

# Wheel Tracks

**W**hat do we do when we decide it is time to down-size our collection? How do we even get started? We might decide we want to move where the snow doesn't fly or that we simply want less to deal with. What ever the reason, the collection that seemed to have accumulated very easily and some might say 'over-night' can be a very daunting task when you are looking to scale down.

AND then there are those 'items' you would NEVER part with....it can get complicated!

Stanley Lasell (pictured) of Williamstown, Vermont wants to down-size. He started by asking some VAE members for help in deciding what parts of his collection should simply go to the crusher and some advice of value of what is left. Asking VAE members what should go to the crusher, it turns out, is a very simple answer...."Nothing". We are just not built that way.

Stan did get a visit by three of us with price books in hand and we hope we have helped him a little.

This month's WT will feature Stans collection and maybe force us to think about our collection in a different way.

Wheel Tracks might just open other discussions with help on the subject.

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## **EVENTS.... WHAT'S NEXT ?**

### **October**



**October 4th, 9AM....** The Ann Gypson Tour in Fairfax, Vermont. Come join us for a lot of fun. **More info on page 8.**



**October 6th, Monday 7PM.** VAE Board of Directors meeting at Whitney Hill Homestead's common room. Williston, VT. All are invited.

**October 8th to 11th...** 2014 AACA Eastern Regional Fall Meet at Hershey, PA



**October 19th. at Noon.....** The VAE Appreciation Dinner in Stowe's Commodores Inn. **More info on page 8.**

### **November**



**November 1st at 11:45.....** The VAE Annual Meeting in Essex Junction. You will be getting an invitation in your mail. **More info on page 8.**

## **VAE's September Computer Tip** *From John Lavallee*

Try using your right mouse click more and you will be amazed the great things you can add to you computer skills.  
I just right click on this square and  
I have 20 options open for my use.

## **2015 VAE Officer Nominees**

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT... BOB LALANCETTE

My mind is racing. I want to see some racing and I'm racing to get some things done.

**First I have to apologize** for not having next year's cast of characters listed for all of you to see in last month's WT. I failed to read our by-laws and did not have my nominating committee in place by May and thus I missed the September notification date. My next trip is to Washington D.C. to read our country's Constitution so I can make sure I am abiding by our laws.

**Next**, I have to thank those who have helped me put our team together for 2015. I do realize that at the Annual Meeting on November 1st in Essex Junction, the floor may choose to bring up other names. I am confident that all will approve the names we have brought up to you. You will notice that **Cereta and Dave Lamphere** have stepped away from the leadership. This is because of health reasons and I want to say that the VAE thanks them dearly for their effort during this past year.

**"Shifting gears"**, my mind is racing because the angle of the sun is changing. You all know what that means. Please come to the Gypson tour on October 4th. It will be one of the last times this year that we can be behind the wheel of our cars. It is based out of Fairfax on Route 104 near the Baptist Church. I assume we'll start at about 9AM.

**I'm hoping for good weather** after our September monthly, I'm heading to the Southern New Hampshire drag strip to see old school dragsters from the 50's, 60's and 70's. See you on the road!

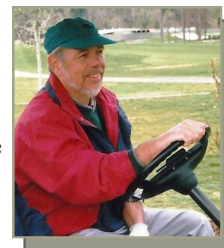


## YOUR EDITOR... GARY FISKE

**This month I have dedicated much of the issue on "down-sizing" your collection.** Like I wrote on the front page... "we might decide we want to move where the snow doesn't fly or that we simply want less to deal with". Whatever the reason I know it will be a very difficult task to do. At least I know it would be for me. A lawyer friend of mine always says he will deal with down-sizing when he has "the big auction". Just a few days ago a lady told me, in the presence of her husband, that she plans to have the funeral Monday morning and the auction Tuesday morning.

