked me to put our web site address in Wheel Tracks in as many places as I can. I should have a contest with you folks trying to guess how many times you will find it in this issue. The prize could be a meal and a sleep-over with breakfast at John's place. His motto is promote...promote...promote.

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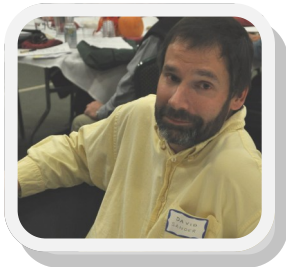
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This column is a Q & A column with you asking me questions
and after researching the answer I will reply.
Any questions 'automotive' is fare game, I might not know the answer
but hopefully I will find someone who does know.
Please send all inquiries to dasander@aol.com or 32 Turkey Hill Road, Richmond VT 05477

BRAKE FLUID 101

I was driving dad's car hauler through Smuggler's Notch last fall bringing a car back from Stow when I got a sobering lesson on why it is important to replace brake fluid. As I was passing the waterfalls in the Notch, the sedan with out of state plates in front of me abruptly stopped in the middle of the road to take a picture of the waterfall. I stomped on the brakes and came to an abrupt stop. Annoying, but no big deal. Moments later as I was descending the Jeffersonville side of the notch I tapped the brake as the truck started to run away at the top of the hill. No brakes. I pressed harder and harder on the pedal, but the truck was still speeding up. I manually down shifted and continued to thump on the brake. White smoke was now pouring off both front wheels. Ever notice that there is no runaway truck ramp there? I was able to stop the truck eventually. I pulled off to the side of the road and allowed the brakes to cool. How did this happen? The truck had just had the front pads replaced. When I looked at the brake fluid instead of a clear-yellow color, it looked more like grape juice. My theory is this: The new pads were slightly wider, creating some drag and some heat.

The pistons were recently pushed back in to the calipers to accept the new pads, dirty contaminated fluid probably caused some rust on the caliper bores, causing the pistons to stick a little. The heat caused the brake fluid to boil, reducing the ability of it to compress the pads against the rotors. I changed the fluid, and exercised the pistons in and out a few times. Something the shop that replaced the pads should have done.

I have been using DOT 5, or silicone fluid in the antique cars for years with good results. Silicone fluid does not absorb moisture, so is perfect for antique cars. In the last year I have done the brakes on two MG cars that had conventional fluid, and one that I had changed over to Silicone fluid in 1988. The two with the conventional fluid had considerable corrosion in both the wheel cylinders and in the master cylinder. One MG, the green 1949 TC had half of the wheel cylinder pistons actually frozen. This car has marginal brakes to begin with, with half the wheel cylinder pistons frozen it was simply unsafe. The other MG had functional brakes when it was in a bad accident in 1999. The fluid was obviously in need of replacement, because all of the pistons became seized in their bores, requiring a great deal of effort to remove. The MG with the Silicone fluid had no corrosion in the master cylinder or the wheel cylinders. This is the black 1955 that is undergoing a total restoration, so I went through the brake system replacing all the metal brake lines, rubber hoses and seals. I have heard the horror stories of how the silicone fluid dissolved rubber parts, but have never seen any evidence of that or read anything that suggests this is really possible. My guess is that these owners would have experienced this regardless of what type of brake fluid was in their car.

If you use DOT 3 or DOT 4 in your antique car I suggest you replace the fluid every two years, or switch to Silicone fluid. One other benefit to Silicone fluid is that it will not harm your paint. This is a great bonus for those master cylinders that are hard to fill without spillage. Just remember the old Midas commercial slogan, "the most important part of your car isn't what makes it go, it is what makes it STOP!"

Why Change Brake Fluid?

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Brake Fluid is a hot topic because most people don't know why it should be changed. Did you know the average motorist who drives 10,000 to 15,000 miles a year uses his brakes about 75,000 times a year? Did you know that nearly half of all motorists in a recent Car Care Council survey said brake failure was their number one fear amongst driving emergencies?

So consider this: After three years of service, the average boiling point of the brake fluid has dropped to a potentially dangerous level because of moisture contamination and may not meet minimum federal requirements for brake fluid.

Probably half of all cars and light trucks that are 10 or more years old in the U.S. have never had their brake fluid changed. Yet in many European countries, regular brake fluid checks are required, and half of all cars routinely fail such tests. That's a good case for changing brake fluid.

REPLACE BRAKE FLUID

Brake fluid is one of the most neglected fluid in vehicles today, yet is vitally important for safe driving. Consequently, professional technicians should be checking the fluid and recommending that the brake fluid be changed if it is contaminated. The issue is old brake fluid may not be safe if moisture contamination is above a certain level.

