Officer Jones says “If you run you will only go to jail tired.”

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The Official Monthly Publication of Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts by The Vermont Antique Automobile Society
Wow! It’s been a busy month….and that is my excuse for Wheel Tracks getting to you a few days later than normal. One of my day jobs is a sexton at a cemetery in Berkshire where three generations of our ‘clan’ can be found. Spring burials, grass-cutting contracts, wood chucks and lots too small for the vaults to fit are all part of it.

We had a huge success at the Cold Hollow Career Center in Enosburg Falls last week. I can’t remember when I was more proud of being a part of an organization than being a member of the VAE when the three students were presented their tool awards. Here it was nine in the morning, on a Friday and some 30 VAE members showed up to support our awards program, some from many miles away. I truly believe we made a difference in the lives of three young people that day.

The awards program was a year in the making and it would never have gotten off the ground if it were not for you and this small car club. Next year, there will be a Junior in all 16 Career Centers in Vermont being recognized by us. I hope to bring these recipient’s stories back to Wheel Tracks regularly, their journeys will be wonderful to watch.

Now to some other ‘club business’. I have been asked by the VAAS to ask you for your constructive opinions. The underline is my idea.

The discussion is how much do we give away free to the public to comply with our 501c3 status and make the IRS happy vs how do we keep something special for our members that the public does not have. If you read between the lines you can see we are talking about “Wheel Tracks”. A few members, myself included, have discussed a few changes that might swing us back to the camp of folks who think we are giving too much away, but still comply with the IRS.

1. Wheel Tracks is now available online to the public immediately when it comes off the press. The thought is that we should make it available to the public only when it enters our archive 30 to 60 days later. The paid-up VAE member would get it hot-off-the-press on our ‘Members Only’ web page and in their mail box. You would have a password to access the members only page. Since we are sending 200 free issues each month to Vermont libraries etc. our IRS task is complete.

2. Remember me mentioning the ‘shocked air’ in the room when the Board counted the NCs in our new roster? Maybe part of the fix is to add the member addresses to our mailing list who normally only get Wheel Tracks online. There are about 43. The thinking first of all is that many have never had the newsletter in their hands since we have shifted to our new format. Secondly, come February, when there is no Wheel Tracks in the mail box and the password on the members only page has been changed…NCs would rush to pay their dues and not “mis-out”.

If you send me an email or a note in the U.S. mail I will pass your opinion on to the Board.

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Greetings,

Last month I said it looked like spring was here after the very mild winter with very little snow. Soon after writing that, winter (what there was of it) came back for a few weeks. Now, it looks like spring is finally here.

Fred Cook, Charlie Thompson, Gene and Brenda Fodor and I recently went to Crown Point, New York to survey the site of the Grand Celebration of the opening of the new bridge, and for the May 19th and 20th Antique and Classic Car Show the VAE is coordinating.

The setting is spectacular, with the water from the lake lapping at the grass, and the beautiful bridge in the background. This event will also be the May monthly meeting for the VAE. The theme of this show is ’29 era cars. We are looking for ’29 era cars for the parade across the bridge, to transport the contingent of ’29ers (the people who were at the dedication of the original bridge in 1929) and for the car display. What a sight this will be!

We have invested a great deal in this endeavor to make it a success. The four cars from the VAE that made a presence at the soft opening in November were very popular. The story was picked up by the media, and on televisions and in newspapers nationwide. We have a unique opportunity to showcase the VAE in the national spotlight. We need the membership of the VAE to step up to the plate and help the VAE shine. For information on overnight accommodations and further information please see page 13 in this issue of Wheel Tracks or our web site.

Sunshine Report

We learned recently that VAE Friend and Mac Tool Distributor Travis Dubuque recently lost his sister to cancer. Our very sincere sympathy to you and your family Travis.

May VAE Meet

The LCBC (Bridge Opening) Celebration

Saturday & Sunday, May 19th & 20th

At

West Addison, Vermont and Crown Point, New York

1:00 PM Sunday…..We will have our VAE monthly meet within car display at the Crown Point Historic Site, NY.

When you arrive Saturday the truck/trailer parking is on the New York side. Volunteers will direct people where to park. There is a shuttle bus to transport people from spectator parking to the events. If you are driving your “civilian car” (non-antique) you will need to find a public parking spot.

Questions…contact Dave Sander or Fred Cook

**** See Page 12 of this Issue for complete schedule of events

*** See Page 13 of this Issue for Event Description

*** See Our website (vtauto.org) for Accommodations

Welcome New Members


David Gerecke of Burlington, VT. has a 1971 Buick Skylark.

Are You Mannerly? By Nancy Olney

I do a lot of shopping at a small village store known for their meat and deli department. For some reason I have an aversion to buying such at the big grocery stores. Why is this? I guess it’s that I trust the village store to sell me quality and for the 27 years of shopping there they have never had a “recall”. This store also served as employment for our 2 sons when they were in high school and still hire a very young staff. Excuse me, but I could, if not careful, get off the reason for this writing. I want to talk about manners or lack of.

The subject is brought to my attention nearly every time I step out my door. I want to tell you that I don’t go with that thought on my mind or “looking for trouble” but there it is!