**I wonder**, if we had a little plan ahead of time, if we would have a better chance of finding homes for our treasures where they will be enjoyed as much as we have enjoyed them.....a good thought but who knows. When you hear folks say the younger people are just not into the old cars like we are, I will be willing to wager the younger folks will not be sending our old rides to the crusher. My '27 Dodge might not be their cup of tea but I do know someone out there drinks that brand.

**So here you go.** If something in this 'down-size' issue of Wheel Tracks sparks you about your experiences, please pass it on to me. I will pass it on to the membership.



## VAAS LISTENING POST... FROM WENDELL NOBLE, CHAIRMAN

**For as long as I have been in the VAE**, members and nonmembers have frequently asked longingly, when will we have a car show at the Shelburne Museum again?

**The opportunity to do so is now within our grasp.** We have provided a proposal to the museum directors as to how and when a successful show could be conducted. They, in turn, have responded with a very reasonable contract agreement in which the museum is responsible for most of the "heavy lifting." They provide staffing, grounds preparation, advertising and collect gate receipts. Our responsibility is to provide the cars, organize any activities within the show and collect the entry fees. This seems like a win for both parties. The museum gets a big boost in paying visitors and we get to do what we enjoy most, show off our cars and kick the tires with our friends. Volunteers have stepped forward to help, but what we need to make this opportunity go forward is a couple of volunteers to head up our involvement. We can't proceed without them. If you want this show to go on, step forward and let us know.

**This may not be foremost in everyone's mind but** it is nearly that for me. We are rapidly approaching time for our annual meeting and that means that we are lining up nominees for election to offices next year. My own experience tells me that none of the offices carry much glory and they all entail work and responsibility. We should all be grateful for those who shoulder these burdens for us and do all we can to lessen the load and make the jobs rewarding. There are two openings on the VAAS board of directors this year and I am pleased to announce that **Jim Cary** has agreed to accept a nomination. We are still seeking at least one other nomination. I think I represent the feelings of all those who have served on the board in saying that a significant turn over in board membership is a very good thing. Being on the board and taking an active part in planning and carrying out the VAAS charitable and educational activities provides a perspective we can all benefit from.

**My contact information is on the next page, I would like to hear from you.**



# "THE SOFTER SIDE"



A Column Shared by Mary Noble (Left), Christine Stone (Ctr) & Nancy Olney (Right)

## What can I say..... By Christine Stone

I am sure by now you are all tired of me sharing stories about our household's automotive trials and tribulations. Which leaves me in a dilemma, "What should I write about for this issue of Wheel Tracks?" I dig deep for inspiration, but this ballroom dancing lady is struggling. Let's see....I have been to one car show all summer; the catalyst for this was a visit from my father.

That old saying that women end up marrying men just like their fathers is all too true in my case. My father is a self-confessed high performance street car enthusiast (junkie), and the mastermind behind a line of race electrical products (Auto-Rod Controls). He grew up during American Graffiti, and remembers a time when a half a dozen full blown street races occurred nightly. I do not believe this happens much anymore, except for maybe LA (according to the motion picture industry).



Not "Pernicious", just an example

I interviewed my father and had him list his most memorable cars: a 1958 something or another, 1940 Ford Coupe, 1962 Ford 406, 1969 Ford 428 Super Cobra Jet, 1970 429 Torino Cobra he traded in for a 1970 Honda motorcycle and last but not least, a 1970 Ford Pinto he stripped down into a race car lovingly known as PERNICIOUS.

I have vivid memories of this car. I was frequently called into the garage to maneuver my small hands into tight places to hold bolts and wrenches in place. I will never forget the occasional starting of the engine; mind numbingly loud, our whole house shook, as did the neighborhood.

The rebuild took 4 years in total. Eventually, he and his race car made it to the speedway in Epping, NH. He raced the quarter mile; best time - 9.65 seconds; maximum speed - 138 miles per hour. I never got to see him race but I wish I had. That would be an image worth holding on to.

