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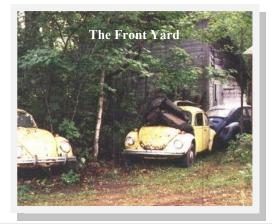


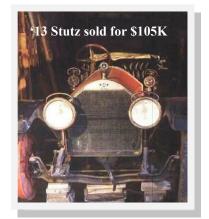
Theresa Drake's 1950 Pontiac Chieftain

Consider the Strange Story of Alex and Imogene Miller of East Orange, Vermont

This is the story of Alex Miller and his wife, Imogene. They lived in East Orange, Vermont on an old, rather small farm. Alex was, what many would call, a miser. He and Imogene didn't spend much money. Alex even salvaged old rusty nails from burned out buildings to repair his roof. He drove an old ratty VW Beetle. When it died, he found another VW Beetle to drive that was even worse. Ratty VW Beetles began to litter his property. Alex and Imogene's neighbors believed that they were paupers with no money and would help them out from time to time with cash, food and other things. The Millers weren't above taking charity.

Alex Miller died in 1993. Imogene followed in 1996. With no money, the local church took a collection both times to pay for the Miller's burials in the churchyard cemetery. Shortly after Imogene's death, the state began the process of taking possession of the farm property for back taxes that were owed. See Alex & Imogene page 6





I Wanted My Own Car Theresa Drake

In 2007 while I was at my hair dresser she told me that they had an old car in the garage that had to go, as they were moving and could not take it with them. I looked at it, a 1950 Pontiac Chieftain, and I wanted it. My husband, Philip, had 3 cars and I wanted one of my own. I liked the design of the car and the Chieftain on the hood that was supposed to light up.

I went home and told Philip but he was not interested. I kept talking about it and finally a few weeks later he and I went to take another look. It was in primer but needed a lot of work because it had been sitting there. It originally came form S. Carolina. All the chrome was in the trunk, some windows were cracked and the interior needed a lot of work. While Philip was looking it over I went in the shop while a gent was getting his hair cut and asking about the car...he wanted to buy it. I told Philip and got no response so I went in and wrote a check before the guy in the chair finished his haircut. I then went out and told my husband we had to find a way of getting it home because I had just bought it.

We worked on it all winter. I want to keep it as original as possible but may have to add power steering. I spent a whole day picking out the paint color. I wanted a 'nail polish' color, something a little feminine and different. I chose Champagne Polyester, close to a mauve color.

Philip has been great doing most of the work, he even rewired the Chieftain and it now lights up. He also redid the interior which included 'smoking the dash and pieces under the windows. I had it out twice last year at the end of the season and hope to be cruising soon again this year.

Theresa and Philip are also very active members of the Yesteryear Car Club in Newport, VT. Their entire family has had the antique car virus for many years, if you turn to page 7 you will find a before picture of the Chieftain and some of the family's other antique cars.

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FROM YOUR EDITOR Gary Fiske

Good Day to you. I heard a 'boing' outside a couple of evenings back and I think it was Spring arriving..... Sorry for the silliness but this column is usually the last thing I do before I send Wheel Tracks to the printer. Ohhh...the relief!

You can't believe the great comments I am getting when Wheel Tracks hits the mail boxes. The biggest 'Stir' last month was Marnita's Maple Cake. I got comments from folks who loved the recipe and had advice like "never pour the batter on cold syrup" and "you should always make a from-scratch cake". I got a call one night at 10PM from a lady making the cake for her card group the next morning. She wanted to be sure I wrote down the right amount of flour. One lady told me she grew up with the desert only it was called "Cottage Pudding". Mary Noble's 'Enthusiasts' column was a big hit, ladies and guys hunted me out at different times to tell me how much they 'connected' to the words she wrote.

A garage owner told me he was going to enlarge **Dave Sander's 'Brake Fluid' article** and nail it to the wall for his guys to read...and read. **I am sure you will enjoy Wheel Tracks this month also.** Your going love Nancy Olney's column. Some of you have heard about the East Orange, Vermont gent who hid million of dollars worth of cars in his barns but for those who have not....thank Fred Cook for sending in the article.

I hope you also notice the print size has increased thanks to Kent Wright. There were many who agreed with you Kent and if it was not for you I would not have know the difference. I would like to hear from you Kent, is this size ok?

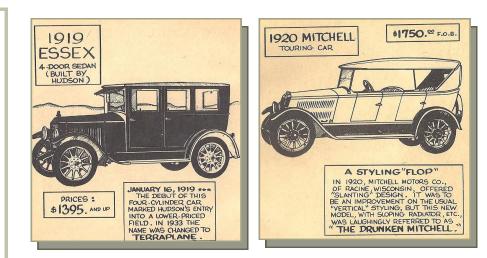
John Lavallee and I have changed our 'Paid Ads' offerings to hopefully something easier to understand. Check out page 14 for examples of what you can purchase for ads. Please try us out, at least once, to see if we can help your business prosper. John has also added a page on our VAE website called "Club Supporters". All of our paid ads will be added there at no extra charge. Did you know our VAE website gets over 12,000 hits each year? BTW, our website is.... vtauto.org. Watch for John's new monthly column on page 12...The Website Guy. Also, to get Wheel Tracks on-line...Our New User-name is mynews and the password is 6200.





From The President Wendell Noble

I had an interesting and informative dinner table discussion with my daughter the other evening. She is a levelheaded young adult who takes full advantage of all the modern



VAE MEET

April 23...Saturday at 11AM. We will meet at the Commodores Inn on Rt. 100 in Stowe. Dave Steinman will do a presentation on his 2009 cross country trip in a Ford Model T....New York to Seattle. Did he really have to change engines along the way....while he was sleeping?