On a recent trip to the Derby Store, I parked, got out and almost immediately started gathering stray carts. I can’t tell you why but I feel a need to move them from the random areas they have been left. I guess some of the reason is the parking lot is small and it is hard to park with carts taking up space and I have to admit it annoys me that people won’t take an extra minute to put their carts out of the way of others. On this day, I got to the doors with all the stray carts. I need to tell you that the doors are not automatic open. Well, I was having a bit of trouble pushing the carts through the door, when I noticed two young people behind me. Get the picture – 2 people about 20-25 years old, looking very physically fit waiting for an “older woman” to push carts through the door. Now, “the rest of the story”. They saw the situation and (quick thinkers that they proved to be) went in the exit door which gained them a quick entrance and avoided having to wait or help me! Oh, I’m sure their elderly, sick mother was waiting in the car (with no heat) for them to pick up some chicken soup and get her home to bed! Maybe they weren’t raised by a mother but by wolves. Isn’t there a story about that very thing? By the way, I watched them and they were getting a deli sandwich. Well, that explains their behavior. They were hungry. All is forgiven!!

At first I thought that the lack of manners was only in some young people but sadly it seems to cover all the age groups. All this said there are some very mannerly people out there and if you are one, I personally thank you and ask that you pass it on to your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, friends, neighbors, and car enthusiasts. We can win this. For me, I’ve got carts to gather and maybe I’ll review my copy of Emily Post.

Before I sign off, thank you Gary for printing this, thank you members for reading it and a big Thank You VAE members for pushing in your chairs, picking up your empty cups and plates and finding the recycling bin!

WHOOPEE PIES

1/2 CUP SHORTENING 1 TEASPOON BAKING POWDER
1 CUP BROWN SUGAR, PACKED 1 TEASPOON BAKING SODA
1 EGG 1 TEASPOON SALT
2 CUPS FLOUR 1 CUP MILK
1/2 CUP COCOA 1 TEASPOON VANILLA

**IN LARGE BOWL CREAM TOGETHER SHORTENING, SUGAR AND EGG.
**IN ANOTHER LARGE BOWL COMBINE FLOUR, COCOA, BAKING POWDER, BAKING SODA, AND SALT
**IN ANOTHER SMALL BOWL, STIR TOGETHER MILK AND VANILLA.
ADD DRY INGREDIENTS AND THE MILK MIXTURE TO CREAMED SHORTENING MIXTURE, ALTERNATING BETWEEN THE TWO.
BEAT UNTIL SMOOTH.
DROP BATTER ONTO GREASED COOKIE SHEET. COOKIES WILL BE ABOUT 4 INCHES. BAKE AT 350 DEGREES FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTES. COOL COMPLETELY ON WIRE RACK.

WHOOPEE PIE FILLING

1 CUP SHORTENING
1 1/2 CUPS POWDERED SUGAR
2 CUPS MARSHMALLOW CREAM
1 1/2 TEASPOONS VANILLA

IN A MIXING BOWL BEAT TOGETHER ALL INGREDIENTS. STIR IN VANILLA UNTIL BLENDED WELL.
NOW PUT TOGETHER WITH COOKIES AND WRAP INDIVIDUALLY IN PLASTIC WRAP.
The year is 1915 and Did you know that …

By Gene Fodor

... Production for cars was 895,000 and 74,000 for trucks
... Packard added a 12 cylinder model, America’s first
... General Motors declared its first dividend for common stock
... The Liberty Bell was transported from Philadelphia to the Panama-Pacific Expo by a White Truck
... Demountable rims replaced clincher types
... Buick changes to a 6 cylinder engine
... A Hudson broke the official 24-hour record for speed
... Cadillac offered tilt-beam headlights
... The Jitney appeared
... James Couzens resigned from Ford and was replaced by Frank Klingensmith, with Edsel Bryant Ford as Company Secretary
... Oldsmobile offered top and windshield as standard equipment
... Ralph De Palma, in a Mercedes won the Indy 500 with an average speed of 89.94 mph
... WW I began to create material shortages
... Truck production began to assume importance as war demonstrated the worth of trucks
... Sternberg Truck was renamed Sterling
... Prism lenses for headlamps made an appearance
... 24 new marques made the scene

A joke… A snail bought a particularly fast and good looking race car and decided to enter the Le Mans 24 hour endurance race. Even though the car has a distinctive look the snail decided to have an S painted on the doors, hood, bonnet and boot, (yes, it was a British snail and car) before the big race. When the race started the snail’s car immediately took the lead, prompting one of the over excited French spectators to cheer, “Just look at that S-Car-Go”.

(ahhh…..Gene)
The tank is a 1942 M3A1 built by the American Car and Foundry Company (Berwick, PA). Their main production was in rail cars and like other heavy industry companies; they were selected to build the initial run of tanks before the start of WWII. These Stuart models (all were informally named by the British - Lee, Sherman) began with prototypes in the mid-thirties and continued with variations through 1945.

Power is supplied by a 670 cubic inch Continental 7 cylinder radial air cooled engine. These are twin magneto equipped and were simultaneously used in the Stearman trainer and a variety of other aircraft. The need in the Stuart and in the bigger tanks was for high horsepower with light weight, thus providing more opportunity for heavier armor. A rather large combination transmission and stick controlled steering differential, feeds into final drives on each side to turn the track sprockets. Not unlike an airplane there are lots of instruments to check and some vigilance necessary on the permissible engine revs. Twin tanks carry 70 gallons of fuel and an oil change is 24 quarts.

The tractor is a 1956 Diamond T (M52). It is powered by a 6 cyl Continental 602 cubic inch producing 225 HP.