## Do you remember the name Shelby Paquette?

Shelby was one of the three students in Enosburg Falls to receive the Golden Wrench Award when the VAE first launched the program in 2012. Shelby was a junior at the high school and one of the top mechanics in their Automotive Technology Program. She continued in the program in her senior year and became a go-to mentor in Baxter Weeds class for the new kids coming in.

### Shelby was in the news lately!

She has graduated and hopefully on the way to her dream of owning her own auto shop some day. The latest for Shelby is that she has become a fire fighter at one of the best fire houses in Franklin county, the Richford Fire Department.

**Congratulations Shelby!**



Above is Shelby being presented the Golden Wrench Award by Wendell Noble with Mac Tool Rep Travis Dubuque and VAEer Andy Barnett (right) looking on. Wouldn't it be great if we had a better reporting system so we could know how the other 34 Award winners are doing.....



There are a lot of folks who can't understand how we came to have an oil shortage here in the USA. Well, there's a very simple answer. No-body bothered to check

the oil. We just didn't know we were getting low. The reason for this is purely geographical. All the oil is in Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Wyoming, etc. All the dipsticks are in Washington, D.C.

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A man and a woman who have never met before find themselves assigned to the same sleeping room on a transcontinental train. After the initial embarrassment and uneasiness, they both go to sleep, the man in the upper berth, and the woman in the lower berth. In the middle of the night the man leans over, wakes the woman and says, "I'm sorry to bother you, but I'm awfully cold and I was wondering if you could possibly reach over and get me another blanket?" The woman leans out and, with a glint in her eye says, "I have a better idea. Just for tonight let's pretend that we are married." The man happily says, "OK. Brilliant!" The woman says "Good ... get your own blanket."

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A lawyer and an engineer were fishing in the Caribbean. The lawyer said, "I'm here because my house burned down, and everything I owned was destroyed by the fire. The insurance company paid for everything." "That's quite a coincidence," said the engineer. "I'm here because my house and all my belongings were destroyed by a flood, and my insurance company also paid for everything." The lawyer looked somewhat confused. "Hmm .... How do you start a flood?" he asked.

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From WN....

I was looking at some modern sculpture the other day. A guy takes some old car parts, welds them together and it is art. I take some old car parts, weld them together and it is a car.

## Some "One-liners" .....

Give me ambiguity or give me something else.

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We have enough youth. How about a fountain of "Smart"?

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He who laughs last thinks slowest.

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Campers: Nature's way of feeding mosquitoes.

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Always remember that you are unique; just like everyone else.

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Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.

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There are three kinds of people: Those who can count and those who can't.

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Why is "abbreviation" such a long word?

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I started out with nothing and I still have most of it.

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Change is inevitable except from a vending machine.

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Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.

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A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.



The blue car on the front page is a 1946 Nash Super 600. Stan said he sold it years ago but then it came back... The car is complete and the VAE team came up with a price of \$1500.00 that Stan said he would accept. Some one out there, most likely, has been looking for this car for years and now you know who to call. BTW, Stan's phone number is 802-433-5874

Stan's first call was to the Wheel Tracks editor, Gary Fiske. He was trying to figure out how to down-size. I told him I have a lot of short comings when it comes to pricing old cars but I know two folks who could be of help. So, Gary Olney and Wendell Noble were invited to make the trip to Williamstown and Stan's home. I had my note pad and camera...and I am sure we impressed the socks off Stan when we arrived. He is one of those "not-very-old Vermonters" who comes with down to earth common sense and the speech to go with it. "Bye and bye" was a favorite of his, I haven't heard that said to me face to face since being with my grandfather in the 50s. Another regular comment was that Stan was going to "live forever....as long as he lives". When he was describing the distance to his third car-yard....it was "a loud holler from the barn". Many of his treasures were "not for sale....but maybe". We were up in Stan's 2nd car-yard when Wendell asked him "What's that over there". Stan's reply was "I was wondering that myself".