BRAKE FLUID PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

Many experts have long recommend changing the brake fluid every year or two for preventative maintenance. Their rationale is based on the fact that glycol-based brake fluid starts to absorb moisture from the moment it is put in the system. The fluid attracts moisture through microscopic pores in rubber hoses, past seals and exposure to the air. The problem is obviously worse in wet climates where humidity is high.

After only a year of service, the brake fluid in the average vehicle may contain as much as two percent water. After 18 months, the level of contamination can be as high as three percent. And after several years of service, it is not unusual to find brake fluid that contains as much as seven to eight percent water.

An NHTSA survey found that the brake fluid in 20% of 1,720 vehicles sampled contained 5% or more water!

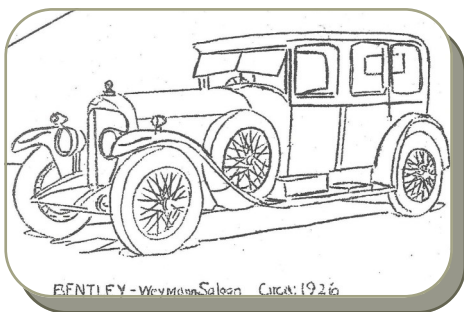
As the concentration of moisture increases, it causes a sharp drop in the fluid's boiling temperature. Brand new DOT 3 brake fluid must have a dry (no moisture) boiling point of at least 401 degrees F, and a wet (moisture-saturated) boiling point of no less than 284 degrees. Most new DOT 3 fluids exceed these requirements and have a dry boiling point that ranges from 460 degrees up to over 500 degrees.

Only one percent water in the fluid can lower the boiling point of a typical DOT 3 fluid to 369 degrees. Two percent water can push the boiling point down to around 320 degrees, and three percent will take it all the way down to 293 degrees, which is getting dangerously close to the minimum DOT and OEM requirements.

Dave's Brake Fluid article will continue in the April Issue....

Wheel Tracks / VAE History

Taken from Wheel Tracks ~ January 1955



RENTLEY - Weymouth Sedan - Buick 1926

January 1955 Roster

ROSTER: VERMONT AUTOMOBILE ENTHUSIASTS

Adams, George F.	123 Northfield St.	Moscow, Vt.
Adams, Lester G.	29 Seymour St.	Montpelier, Vt.
Armstrong, Marshall J.	26 N. Main St.	Middlebury, Vt.
Barrows, Del Robert	33 Ledge Road	Johnson, Vt.
Boardman, Gael	50 Washington St.	St. Albans, Vt.
Broadwell, G.H.	47 Central	Morrisville, N.Y.
Burbo, Jim	Stoney Brook Rd.	Burlington, Vt.
Davis, Lloyd P.	102 Abnaki Ave.	North Clarendon, Vt.
DeForge, Olin	19 Summit St.	Westport, N.Y.
Dubois, Ruie	47 Central	Essex Jet., Vt.
Ducat, Julian A.	10 Maplewood Ave.	Middlebury, Vt.
Egger, H. William	19 Summit St.	Rutland, Vt.
Emerson, Walter D.	47 Central	Northfield, Vt.
Fisher, John W.	10 Maplewood Ave.	Charlotte, Vt.
Fredette, F.W. Dr.	10 Maplewood Ave.	Essex Jet., Vt.
Fredette, Jane	10 Maplewood Ave.	Northfield, Vt.
Galbraith, Rodney G.	13 Arlington St.	Vergennes, Vt.
Gypson, Kenneth F.	1 Iroquois Ave.	Barre, Vt.
Harrington, Marion	23 Green St.	Essex Jet., Vt.
Hill, Richard W.	16 1/2 Randall St.	Essex Jet., Vt.
James, Daniel	June- November	Barre, Vt.
Jaquith, John S.	November-June	Waterbury, Vt.
Jones, Robert S.	18 Summer St.	Shoreham, Vt.
Jones, Walter D.	18 Summer St.	Fairlee, Vt.
Lake, Dale	13 1/2 Vine St.	Windsor, Fla.
Knapp, James E.	217 Prospect Parkway	Morrisville, Vt.
Morrow, Johannes	Elmore Mt. Road	Ripton, Vt.
Nisbet, Edward B.	520 North St.	Montpelier, Vt.
O'Halloran, Gerry	1218 North Ave.	Burlington, Vt.
Otis, David M.	P.O. Box 219	Morrisville, Vt.
Peaks, Foveril F.	77 Mansfield Ave.	Burlington, Vt.
Powers, Stanley R.	77 Mansfield Ave.	Bristol, Vt.
Rice, Roderick C.	77 Mansfield Ave.	Montpelier, Vt.
Rotax, Edward	25 Brookes Ave.	Burlington, Vt.
Ryder, Jr., P.A.	25 Brookes Ave.	North Ferrisburg, Vt.
Saxby, Robert M., Dr.	25 Brookes Ave.	Wolcott, Vt.
Saxby, Mrs. R.H.	25 Brookes Ave.	Burlington, Vt.
Schoff, James S.	25 Brookes Ave.	"
Squier, Ken	25 Brookes Ave.	Morrisville, Vt.
Stein, Benjamin C.	25 Brookes Ave.	Waterbury, Vt.
Sweetland, Bert E.	25 Brookes Ave.	Jericho, Vt.
Sweetland, Robert E.	25 Brookes Ave.	East Hardwick, Vt.
Taplin, Paul L.	25 Brookes Ave.	"
Vail, Henry D.	25 Brookes Ave.	Barre, Vt.
	25 Brookes Ave.	Ludlow, Vt.