There will be a Model T there to test drive or ride in. If you want to bring yours, please do. It could be a Model T Reunion!

Lunch will be available for \$14 per person. Menu will include salad, sandwich bar, soft drink and desert.

VAE MEET

May 15th...Sunday at 11AM. Spring Dust Off Car Tour. Bill Sanders is opening his garage for VAE Members. Lifts and tools will be provided for members who wish to do maintenance on their cars. Have a problem? Bring your car and we will try to fix it.

David will give a brief demonstration of the restoration he is working on presently....A low mileage original 1955 MG. Please bring your favorite dish for Pot Luck. Coffee, soft drinks and water will be provided.

We will be "Touring into Jeffersonville" this year from three directions...Please fire up your old car or your 'civilian' car and join us from your direction.

From the Newport area...Gary Olney (873-3552) will meet you at Wendys in downtown at 9:30 AM. He has put a 53 mile tour through Eden Mills, Belvidere and Waterville.

From Burlington and points South Wendell Noble (893-3660) and Gael Boardman (899-2260) will start at the C. Douglas Cairns Arena at 600 Swift Street in S Burlington at 10AM. The route will go South to the Richmond Park & Ride (about 10:20) then along the Gov. Peck Road to Jericho and the Mt. Mansfield School (10:40). From there into Jeff via the Pleasant Valley Road. About a 34 mile tour.

From Enosburg area Joe Paradis (238-1109) and Gary Fiske (363-1642) have a 30 mile tour planned that will begin at the Park on Main St. in Enosburg at 9:30AM. They will proceed to E Berkshire, Montgomery then to Belvidere Corners and meet up with the Newport folks at Long Pond. The two groups will then go on to Jeff together.

If you are along the routes and want to meet up with the tours just call the tour leader and coordinate times. Please plan to come along and if you know any nonmembers tell them they are invited. If they don't have an old car have them drive their civilian car and have a fun day with the VAE. At the end of the day you can make it home on your own.

Corrections.....Well, not quite...but



From Roy Martin....I may have picked up the wrong coat from the coatroom at the Commodores Inn in Stowe after the Appreciation Dinner. If anyone has the wrong light tan 'Weatherproof' coat call 802-862-6374.

ing me all the "aps" on her I Phone. This of course prompted me to ask her what Facebook was all about. I mentioned that the VAE was joining Facebook because we understand that to be today's method of effective communication, at least among a very large demographic that does not now include us. The irony was not lost on her that here is an organization whose raison d'etre is a nostalgia for old stuff and we want to embrace leading edge technology to communicate about it. We understand the difference between a "T" head engine, an "F" head engine and a sleeve valve engine but we need to understand Facebook in order to tell our newer colleagues about it. Will we need to "Twitter" to tell our members that there's a cruise-in at the diner tonight? I spent my working career developing the technology that has given rise to this tower of Babel. Is this now someone's idea of what my hell should be? Like Ebenezer Scrooge, must I spend eternity dragging the chains I created in life? Well, I'm just pulling my own chain here, in a manner of speaking. The good news is that, thanks to John Lavallee and Roselie Sander, the VAE is now on Facebook and we happily add that to the ways that we can show our organization to the world. Old dogs can learn new tricks.

Speaking of getting old, one of the effects of getting older is that we become more conscious of our own mortality. I listen carefully to my doctors and read lots of health articles. As a result, I'm considering taking up smoking just so that I can get the many health benefits of giving it up. I'm happy to say that my mother, who used to smoke, is now 106 and still kicking. Most people think she is losing her memory, but I think she is just developing a remarkable ability to forget.

Since a new tour season is nearly upon us, I'll close with a couple of pearls of wisdom picked up during the last tour season, without remembering to whom they are attributed. When planning a tour: "They'll be happy as long as they can drive their cars and eat." When on a tour: "You can tell who's ahead of you by the smell of what's burning."



THE SOFTER SIDE

olumn Shared & Written by Marnita Leach (The Cookey). Mary Noble (Left) & Nancy Olney (Right)

HOW FAR IS TOO FAR??

By Nancy Olney

You've all seen that sign that says, "Unless you are naked, don't touch this car!" Years ago, when I first saw it (back in a time when I was trying to impress my soon to be husband), I wondered why anyone would take and put such a sign on their beautiful car. Was it a way to trick people into removing their clothes for the treat of touching their car? I never did see anyone fall for that but I can tell you, I keep my eyes open!

What I'm really getting to is the cars that owners guard like Fort Knox. You can spot them at most car shows. They are the ones trailored, and covered. Oh, they tease you a bit by dropping the wheel covers to give you a seductive look at those wide white walls. They keep a duster in hand at all times. Ever vigilant to the speck of dust or the errant finger print as they circle the car, caressing the fenders with their duster. Stopping only long enough to survey the crowd for any hint of someone who might step too close! What I imagine Homeland Security to be like when the President is in town. But, unlike the President, he will take questions- in fact welcomes them. "What about the paint job"? In great detail, he will tell you about the 23 coats of hand rubbed acrylic gloss at the cost of 213 hours and \$28,000. And then swing into many other details, all the while scanning the crowd for anyone that might breech the perimeter!

I get it! But I have to tell you, there isn't much better than having your grandchildren come to a car show, "drive your car" and at the end of the day, sitting on the running boards- proclaim, "Grandpa, we LOVE car shows".

So for my cars, lift the hood, open the trunk, lean in to get a good look at the dashboard and don't forget the odometer! But,

PLEASE, keep your clothes on! My grandchildren are at an impressionable age and come to think of it, "so am I"! Yes, after 39 years, I'm still trying to impress him!