Most of Stan's treasures were in high grass and among tress but as we get into the Fall his collection will be much easier to see. Here are a few of his vehicles he would like to sell. If we do not have room for all the pictures there will be a complete list for you to work with.



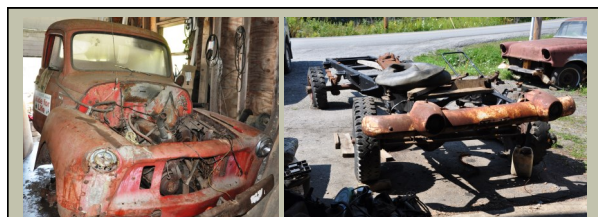
A 1925 Nash definitely not for sale. It was the family car bought in '33 and changed into a pickup. Not for sale...maybe.



'28 Essex body on Model A frame. Take-all for \$500.00



'28 Nash Advance Six 4-Dr sedan. \$2000.00



1956 S-150 International Dump truck, 1 1/2 ton, diff. frame. \$1000.00.



Tractor on left, 1950 Case tricycle, \$500. On right, (hiding) '46 JD-B Unstyled, complete but engine seized, \$500.00



#### Partial For Sale list....

Not for sale...but maybe, '25 Nash Adv-6. Brother bought it many years ago for 5 bushels of potatoes and a yearling but soon after the purchase someone fell out of it while driving down the road...so it was changed to a pick up.

'52 Olds 98 4-Dr. sedan, complete, \$2000.00

1940 Olds, make offer

1953 Plymouth, make offer

1925 Nash, not for sale

1953 Chevrolet complete, maybe no bottom, make offer

1950 Ford F-5, make offer

1938 International Fire Truck, \$900.00

1964 Ford Falcon Convertible, rough "field find", \$700.00

1952 Nash Statesman, \$600.00

This is only a part of Stan's collection, there may be 2 to 3 times more. Most are outside in three fields near his home on 2861 Chelsea Road in Williamstown. Try calling and you might get him while he is home, the number is 802-433-5874.

The three of us who visited Stan have seen some beautiful vehicles that were "field finds" in their earlier days. We can only guess what kind of future Stan's collection will find.



# The Roadside Diner



**Never Fail Pie Crust** from our proofreader Edi Fiske

4 cups flour  
1 tsp. baking powder  
1 tsp. salt  
1 tbsp. sugar

1 3/4 cups Crisco  
1 egg  
1/2 cup cold water  
1 tbsp. vinegar



Mix flour, baking powder, salt and sugar in a bowl, cut in the Crisco. Beat egg until fluffy. Mix the egg, water and vinegar together, Add to the dry ingredients. Press dough together in a ball. Divide into 6 portions, Dough may be placed in an air tight container and frozen.

**\*\* Made this in the apple season and froze the crusts for later. Always so easy to roll out.  
Good Luck**

## You can't always judge dogs by their teeth from Paul Barsel

Hi Guys,

I have been passing this collection of rusty iron and then some in the great metropolitan city of Lebanon, Maine, where I spied sitting on the side of the road, a 1920's Chevy 4 door sedan. It could be considered a "weathered barn find" complete with a tarp roof.

I had my thoughts distracted by the sound of barking dogs. Approaching me at top speed, were two creations from the Island of Dr. Moreau! I knew that if I ran, my dilemma could be worse, yet, I was fascinated by the approach of these tanks on four legs. Somehow, I could empathize with the novice big game lion hunter to have his dreams come true, not one, but two lions running toward you. The poor hunter and I were mesmerized by the thought of oncoming death much like a deer in headlights.

These two dogs are short legged, barrel chest animals, that have a head crossed between a lion and a pit bull. Yup, all teeth and no wagging tail.

I was completely taken by surprise, and much to my relief, as the dogs came up to me and started wagging their tails. Slowly, I put my hand down to have them sniff it. I felt as if I was feeding fish to the killer whales at Disney world.