OFFICERS

President: Roderick C. Rice
 Vice-President: Rodney G. Galbraith
 Secretary: James E. Knapp
 Treasurer: Dr. F.W. Fredette
 Board of Directors: Ken Gypson, Walter D. Jones, Paul L. Taplin

The April 1954 meeting was held the 25th at the Lincoln Inn. Those assembled saw the films- "1952 Indianapolis Race" and "Proof of Performance 1950 Mobil Gas Economy Run", both obtained from Socony-Vacuum. The club also got a look at the Kaiser-Darrin sports car brought to the meeting by Bill Cody and Chester Savage, the Burlington Willy's Dealers.

In May the club trekked to Dale Lake's in Ripton. This was on the 23rd. Many attended and spent an enjoyable afternoon discussing various and sundry aspects of automobilia and looking over Dale's extensive collection (which incidentally, in case you didn't know, includes a few Buicks).

June 13th saw the club get to gather at Allis State Park (Bear Mt.). Evidently most of the members must have been 'up in the clouds', as few details of this meet have come to light.

July 4th the club gathered at Morrisville at the invitation of Walt Jones. Most of the members present joined in the celebration parade. Some of the members joining in the festivities besides Walt were Ben Stein, Ed Rotex, Pev Peake, Dale Lake and Paul Taplin and wife.

On August 8th, the VAE gathered at Ruie DuBois's in Northfield. The usual competitive spirit prevailed and after much revving and back-firing the assault on the hill got underway. When the smoke cleared, the results for Run #1 and Run #2 were...

Sports

1st, Doc Fredette.. Austin Healey .. 43.1 & 43.3 seconds.
 2nd, Ruie DuBois.. Ford Spl .. 43.4 & 49.2 seconds
 3rd, Del Barrows.. GMG TD .. 44.2 & 45 seconds
 4th, Jim Knapp.. Rile.. 47.1 seconds
 5th, Jim Burbo.. MG TD.. 48 & 48.5 seconds

Antique

1st, Rod Rice.. Cadillac.. 55.4 & 52.8 seconds
 2nd, Ed Rotex.. Dodge (not recorded for error not politics)

Stock

1st, Ken Gypson.. Volkswagen.. 50 & 47.4 seconds
 2nd, Dave Otis.. 54 Ford.. 49.5 & 56.3 seconds
 3rd, Brannon.. 50 seconds
 4th Paul Taplin.. Nash Metropolitan.. 54.2 seconds
 5th Dale Lake.. 70 seconds

September 12th the club met at Burke Mt. Attending the meeting were the Rices, en force, likewise the Galbraiths, the Sweetlands, the Jones, the Tarpins' and Ed Rotex. A good time was had by the small in number, but enthusiastic group of members.

In October, the 10th to be precise, the members again journeyed to the 'speedway' at Ruie DuBois's. Some of the members ventured onto 'Ruie's Road to Ruin', the new down hill stretch. However, it was decided not to incorporate the new bit in the timed run since, YIPE, just trying to describe it gets one dizzy. (The stats followed but there is no room, sorry. A car drawing appeared on the front page of all the early 50s Wheel Track issues. Does anyone know the artist? gcf)



Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts, Inc.