**Restoration:**

Working on a tank is not for the faint hearted. Parts are not available at NAPA, manuals rare and there is a steep learning curve. I have been fortunate having friends in the hobby, including Jim Mandigo, a professional mechanic from Morrisville, who works at Majestic Auto in Waterbury. Countless weekend sessions have allowed us to redo the suspension, power train, turret, and hull fixtures back to original specifications that likely make this Stuart one of the most accurate restorations in the county.

**Use:**

A very common question is what do you do with a tank- answer is similar to the enjoyment of any antique vehicle; learn about its history, look for parts, regularly skin some knuckles and drive it in meets and shows. There is a Vermont Chapter of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association (www.GMMVC.org), with like minded restorers that features an open to the public annual July show in Waterbury (12th-14th).

**Editor’s Notes...**The tractor is a 1956 Diamond T (M52). It is powered by a 6 cyl Continental 602 cubic inch producing 225 HP. It has a 2-speed transfer case with auto front wheel drive engagement, using today’s terms that means ALL-WHEEL-DRIVE….impressive! In the smaller picture on page 1, John is pictured left on the tank. Dan Murry and Ryan Liszewski to John’s left. Bob Hargrove and Liszewski from left on the ground. I wonder if the bag contains secret enemy position maps or lunch?

Throughout my conversations with John another gentleman was often mentioned, that was Jim Mandigo. I needed additional information and when I called he and Jim had just finished dropping an engine into their latest project that might be ready for the next Stowe Show. That is a 6-ton 1945 Ford M20 Armored car. It is a 6X6 with a 140HP Hercules engine and carries a crew of six when used in reconnaissance. The British were so impressed with it’s maneuverability that their nickname of ‘Greyhound’ took the place of M20. You will always find John and the rest of the Green Mountain Military Vehicle Club at the Stowe Show, just walk into the main gate and they are right there on the right. It is tough to talk to them long and not want to go shopping for something in Army colors. Check out their website at gmmvc.org.
Since we have started sending the paper version of Wheel Tracks to 200 public libraries, Career Centers, etc. I have received many ‘Thank You’s’ and wonderful comments about our car club. Does anyone remember Ms. Mary West?

Dear Mr. Fiske,

Thank you for putting the library on your mailing list for “Wheel Tracks”. There were still a few names I recognized from many years ago. Mary West, library director, Morristown Centennial Library.

Remember the Editorial I put together last month about a VAE library? It did not stir up a lot of conversation but some. This from a VAE member…. Gary, I am a recent member and do enjoy your Wheel Tracks publication.

I too think a library would be great. I worked for General Motors for 26 years and SKF bearings for 14 years. I may have some “stuff” for your library collection. What are you looking for?

Jerry Fernee.

I don’t have an answer Jerry, because there is no library. I will, however, help you light a fire under a few Board Members. Are there more ‘match-carrying’ members out there? Jerry & I need a little help.

This might be just my ‘latest’ hang-up but for some time now I have been keeping an eye open for a one-lunger engine that I could buy for a reasonable price. Maybe it is only because of one that my great uncle had that I saw being sold for peanuts after Uncle died instead of keeping it in the family. Maybe it’s because I don’t know how they work and want one of my own to tear apart. The first thing I need is advise from someone about what a ‘good investment’ would be. The second is finding the engine. A couple of members are helping me a little….. I could still use some ‘advise’.

Have you ever heard of a Henney Car? Well, I hadn’t either…until I got an email from Joe Kaelin’s friend Dick Farnsworth. Seems Dick has the 1927 Henney Hearse that was in the movie “Get Low” with Robert Duval and Bill Murray. They have a Henney Homecoming happening in Freeport, Ill. this August 3-5. There is also going to be an operating Cooper Corliss stationary steam engine that has a 25 foot flywheel, can you imagine? You can find more info online at thefreeportshow.com.

Here are a couple of Vermont Mid-season Pictures. The Top one is from 1921. The Franklin Factory was testing their new series 10 cars. The Lower Picture is from 2012 In front of my house. Steel car vs plastic car …….
The Body Control Module...BcM

Absent any questions this month, I'll tell the tale of a recent repair to my Chrysler minivan. I have had problems with the Body Control Module for the past few years. The BCM is the "brain" of the vehicle, and it's function is the control of all things electrical in the vehicle. This part is vehicle specific, and stores all the vehicle data, such as the mileage on the odometer and the Vehicle Identification Number.

This problem first presented itself with the wipers, lights and door locks randomly going on and off, regardless of the switch positions. This would happen whether the key was on or not. I was always able to "fix" the problem by rebooting the BCM. Rebooting the BCM is accomplished by disconnecting the battery overnight. Simply disconnecting the battery for a few minutes or a few hours would not work. Sometimes the battery would have to be disconnected for a day or two for the reboot to be successful.

After a successful reboot the repair would usually last for several months, but the problems would always reappear.

Recently, the wipers and the low-beam headlights ceased to function. I suspected the BCM, but a re-boot did not yield a fix. I checked the usual suspects, fuses, relays, bad grounds, etc. I quickly determined that there was no power going through these circuits. I thought I should check the wiper stalk, which is also the high beam/low beam switch. Imagine my surprise when I took the switch out, and discovered the Lucas Electric logo stamped on to the switch. You know, Joseph Lucas, Ltd. Birmingham, England- the punch line of many a joke about the poor reliability of English cars.

