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THE MAINETTI FAMILY MUSTANG FARM

It all started with Nick Jr. some 30 years ago when he found the 1964 Mustang Coupe in the salvage yard. It had been 'flattened' in an accident when the Mustang ended up in a ditch and another car had landed on top. After a little advice from his dad, Nick Sr., Nick bought the car and within a year had it restored back to the maroon beauty that you see above on the left...he and his wife Chris have spent many years caring for this Mustang.

This Mustang is some times called the 64 1/2 because Ford put them in

the show rooms in April of that year. Ford had an ad blitz on the 16th of April 1964 and sold over 22,000 Mustangs the first day and in the next 12 months sold over 400,000.

So, enter Nick Sr..... The only assumption is the Mustang virus had spread to Dad next and in 1993 he purchased and restored the 65 convertible that you can see above in the center. That hot orange convertible is how Nick Sr. and his wife Pat drive to the 'Stowe Show' where for many years they have joined the other volunteer workers to put the great car show on.

That leaves one more Mustang to be accounted for, that K-Code 65 Fastback you can see above on the right. Mark Mainetti, Nick Jr's. brother, is a pilot for American Airlines and should have had all the proper vaccinations because of his world travel. Somehow the virus has also hit Mark and the Mustang with the 271 HP, 289 Hi-Po engine that he found on Ebay made it's way to his and wife Amy's home. The K-Code designation is a special line with many 'extras' that Ford introduced in 65 which and has a k as it's 5th digit in the vin number.

The Mainetti's and the three Mustangs have traveled together to Stowe for the car show a number of years now and when asked what order the three cars drive the answer was very logical. They drive in the order of the assigned Exhibitor registration numbers they receive from the Stowe Show officials. And when they return home at the end of the show the same order is used.

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FROM YOUR EDITOR

Gary Fiske

There's a bit of a nip in the air and the leaves are getting tired. The Frost Bite tour is coming on the 15th of October....where

the heck did summer go? Can you believe 2012 is just 3 months away? Makes you want to inventory all the things you have on this year's do-list and start culling.

I am going to do another 'Wheel Tracks experiment' this month and see what feedback I get. You can see the front 'Feature Car Page is in color. I have put a deal together with our printer and the extra cost is \$34.00. I would like to hear your comments. Are we wasting money? Would you like the idea to continue? Don't forget, if you bring Wheel Tracks up on your computer, it is always in full color. The web site is list at the bottom of every Wheel Tracks page. The username is mynews and the password is 6200.

Speaking of Wheel Tracks, I will be pressing for more changes in the near future. It's a 'tune' you have heard before. I think all would agree....**Wheel Tracks is one of the most important parts of our Car Club.** Reasons?.....Communication, member retention, recruitment, accountability, growing the club and just plan 'keeping -in- touch' to name just a few. I want to advance this publication in quality and diversification. **More importantly, I want to put Wheel Tracks into a more 'safe' position and make it less dependent on one person.**

Co-editing is my idea (and I am sure there are other better ideas) of spreading the work load but also it is a way of making sure Wheel Tracks continues. There should be one editor who stops the buck but others who share the load and help guide it's future. I think I might be speaking for all of the editor since 1953. Please don't misunderstand, I am not planning on getting done, it is just the opposite, I want to make Wheel Tracks even better. Would you please pass your thoughts on? I will publish them and get the conversation going. **I know, I know...the minute you say your opinion you then get nailed to do more work.** Send your opinions without your name if you have to....just to get this conversation started.

You will find some really nice articles this month. There has been a 12 month pursuit to get the Mainetti Family Mustangs into Wheel Tracks and it is finally here. Wendell has his usual thoughtful and interesting column. Try not reading Mary and Marnita's columns, I'll bet you can't. Gene Fodor is still giving us great reporting and then there is Dave Sander...how does he think up the items we have always wondered about.

You can see Dick Wheatley is doing a great job, I wonder how far we would get trying to keep the books, especially this month with the Stowe Show activity. Read and enjoy.





From The President

Wendell Noble

We are on the threshold of fall.

For those of us who live in the northeast and enjoy touring in our old cars, this should be our most enjoyable season. The days are comfortable and the

foliage season can be breathtakingly scenic. Unfortunately our recreational pleasure will be marred by the devastation left by tropical storm Irene. Roads we may have traveled are washed out and much of our scenery is in ruin. For some of us this may be an inconvenience. For many more it is much worse. **Perhaps some of our members and surely many of our neighbors have lost everything.** Homes and belongings were swept away by the flood waters. Only a fortunate few will have their losses compensated by insurance. Those of us who didn't witness the destruction first hand have had ample opportunity to see the pictures in the news. Those pictures and reporting not only show the terrible damage, but they also show something else. **They show armies of volunteers digging in to help the victims.** They aren't waiting to be asked or appealed to. They just jump in helping neighbors and complete strangers. I heard one lady who was helping with the clean up of a business in Waterbury say of the owner, "I didn't even know him, but I know him now." **Whether we are victims, volunteers or just observers, we can't help but be touched by what we see.** If there is an upside to all of this, it's that we must all be better people for the experience. As for driving our cars? There will be another season. We'll be on the road again, driving by our neighbors and new friends, tooting our vintage horns and waving.

Activities: David Sander

October Frost Bite Tour....October 15th at 10 AM.

The tour will begin in Jeffersonville in the parking lot of GW Tatro Construction (at the intersection of Rt.108 and Rt. 15...just East of the blinking light). Lunch and the business meeting will at a local restaurant.