Green Mountain Maple Muffins

Ingredients

Cup Whole Wheat Flour

 Cup all Purpose Flour
 Teaspoon Baking Powder
 Teaspoon Baking Soda
 Teaspoon Salt
 Teaspoon Salt
 Cup Sugar
 Egg
 Cup Skim Milk

 Cup Grade B Amber Maple Syrup

 Tablespoons Canola Oil
 Tablespoons Apple Sauce
 Cup Fat Free Sour Cream

Directions

Preheat oven @ 400 degrees. Stir dry ingredients in medium bowl. Mix egg, skim milk, syrup, oil, sour cream together. Add wet ingredients to dry, mix well. Place in greased or paper lined pans...fill 2/3 full. Bake 20 minutes. Makes 12 muffins.

Did You Know that in 1906...

By Gene Fodor

- ... 33,200 passenger cars and 800 truck were produced.
- ... Buick included a storage battery as standard equipment.
- ... Ford introduced a six cylinder model.
- ... Walter C. White organized a caravan of White trucks to carry supplies to the earthquake and fire victims in San Francisco.
- ... A *Stanley Steamer* with *Fred Marriott* ran a mile in 28 1/5 seconds averaging 127.66 mph at Ormond Beach, FL.
- ... L.L. Whitman drove a Franklin from New York to San Francisco in 15 days, 2 hours and 15 minutes - a record for the day.
- ... Front bumpers appeared on cars but not as standard Equipment.
- ... Three and five cylinder engines were introduce by Adam Farwell and later influenced aviation.
- ... Stevens-Duryea introduced its "big six".
- ... 52 new makes were introduced

The 1906 Stevens-Duryea on the Amelia Island Tour



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.



New item for April...the only recognizable part A grease fitting at one end. Can anyone tell us what it is?

Someone has said it is used to force grease into Control cable like a choke or advance cable.

Can you help with this item? What is it used for?

This is supposed to be a grommet stomper... squasher....what-evaa, so my friend from Mass says.



Can someone help with this one? There's a box of these and as you can see they are about 5 inches across. Is it an 8 or a B?

Is it socially acceptable to facebook people you run into on the street?



Did you ever notice anyone going slower than you is an idiot, but anyone going faster is a maniac?

I drive way too fast to worry about cholesterol.

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Everyone knows what this is but why the twisted handle....just to be fancy?

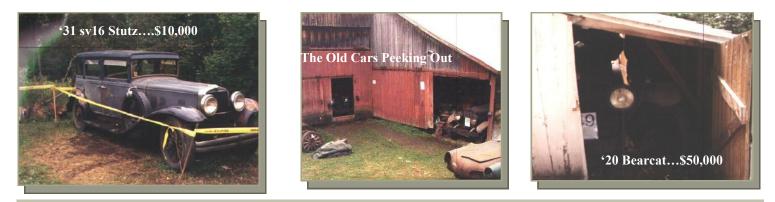


WHY IS IT THAT WHEN YOU'RE DRIV-ING AND LOOKING FOR AN ADDRESS, YOU TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THE RADIO?

Old Man...New Car A senior citizen drove his brand now Corvette convertible out of the dealership. Taking off down the road, he floored it to 80 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little gray hair he had left. "Amazing" he thought as he flew down I-49, pushing the pedal even more. Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a state trooper behind him, lights flashing and siren blaring. He floored it to 100 mph, then 110, then 120. Suddenly he thought, "What am I doing, I'm too old for this," and pulled over to wait the trooper's arrival.

Pulling in behind him, the trooper walked up to the Corvette, looked at his watch, and said, "Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a reason for the speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go." The old gentleman paused. Then said, "Years ago my wife ran off with a State Trooper. I thought you were bringing her back." "Have a good day, sir," replied the trooper.





From page 1....Alex and Imogene Miller of East Orange, VT.

The state collectors arrived to prepare the farm for an auction. They didn't think that it would sell for much as it was very run down and junk such as the VW Beetles was everywhere. While going through the Miller's papers, the sheriff discovered a cashe of bearer bonds that were taped to the back of a mirror on one wall. He thought that he should do a complete search of the house and outbuildings to see if there might be anything else that could be of any value. He had no idea what he was about to discover. What they found out amazed them...and the neighbors.

Alex Miller had graduated from Rutgers University. He had been the son of a wealthy financier. He and Imogene originally lived in Montclair, New Jersey. It was there that Alex had founded Miller's Flying Service in 1930. He flew a gyrocopter, (a small, homemade one passenger helicopter), for mail and delivery service all through the 1930s. Alex had a little secret that no one but him and his wife knew about. He loved cars. Actually, he was obsessed with them. His favorite cars were Stutz. But he collected others as well. Alex wanted to keep his privacy and he was paranoid about tax collectors. So he and Imogene looked around for a new home. It would have to have space for his collection of cars. They settled on the Vermont farm. Alex didn't trust banks anymore than he did people. So he had most of his cash exchanged for gold and silver bars and coins. These he buried around their new farm. He disassembled the gy-rocopter and stored it in an old one-room school house that was on his property. Over the next year or so, Alex built several dozen sheds and barns for his collection. These he built from scrap lumber and recycled old nails. These structures would hold his collection. **As was said before, Alex loved Stutz cars.** Stytz Blackhawks, Stutz Bearcats, DV16's and the 32's. He had been buying these cars since the 1920s. When Stutz went out of business, Alex bought a huge supply of spare parts for his cars which he also stored in his sheds. He had also bought Locomobiles, a Stanley and a Springfield Rolls Royce. These cars Alex never drove. He just loved having them. He moved them into his buildings in the middle of the night. Each car was completely wrapped in burlap to keep anyone from seeing what he had.

Over the next several years, the farm began to appear run down. But Alex still bought more and more cars. At times he would sell a few parts to make some cash rather than taking from his underground bank supply. Alex would also work long hours making and creating parts copied from the originals by hand. Collectors knew Alex and bought parts from him. They saw him as a good businessman but they also knew that, at times, he would cheat on items. None of the Miller's neighbors had any idea what was going on.