This switch actually tested out fine, so the BCM was once again suspect. Remember, the BCM is unique to the car in which it is installed. Even If I was lucky enough to find the same year, make and model van in a salvage yard, the BCM still holds the identity of the car it is built with. The VIN number and mileage are both stored in the BCM. The cost of a BCM through a dealer costs well over a thousand dollars, and the part needs to be programmed to the vehicle at an additional cost.

A google search proved to be quite productive. I found an outfit in Michigan that has identified the weakness in Chrysler BCMs and rebuilds them with improved components. All they need is the year, make, mileage and part number on the BCM, and they send you a rebuilt BCM already programmed for your car. While not cheap (at $250-including shipping...) it is less than a quarter of the cost, better quality and much faster turn around time than the dealership.

What did I learn from this experience? With today's cars, there is less of a difference between foreign and domestic cars. With world wide vendors supplying the OEM parts market, there is no telling what you will find. I was stunned to find a Lucas switch in a Chrysler minivan.

It also pays to use the Internet when doing automotive repairs. Finding the outfit in Michigan that repairs Chrysler Body Control Modules probably saved me over a thousand dollars.

The Knight Point/VAE Car Show & Meet

The VAE, in conjunction with the Grand Isle Chamber of Commerce and the Knight Point State Park in North Hero, is putting on a 1 day car show on Saturday, July 7, 2012, at Knight Point from 9AM to 3PM. It is called "Automobiles at Knight Point" car show. It is open to all cars, trucks and motorcycles regardless of age. There will be dash plaques, awards, door prizes for participants and spectators, food vendors, use of the park and beach, etc. Pre-registration is $7, or $10 at the door. The July monthly VAE meeting will follow the show. Bill Fagan 372-6521
Dear Don,

How often have you said "If I had it to do over, I would ..........." Well, I am redoing the restoration again; the body work and paint, the chassis paint, trunk carpets, battery & cables, fuel pump & push rods, stainless polishing, and a hundred other worms in this old can of a car!

I restarted in January 2007 after the 325 mile trip up from down country Jersey. The first restoration in 07, a lacquer job, was full of enough unaesthetic cracks to prevent driving to Waterbury. Besides, not a representative sample that Edsel Ford envisioned. By 2007, state of the art refinishing was so advanced to encourage a second try.

All the work was done at my garage and another shop in nearby Jonesville so I am now keeping pace with their inhabitants.

What you see now is the midway reassembled phase. Putting it back together is a challenge in memory, where ‘is this and that’ & opening boxes after 5 years. Slowly, slowly ever so slowly, it’s taking shape. Will it fire up? After many tries and fuel system adjustments, Houston Control we had Lift Off on December 23, 2012

Look for this" Blue Beauty" - It’s a V-8 + 4 engine- at this summer’s VAE car show in Stowe. Or, visit Gene at his and Lucille’s garage for your personal lunch & learn seminar [802-244-7536].

Join VAE Members on a Unique Visit to China!
October 9 - 19, 2012

Travel with auto Fellow Enthusiasts and Chris Barbieri on a unique and exciting visit to the People’s Republic of China. Explore China’s automotive industry, both past and present while experiencing China’s unique culture and outstanding hospitality We will travel halfway around the world to experience Shanghai, one of the most exciting cities in the world, Beijing, home of the Great Wall, Tian’anmen Square, the Ming Tombs, the Forbidden City, and more. We’ll visit one of China’s largest automobile manufacturing factories and antique car museums in both Shanghai and Beijing. Finally, we will stop in Hangzhou and world famous West Lake for a cruise.

The cost of this unique view of China is only $1,785 per person double occupancy or $2,285 single occupancy. This price includes all domestic China transportation in and between Shanghai, Hangzhou, and Beijing, but does not include international flights to and from China. Hotel accommodations are all four star or higher. Most meals are included.

BOOK NOW! Deadline for registration is Friday, September 14, 2012.

If you have additional questions, please call Chris Barbieri at (802) 223-3104 or email cgeeb99@gmail.com.

Our webmaster, Rachel Smith, has done a great job adding all the details to our website. Just go to vtauto.org and you will see the China event in the upper right-hand corner. You can even download the registration form and start the “trip of a lifetime” paperwork now.
Remember the transmission problem we had with the Plymouth in Buffalo? (Mentioned in March issue of Wheel Tracks) Well, in mid-October, Wendell Noble came over to see if we could find the problem. With floor boards, shifting lever, and emergency brake lever removed, we could take the cover off the transmission. Everything looked fine. Then as Wendell struggled to get things lined up to get the cover back on, I was looking on from the passenger side when I noticed it. The Free Wheeling knob was partially pushed in. That’s probably the problem! I felt like an idiot for not thinking of it in Buffalo, but it never crossed my mind.