Conception Conti's Is having a Birthday Party On Sunday the 16th of October

And you are invited. The gathering will be from 1 to 4PM at 1000 Cobb Hill Road in Waterbury Vt. 05676

His actual birthday is October 3rd and it will be his 90th. **November 9th, he and Ronnie will have been married 65 years....**remember the story about the two dollar bills in New York City? Maybe an honorable mention to Ronnie is also in order.

If anyone can find the 1936 Ford 2-door V-8 to the left Conti would like it back.

If you can't make the party a birthday/ anniversary card would be great.



Longtime VAE members and Stowe Show Volunteers

Anita and Carroll Bean
of Bradford Vermont celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary
On August 5th, 2011

Pictured with their 1955 Ford Country Squire

A Few Pictures from Fred Cook on the Champlain Bridge Progress. Can you picture our VAE cars crossing the bridge during the 2012 opening celebration?





THE SOFTER SIDE

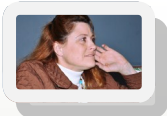
A Column Shared & Written by Marnita Leach (The Cookey),
Mary Noble (Left) & Nancy Olney (Right)



The Tropical Storm and.....by Mary Noble

Trying to think of a "Softer Side" topic, I initially drew a blank, so I picked up a new, yellow, lined pad of paper for inspiration. Hmmm, not so inspiring after all. Then came tropical storm Irene and the havoc it wreaked on Vermonters. We were in northern Maine that weekend for a family reunion, where there is no cell phone or radio reception. There were lots of relatives, pine trees, lakes and loons, but no information on the storm's track. The last we knew Friday morning when we left home, was that it shouldn't affect us until late Sunday afternoon. We left Maine early on Sunday, not knowing anything until well into Vermont. Thanks to VAE member, **Ken Squire's reporting on radio station WDEV**, operating on generator power, we were guided safely across northern Vermont and all was well, but, oh, poor central and southern Vermont! Reports of Vermonters helping Vermonters, including several VAE members, men, women and schoolchildren all were working to restore power, repair roads, clean up people's homes and possessions, bringing in food and water, rescue and recovery operations, were so heartwarming. Such a lot of courage and resilience was shown by all involved.

On the lighter side, we have been enjoying the **Mountain Slow Spokes and Gypson Tours** lately. What is especially enjoyable about old car touring is the great reception you get from people as you drive by. Most people notice and give you a smile and a wave. They all appreciate and are glad to see you. **We even pulled up alongside a State trooper** who rolled down his window and gave us a thumbs-up, even though we didn't have an inspection sticker. When you are in an old car, everyone is your friend. What a shame that some folks miss this experience, and don't even realize they are missing it. One can drive an expensive sports car and get attention, but the reaction from observers is more of a single finger wave, than those smiles and waves our classic cars receive. **As VAE members, we treasure that reaction and hope more folks will be eager to take the road to that same experience.**



FROM THE 'COOKIE' AT THE STOWE SHOW

BY MARNITA LEACH



PARTY CHICKEN

8 SKINLESS CHICKEN BREAST
8 SLICES OF BACON
4OZ. CHIPPED BEEF OR DRIED BEEF
1 CAN UNDILUTED CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP
1/2 PINT OF SOUR CREAM

COVER BOTTOM OF GREASED BAKING DISH WITH BEEF, WRAP BACON AROUND CHICKEN, ARRANGE ON TOP OF BEEF, MIX SOUP AND SOUR CREAM AND POUR OVER CHICKEN, BAKE AT 275 DEGREES FOR 3 HOURS UNCOVERED .

Who would like to go to Cuba the 3rd week of May 2012?

The VAE has been invited to spend a week in Havana, Cuba and see first hand the American cars that are still on the road in that country.. A local car club in Havana has invited us and a professor at Johnson State College, who has made a number of trips to Cuba, has offered to do the paperwork for us and has even offered to join us to make sure we get there and back.

We would leave from Montreal, the round trip cost is around \$650. We have a choice to stay at hotels that average \$60 per day or a private home called Paladares for around \$30 per day. Both are for double occupancy and both offer breakfast as part of the fee.

Cuba allows groups up to 12 people and so far there is interest from nine VAE members. We will have to know who is going by November 1st. as the paperwork takes 6 months to process.

Contact Gary Fiske at 802-363-1642 or gafiske@gmail.com if you have interest in making the trip. We will need definite answers by mid October but for now your name if you are interested.

Did You Know that ... in 1908 By Gene Fodor

The year's production was 63,500 cars and 1500 trucks and busses
... General Motors was incorporated in New Jersey by William Crapo Durant and William Eaton was its first President
... Cadillac was the first American car to win the Dewar Trophy for innovations for their interchangeability of parts
... The Model "T" Ford made its first appearance
... Buick, Oldsmobile and Overland became units of the newly formed GMC

... Pierce Arrow won the fourth successive Glidden Tour
... John North Willys was made President of Overland which became Willys-Overland
... Fred J and Charles T. Fisher organized the Fisher Body Company and the phrase, "Body by Fisher" was born
... Rapid Motor Vehicles a truck company became another division of GMC

... Otto Zachow and William Besserdock of Clintonville, Wisconsin, developed the first successful four wheel drive system
... Hugh Chalmers of National Cash Register became the President of Chalmers - Detroit Co., successor to Thomas-Detroit

... A Thomas Flyer won the New York to Paris race which began in Times Square on February 12th

... The 4th Vanderbilt Cup on Long Island was won on October 24th by a Locomobile - the first American victory for this event

1908 Yellow Taxi

... 64 new Marques were introduced - none of which survives today.