Treasurer's Report - January 10, 2011

MONEY MARKET - balance December 10, 2010	\$ 24,161.40	
add: December interest income		8.21
Balance January 10, 2011		<u>24,169.61</u>

GENERAL CHECKING - balance Dec. 10, 2010	\$ 1,946.39	
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Deposits

Member dues	285.00
Stowe sponsorship	700.00
Total receipts	<u>985.00</u>

Disbursements

Rachel Smith - website maintenance	486.00
5097 Postmaster - Stowe P.O. Box	72.00
L. Brown & Sons Printing - January WT	589.07
5099 Gene Fodor - WT expense reimbursement	71.32
5100 The Engraving Bench - restoration award & engraving	94.00
5086 Total disbursements	<u>1,312.39</u>
Balance - January 10, 2011	<u>1,619.00</u>

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

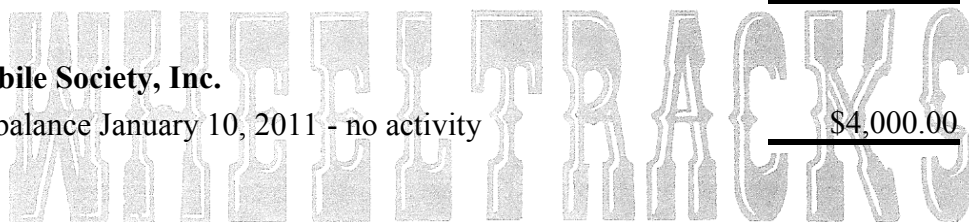
Balance - December 10, 2010	80,069.07
December interest income	51.02
Balance - January 10, 2011	<u>80,120.09</u>

Total VAE accounts	<u>\$105,908.70</u>
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Vermont Antique Automobile Society, Inc.

CHECKING ACCOUNT - balance January 10, 2011 - no activity	<u>\$4,000.00</u>
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Dick Wheatley - Treasurer



VAAS Board meeting Minutes January 10, 2011

Members present: **Gael Boardman, Andy Barnett, Lloyd Davis, Leo Laferriere, Jan Sander, Bob Chase, Dick Wheatley**
Non members present: **Fred Cook, Wendell Noble**

The meeting was held at Dick Wheatley's office located at: 1 Market Place Unit #31, Essex Junction, VT

All motions were unanimously approved unless noted otherwise.

The meeting was called to order by President Gael Boardman at 1:30 PM.

Andy motioned to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2010 meeting. Dick seconded the motion.

Gael summarized the Sunday, January 9 meeting of the VAE Board of Directors. The VAE had scheduled a vote on the revised VAE By Laws for the February VAE meeting. This vote has been postponed until there is one set of By Laws for both organizations. It was noted that in the By Laws submitted as part of our IRS application, it is stated that those By Laws can be amended. Those By Laws were written by the attorney who handled our IRS application. The two sets of By Laws need to be merged into one set for the one organization that we will become.

Wendell reported that the VAE Board voted to turn over to the VAAS Board the masthead of Wheel Tracks and the website so that VAAS can receive the advertising revenue. VAE will present a proposal detailing the charges for and acceptance of ads. Several companies have already expressed interest in advertising in Wheel Tracks and on the website. Once the details are in place, we should be ready to begin selling advertising. John LaVallee and Gary Fiske have researched advertising rates in other publications and have provided suggested rates. John will be the coordinator of all of the ads. VAAS will have a section in Wheel Tracks and on the website for ads.

Leo made the following motion: The VAAS Board is requesting that the VAE membership will allocate \$750 per month to the VAAS to help the VAAS fulfill its activities. In consideration for this, VAAS will publish and distribute Wheel Tracks and maintain the website. VAAS will report as a committee to the VAE membership. Dick seconded this motion.

Jan made the following motion: The wording under the banner on the front page of Wheel Tracks will be changed to "The Official Monthly Publication For The Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts By The Vermont Antique Automobile Society". This change will be effective with the March issue. Lloyd seconded this motion.

Dick reported that he had looked into the issue of selling T shirts – could VAAS buy them without sales tax and then could VAE sell them without sales tax – he was advised that we should not get into that. He also reported that he had looked into the issue of adding the VAAS Board of Directors to the VAE's insurance policy for reasons of indemnifying the officers of the Board. The insurance agent is looking into establishing one policy which will cover the insurance needs of both the VAE and the VAAS.

The next meeting of the VAAS will be on Monday, February 28 at 1:30 PM at Dick Wheatley's office which is located at 1 Market Place Unit #31, in Essex Junction.