All of a sudden, a blue van turned out of the road, with a real Main'ar at the helm. He jumped out of the van, cursing like a drunk sailor at the two dogs. "It ain't for sale!" yelled this bearded wonder to my much amazed face.

Then I saw this sign with the words, Oldie But Goodie Motor Museum. You have a museum!??? Yup, it's all around the yard. You don't believe me, then Google it!

Well, apparently, the trusted people of state government began to tell this character what to do with his junk yard. He got so angry at the nerve of these people who did not appreciate his 40 years collection that he filed papers within the state to become a museum. You can spend hours walking his grounds looking at the junk yard.

I was given the golden opportunity to peruse the landscape and was amazed that instead of two viscous looking dogs, who admired me as lunch, turned out to be real pussy cats. I would not let my guard down, especially when one dog laid on the ground and turned on his back. No way was I going to rub his tummy.

This guy has a hodge podge of cars and junk. A VW collectors dream, to a 1919 model T Ford. Yes, barn fresh. Nothing is for sale, parts included, but I would imagine he would part with an artifact or two of his museum if the price was right.

Before I left, I asked him the breed of his dogs. Whatever he said, I am sure was made up because I have never seen or heard of these type of dogs before today. Oh yes, they are a rare breed.

I did not want to wander too deep into poison ivy and slap mosquitoes. That would be a distraction admiring the essence of the junk yard. But as I looked at these two magnificent creatures, I came to believe that these two pussy cats are a mixed breed of Rottweiler, Pit Bull, Wolverine, and Bear. I will let the complete tour go to some brave heart. That person better take photos.







## "Brake Down".....

**Five or six years ago** the Jaguar XKE started to run rough, cough, belch black smoke, and backfire. This problem got worse quickly and the car ran so poorly it could barely move. Life got in the way, and the Jag was parked.

**This summer I decided it was time** to figure out what was wrong with the car and fix it. I found a sunken carburetor float in the rear carburetor, a torn diaphragm in the front carburetor, a bad fuel pump and a dead battery. Once I got these issues sorted out, I began to tune the car and get it running again. It soon became apparent that there was an issue with the brakes. Both front and rear brakes were dragging, and the pedal did not feel right. I know that the brake fluid has not been changed in at least 15 years. When I removed the caps to inspect the brake fluid, I found a nasty surprise. We all know that brake fluid absorbs moisture. Due to some spring flooding this year, the building the car was stored in, had several inches of standing water on the floor of the garage.

The brake fluid actually had standing water pooled on top, and the fluid was starting to congeal. The aluminum caps for the fluid also have low level switches in them. The aluminum had rotted away, and the caps fell apart in my hands. I used a turkey baster to remove the fluid, then flushed fresh new fluid through the system and out the bleeder screws. It is amazing how corrosive contaminated brake fluid is. Look at these pictures. This damage could have been avoided if the fluid had been changed every two or three years.



**An extra Tip.....** I was recently shopping at Tractor Supply, and I bought a new battery cable for my tractor. When I installed the new cable, I noticed the diameter of the cable was much thicker than the one it was replacing. I realized that the cable I bought was suitable for a six volt battery. A six volt battery cable needs to be thicker, because it carries more amperage at a lower voltage. Six volt battery cables are hard to find at an auto parts store, but Tractor Supply has a large selection in stock.

## What's Happening @ the VAE?

### THE ANN GYPSON TOUR....in October

The Anne Gypson Tour will be held in Fairfax **October 4th. Starting at 9:00** from the **Baptist building on Main Street** in the village. Big old brick building, parking on the right side of it. Cars start leaving at 9:30 return in time for lunch. Bring a bag lunch or support one of our stores or pizza shop. Meeting to follow lunch. Questions call Duane Leach 849-6174

### APPRECIATION DINNER....in October

There is a change in the appreciation dinner time. The time is **Sunday, October 19** at the Commodores Inn in Stowe. The program begins at Noon, with the meal at 1 pm.