The auction that was planned was a three day affair and was billed as, "The Opening of King Stutz Tomb." It would be conducted by Christies Auction House and would take place September 6,7,8, 1996. Many celebrity auto collectors were present as well as others. In that three day period, millions of dollars was raised. Many items actually sold for far more than they were worth. The IRS took a big portion of the proceeds for back taxes. Afterward, the sheds and barns were mostly empty. The farm was deserted and the Millers had had the last laugh. (*Thank You Fred Cook for the article....he and other VAE members were at the auction*)



Appreciation Dinner of March 27th, 2011. The Dinner was enjoyed by over 100 great folks who in most cases had not seen one-another since last Fall's Stowe Show. The dinner was in honor of them and their many hours of work at the Show. Like the Stowe Car Show this dinner was also a success. The Commodores Inn in Stowe welcomed us in a wonderful way.

What do you get when a person mixes an old car...with some old car owners.....12 top notch gatherings each year.....300 NEW--Old car friends....a club roster with over 900 cars listed with their owners and an Award Winning monthly news letter called Wheel Tracks?

Ohhhhh I know....I know......

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James Argyle Proper, 56, of Morrisville died peacefully Tuesday, February 1, 2011 with his friends by his side. Mr. Proper was not a member of the VAE but attended the Stowe Car Show for many years. Most people in the Stowe/Morrisville area knew James for his love of his Ford Falcon automobiles which he drove with pride many times in the Stowe Antique Car Parade. His Falcon vehicles were his pride and joy.

Bob Chase and Wendy Nelson attended his memorial service. Bob tells how Jim owned a '62 Falcon wagon, a '63 4door sedan, a '63 2door Hardtop and a '65 4door sedan. Bob said that Jim was a very dedicated enthusiast who struggled with several physical disabilities and that the Stowe Show was the absolute highlight of his life each year. The 2010 show was a struggle for him but he made it and was in the parade.

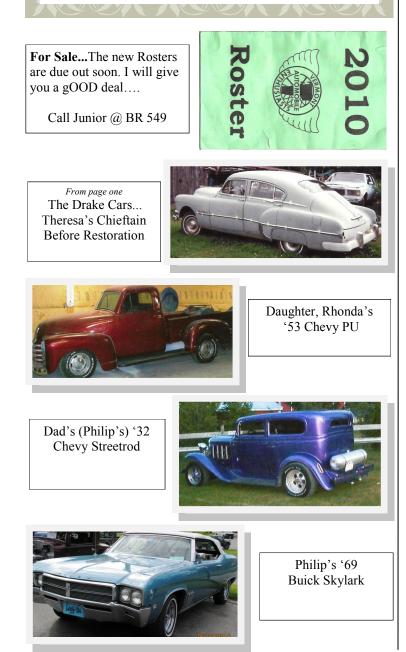


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A snarker snarks at the snarkee....I didn't make this up, that is just the way it is. Do you remember the Model T in the snow bank of Wheel Tracks February issue? AND the snarkey remark about a certain persons age in the next issue? Well, the whole thing got reversed when I was able to get a statement from the snarkee about the snarker. The snarkee told me about a time when the snarker was at a funeral and possibly because of his 'build', the bereaved family mistook him for the Catholic Monsignor of Burlington. That's all for now, I am still working on "the rest of the story".

I have seen a couple of very interesting car ads lately with what seems like very low prices. I wonder if the bad economy is making a very nice buyers market out there. A 1930 Hudson Sedan supposedly close to #2 condition for \$19,000 in Quebec. I know of a 29 Chevy with many awards that might go in the mid teens. What do you say, good prices or do I have a value problem?

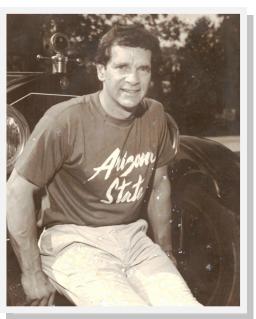
I just returned from a meeting with the 2011 Stowe Show Poster and Brochures.....wow do they look snazzy. I plan to put them in as many places as I can find in Northwestern Vermont to help promote the show. I am sure Bob Chase and Duane Leach would give you some for your area also. Keeping this club healthy and prosperous needs all of us pulling in the same direction.

It has been reported that fellow VAE member, Hal Boardman was involved in hauling a '55 Chevy convertible back from Florida. The reporter asks "what's up with that"...must be he is curious.

A rare 1931 Plymouth Touring Car formerly garaged in Derby Line is now in Milton. No change of ownership, just borrowing. Watch for it in the St. Albans Maple Festival Parade. Check out our brand new VAE mission statement on page 2 of this Wheel Tracks. Kind of cool huh?

We have two mysteries this month. Who is the young man and what is the car he is sitting on?

BTW Les, my guess was correct for last months barn find. It was a 23 Franklin. One member emailed me with this about the Barn Find..... Verv Exciting, Where is the Barn, Is the car for sale...I can only dream.



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Dave's Garage by Dave Sander



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

Spring has Sprung! Finally, after record snowfalls and a winter that ignored the calendar and continued to bombard us with cold and snow, winter seems to be finally done. This means the summer driving season is finally upon us. **Before you uncover that collector car and enjoy your first drive of the season** it is a good idea to give your car a good inspection. Assuming it was stored properly this should be a quick process. The engine oil should have been changed before storage, so only a quick level check should be necessary. While you are under the hood the freshly charged battery can be installed (alternatively the battery tender removed) and the cable(s) hooked up again. A quick check of the other fluids, (brake fluid, transmission fluid, differential oil and coolant) is also a good idea. Now is the time to either change any fluids that need changing, or to address any leaks. Find any rodent nests under there? I found one already this spring.