On the Plymouth, with the knob pushed in, it’s “in” Free Wheeling. Pulled out, it’s “out” of Free Wheeling. The knob is in a location where it’s very unlikely to be accidently pushed in. Probably, over the course of the summer, vibrations caused it to slowly work its’ way in to the point where the transmission would sometimes engage, sometimes not. Oh well, no problem. It’s back together and everything’s fine. Or maybe not! The car was in my trailer and with no other garage space open we left it there and didn’t do a road test. Then with winter coming, it was time to get it out of the trailer and into its’ usual garage space. I started it, put it in reverse and backed it out. Great! It works!! Then I put it in 1st, let out the clutch and it backed up. 2nd, 3rd – backed up. Neutral - backed up. At least I could back it into the garage under its’ own power! There it sat waiting for spring, or so I thought. On a cold mid-January day, the “A-Team” pit crew, consisting of Wendell Noble, Gael Boardman and Dave Maunsell arrived in Derby Line with a goal of making a Plymouth move forward as well as backward. I tried to convince them they should wait until a warm day, but these guys are not to be deterred. So, after disassembly, putting their heads together (wish I’d gotten a picture of that) to solve the problem; after numb fingers, runny noses and reassembly, does the car go forward? It was too cold to start the car and find out. So it sat for another two months not knowing which direction it would move. Then we had that warm weather in March. The Plymouth started without much trouble, and in 1st gear it moved forward! Then around the block a few times, running through the gears, and everything worked perfectly. The “A-Team” does good work! Thanks Wendell, thanks Gael, thanks Dave. Let the tour season begin!!

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**Minutes of March Stowe Committee Meeting**

The Stowe Planning Committee met at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday March 21, 2012 in the conference room of the Commodores Inn in Stowe.

The meeting was called to order by chairman Bob Chase.

1. **General Information:** Nothing new
2. **Sponsorship:** Bob Chase stated that $3,500 had been received so far.
3. **Publicity:** Bob Chase reported for Chris Barbieri that he has been in touch with the Bugatti group and a picture has been included in the brochure.
4. **Special Events & Vermont Crafters:** Duane Leach reported that he had not yet succeeded in getting any commitment from owners of “tuners”. Gael Boardman suggested that we contact a stationary engine club about a display. Jim Sears reported that he had discussed possible Porsche group participation with Christina McCaffrey who will take it up with that group. They have done this at other shows.
5. **Brochure:** Bill Sander reported that the brochures had gone to print and 10,000 copies will be available for distribution in two weeks. The posters are also done and Bill handed one around for inspection.
6. **Clothing:** Andy Barnett displayed a sample of the orange color for the judge’s hats. He reported that Julie Greenia had selected cherry red and ice gray as colors for the T-shirts for sale. Shirts will be 100% cotton and have pockets. Quantities are: Gray; 6 small, 15 med., 40 lge., 40 XLge., 12 XXLge. Red; 6 small, 15 med., 30 lge., 20 XLge. Two dozen aprons will be ordered in blue denim with white logo for $14 each. Andy is looking at possible sources for children’s size hats.
7. **Contracts:** Bob Chase reported that the price for toilets from Hartigan will be the same or less than last year ($3,800).
8. **On line registration:** Duane Leach reported that it is operating and 10 or 12 registrations had been received so far.
9. **Trophies and Plaques:** Duane Leach has the plaques and handed samples around for view.
10. **Show departments:** No reports.
11. **Volunteer appreciation dinner:** Bill Sander has sent out invitations and asked that any omissions be brought to his attention.
12. **Other business:** Jim Sears suggested that we hand out ribbons to parade participants. After discussion it was decided to purchase 1000 blue ribbons saying “Thank you for participating” and including the VAE logo, which could be used for other VAE events also.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted; Wendell Noble, Acting secretary

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[Image: THE SUMMER NO LAWN WERE MOWED]

PART V  (YAWN…….) by Gary Olney

[Image: Minutes of March Stowe Committee Meeting]
The regular Monthly Meeting of the VAE was held on Sunday, February 5, 2012, at Wake Robin in Shelburne. The program was a presentation of classic silent movies from the collection of Charter Member Lloyd Davis, with Lloyd himself operating the projector. The Business Meeting was woven into some of the natural breaks in the film presentations. Wendell Noble offered some opening remarks. Gael Boardman explained the VAE-VAAS distinction, and relationship. Wendell Noble then presented the President’s Restoration Award to Jim Cary for the restoration of a 1965 Ford F 100 Pickup Truck. David Sander began the actual Meeting at 2:22 PM, and thanked our Wake Robin hosts.

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Secretary’s Report: Les Skinner moved to accept the minutes of the prior Meeting as printed in Wheel Tracks. Wendell Noble seconded this, and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Andy Barnett moved to file the report, as printed in Wheel Tracks, for audit. Fred Cook seconded this motion, which passed unanimously.

Audit Committee: Doris Bailey and Leo Laferriere met at Dick Wheatley’s office to complete the audit.

By-Laws Committee: Andy Barnett has no report at this time.

Futures Committee: Gael Boardman has no report at this time.

Membership: We have one new member since the last Meeting.

Nominating Committee: No report as yet.

Activities: Jim Sears gave a brief report. As usual, complete details can be found in Wheel Tracks. Wendell Noble also spoke about the planned upcoming trip to China. Gene Fodor mentioned the car display at the University Mall, on the 21st and 22nd of July.

Stowe: Duane Leach gave a brief update. Everything is progressing well.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Ted Ryan was introduced. Ted has done some articles on antique cars for the Burlington Free Press, and would like to do more such stories. Members were urged to contact him for possible articles about their collections. Gael Boardman mentioned that Charlie Thompson’s Whippet was the second car over the new Champlain Bridge, and was featured in a Club Newsletter. The first car was the 1929 Pierce Arrow owned by the Sander family. Some very pleasant new business then transpired, as a birthday cake was presented to Doris Bailey in honor of her rapidly approaching 90th birthday. Members present, and many of our Wake Robin hosts, enjoyed helping Doris eat the birthday cake. Andy Barnett moved to adjourn at 2:44 PM, seconded by Gene Fodor, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Sander, Recording Secretary.
VAE Board of Directors Minutes at Whitney Hill

The regular quarterly Meeting of the VAE Board of Directors was held on Sunday, April 1, 2012, at the Whitney Hill Retirement Community lounge in Williston.