### ANNUAL MEETING NOTIFICATION.....in November

The Annual Business Meeting will be held **Saturday November 1st** at the Holy Family Parish Hall in Essex Junction. The building is located on Route 2a. From the Five Corners, head about a  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile toward Colchester, turn left up Lincoln Terrace, and then take a left on School St. toward the Hall parking lot. We will be setting up at 11am and you should arrive at 11:45. Terry Riggs of Fletcher will tell us about his experience in the Great Race road rally at noon. At 12:35 our food arrives. By 1:15 we should start the meeting with a 3pm scheduled conclusion. You will be getting an invitation in the mail. Please tear off the bottom of the page and select your meal choice. The cost of the meal is \$15 per person. Don't forget to put your names on the response and mail your check (made out to the VAE) to Jim Sears. In the past we have had 75 members attend the Annual Meeting; this hall holds 120 people so please get us your response by October 20th so we can get the seating plan and food nailed down.....Thanks.





I wrongly named one of our 'Show in Stowe' workers kitchen cooks on our last Wheel Tracks. Starting from left to right..... Linda Craig, Wendy Nelson, Carla Hale, Sam Kaiser, **Not Star Bettis but instead Linda Domingue** and Diane Robeaud. I apologize Linda.



**This information is 3rd-hand...but it came from three reliable sources...** The word came to this column that a l-o-n-g time member has recently purchased a '22 Franklin Roadster that also has been in the club for many years. Congratulations! We will refrain from giving names until we have 'permission'.



**Speaking of 'auto transactions'** we have just found out that Avery Hall has sold his 1923 H.C.S. (Henry Clayton Stutz) Touring Car (left), one of the former A.K. Miller Cars. It went to auction at Owls Head Transportation Museum in Maine on August 16th. A beauty of a car, we wonder what state it is in now....

**Now that we are on the subject of transactions....** it is only fare to add that your editor has been shopping also. He

recently brought a '27 Dodge Cabriolet (right) home from Pfafftown, NC. He had been on the look-out for some time for a '27 roadster and about the only difference between the two is the Cabriolet has roll-up windows. Cute huh?



**A Derby Line resident** and VAE member, Gary Olney, also purchased an additional auto lately. The first comment I heard from the folks hearing the news was, "I wonder where he will put it"?... It's a 56 Studebaker Skyhawk and it is at this moment being trailered in from Iowa to just north of NY city. Gary will bring her home from there. Vin Cassidy and Gary were together when the car was purchased and they found there was no better container than the Skyhawk to ship hundreds of additional car parts for the safe ride East. Can you guess what they forgot when the gent came along weeks later to load it on his trailer for journey? Yup, the transporter had to unload the Skyhawk to get it into neutral so it could be loaded.....

**Have you seen the Coleman** pictured on page 16? The vehicle is fairly compact and doesn't show it's weight at first sight. Two VAE members recently retrieved it from Malone, NY after it was donated to our non-profit club. The plan is, we will sell the vehicle and use the funds in our educational projects. A 3/4 ton diesel truck was used and a dually trailer built to haul maybe 9,000 pounds. After closely eye-balling the situation it was decided the vehicle would fit.....physically, but the VAEers were not sure about the "weight part". So it was loaded and when the two figured the trailer was not squatting 'real' bad from the weight they headed home. A Google search later found the vehicle weighs 11,000 pounds, which wasn't awful over weight. A correction was made to the weight yesterday and the number might be 14,300 pounds.....Wow! That might explain the really warm trailer tires just a few miles down the road.