I always closely inspect tires and suspension components on vehicles before they go back in service. Inspect tire side walls and tread for any damage. How old are the tires? If they are six years old or older watch them carefully, they are susceptible to sudden catastrophic failure. Finally, check the tire pressure, wheel bearings and front end to ensure every-thing is as it should be.

It is also a good idea to check the wipers and lights at this time. The surprise of finding issues while on a drive or at the state inspection, or worse yet from a policeman can easily be avoided now.

Lastly, before you hit the road, make sure the registration, inspection and insurance are all current and that the registration tag and proof of insurance cards are in the glove box. Before you embark on that first drive, test your brakes. Do you have good pedal? Is it soft, or worse yet did it go to the floor? Before you drive on the highway drive at 20 MPH or so and give the brake a good stomp. Does the car pull to one side? Do the brakes work well?

Your "every day" car should receive some attention after a winter driving season too. In addition to the maintenance mentioned above, a vehicle driven through the winter should be thoroughly cleaned and inspected. If you change your tires over from snow tires to summer tires this is the ideal time to clean and inspect your car.

Take a garden hose and get all the salt sand and mud out of the wheel wells, from inside the fenders, the bottom of the doors, hood and trunk lid, up in the strut towers and anywhere else you can think of. Check drain holes in rocker panels doors and quarter panels to ensure they are clear.

Generally. When I see a car similar to mine on the road that is rusty I pay attention to where that rust is and make especially sure to keep that area clean on my car.

A few weeks ago when I put the Subaru on the lift to change the tires over I was shocked to see that both rear sway-bar links were broken, and the exhaust system was just barely attached to the car. I also found a loose splash guard.

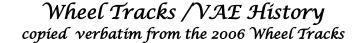
I hope you all have a happy and safe summer of driving fun! I am still anxiously awaiting questions. Please feel free to write me at dasander@aol.com

I have to include David's email to me when his day had fallen apart and he was facing the wheel Tracks Deadline...gcf

I hate to do this, but I "I-phoned it in". The truck has a flat tire, Subaru needs a wheel bearing, Saab needs a transmission repair and an inspection and my wife's Chrysler died yesterday. The lights are blinking, horn is honking wipers are going and the door locks keep cycling on and off. It's Christine!!

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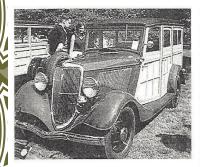
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REMINISCENCES

From John Mahnker

When I was a boy in 1948 my mother won a new Chevrolet for one dollar in the Wells River, VT 4th of July raffle. I took over the ownership of the old family car, a 1934 Ford V–8 woodie wagon. This was a real party car for a Junior in high school and had loads of power for it's (sic) day. She had a few dents but I dressed her up with bumper guards, fog lights, and whitewalls. I worked part time at a local gas station and a girl a couple of years older worked at the drug store soda fountain across the street. Her name was Lorraine and she had a Model A coupe and we had a daily argument over who had the best car.



One day she was unpacking water pistols and squirted me as I walked in. Upon leaving I put one of those car bombs we had in those days on her spark plugs. A couple of hours later she started her car and there was a loud whistle, a bang and lots of black smoke billowing from

under the hood. She was frantically running around the car and several local citizens were rushing to her aid but it was all over in less than half a minute, she had a good idea who did it.

Weeks later we were leaving a dance hall around midnight about ten miles from home. She pulled out of the parking lot and yelled, 'I'll race you to Wells River.' It took me no time at all to catch and pass the Model A. By the time I reached the next town and slowly cruised the main street I had forgotten all about her. I guess she was still racing and passed me out of the darkness with a roar and a clatter. I could see the only local cop jump out in the street ahead to flag her down. This time I slowly passed while the cop had her stopped with his foot on the running board. I thought I had the last laugh until a few days later I asked how she made out. She got only a warning as the cop was her Uncle.

May Meet at the Sanders Garage

The Annual **SPRING IS HERE** May Meet at the Sander's Garages and fields will be on **Sunday, May 21, 2006**. This year we will be trying a Pot Luck lunch. So, please bring your food specialty to share. The Club will provide coffee and donuts, as well as large amounts of Lemon Aide and Iced Tea. Plan to arrive anytime after noon. Gene Napoliello will be doing a **judging seminar** before the meeting, starting at **11 AM**. All are welcome.

As a special treat this year, George Bormann will be bringing his 1903 Mobile Steam Car, and will demonstrate this unique machine. The brief business meeting will be held in the course of the afternoon, when the President feels the time is right. The Model A Club will be joining us again this year.



Photo from 2003 Sander meet



That was over 50 years ago, we are still friends and she occasionally asks if I remember when she tried to outrun my V-8. I ran the woodie through high school and once broke a piston in a real race against a Harley Davidson. The motorcycle won that one but I tore the engine down that evening and had it running with a new piston the next day. One other thing I remember the woodie had a funny quirk in the wiring. I could turn on the dome light, step on the brake and the horn would blow. After graduation I traded for a 1940 Pontiac, receiving \$100 for the Ford in the trade.