The Meeting was called to order at 2:06 PM by Chairman Wendell Noble.

**Secretary’s Report:** David Sander moved that the report of the last Meeting be accepted, as printed in Wheel Tracks. Chris Barbieri seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report:** In the absence of Treasurer Dick Wheatley, Chairman Wendell gave a brief update. The full report will be printed in Wheel Tracks. No action was taken.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Membership:** Chris Barbieri will recruit other Committee members.
- **Sunshine:** No formal report. David Sander mentioned recently meeting a long time member in a retail store, and that the member seemed to be in very poor and declining health. Some of those present volunteered to do visits.
- **Activities:** There was a brief description of upcoming events, which will be much more fully detailed in Wheel Tracks. Gael Boardman did expound quite fully on the upcoming Meeting at the Enosburg Technical Center on April 13. This will be a very rare weekday meeting, necessitated by the school schedule.
- **Futures Committee:** Gael Boardman reviewed recent activities, which are conducted through the VAAS. Full details are reflected in published VAAS Board minutes.
- **Old Business:** None
- **New Business:** Bill Sander spoke on the relationship of Vermont Technical Center to the Area Vocational Centers around Vermont, and problems that have existed in the past. Bill spoke to the new VTC President about some of these difficulties at the VAE-VAAS Annual Meeting at VTC. Whether completely by coincidence, or perhaps not, vast improvements have been instituted in the last few months. Bill was authorized to write a letter on behalf of the VAE to the new VTC President, expressing our appreciation of his efforts at improving the relationship between these institutions.

Bill Sander moved to adjourn at 3:17 PM. This was seconded by Chris Barbieri, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Sander

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**Bridge Celebration Schedule**

**Saturday, May 19**

- 9:30 AM.......... Parade lineup begins on Route 125, Vermont
- 10-11:30 AM... Lois McClure available for tours. Docked at Crown Point Pier at the Crown Point Reservation Campground
- 11 AM.......... Parade begins on Vermont side
- 12:30 PM........ Chimney Point State Historic Site, VT museum opens immediately following parade
- 1 PM........... Flotilla begins on lake
- 1 – 5 PM......... Vintage car show at Crown Point State Historic Site, NY
- 2:30 – 6 PM...... Lois McClure available for tours. Docked at Crown Point Pier at the Crown Point Reservation Campground
- 6:15 PM.......... Line up at Chimney Point State Historic Site, VT for dance across pedestrian walkway to main tent at Crown Point State Historic Site, NY
- 7 PM............. Street dance/concert begins in main tent at Crown Point State Historic Site, NY

**Sunday, May 20**

- 7:30 AM......... Eccumenical service on pedestrian walkway; all parked vehicles must be moved by 8:30 a.m.
- 10:00 AM........ Grounds open, all vendors open
- 10 AM-6 PM... Lois McClure available for tours. Docked at Crown Point Pier at the Crown Point Reservation Campground
- 11 AM–4 PM.... Vintage car show at Crown Point State Historic Site, NY...........5k fun run begins
- 1:00 PM VAE monthly meet within car display, Crown Point Historic Site, NY.
- 8:30/8:45 PM Lights on the Lake Fireworks Spectacular, music simulcast through 92.1 WVTK

People are encouraged to park non-show cars in designated parking and take shuttle bus to the event.
The LCBC (Bridge Opening) Celebration

The celebration will take place May 19th and 20th, 2012.

The new Bridge, completed in November 2011, replaces an earlier one built in 1929 and later closed in 2009 due to structural deficiencies and subsequent imploded. It has been a vital economic link between communities bordering New York’s Crown Point and West Addison Vermont.

At the invitation of the LAKE CHAMPLAIN BRIDGE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION, VAE, through the good offices of Fred Cook, has agreed to participate in the Opening Day Parade and the two day car show.

The VAE Bridge Committee consisting of VAE PRESIDENT David Sander, Fred Cook, VAE BOARD CHAIR Wendell & Mary Noble, Charlie & Marion Thompson, Jim Sears, Jan & Bill Sander, Leo Laferriere, Tom McHugh and Gene & Brenda Fodor have been meeting for many months now to make the car show a success. The VAE has also taken a full page ad in the memorial book published by the Addison County Independent.

Soon there will be a Participant application found on the VAE’s WEB site www.vtauto.org as well as the bridge committee’s WEB site, www.champlainbridgecommunity.org.

The committees are looking for parade and show participants, especially vehicles in the 1929 vintage verity that will be given preference in the parade lineup. However, all cars are welcome.

The committees are also seeking volunteers to help with the car show with parking and directing traffic. There is not much time left, so please consider give as much of your time on one or both of those two days to this historical event.

For more information contact : vaeinfo@gmail.com

A message from VAE’s Chairman:

Dear Fellow Automobile Enthusiasts:  I’d like to personally invite all your members to help celebrate the opening of the new Lake Champlain Bridge joining at Crown Point, N.Y. and Addison, Vt. on May 19, 20.  The celebration will consist of a parade of 1929 vintage cars carrying the "29ers" who were present at the first bridge opening in 1929.  Following the parade there will be many celebratory events taking place, including a display of vintage cars of all eras at the western foot of the bridge.  Check the Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts web site, (vtauto.org) for complete up to date info on events and accommodations.