**I was talking to my friends teenage son, Sean,** the other day when he mentioned a car project he was working on. He led me to their garage and there sat an '89 Nissan 240SX completely stripped down and with a missing engine. He and his dad had hauled it home from North Carolina earlier this summer. And now to tell you what his plan is, at least part of his plan. He intends to install a Corvette or Firebird engine into the Nissan! An inline-4 engine producing 140HP to a V8 at 325HP! I wonder if there are any VAEers who have ever switched to get more HP? When I asked if he had the replacement engine yet, Sean said he has not. I then offered to ask our membership if they could help find one. He says a 1998-2002 Firebird engine (LS1- 5.7 V8) plus the transmission (T56) is what he needs.

If you can help give him a call..... Sean Ladue at 802-752-7567. I see a future VAEer here with that kind of thinking.

**I want to bring a point up one more time.** On page 4 is the little story about one of our Golden Wrench Award recipients and changes she has had in her life lately. So far there are 35 recipients and growing each year by 16 more. Wouldn't it be great to have news occasionally about how they are doing. Would someone want to be a VAE award recipients reporter for our Wheel Tracks? Call me.







**For Sale....**  
1932 Plymouth PB  
Coupe, sweet!

Another Person working to "down-size" his collection is long- time VAE member Irvin (Steve) Stephenson of Williamstown, Vermont.

Steve is a "Plymouth Guy" and even if you are not, and you were there when he started the coupe pictured to the left, the wonderful sound of that engine just might change your mind. Steve has many Plymouth parts that a Plymouth guy would be very interested in. Wheel Tracks has pictured some of them here but there are many more. Pictured are some of the engines, transmissions, fenders, frames and a PB body.

The "Plymouth" garden hose device is not for sale, just very neat to look at....

Please call Steve's grandson Terry Winters at 1-802-249-8510 or Steve's good friend Gary Scott (802-479-2744 or 802-249-2689) to make arrangements or to get more information.







**Local man from Morrisville joins the Cannonball.....** Richard Duda, race #47, is riding his 1924 Henderson Deluxe motorcycle the 3938 miles from Daytona Beach, Florida to Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington. Pictured right is his Deluxe in 2012 while being readied for the big journey. Below that is a picture of the bike when he purchased it.

Richard said, "Last year I decided I would be a part of the next Cannonball. I then bought a 1924 Deluxe with NO intention of riding it in the Cannonball. Well things changed and I was talked into riding the Deluxe. The motor has been welded and machined by Mark Hill and will be assembled this fall by Richie Correia. I am excited to be a part of the 2014 ride ; it will be the ride of a lifetime for sure".

As this column is being written the "Cannonball" is still in progress. If you want to get on the net you can find the complete Coast to Coast race information at [motorcyclecannonball.com](http://motorcyclecannonball.com). If you are into motorcycles there are more "inspirations" than you can count, reading about past races and the current one going on.

**Good Luck Richard!!**



Before the race in Daytona

There are 40 entrants in the race, the oldest is a 1917 Henderson Detroit.

The race officials state:

**Eligible Machines.....**This will be a difficult ride, only the best machines should be considered for it. Much will have to be done to your machine if you decide to run the Cannonball. No motorcycle built after 1936 can run for the prize. The machine must be powered by an original engine. Many things could be changed on a machine, and updates made for safety sake, but the core of the machine must be 1936 or earlier.





Spring Turkey Run 2014

Hi Gary,

**As promised here is the information on our 1930 Ford Street.**

Three years back we (I) were looking for a muscle car to bring to Florida, so that summer I looked on the net for something that might be on our way down south, we stopped at Fall Hershey and made an offer on a 68 Mustang GT.... no deal. Looking at others, my wife Sandy says why don't we look at a Street Rod . When we got to Florida we looked around and found a nice 30 Ford and made a deal but it fell through. We found another on the net in Maryland and called, this time the deal held. We had it shipped and it has been great ever since . The car is a 1930 Ford 2 door sedan, 93 Mustang 5.0 @ 300 HP. C4 trans, 3.25 8' Ford posi-rear end. Ps, PB, Keyless entrance, AC, Tilt column, digital dash, after market chassis w/dropped front end, 4 link trailing arm front suspension and a 4 link triangulated rear suspension w/air ride. The car is a hoot to drive and goes down the road straight as an arrow . We have linked up w/20 or so couples w/vintage cars and cruise all over Florida. We have put approximately 7000 trouble free miles on it and looking forward to more.