| Treasurer's Report - April 12, 2011 | Dick Wheatley- Treasurer | |
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| MONEY ADDREE BEAM MULTIN 2011 | ¢ 24 195 24 | |
| MONEY MARKET - balance March 12, 2011 add: March interest income | \$ 24,185.24 7.91 | |
| less: transfers to checking | 5,500.00 | |
| Balance April 12, 2011 | | 18,693.15 |
| GENERAL CHECKING - balance March 12, 2011 | \$ 2,266.18 | 18,075.15 |
| Deposits 1971 | 5 2,200.10 | |
| Member dues | 1,140.00 | |
| Stowe sponsorship | 1,000.00 | |
| Name tags | 14.00 | |
| Sale of books | 50.00 | |
| Appreciation Dinnner | 22.00 | |
| Transfer from money market | 5,500.00 | |
| Total receipts | 7,726.00 | |
| Disbursements | 1 SIN SIN SI | |
| 5116 Commodores Inn - Stowe meeting room | 200.00 | |
| 5117 Winooski Press - Stowe printing | 2,940.00 | |
| 5118 Hanover Insurance Co general liab insurance | TRANSFE REFE FILL A SAMPLE FILL A SAMPLE FILL AF SE | |
| 5119 Stowe Area Association - dues | 51.15 | |
| 4929 Commodores Inn - Appreciation Dinner | 2,178.00 | |
| 4930 Duane Leach - Appreciation Dinner | 42.08 | |
| 5120 Les Skinner - name badge | 14.00 | |
| 5121 Jim Sears - Stowe mailing | 55.57 | |
| 5122 News & Citizen, Inc Stowe judges applic | 95.18 | |
| 5123 Town of Underhill - March meeting | 50.00 | |
| 5124 Chris Barbieri - reimb for Stowe advert. | 416.50 | |
| 5125VAAS - WT & website | 750.00 | |
| Bank charges - to be reversed | 105.00 | |
| Total disbursements | 7,721.48 | |
| Balance - April 12, 2011 | | 2,270.70 |
| CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT | | |
| Balance - March 12, 2011 | 80,217.28 | |
| March interest income | 51.11 | |
| Balance - April 12, 2011 | | 80,268.39 |
| Total VAE accounts | | \$ 101,232.24 |
| Vermont Antique Automobile Society, Inc. | | |
| CHECKING ACCOUNT - balance March 12, 2011 | V/ R) / R 2 | \$4,202.70 |
| Deposits | | |
| VAE payment for WT & website | 750.00 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
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| Disbursements | 200.00 | |
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| Balance - April 12, 2011 | 1393.83 | \$3,556.87 |
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The main item I wanted mentioned for the May Wheel Tracks, is the new website: <u>www.champlain bridge com-</u> <u>munity.org.</u> Our readers can now follow the bridge's progress and check in to get the latest buzz on the celebration committees many activities.

Next, Dave Sander and myself attended a meeting of the LCBC Events committee meeting last evening, April 12, in West Addison, Vt at the "No" Bridge Restaurant, and the temporary ferry crossing. It's within a good stone's throw of the future bridge as well. And, it's only about a 38 mile trip down Rtes 22A and VT 17 from Burlington.

The buzz last night was an early report that the wind is causing some delays by interrupting the work of the very tall cranes used in the construction process. But, the 30 or so folks that were present, all exuded great enthu-

siasm and that, in itself, is certainly a contagious and important element. David and I were most impressed. I might add that the Events committee is only one of the 7-8 key committees working very hard on all phases of the bridge's celebration scheduled for Saturday Oct. 8 and Sunday, October 9.

However, there was talk of perhaps moving back the bridge opening and its planned celebration to the following week, namely October 15 and 16th. Don't hold your breath!

Regardless, this celebration is going to be very large. They need to do some serious fund-raising just to put on the dedication ceremony. But I have every confidence they'll succeed, if enthusiasm is a factor. And of course it is. So if you win the lottery, keep these wonderful folks in mind as they labor on.

As mentioned last month, this will be a two day celebration with the ribbon cutting and official parade occurring on the first day, Saturday. On Sunday, there will be a car show (VAE members and other non-members with their vintage vehicles), family events, things for young people, music groups, entertainers, vendors of all kinds, fireworks etc, etc.

David and I came back convinced that it will be a most memorable historic event. The Sunday car show, for instance, will allow us to promote our club, the Stowe Show, sell memberships and develop, hopefully some greater club visibility plus some new enthusiastic members for the VAE. Stay tuned! Submitted by Fred Cook, with moral support from Dave Sander.

"Can anything good possibly come out of Springfield ?" Field Trip with 13 brave souls of Yesteryears!

That is a question sometimes heard in the Connecticut River Valley. Springfield, Massachusetts is one of a number of New England cities and towns that had teemed with industrial productivity in the past and experienced a "draught" as factories and jobs were shipped to various worldwide sites to exploit the labor inequities. Yesteryears Car Club's new President, Marty Midura, coordinated a trip to this, his hometown, via rented van. Thirteen* hearty souls set out early on Saturday the 12th of March & were later joined by three others to explore the wonderful museums in the Quadrangle of Springfield.

The focus was the local history museum, which traced the transportation development from colonial days through the industrial revolution and into post -WWII society. Other museums on site offered insights into natural history, art, and Asian culture. Marty made arrangements for a guided tour for us to get a better flavor of the significance of the various pieces in the exhibit. His friend, Keith, who served as the major guide, offered excellent information and background about the autos and the events of the time.

Hope to see you all on the road again, soon! Respectfully submitted, Chris &



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VAAS Board meeting Minutes March 28, 2011

Board Members Present: Gael Boardman, Andy Barnett, Jan Sander. Others Present: Spencer Halstead, John and Carol Lavallee (left at 3:15) Don Rayta, Bill Sander

All motions were unanimously approved unless otherwise noted.

1. President Gael Boardman called the meeting to order at 2:55. The meeting was held at the Red Fox Alpine Lodge at 87 Edwards Rd. in Jeffersonville.