An email from Gene Fodor

After all the devastation from hurricane Irene I figured that one of the best ways to get back into the swing of things was to participate in the Champlain Valley Fair in Essex held this past August/September.

Eliot our 1953 M.G. TD had the honor of leading off the parade followed by VAE member Pierre Pepin driving his 1940 Chevy truck painted in John Deer colors and carrying a jazz band playing their hearts out.

Good fortune smiled on Eliot, as he was awarded "Best Vehicle Entry" for the day's parade. This is a very short parade, about 10 minutes in all on a flat surface winding through the Fair Grounds and not at all hard on our classics. It moves right along.

Consider participating in this fun event next year and, if the Fair continues their program, you will get free tickets for joining the parade. Contact the CV Fair Parade Coordinator, Ann Gray no later than June of next year to receive your application. Where can you have this much fun for just driving your classic for others to see (and eat a sausage sandwich with all the trimmings and Al's French Fries too)?



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.

I know the answer to this one. I did my research and read the print on the picture. Can anyone guess what this engine belongs to?

This is a 1903 Mobile Steamer engine



Who Is It???

Hint...This Person appeared at the Stowe Show. We are not sure what is in the cup, Nickels or something stronger.....



You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.

I drive way too fast to worry about cholesterol.

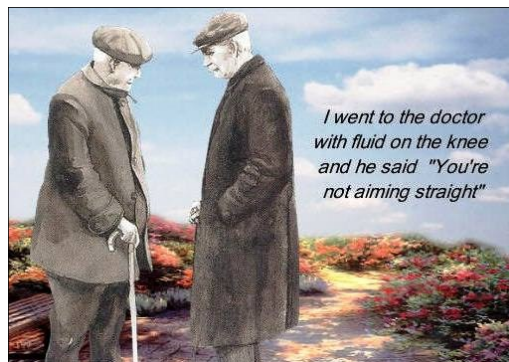
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If all the cars in the United States were placed end-to-end, it would probably be Memorial Day Weekend...

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Confucius says:

Man who drives like hell bound to get there.



HE CAN'T DRIVE 55! A man driving a car is stopped by a police officer: "What's the problem, Officer?" Officer: "You were going at least 75 in a 55 zone." Man: "No Sir, I was going 65." Wife: "Oh, Harry, you were going 80." Officer: "I'm also giving you a ticket for the broken tail light." Man: "Broken tail light? I didn't know about it!" Wife: "Oh, Harry, you've known about that for weeks." Officer: "You're also getting a citation for not wearing a seatbelt." Man: "I took it off when you were walking to the car!" Wife: "Oh, Harry, you never wear a seatbelt." The man turns to his wife and yells, "SHUT UP!" The Officer turns to the woman and asks, "Ma'am, does your husband talk to you this way all the time?" Wife: "No, only when he's been drinking!!!"

August 17, 2011

The Cadillac Parade At the Orleans County Fair Barton, Vermont



They needed 102 Cadillacs in a parade to drive 2 miles to beat the record that was set on Aug. 18, 2002, in Leimuiderbrug, the Netherlands. The day was sunny, Lorie Seadale, the parade organizer had her fingers crossed, Doug Leland of San Diego, California (a relative of Caddy founder Henry Leland)

was present and dressed as Henry might have been. The Guinness Book of World Records people were all set with their notepads and many of VAEs finest members were there behind the wheel of their Caddies.

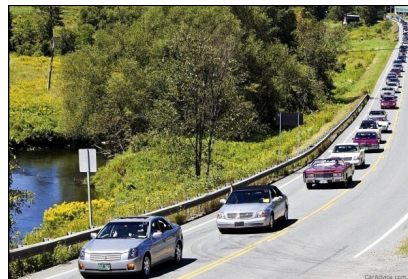
And guess what.....301 Cadillac's show up with 298 Caddies finishing the parade! One of the cars would not start and two others ran out of gas trying to finish the two miles required.



To the left is the certificate that VAE Member Hayden Janes received for being in the parade.

To the right is Pierre Pepin in his Caddy.

The nice pictures that Jim Sears sent me somehow got messed up in my computer so I cannot include



them. One neat comment from Jim was that when he got home that

day and reviewed his pictures he realized almost all of them included Gary Olney with his camera taking pictures, Jim said Gary was everywhere....



Have You Ever Heard About The Mountain Slow Spokes Tour?



Well, until about a week ago your editor had never heard about this group nor had he ever seen the words 'Slow Spokes' before in his travels. It seems the group is in it's 20th year of it's week-long annual tour of the region. It's not a club, there are no officers or meeting minutes, just a group of folks who get together each year with their old cars and go for a ride together. This years tour started in Brandon, VT on the 7th of September and ended in North Hero on the Lake Champlain Islands on the 13th. According to their tour book there were 12 cars, the three oldest were a Reo Flying Cloud, a Plymouth U Roadster and a Model 55 Buick; all 1929s. The newest was a 1967 MGB Roadster. The tour covered 418 miles. Five of the twelve were VAE members; George and Cyndy Brady, Rod and

Jean Dolliver, Wendell and Mary Noble, Gary and Nancy Olney and Bill and Jan Sander.

When the Gypson Tour finished on the 10th some of us met up with the Slowspokers at Roger Dussault's business on Main Street in St. Albans. Gael Boardman had brought his open fire truck to the gathering then bummed a ride with Jim Sears in the Gypson Tour. Gael's fire truck, at one time, belonged to the St. Albans Fire Department and on this day it joined two active city fire trucks and another retired pumper to display our flag. Dussault's was the last of four stops of the day for the Slowspokers, they left there to spend the night at the La Quinta Inn just up the street.