Wendell Noble.  Chairman, VAE Board of Directors
For Sale... 1969 Chrysler GTC Turbo convertible. This is the top of the Mopar convertible with a Turbo II original factory engine and Getrag 5-speed transmission. All original southern car with totally rust free body. Red outside and gray leather inside. Never seen snow, 97,000 pampered miles. $4950 OBO

FOR SALE... 1920's / 30's Chevrolet folding wooden yardstick. In mint condition. One side reads "Costs Less To Buy Chevrolet [Logo], Less Operating Cost [Logo], Collect Dividend When You Trade". Other side reads "Fulton Chevrolet Company, Brookville, PA., Phone 484" This is a unique piece of Chevy memorabilia. $15. Original letter from DeSoto General Sales Mgr. J.B. Wagstaff to all dealers dated April 5, 1938 about how to follow up with new DeSoto owners and how to develop new sales leads. Two pages on Desoto Division letterhead. $12.

FOR SALE... Sales Literature: Dodge Rampage 1982, full color, 8 pages, vg $15; Dodge 1950, full color, large, all models, 8 pages, good $15, Dodge all models, 1967, full color, 12 pages, excellent $20. Chrysler/Plymouth/Dodge 1976 Shop Manual, 2 volumes, mint original. $35. Call Chris Barbieri, 802-223-3104 cgeeb99@gmail.com 5/12

Wanted… My name is Kate Karcz and I would like to rent a classic/vintage truck to be used for photos and as a prop for my Farmer's Market themed wedding. I wouldn't need to drive it at all, just have it at the wedding location for the day. My wedding is going to be in Barre on Saturday June 30th. Please email kj.karcz@ymail.com or call 806-681-2160 5/12

For Sale... Leer Cap for a 1982 El Camino. I believe it fits 1978 to 1985...good condition. $150...email grandpgny@aol.com or call 631-261-5011...Ed Gradel, Centerport, N.Y.

Wanted… I need a speedometer and side mount spare tire mounting hardware plus any other parts for a 1930 Chrysler CJ. Call Wendell Noble 802-893-2232 or email wnoble@hughes.net Milton, Vermont 6/12

WANTED… My daughter has always dreamed of having a Rolls Royce as her "limo" on her wedding day. Her special day is Sunday, 9/02/12 - yes, Labor Day weekend. We would need the car for a very short trip - from All Souls Interfaith Gathering on Bostwick Farm Road in Shelburne to the Sunset Ballroom in South Burlington. It would mean the world to her dad and I if we could surprise our daughter by granting her wish on her wedding day. Thanks! Linda Whalen 802-882-7784 whalen153@aol.com 5/12

For sale… I have two new motors for sale. One is a 3 HP Tecumseh for 25.00 and the other is a 16 HP v-twin Vanguard Briggs & Stratton tapered shaft for $300. Newly added… 4 new tire tubes 525/550-17/18. best offer takes them. Please call Duane 802-849-6174 6/12

Dearest Editor… The fellow that makes our name tags told me it has been a year since any were ordered. Perhaps no one knows they are available! $7.00 covers mailing and badge. Checks payable to Phyllis Skinner Box 208 Northfield Falls Vt. 05664-0208 "Slim" Skinner 5/12

For sale… Home. abt 1 acre in South Hero, VT, raised ranch corner lot. Paved roads. 5 min from I 89. 3 Br 2½ bath. Open floor plan, large deck, fenced yard, 5 car garage, (2 heated bays) shop space, central air upper level. Finished basement. Lake and mountain views. Close to boat launch, State Park, fishing. $400,000. No Brokers, Principals only. Gene Fodor 802-372-9146 or crownwheel@comcast.net 5/12

For Sale...1947 Hudson ‘Big Boy’ pickup. Wheel Tracks March Feature Car. Call Merv Wells, 802-426-3375 5/12

Stuff For Sale…
1. Pair of 1951-52 Ford head intakes. $50
2. Three good 6-hole 19-inch 1931 Chevy wheels & 2 hub caps. $60
3. One drum Maxwell headlight lens. $50
4. One Dodge Brothers drum headlight lens. $40
5. 2 of drum Overland headlamps & 2 lenses. $50
6. 7 good Michigan plates. 1941-51. Three different colors.$125/set

Seeking Vermont license plates with stickers, 2012. can be from truck or car.

Call Marvin Ball 802-425-3529 6/12

Wanted… New, old stock 1928 model A camshaft. This is a five-bearing camshaft specific to 1928, but also fits 1929 through 1931 Model A’s which had 3 bearings. $325 + S&H.