2. Minutes, **Secretary Jan Sander read the minutes** of the February meeting. Gael motioned to accept them as read. Andy seconded. 3. **Dues renewal** John discussed the cost to the club which is incurred by sending Wheel Tracks to members who have not renewed their membership. It was stated that members should be reminded that dues are due and Wheel Tracks will not be sent to those whose membership has lapsed. Andy made the following motion: It will be recommended that both the VAAS and the VAE boards set a date of January 31 as the deadline for dues renewal. The membership will be notified that dues run from January 1 to the following December 31. Annual dues are due on December 31. Any renewal NOT received by January 31 will result in a lapsed membership. Jan seconded this motion.

4. Treasurer's report Dick was not able to attend. He sent an email to the Secretary in which he reported that the cash balance in the VAAS account is \$4,202.70. Dick also advised that VTC had sent a letter informing us of the VAE award winner for the spring. The club normally gives the student \$200. He asked that the Board confirm that we will want to do this through the VAAS. Andy made a motion that VAAS will continue the annual student stipend to Vermont Technical College. Jan seconded the motion.
5. Stationary/logo It was decided to use this logo and list the officer's names on the left hand side of the page and place the mission

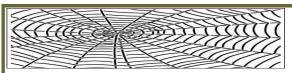
stationary/logo It was decided to use this logo and list the officer's names on the tert hand side of the page and place the mission statement at the bottom of the page. Andy will ask Gene Fodor if he could print this and a business card for us on his computer.

6. **Mission Statement** Andy motioned that the board approve the following as our mission statement: The VAAS is a tax exempt 501-C3 organization dedicated to the preservation, protection, promotion and appreciation of automotive history and technology. Jan seconded this motion.

7. Wheel Tracks/Web site There was no action on this item.

8. **Other business** Don brought up a concern about the Camp Ta Kum Ta event. He felt that there was concern about this being a fund raising event. The board clarified that this is an event, not a monthly meeting. There is a Monthly Meet scheduled for that month, and this is an event scheduled for that same month.

9. The next meeting of the VAAS will be on Monday, April 25 at 2:30 PM at Dick Wheatley's office which is located at 1 Market Place Unit #31 in Essex Junction.



From Our Website Guy *John Lavallee*

Many of you have visited the web site over the last month....vtauto.org. We hope you find it interesting and entertaining. Wheel Tracks in full color is amazing! A lot of work goes into it.

We have listed many upcoming events and continue to add to the list. If you are aware of local shows that are not listed, drop me a note at <u>vaeifo@gmail.com</u>. You'll save the postage that way. Advertising, classifieds, articles, comments and ideas are welcomed anytime. Send it when you think of it. That way you don't have to remember it.

Take the time to visit our many sponsors. They want your attention and we want theirs. When you click on their sites, they monitor how many visits come from the VAE and continue based on activity. We try hard to make sure they are reputable products.

Facebook. The VAE now has a facebook site thanks to Rosalie Sander. It seems to be getting attention. Although I do not understand how it works yet, I am hoping someone will show me soon.

Email addresses are critical. If you don't get monthly reminders as an event comes up, I may not have your address. If you'd like to be on that list, send an email to the address above. It will be used only for our Club. Not published.

Out of more than 300 members, I only have 180 addresses.

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Underhill Center VAE March 12th Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the VAE was held on Saturday. March 12, 2011 at the Underhill. Vermont Town Hall. At 12:40 PM, Gael Boardman started the Program, and asked folks to explain the tools that they had brought. Among those presenting were: Don Rayta, Gene Napoliello, Joe Paradis, Wendell Noble, Mary Noble, Ray Greenia, Andy Barnett, Jan Sander, Gael Boardman, Gary Olney, Hayden Janes, Gary Fiske, John Lavallee, Don Lovejoy, Charlie Thompson, Clark Wright, and Marvin Ball. Karl Schneider of Burlington Tool Repair then gave us a presentation on tool quality grades, and proper maintenance of hand and power tools.



The Business Meeting was called to order at 2:28 PM by President Wendell Noble, who began by thanking Gael Boardman for organizing this Meeting.

Secretary's Report: Andy Barnett moved to accept the minutes of the January and February Meetings, as printed in Wheel Tracks. Don Rayta seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Treasurer Dick Wheatley, Bill Sander gave a brief synopsis of the financial situation, with closing bank balances of March 12, 2011. That information had been sent to Bill by the Treasurer. The full report will be in Wheel tracks. The current total balances for VAE and VAAS total \$110,871.40. Don Rayta moved, and Marty Barnett seconded the motion to file the report for audit. Motion passed unanimously.

By Laws Committee: Andy Barnett recommended that no action be taken on the proposed by laws at this time. Andy stated that there seemed to be a good deal of unhappiness over some of the changes, and there is no urgency to act. Fred Cook stated a similar view. Andy felt that the recommendation should come from the entire committee, but in any event, no action was warranted today or in the near future. Andy did not feel any motion was necessary, just that this be communicated to the membership.

Futures Committee: Gary Fiske and Gael Boardman, from this Committee, were present. Gary raised the possibility of greater cooperation, and possible eventual amalgamation of various car clubs in the area.

Membership: Christina McCaffrey mentioned the names of several new members, who will be listed in Wheel Tracks.

Sunshine: Two sympathy cards have recently been sent, and one will be sent on Monday.

Stowe Planning Committee: Duane Leach gave an update on sponsorships, and the new on line registration process for the show. Even though this has not yet been advertised, eleven registrations have been received on line. Bill Sander reported that the Posters and the Brochures are being printed, and the first 3500 should be ready by Wednesday, March 16, so that they can be delivered to the Stowe Area Association to be put in the packets and mailed out. Bill also mentioned that all of the invitations to the Appreciation Dinner have been mailed out, and that as of today (March 12, 2011, 49 people had returned the form to say they were coming, and 17 to inform us that they could not make it.

Activities: Fred Cook gave an extensive description of the proposed festivities for the opening of the new Champlain Bridge at Crown Point, scheduled to take place on October 8 and 9, 2011.