Andy made the motion to adjourn at 3:20, Jan seconded and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by: Jan Sander

"IDLING IN NEUTRAL"

13 FEB 2011



Another small adventure with Chris & Dell

Greetings fellow enthusiasts! It's the middle of February and the groundhog did not see his shadow! Are you excited? Can you believe it? Just a few short weeks & we'll all be enjoying the spring scents and bloomings! Wow! Really? Well, have you noticed the snow & temperature like we have? A few short weeks? We'll believe it when we see it!

Are you keeping the snow "at bay?" Have you had any recent successes finding parts for your auto(s)? Are you keeping in touch with your "old car" friends & families? Dell & I try to do these things while the winter weather wants to keep us holed up. We enjoyed the recent Yesteryears Motorcar Club's winter dinner at AJ's in Wilder! New officers installed and great stories shared. The food was great, too! Plans were shared for the season coming & we can't wait!

Now, though, we're not really on the road with our Chevy - much less our Moon! We're idling...in neutral - not sliding back - not really making any advancement down the trail - but idling...Hey we found a couple of nice items at a local antique store. I've attached photo's to this article for you to appreciate! An early Ford V8 hubcap! Complete with dings and chipped paint - but hey- it's fun & someone will need it!

The second item is really cool. As you may know, my older brother, Ken, is the proud owner of a 1925 Holbrook bodied Packard limousine. He lives in Wisconsin with his wife, Andrea. They use the car sparingly in the good weather there and take it to the Iola show annually! Well what a pocket knife I found here in Vermont! It says "Master Salesman - 1925" on its side. And has the radiator of a Packard with the words "Only Packard Can Build A Packard" within the radiator's border. Surrounding the radiator in white is their motto: "Ask the man who owns one." The initials R.E.T. are inscribed on the reverse side, I assume these were the initials of the recipient of the prize! Wow!

Well, our motors are running, we haven't shut off yet! Hang in there- spring's coming! Hope to see you all soon. Travel safe - enjoy your family! The March trip to Springfield should be fun. Until then, keep your eyes open....you never know what you'll find! **Best regards, Chris & Dell**



VAE Meeting Minutes from January 15, 2011

The regular monthly Meeting of the VAE was held on Saturday, January 15, 2011 at St. Andrew's Parish Hall in Waterbury. After presentations by a number of members explaining their automotive memorabilia, the business meeting was convened, at 1:35 PM by outgoing President Don Rayta, who immediately handed over the gavel to new President Wendell Noble. Then Don Rayta discussed the process for choosing the winner of the President's Restoration Award for 2010. The winner was David Sander, for the total, frame off restoration of a 1953 MG TD owned by the Sander family. The Sanders acquired the vehicle after it had been in a horrific accident, which claimed the life of the former owner, who was a friend of the Sander family. David Sander performed the restoration over an eight year period. The work entailed the total rebuilding of the car, which has already also won several other local and national awards. President Wendell Noble then thanked Lucille and Gene Napoliello for organizing and hosting this Meet. Wendell then introduced new members, and those attending their first meeting.

Secretary's Report: Jan Sander moved to accept the report as printed in Wheel Tracks. This was properly seconded, and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Les Skinner moved to file the report, as printed in Wheel Tracks, for audit. John Mahnker seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously.

President's Committee assignments:

Audit: Leo Laferriere, Jim Sears, Doris Bailey.

Transition By Laws: Andy Barnett, Fred Cook, Doris Bailey.

Futures: Gael Boardman, Spencer Halstead, Gary Fiske.

Nominating: Conception Conti, Bob Guinn, Gary Olney.

VAAS will become a committee of the VAE, until amalgamation. Gael Boardman gave a brief update on the VAAS activities to date. Committee Reports:

Sunshine: Doris Bailey is home from the Hospital recuperating from a non-life threatening condition. A sympathy card was sent to the family of the late Ray Unsworth.

Activities: Full details will appear in Wheel Tracks.

Stowe Show: Bob Chase reported that the Brochure is at the Printer, and the first draft will be reviewed at the Stowe Committee Meeting on Wednesday, January 19, 2011. There will be a new Personalized Stock class, and a "Woman's World" feature designed to appeal to significant others who may not share the same enthusiasm for the cars. The Appreciation Dinner will be on Sunday, March 27, 2011 at the Commodore Inn at Stowe.

Old Business: There was discussion of placing cars in the University Mall to publicize the Stowe Show. After extensive discussion, it was decided to go ahead. Gene Fodor, Gary Olney, Wendell Noble, and Bill Sander expressed a willingness to bring vehicles.