From VAE member Wendell Noble...We've never been on the Slow Spokes Tour before. Even now, we've only taken part in the last two days of the tour. In that short time, we were immediately welcomed into the group as if we had been there from the inception. Aside from touring in our own backyard and visiting places we wouldn't ordinarily explore, it was great kicking the tires with some new old car friends from Vermont and New Hampshire. We also learned a bit more history about who's owned and sold what car to whom in our neck of the woods. It's a small world when you're touring."

I got to meet one member of the tour from Lebanon, NH by the name of Jim Austin, he was there with his wife Penny. Jim had rigged up a hitch on his 1940 Chevy for a trailer that carried a fellow Slowspoker's handicap scooter, just an example of how this group sticks together. You should find if there is room for one more next year, I am sure you will have a great time.

gcf



M.G. TC Wins Premier Class

By Gene Fodor

The weather forecast was dubious at best, and the turnout in general was low, but a number of M.G.s appeared at the New England MG T Register's 90th Gathering of the Faithful (GOF) the weekend of August 27th while Hurricane Irene battered the east coast and began to carve a trail of destruction into New England and devastate many parts of Vermont.

The Sander's 1949 M.G. TC was entered in the Register's Premier Class and after Registrant voting, the Premier trophy was awarded at the Saturday night banquet to the Sander family. The car had undergone some restoration work by our own resident M.G. expert, 1st. Vice President David Sander and the quality of his workmanship shone through by receiving this coveted award. Congratulations and well done, all!

VAE MEMBER/OFFICER ELECTED TO CHAIRMANSHIP OF AN INTERNATIONAL AUTOMOTIVE ORGANIZATION.

During the 90th Gathering of the Faithful (GOF) of the New England MG T Register held in Sturbridge, MA the weekend of August 24 to 28, 2011 the Board of Directors met in Special Executive Session to discuss various matters affecting the Resisters. The principal reason for the Executive session was to elect a replacement of the Register's current Chairman, Charlie Searles who is retiring at GOF 91 in May of 2012 after many years of faithful service to the Register and the membership.

The newly elected Chairman is none other than long-time Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts member and current 1st. Vice President, David Sander.



VAE GOSSIP

By gcf



I just received word that we missed a VAE member in the list who attended the Wake Robin Event. Christina McCaffrey was also there....not sure about husband Paul. Sorry.

On page 8 you can find pictures of a garage being built in Milton. There is also one being put together in Enosburg. I have found in my 'advanced years' I cannot use a creeper any longer. The doc says it is an inner ear thing. When I found I could buy a 2-post lift for less than \$1400, it became a no-brainer but then to find a 13 foot ceiling. One thing led to another and you can see what is happening in this picture. I visited a couple of garages with car lifts and found North American Auto had the best deal. It is made in China and does not have the safety labels that American lifts have that would double the cost but after talking to two garage owners who have had them for years I figured I would take the chance. I extended the bay a little and added a drain so I can now wash a vehicle in the winter.



It would be great if you would send pictures of your garage and a few words on how you put them together to Wheel Tracks. It was fun visiting garages to figure what I had to do but it would have been even better if I had more information. I am sure all VAE members would be interested.



Gene Fodor has passed these pictures on to Wheel tracks.

**This note from
David Kuhfahl of Waterbury, Vermont**

"I hope everyone's cars survived the storm, mine did not. On Friday evening, I thought I was doing the right thing by putting the Healey into the storage unit. Oops. It washed away. Darn, and a full tank of ethanol free premium to boot!

I will be seeing what my insurance offers...
Project, anyone? I have redone this car twice in 36 years, I'm not sure I could do it again."



These pictures and words from VAE member **Fred Berecz of Thetford Center, Vermont....**

"Here's a couple of photos I took of Rt. 132 in Thetford and Strafford. This left us isolated. Lastly is my '40 Chevy street rod as it burned to the ground. I used up all my fire extinguishers and it was a long, slow process for the fire department to get here because of the washouts."



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

IT PAYS TO KNOW GOOD PARTS COUNTER PEOPLE

No mail this month, so I will discuss the importance of a good parts counter person.

Recently, I found my self needing to borrow a car. I asked dad if I could borrow his Subaru. The A/C clutch was broken and he asked me if I could fix it while I had the car. The bearing in the clutch pulley was broken. He had taken it to the dealer, and the Subaru dealer stated that the compressor needed to be replaced. The compressor was fine, it was only the clutch bearing that was the problem. **I pulled the bearing and was fortunate** enough to still be able to read the numbers off it. I grabbed my calipers and set off to buy a bearing. The first stop was Advance Auto Parts. The guy behind the counter tried to look it up, then told me that the part was not available. He was trying to look it up by year, make, model and part. I asked him to try to look it up by the bearing number... No luck. I pulled out my calipers and began to measure it so he could look it up by size. He had no idea what the calipers were, and inquisitively asked me what they were and what they did. He then told me there was no way to look up a bearing by it's dimensions, or by the bearing number.

A quick Google search by the bearing number showed the bearing to be available. A google search is often quite helpful in trying to find an odd ball part. Having this information in hand can help the guy on the other side of the counter find a part for you.