Leo Laferriere, 802-496-2515. 249 East Road, Waitsfield, VT. 05673 5/12

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Cars and Parts For Sale… Downsizing. I am selling my shop and downsizing my collection. I have approximately 20 Mercedes-Benz parts cars from 190b Pontons, Heckflosse, and 114, 115, 108 series cars. Many loose parts – engines, transmissions, axles, etc. From the collection of Mercedes cars I drive, I am selling: 1992 300SL red, all top cylinders refurbished last year, a great driver asking $7995 OBO; 1971 250C southern car, cranberry red exterior, black tex, automatic $6995 OBO. Come for a visit, see what you must take home. Call Bill Coon 1052 Ireland Road Starksboro, Vermont 05487 phone 802 453-2684. coonvt@gmail.com. 5/12

For Sale…1952 Dodge Coronet Convertible, 6 cyl, semi auto Transmission, radio, heater, clock, new turquoise paint, reupholstered, wide whites, complete and running. $15,950 Call Bob Fuerderer, Surry, NH 603/352/3005 6/12

For Sale…Civil War Cannon, parade ready. 4 ft. long, 42 in wheel, 2.5 in bore, made by Dixie Gunworks Co. can be fired. $2500 or trade. Call John Lavallee 802-849-6200 or jl6200@yahoo.com


Wanted…1909 Vermont Dealer Plate.
Call Gael Boardman 802-899-2260
Underhill, Vermont 5/12
New…..from Wheel Tracks
The VAE
Yellow(ed) Pages
All new listings will be in Wheel Tracks each month before they are transferred to our website.

Is that all there is for listings???

Your favorite vendors have been added to our Website each month and we have a very nice “beginning”.

Send Wheel Tracks more to make it even better……..

A question from Doug Wacek …..
Can anyone be of help?
I don’t know if this is fodder for your next publication or not – or if there is a forum for this – but I would like to “dress up” my 25 year old garage floor….. so - just wondering if any of our members might have suggestions for either a “do it yourself” project or a vendor to have it “resurfaced” and/or painted or epoxied….. and any experiences VAE members may have had with different products or vendors…..??

Thanks, Doug Wacek, Burlington, VT
One Answer…check out this web link…
http://www.garageoutfittersvt.com/ProArticleonGarOutfitters.pdf

Proof that your WT Editor makes mistakes…
It is obvious this Studebaker is a 1917 and not a 27 as it has been listed the past few months but can’t be it is obvious to the Editor.

Hopefully Dave has not missed an opportunity to sell.

For Sale: 1917 Studebaker, 7 pass touring, 6 cyl. 55HP, solid, unique, nearly original, runs well, driven frequently. Lots of extras.$10K. Call Dave Maunsell 802/472/6670

How Do I Order Mac Tools and get My 15% Discount?
1. You go online to mactools.com and their shop online catalog. Then make a list of the tools you want with the order numbers and prices.
2. You add the prices….take 15% off ….then add the 6% Vermont tax……NEXT, write a check for the amount to ‘Mac Tools’.
3. You put the tool list and the check into an envelope and send it to VAE member Robert Lalancette, 305 Sam Webb Rd., Fairfax, VT 05454. He will get the order to Mac and bring the tools to you at the next VAE meet. I am sure if you emailed Robert that other arrangements for tool delivery can be made.

For Sale: Complete set of Wheaties state miniature license plates in mint condition issued as a premium when you bought the cereal. They were only issued in 1953 and 1954 and this is a ‘54 set. It includes all 48 states plus the hard to find District of Columbia plate. Each plate is perfect having been stored by a collector since these years. $475 obo.
1986 Dodge 600 ES Turbo convertible, Arizona car in excellent all original condition. Mint body with original white paint and gray leather interior. Turbo 2.2 engine, auto trans, factory HD suspension and quick ratio steering. A really nice car. Owned for 10 years but need space. $3975.


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For Only $30.00

Contact: Christina McCaffrey (Member Secretary)
89 Ledge Road
Burlington, Vermont 05401-4140

Or
Go to vtauto.org
And click onto
“Join VAE”
April
23rd...Monday @ 1:30PM VAAS meeting at the Williston Library. All members invited

May
4th...Friday 6:15 PM to 7:15 PM @ Shelburne Farms. Roaring 20s Theme Party. VAE invited w/t old cars.
6th...Sunday @ 1PM Appreciation Dinner at the Commodores Inn, Stowe Vermont
16th...Wednesday at 7PM... Stowe Show planning meeting at Commodores Inn on Rt. 100 Stowe. Contact Bob, rccwrn@pshift.com

June
9th & 10th...The 26th Annual Manchester Antique and Classic Car Show. Manchester,VT. (www.manchestercarshow.com)
9th...Sat. 9AM. Wake Robin’s Annual Tag Sale. The biggest and the best in Chittenden County
Details Later...VAE Tour to Central Vermont
17th...Sunday 10AM to 3PM...White Mtn. Cruisers Car Show, Bradford, VT. Contact Carroll Bean 802-222-4436
20th...Wednesday at 7PM. Stowe Show planning meeting at Commodores Inn on Rt. 100 Stowe. Contact Bob, rccwrn@pshift.com

July
2nd......Monday 7PM VAE Board Meeting at the Whitney Hill Homestead in Williston. All members are welcome.
7th...Sunday Automobiles at Knight Point, North Hero, VT. & VAE Show & Monthly Meet. Contact Bill Fagan. See page 8.
16th-20th......Model T Ford Club International gathering in Rutland www.modelt.org/
21st & 22nd...Sat. & Sunday. VAE University Mall Display in Burlington, Vermont

August
++ 10th –12th....Antique & Classic Car Meet, Stowe, Vermont ++

11th...Sat. Noon till 6PM Moreay Rec Park car Show, S. Glens Falls, NY. Show flyer
Want to enter your car...call Lisa Rowlands @ 518-307-7442

October 9th- 19th.....The China Trip..... See page 9 for details