New Business: Fred Cook informed us that he had been notified by Anthony Otis that legislation has been introduced in the Vermont Legislature to allow antique vehicles to display year of manufacture license plates. Current law permits this for 1939 and older vehicles only. It was suggested that the membership contact their legislators to express support. Gene Napoliello told us about an upcoming National AACA Meet in Stowe on May 19-21, 2011. Wendell reported recommendations from the recent Board of Directors Meeting.

Jan Sander made the motion, seconded by Don Rayta, to turn over responsibility for Wheel Tracks, and the Website, to VAAS, for tax purposes. This was passed. Gael Boardman also summarized the most recent VAAS Board meeting, which was held at Dick Wheatley's office in Essex. Bill Sander made the motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$750 per month to the VAAS to publish and distribute Wheel Tracks, and maintain the Website. Brenda Fodor seconded the motion. Any advertising revenue obtained would offset and reduce the monthly amount contributed from VAE. The motion passed unanimously.

Wendell closed the Meeting by presenting an appreciation plaque to outgoing President Don Rayta.

Bill Sander moved to adjourn at 2:55 PM, seconded by Les Skinner, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Sander, Recording Secretary

Our February VAE Monthly Meeting was held at Vermont Engine Service in Williston, Vermont



Our Hosts: Harry Bushway (left)
Doris Bailey & Dean Thibodeau



A magnaflux demonstration



Dick Wheatley receiving
His Gypson from Clark Wright



A wonderful Feast
for everyone !

We had a great time at Vermont Engine Service. The folks there were nice enough to set up many demonstrations of how they rebuild customer engines. They must have spent hours getting ready for us. We all walked away with a much better understanding of the process and I am sure a few of us will be back with our tired engines for them to work their magic. After our time in the shop we had a meal fit for kings...you would think from the amount of food before us that we had just completed a 12 hour shift hauling engine blocks around the shop.....the food was fantastic.

VAE Meeting Minutes from February 12th

The regular monthly Membership Meeting of the VAE was held on Saturday, February 12, 2011, at Vermont Engine Services in Williston. The Meeting was called to order at 12:27 PM by President Wendell Noble, who turned to David Sander to present a Certificate of Appreciation to Dean Thibodeau of Vt. Engine Service for hosting this Meeting. Wendell then called on **Dick Wheatley**, so that he could be presented the Gypson Award for winning this year's driving competition. **Clark Wright**, prior year winner, presented the award. Wendell then read a note from Ken Gypson, Jr., thanking the Club for continuing to offer this tour each year, and he pledged to continue to provide the trophies.

Secretary's Report: President Noble deferred approval of the prior month's minutes, since they have not yet been published in Wheel Tracks.

Treasurer's Report: Don Rayta moved to file the report, as printed, for audit. Bill Sander seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously.

By Laws Committee: Gene Fodor moved to postpone the vote on adoption of the proposed new by laws, which had been scheduled for this Meeting. Jan Sander seconded the motion. Don Rayta offered an amendment to set April as the month to hold the vote. After much discussion, that amendment was withdrawn. After extensive discussion, the original motion passed. Concerns were expressed over some provisions of the proposed by laws, specifically the amount of power vested in the Board rather than the membership, and the curtailment of the current policy of family memberships. By consensus, it was agreed that a prominent Notice will be placed in the March issue of Wheel Tracks soliciting comments on the bylaws, with the comments to go to Andy Barnett, Committee Chairperson, by March 1, 2011 (which will be at least a week after the late February publication of the March issue). The bylaws Committee will then prepare a revised version for the VAE Board to discuss at its April Meeting. The Board will then have its accepted version printed in the May Wheel Tracks, with a warning for a vote at least sixty days hence.

Wendell mentioned that ads, through the VAAS, are coming in for Wheel Tracks and the website. Gary Fiske gave a status report on the website, and recommendations for updating it.

Stowe Planning: Bob Chase reported that we have received \$2350 in paid sponsorships, and AAA has pledged \$2000. The Poster and Brochure are receiving final editing. Bill Sander showed the proofs which have just been received. The Appreciation Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 27, 2011 at the Commodore in Stowe. David Sander and Bill Sander will be sending out the invitations shortly.

Sunshine Report: Les Skinner mentioned the death of the brother of a member,

Announcements: Fred Cook is exploring the possibility of assembling some antique vehicles for the opening of the new Champlain Bridge at Crown Point, which is scheduled to be in October of 2011. Gene Fodor mentioned that we have space in the University Mall again this year. Six members have volunteered to display vehicles, so far. We need "car sitters" to just keep an eye on the vehicles to relieve the owners of the constant need to be present. The dates are the weekend of July 23 and 24.

Activities: David Sander gave a tentative schedule going through most of the forthcoming year. All details will be printed in Wheel Tracks.