My next stop was Bond Auto. The guy quickly checked the application by looking at year, make and model, then just used the bearing number. Several minutes later he told me the bearing was available, but would take a few days to get in. He then suggested I try Bearing Specialty Supply in Williston, as they could get it faster. So, with the help of a competent parts counter guy I was able to fix the car for less than ten percent of the cost of a new compressor.

If you have the time, it is usually cheaper to order a part on line. If you need the part quickly, or you are not sure what it looks like and want to hold it in your hand before you pay for it, it is better to use the local auto parts store.

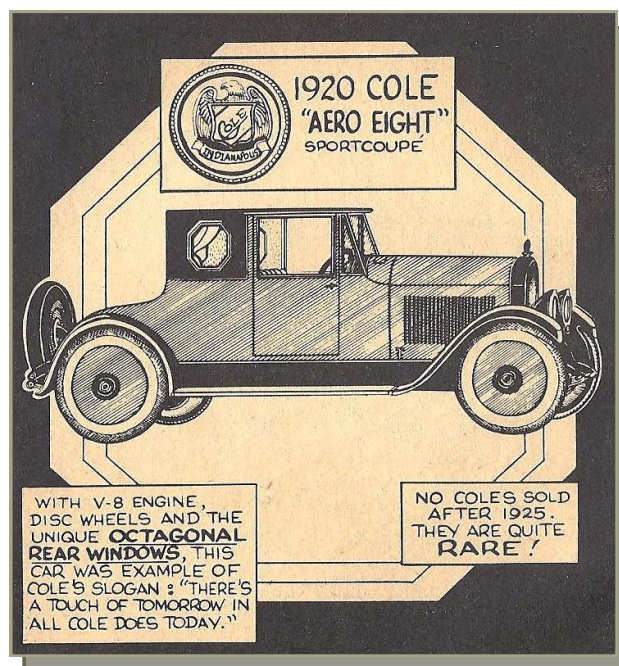
A decent parts person is a valuable asset; whether it is the local auto parts store or the parts counter at a dealership. A good parts counter person will often tell me if other parts are often needed, and what issues mechanics have run into when servicing a particular part. This information can be quite helpful. They can also tell me how often they sell a particular part...this is helpful information too.

I have found the parts guys at both Bond and Napa to be quite helpful. The other guys... Not so much.



A VAE Garage Raising

Gene Towne, a long-time VAE member is constructing this 16X34 garage to create more storage and like the Amish community, when Gene began construction VAE members show up in his driveway to lend a hand. The company is Steel Master from Virginia Beach, VA. and this building was manufactured in Toronto, Canada. They produce 30 variations from pole barns to aircraft hangers.



The 2011 Anne Gypson Tour on September 10th....

had everything going for it....great weather, some 30 folks to tour and 12 of VEA's 'Antique and Classic cars'. The tour began at Lincoln Park in Enosburg Falls and on to Enosburg Center on the Boston Post Road that was used by the early settlers to get to market in Boston. It is said the journey would start from Montreal with one horse and a buggy and pick up, along the way, cattle and horses, turkeys, sheep and hogs and herd them on foot to Boston. A large monument representing the geographical center of the town

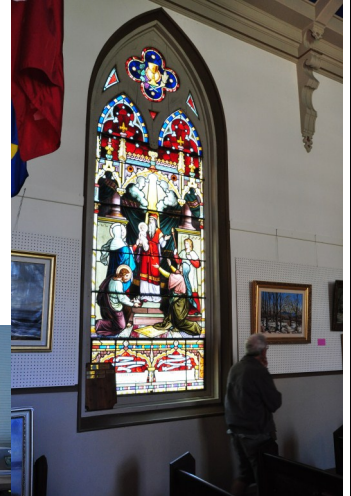


can be seen along the highway. We went on to East Enosburg then over the mountain to Montgomery Village and the Historical Society where we were met by **Scott Perry, Sue Wilson, Sharon Fiske and Parma Jewett**. They had prepared 'tea and cakes' for us (just like they do in England) and Scott introduced us to

their beautiful building, the former Episcopal church built in 1833. Parma is noted for her cooking skills throughout the county and we had a chance to taste some of her masterpieces. We drove



across three of Montgomery's seven covered bridges that were built by Parma's husband Duane's ancestors in the last half of the 1800s. From Montgomery we then drove North over another mountain to Richford where **Hayden Janes and May Kittell** were waiting at their historical society in the old fire station beside the Missisquoi River on Main Street. The fire station was built in 1908 and the folks there



have done a fantastic job preserving their history. After a wonderful visit of the fire station's antiques the tour continued into East Berkshire, West Berkshire and Franklin into what the locals call the **Towle Neighborhood**. The 'Neighborhood' is named after Reuben Towle, a farmer/tanner/currier who moved his extended family there in 1815. Reuben also fought in the 'war of the Rev-

olution'. The day was clear enough that at times we could see Mount Mansfield some 35 miles away. If you watched closely you could also see a slight bit of 'color' on the mountain sides reminding us of what is coming our way in a few months.

Our final stop of the day was back in Enosburg Village and the Somerset Hotel for lunch and our business meeting. The hotel sets across from the Rail Trail that at one time was the Missisquoi Railroad Line established in 1843. You can see a little of the Somerset's majestic dining room pictured



where our host **Avis Anderson** had prepared a very nice lunch for us. After lunch was our business meeting led by **Wendell Noble** and that ended our **Anne Gypson Tour for 2011**. The 'winner' of this year's trophy was pick by choosing who guessed the closest to the number of miles that we toured. The winner goes to the Old's convertible with passengers **Sears, Boardman, Boardman, Boardman and Sears**.