Old Business: Don Rayta clarified the date for the April Board of Directors Meeting.

New Business: Gene Napoliello mentioned the AACA National Spring Meet in Stowe, to be held May 19-21, 2011.

Andy Barnett moved to adjourn at 3:08 PM, seconded by Don Rayta, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sander, Recording Secretary



On May 19-21, 2011, The Antique Automobile Club of America will hold its Eastern Spring Meet

At the Stowe Mountain Lodge, Stowe, Vermont.

This, the 1st ever AACA National meet in Vermont is hosted by the Green Mountain Region of AACA. "We expect over 400 AACA member cars," states Richard Pignatello, meet chairperson. In 2007, the Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts Car Club was instrumental in making the First ever AACA National Founders Tour in Vermont a huge success. Your assistance in helping with the many jobs will insure another success. These tasks include assisting with parking, field set up, hospitality room, baked goods etc. Please contact Piggy at 802-496-5097 to offer your help. All VAE volunteers are invited to attend the Thursday night ice cream social as guests of the GMR on May 19, 2011. The social will be held in the Stowe Mountain Lodge Tamarack room from 7-9 pm.

Volunteers names will be listed in the Meet Program Book. The book will contain information on the history of theVAE in Vermont. On Saturday, May 21, 2011, VAE volunteers are invited to park their vehicle in the meet committee parking area next to show field. Parking passes can be obtained from Dr. Gene.

Additionally, a merchandise tent will be located next to the show field where the VAE can display its banner, 50th anniversary book, and promotional materials for the upcoming Antique and Classic Car Show at Stowe in August 2011.

The Green Mountain Region welcomes your participation in this national event. For further information, please contact Richard Pignatello at (802)-496-5097 or Lucille Napoliello at (802) 244-7536.



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Contact: John Lavallee at Wheeltracksads@gmail.com

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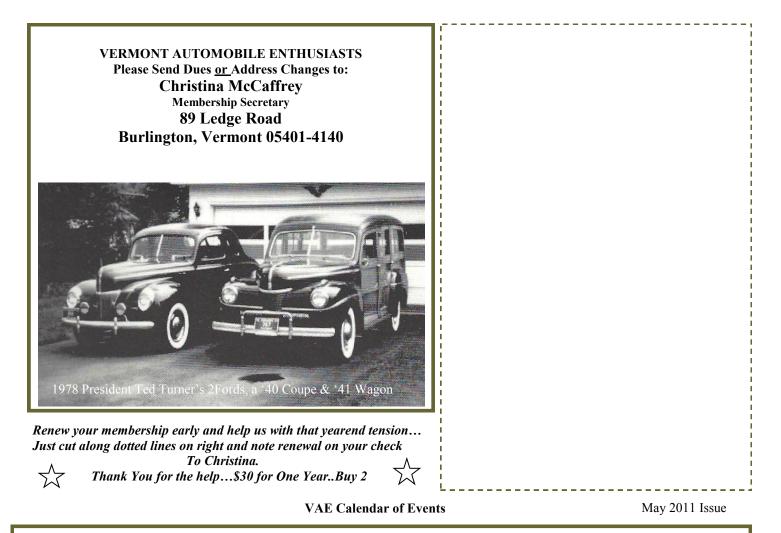
Non-members classified (non-business) can also place ads as described above at a cost of \$10 per ad per month.

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Display (Business) Ads will also be accepted. Your ad will appear in Wheel Tracks (print and online). Plus a new feature....your display ad and 'Here's My Card' ad will now be on our website's NEW page called "Club Supporters"....at no extra charge.

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| 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. | | |
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April....

20th, Wednesday, 2PM... Stowe Show Planning Meeting, Commodores Inn, Route 100 South, Stowe. All are welcome.
23rd, Saturday, 11AM....VAE Monthly Meeting...Model T Event...Details Page 3.

25th, Monday, 2:30PM...VAAS Meeting @ Dick Wheatley's Office, 1 Market Place, Unit #31, Essex Jct.

May....

15th, Sunday...VAE Monthly Meet. Spring Dust Off Your Car Tour. At the Sanders in Jeffersonville. More details Page 3. 14th & 15th...Carlisle Performance & Style.

18th...Wed. 7PM...Stowe Show Planning Meeting, Commodores Inn, Route 100 South, Stowe. All are welcome. 20th & 22nd....Carlisle Imports & Kit Nationals.

19th & 21st...AACA Eastern Division National Spring Meet at Stowe, VT.

31st, Tuesday...Ninety Nine Cruise in Littleton, NH.

June....

4th, Saturday...VAE Monthly Meet. Finished Solutions in Colchester. Demos of sand blasting, media blasting, soda blasting, priming, painting and powder coating.

15th...Wed. 7PM...Stowe Planning Meeting, Commodores Inn, Route 100 South, Stowe. All are welcome. 18th, Saturday...White Mtn. Cruisers Car Show, Littleton, NH.

18th, Saturday....VAE Event. Camp Ta-Kum-Ta. More details on VAE Website under Coming Events. 24-26... Carlisle GM Nationals

July....

2-3...Exposition des Chutes Montmorency, Quebec

8-10...Carlisle Chrysler Nationals

11th...Monday 7PM....VAE Board Meeting at Whitney Hill Homestead in Williston

23rd & 24th...VAE Car Show Display, University Mall, Burlington. Plan to come and Support our club. 29th, 30th & 31st...Granby International Exposition, Granby, Quebec.

August....

7th...Cars of Yesteryear 28th International Car Show, Newport, Vermont.

12TH, 13TH & 14TH...VAE STOWE ANTIQUE & CLASSIC CAR MEET.

21st, Sunday...International Lilliputien Auto Show, Sabrevois, Quebec. **26-28...Carlisle Corvettes**