Gene Fodor moved to adjourn at 1:52 PM. Jan Sander seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Sander, Recording Secretary

Important Notice

If anyone would like to propose changes to the newly proposed bylaws Please submit your recommendations to Andy Barnett by 1 March 2011.

The process thereafter is noted in the minutes above.

You can find the new proposed bylaws printed in the January issue of Wheel tracks and the bylaws that we are presently operating under in the February issue of Wheel Tracks. Andy Barnett's email address is andybarnett3@aol.com. His address is 125 Woodbury Road, Burlington, VT 05408.

Presidents Restoration Award by Don Rayta

What I thought was going to be a slam dunk was far from it. Early last year I was ask by a member to be ready to judge his car for this award. As the year progressed no one else came forward but in August another club member suggested he may have a car ready. At the annual meeting this member asked when I could look at his car and soon after another member ask also. After I had looked at both cars I called the third person back to set up a time but he said he changed his mind. I went to both club members homes to view their cars and it was an eye opening experience.

Each member explained how and what they had done. I spent close to 2 hours at each house inspecting their cars. When you have to make a choice between two cars you have to look close and hard and ask many questions. One was a national winner and one a 100 point car at Stowe. I am sure the Stowe car would be a national winner if it was entered. After I had viewed both cars it took me almost a month to decide. The way I finally decided was to consider what the car looked like before restoration. I understand that the same two members will have cars again next year. Lots of luck Wendell. My choice was David Sander's MG. Congratulations David.



From David Sander...

I have known the car since I was about seven years old. Frank Churchill bought the car in 1955, and loved the car so much he became quite involved with sports cars and sports car clubs. Frank was active with the MG car club, and this car was featured in their newsletter in 1963. Frank co-founded the New England MG T Register in 1964. This car was featured in numerous articles of The Sacred Octagon (NEMGTR magazine), Road and Track, Car and Driver, and the October 1978 issue of Special Interest Autos.

Frank was also a cofounder of the Sports Car Club of Vermont. This is why the car had SCCV on the license plate.

Tragically, Frank was driving to the airport to meet a friend when a woman ran a stop sign and broadsided the MG. He never saw the other car in time. The MG spun, went through a fence, rolled over and landed under water.

Frank was a very careful and responsible driver, yet he was killed driving the car he loved so much through no fault of his own.

On restoring the car I went to great length to reuse as much of the car as I could. During the restoration I discovered the original owner was Stan Drake, a famous cartoonist and illustrator. Among other things, he illustrated the comic strip Blondie.

I feel very honored to have won this award.

A Special Thank You to you, Donald Craig

In the December issue of Wheel Tracks there was a thank you to Bob Chase and Duane Leach for making the Stowe shows' success possible. Duane and I both appreciate this, but the success comes from many people coming together and sharing their talents.

I would like to express a big thank you to Donald Craig for his tireless help and support on the previous Stowe shows. He and his wife, Linda, were essential to our being able to turn the Stowe Show around and head it in a direction we can now run with. Don's drive and attention to detail were invaluable. We had many long sessions with the budget and show logistics. Additionally, there would be no Stowe show today without the generosity of our anonymous donor.

Bob Chase



The "U" MALL

Once again you're Vermont *Automobile Enthusiasts (VAE)* will be displaying autos at the University Mall in South Burlington, VT on Saturday and Sunday July 23 and 24, 2011 advertising the *Antique and Classic Car Meet* in Stowe as well as for soliciting membership. The arrival time at the Mall on July 23rd is no later than 9AM (Mall opening time) but 8:30AM is the best in order to position the cars. The cars must remain in position until Sunday closing around 7PM.

Some Mall requirements: The cars have to be pushed in and out; fuel tank cannot be more the ½ full; battery is disconnected during the display; mats placed under the tires and undercarriage. (Now tell me, whose car drips oil?) For your convenience, bring eats if desired, though there is plenty to eat at the Mall.

To date, Wendell Noble, Bill Sander, Gary Fiske, Duane Leach, Gary Olney, Bill Sander and Gene Fodor have agreed to bring their classics for display. The ideal lineup is for five or six cars, such as we had last year plus Gael Boardman's mini-electric car. If there are more cars willing to display, that's fine, but due to space limitations, anything over 6 cars will be in different locations.

One important thing we learned last year is that a 12 hour day followed by a 9 hour day is pretty tiring. So, we need 3 or 4 members who are willing to car-sit from 12noon to 5pm on Saturday to give those who display a break. If you can do that it would be a great help and wonderful.