It should be noted the Anne Gypson Tour is one of VAE's two traditional 'tour days', the second being the 'Frostbite Tour'. **Anne Gypson and her husband Ken** was key in starting our Car club, the VAE, on January 4th, 1953. A question has come up of how many Anne Gypson Tours have taken place to date and no one seems to know. If you do, please

tell Wheel Tracks so the answer can be published in November. Many comments have come to Wheel Tracks about the 2011 Gypson Tour and the great job done by last year's winner **Dick and Kit Wheatley**.

Many of the folks on the Gypson Tour went on to St. Albans after leaving Enosburg where we had been invited to meet-up with **'The Mountain Slow Spokes Tour'** that was to be at **Roger Dussault's Garage**. Look for 'What is the Mountain Slow Spokes Tour?' on page 6.



Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts, Inc.
Treasurer's Report - September 10, 2011

Dick Wheatley Treasurer

MONEY MARKET - balance August 9, 2011	\$ 92,177.32	
add: August interest income		60.20
Transfer from checking		70,000.00
Balance September 10, 2011		<u>162,237.52</u>
GENERAL CHECKING - balance August 9, 2011	\$ 17,773.16	
Deposits		
Member dues		600.00
Stowe Show admissions		63,020.00
Car registrations		9,725.00
Flea Market registrations		7,070.00
Car corral		4,490.00
Courtesy tent sales		3,453.00
Return of startup change		8,530.00
Online registrations & flea market - net of fees		2,124.72
Other		217.75
Total receipts		<u>99,230.47</u>
Disbursements		
5166 Kathryn Nichols - field rent		1,500.00
5167 Undercover Tent - crafters tent		468.00
5168 Marnita Leach - advance for food		200.00
5169 Joe Paradis - Awards		2,670.00
5170 Cash - startup change for show		8,530.00
Gordons Stamp & Engraving -		
5171 awards		75.76
5172 Peak Entertainment, Inc. - sound equipment		100.00
5173 void		.
Stowe Snomobile Club - trash		
5174 pickup		2,500.00
5175 Paul Percy - storage		500.00
5176 Steve Pierson - water		250.00
5177 Kermit Drown - security		256.00
5178 Donald Murphy - security		144.00
5179 Gilbert Morse - security		288.00
5180 Aaron Kinsey - security		144.00
5181 Kathryn Nichols - field rent		3,000.00
5182 Scottish Rite Valley of Burlington - gate & parking		6,000.00
5183 John Nichols - showers		250.00
5184 Gold Brook Campground - ice		46.80
5185 Jessica Bean - computer services		312.00

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5186 Katelyn Hathaway - computer services	300.00
5187 Metro Tool - supplies	50.00
5188 World Publications - advertising	235.00
5189 Old Auto Publications - advertising	307.80
5190 Duane Leach - reimbursement for shirts sold	40.00
5191 Radio North - radio rental	80.00
5192 Marnita Leach - food & supplies	119.44
5193 Seth Bean - computer cable	30.87
5194 Duane Leach - reimbursement for expenses	865.52
Transfer to money market account	70,000.00
5195 Hartigan - toilet rental	2,890.60
5196 Paul Ardell - reimb. for supplies to replace check #5173	60.64
5197 Stowe Police - traffic control services	3,921.00
5198 Jourdan's Electrical - electrical service	1,100.00
5199 Al Ferreira - flea market vendor refund	120.00
5200 Casella Waste - trash	1,191.74
5201 Salvas Paving, Inc. - ramp installation & removal	929.00
5202 Walker Construction, Inc. - equipment move	125.00
5203 Robert Chase - reimbursement for cell phone use	84.66
5204 Jerry Salvas - space for trailer parking	200.00
5205 VAAS - WT and website	750.00
5206 Jimmy Fund Walk - in memory of Corrine McHugh	25.00
5207 Robert Chase - reimbursement for Stowe expenses	541.20
5208 Stowe Volunteer Firefighters, Inc. - ice	40.50
5209 UPS Store - Stowe copies and printing	336.71



Total disbursements	111,579.24	
Balance - September 10, 2011		5,424.39

Total VAE accounts	\$ 167,661.91
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Vermont Antique Automobile Society, Inc.

CHECKING ACCOUNT - August 9, 2011	\$2,223.72
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Deposits

Advertising revenue	130.00	
VAE payment for WT & website	750.00	
	880.00	
Balance - September 10, 2011		\$3,103.72

Scholarship Fund included in accounts above		
As funded in July 2011	\$	3,500
Sale of Wheel Tracks T-shirts at Stowe		165
	\$	3,665

**The 2011 Stowe show was a success, bills are still coming in,
financial results in next month's Wheel tracks**

GREAT RESOURCES

SAFE & SECURE

Stop, thief!

Collector car theft prevention and recovery strategies.

BY DON SHERMAN

FOR A COLLECTOR, the one happenstance worse than a flaming crash into a school bus full of kids is discovering empty space where your classic car was parked. While vintage car thefts are rare, the unwary are susceptible to such calamities. To make sure you don't fall victim, pay heed to these suggestions aimed at thwarting theft and increasing the likelihood of recovering your prize if it's stolen.

Security begins at home. If possible, keep your car in a garage attached to your residence where you'll be able to maintain a close watch. Cover garage windows and wrap your car in a warm, cuddly layer of protection.

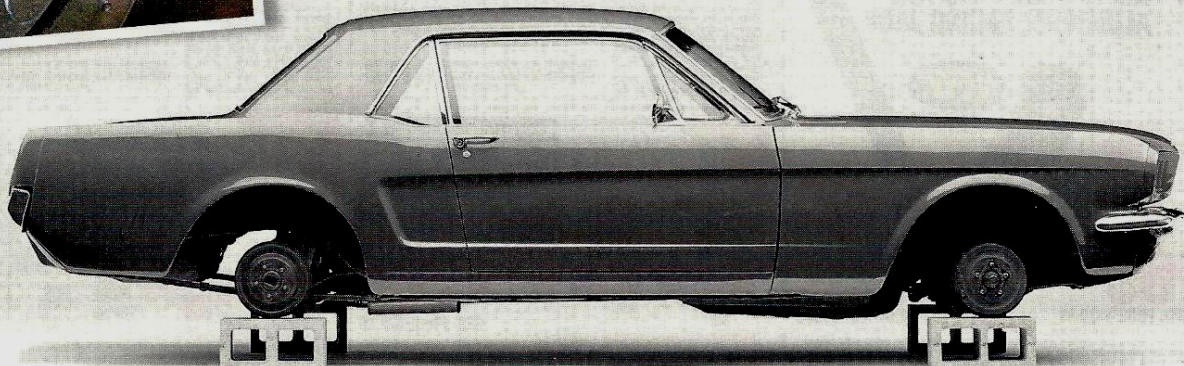
Stash the ignition keys and your battery shut-off switch (available from Eastwood and Moss Motors for about \$12) in a well-hidden location. Use a car cover and take it with you when you travel. Fit deadbolts to exterior garage doors and, if possible, equip your garage with an alarm system and a closed-circuit video recorder.

If it's necessary to park your car in a remote location, supplement the above precautions with frequent visits and additional layers of protection. The alternatives run the gamut from simple to sophisticated. For example, many owners use a diamond-bit Dremel etching tool (about \$55) to mark glass and powertrain parts with your car's VIN number. DataDotDNA installs thousands of micro-sized PIN or VIN labels to most parts of the car, starting at around \$25. Locking nuts will stop a thief from filching your wheels and tires. And simply removing the coil wire or the rotor from the distributor is another shrewd strategy.

The Club — available in various models, from The Original Club, which runs about \$40, to The Club Auto Brake Lock, which costs slightly less — is a



Owners should always take precautions to protect their ride. The Original Club (left) locks the steering wheel in place. Locking nuts would have helped protect the car below from losing its tires and wheels.



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eastwood.com

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Ravelco
281-341-6222
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surefire way to lock the brake and/or steering wheel. While a \$50 alarm system from J.C. Whitney can be quite effective, equipping your car with non-factory items can raise the ire of picky car show judges.

If you have a bent for high-tech solutions, Ravelco sells an immobilizer device (\$400–\$500 installed) that wires into your car's electrical system.

Should the unthinkable happen, D&P Classic Chevy in Huntington Beach, California, offers a cool GPS tracking system called CyberTrak for \$600. The proven LoJack radio location transmitter (\$695) is monitored by police in 29 states plus D.C. Also, this summer Best Buy will begin marketing GM's popular OnStar system for non-GM vehicles.

If your defensive measures fail, don't waste an instant. Provide authorities with the details they'll need to recover your vehicle: the license plate number, VIN, date and time of theft and your storage location. If you've planned ahead for the worst-case scenario, there's an excellent chance you'll be able to retrieve your car and prosecute the perpetrator.

VAE August Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the VAE was held on Sunday, August 21, 2011, **at the Lavallee Camp on Maquam Shore, in Swanton**. The dismal weather precluded the planned use of the beach, but we had a fine time socializing in the garage.

The Business Meeting was called to order at 1:50 PM by President Wendell Noble, who thanked everyone for coming, despite the bad weather, especially Gael Boardman for coming in an open cab fire engine. Wendell then thanked Carol and John Lavallee for hosting this Meet.

Treasurer's Report: Don Rayta moved to file the Treasurer's Report, as printed in Wheel Tracks, for audit. Julie Greenia seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Futures Committee: Gael Boardman reports that efforts are being made to emphasize those aspects that are important to IRS. Gary Fiske spoke of new scholarships that will be awarded to high school students in vocational programs. Gael also mentioned initiatives such as the recent gathering at Wake Robin to give the seniors an antique car experience.

Membership: About ten new members were signed up at Stowe.

Nominating Committee: A full slate of officers has been assembled by the committee. The names will be published in Wheel Tracks for review of the membership before elections at the Annual Meeting.

Sunshine Report: We have learned of the death of a family member of a long time VAE member, as well as several health and other hardship issues of various members.

Activities: The planned October Champlain Bridge opening ceremony has been postponed until May of 2012. David Sander gave a brief synopsis of other upcoming events, all of which will be more fully described in Wheel Tracks.

Stowe: Les Skinner gave an update on the finances. Figures are not yet final, but it appears that we have another all time record in revenue.

Fred Cook announced that he wants to step down from his lead role in coordinating the Champlain Bridge opening ceremonies for the Club.

Bill Sander moved to adjourn at 2:48 PM. This was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Bill Sander Recording Secretary



I've attached the second part of my Stowe Show musings....also some appropriate photos, all for your publishing/editing pleasure! Thank you for giving me an outlet for my old car passion! Big thunderstorms through here this afternoon! They're gone now , but still pretty cloudy...didn't lose power & humidity is lower! Yay! How are you all faring?

Best regards,

Chris & Dell 8/21/11



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For Sale, A great gift idea. Official VAE Lapel Pin.