Please contact **Gene Fodor to display or car-sit at: 802-372-9146 or crownwheel@comcast.net**

The Four Cylinder Plymouth Tour



Does anyone remember Burton Hill?



Earl Buton's Beauty from Woodstock, NY



Have you ever seen a prettier Site?

In the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont, the hills came alive to the sound of four-cylinder Plymouths this past September as VAE members Gary and Nancy Olney and Wendell and Mary Noble hosted the second Vermont Harvest Tour. The tour was under the aegis of the Plymouth Owners Club and is limited to 1928 –1932 Plymouths. There are two tours per year for these Mopar beauties, a Spring tour in May is usually held in Ontario, and a fall tour in September is in the northeastern United States. This Vermont Harvest Tour brought 13 cars to Newport on September 16th–19th. The first day of driving consisted of a drive about the lakes and hills of the Northeast Kingdom with stops at the Haskell Opera House in Derby Line, catered lunch at the Old Stone House Museum in Brownington and a dinner cruise aboard the Newport Belle on Lake Memphremagog. The second day featured a 90 mile drive around Lake Memphremagog. This included a visit to the Bleau Lavander Farm and a lakeside cider and donut break on the pier at Georgeville, P.Q. on the east side of the lake. Returning down the west side of the lake there was a visit to the St. Benoit Du Lac Abbey and a lunch stop in Bolton. The tour wrapped up that evening with a banquet at the East Side Restaurant overlooking the lake in Newport.

These four-cylinder tours have an avid following within the fraternity of early Plymouth owners. Many, who for one reason or another are unable to bring their own cars, come along anyway, just for the pleasure of grabbing a ride and experiencing the sight and feel of beautiful cars in beautiful scenery. According to one participant, they'll be happy "as long as they can drive their cars and eat." (Submitted by Gary Olney & Wendell Noble)



Straddling the border in Derby Line



Ed & Maureen Perkins from Conn.

More Pics from the Plymouth Tour



Hmmm A Red Barn in Derby?



The Olneys with their 31

For Sale

One Ford car
With piston rings,
Two rear wheels,
One front spring,
Has no fenders,
Seat or plank,
Burns lots of gas,
Hard to crank.
Carburetor busted
Half-way through,
Engine missing,
Hits on two.
Three years old,
Four in the Spring,
Has shock absorbers
And everything.
Radiator busted,
Sure does leak.

Differential dry,
You can hear it squeak.
Ten spokes missing,
Front all bent,
Tires blown out,
Ain't worth a cent.
Got lots of speed,
Will run like the deuce,
Burns either gas
Or tobacco juice.
Tires all off,
Been run on the rims.
A damn good Ford
For the shape it's in.

(This submitted by Don Lovejoy from the Brattleboro Reformer)

Mr. Allen Swift (Springfield, MA.) received this 1928 Rolls-Royce Picadilly P1 Roadster from his father, brand new - as a graduation gift in 1928. He drove it up until his death last year.....at the age of 102 !!! He donated it to a Springfield museum after his death. It has 170,000 miles on it, still runs like a Swiss watch, dead silent at any speed and is in perfect cosmetic condition.

(Submitted by Conception Conti, VAE's oldest President in 2005. He was then 85 yrs. old)



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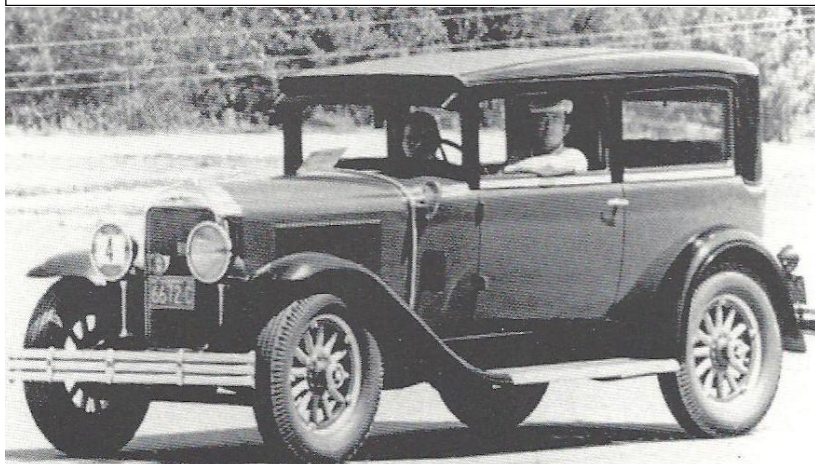
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1977 President, Alden Chapman

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