Contact Wendell Noble. \$5.00 ea & \$1.00 S&H. Wear It Proudly.



For Sale...1985 Mercedes 380SL convertible, black, 2 tops, 123,000 miles, excellent condition inside (leather) and out, \$10,795 OBO. Contact Gerald @ 315-769-2821 Massena, NY 1/12

For Sale...Gilbarco gas pump, 1940ish no globe, does have hose and nozzle with Opaco bulk oil tank. \$355.00. Contact Marvin Ball, 802-425-3529 North Ferrisburg, VT



The 1928 Studebaker President, 5 passenger Sedan, Model FA It is a California rust free car. The car has had a lot of work done to it over last 7-8 years, including a re-build on the original engine, new correct wiring harness, New wood top construction and Leather grain vinyl top, done correctly with chick wire and burlap. List too long for this ad. The car is in Amesbury, Ma, and is for sale for \$10,800. Cell, 978-335-8739. Ad via Vin Cassidy 12/11

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"Engine Oil Myths"

By Elmer Stange

Lately there has been a lot of information out on the web that new modern oils are not good for older engines. Here is what GM has to say on the issue.

Over the years there has been an overabundance of engine oil myths. Here are some facts you may want to pass along to customers to help debunk the fiction behind these myths.

The Pennsylvania Crude Myth - This myth is based on a misapplication of truth. In 1859, the first commercially successful oil well was drilled in Titusville, Pennsylvania.

A myth got started before World War II claiming that the only good oils were those made from pure Pennsylvania crude oil. At the time, only minimal refining was used to make engine oil from crude oil. Under these refining conditions, Pennsylvania crude oil made better engine oil than Texas crude or California crude.

Today, with modern refining methods, almost any crude can be made into good engine oil.

Other engine oil myths are based on the notion that the new and the unfamiliar are somehow "bad."

The Detergent Oil Myth - The next myth to appear is that modern detergent engine oils are bad for older engines. This one got started after World War II, when the government no longer needed all of the available detergent oil for the war effort, and detergent oil hit the market as "heavy-duty" oil.

Many pre-war cars had been driven way past their normal life, their engines were full of sludge and deposits, and the piston rings were completely worn out. Massive piston deposits were the only thing standing between merely high oil consumption and horrendous oil consumption. After a thorough purge by the new detergent oil, increased oil consumption was a possible consequence.

If detergent oils had been available to the public during the war, preventing the massive deposit buildup from occurring in the first place, this myth never would have started. Amazingly, there are still a few people today, 60 years later, who believe that they need to use non-detergent oil in their older cars. Apparently, it takes many years for an oil myth to die.

The Synthetic Oil Myth - Then there is the myth that new engine break-in will not occur with synthetic oils. This one was apparently started by an aircraft engine manufacturer who put out a bulletin that said so. The fact is that Mobil 1 synthetic oil has been the factory-fill for many thousands of engines. Clearly, they have broken in quite well, and that should put this one to rest.

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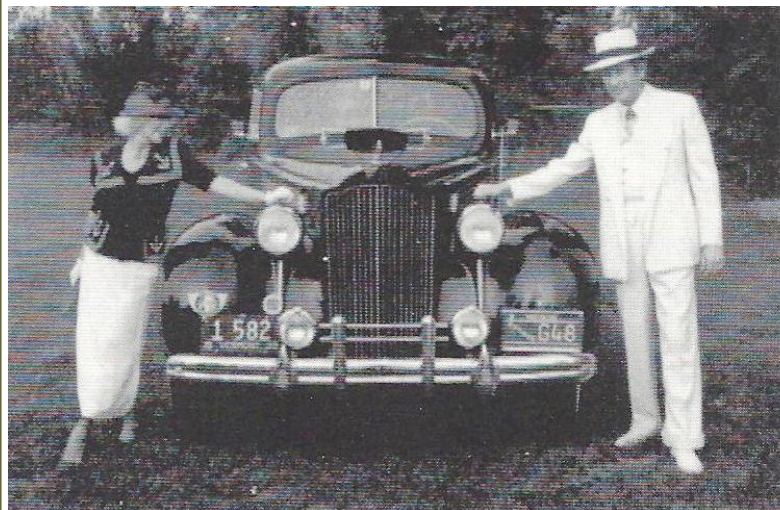
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VAE CALENDAR OF EVENTS..... VTAUTO.ORG.....A GREAT WEBSITE

September...

25th...Sunday 11:30AM...Stowe Show Critique at Golden Eagle Resort Conference Room. (Details below)

October...

3rd...Monday 7PM...VAE Board meeting at Whitney Hill Homestead in Williston

15th...Saturday 10AM....The Frost Bite Tour in Jeffersonville. See page 3

16th....Sunday 1 to 4 PM...Conti's 90th Birthday Party. See page 3

15 & 16th...Champlain Bridge Celebration/ VAE Meet....Canceled until next Spring. maybe in May

November...

5th....Saturday....The VAE Annual Meeting at Vermont Technical Collage...Details to follow in next Wheel Tracks

December...

December Holiday Party at T-bones in Colchester....Details to follow.

Law of Gravity - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

Law of Probability - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

The 2011 Stowe Show Critique will be held at the Golden Eagle Resort Conference Room on Sunday, September 25th starting at 11:30 a.m. A build your own sandwich lunch will be provided. Water, coffee and tea will also be provided. Please try to attend.

If you are unable to attend for any reason, please

e-mail your thoughts and concerns to:
rccwrn@pshift.com.

Thank you in advance
Bob and Duane