The picture is on the track at Daytona during the Spring Turkey Run at the track.

Thanks,

Chuck Gonyeau



Richard McLay has this beginning outline of the Alaska trip laid out. I am sure he would love to hear from you if you are interested in joining the group on the journey.

His phone number is 802-658-6064 or email: [richarddarenmclay@yahoo.com](mailto:richarddarenmclay@yahoo.com)

*Wheel Tracks neglected to have this information in last month's issue, we apologize Richard.*

#### Richard's basic outline for the trip.....

1. Meet in Dawson Creek, British Columbia on or about June 12, 2015.
  2. Travel as a group up the 1,523 mile highway to the Alaskan Border, and then several hundred miles further to Fairbanks.
  3. We can talk about our activities in Alaska, which should last less than a week.
  4. I would bring the group back to Haynes, Alaska, at the upper end of the Inside Passage and put the cars on the ferry south. We should go back to Vancouver, British Columbia.
  5. I will put my SUBURBAN on the train in Vancouver and, riding in luxury across the continent, get off and claim my car in Montreal.
- I would like to be back in Vermont on or about July 4th. According to Bob McEwing, former head of BTV, who worked for the FAA in Alaska, the trip to Fairbanks from Burlington, VT. is 5,500 miles long. It is not for the faint of heart.

I am thinking I might fly into Whitehorse the middle of this December and rent a car.

I suspect it will get well below zero F there at that time. I might learn something about the highway.



Greetings from Chris Cartier  
and his next "Auto ABCs"

We are doing "H" This Month.....

"The 1899 Horsey  
Horseless Carriage"

This is the 8th installment of walk through the Alphabet  
learning about obscure American Auto Makes.

## "THE 1899 HORSEY HORSELESS CARRIAGE"

The Horsey Horseless, was invented by Uriah Smith of Battle Creek, Michigan and was intended to soothe the skittish nerves in horses while meeting a noisy horseless carriage. A dangerous problem in 1899 was "runaway" horses while attached to a buggy full of people.

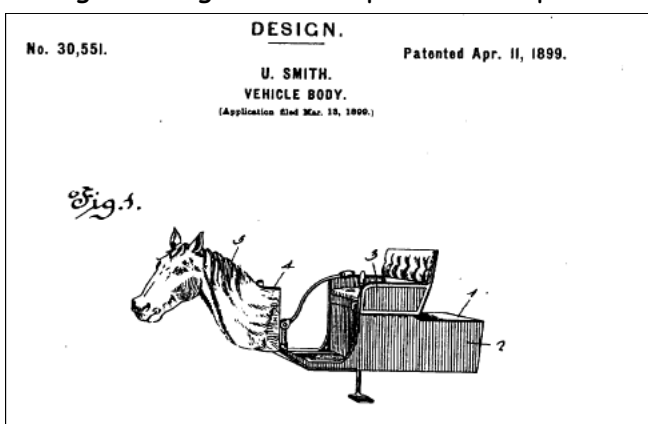
A wooden horse head was attached to the front of the chuffing buggy in order to make it resemble a horse and carriage. Smith recommended the horse head be hollow to also serve as a gas tank

"The live horse would be thinking of another horse," said Smith, "and before he could discover his error and see that he had been fooled, the strange carriage would be passed." Stupid horse!



Uriah Smith drew up his idea and submitted it to the "The Horseless Age", whose editors printed it, with a straight face. Whether Mr. Smith motored his Horsey Horseless Carriage in the Battle Creek area is not known, but it reminds us just what a radical, hard-to-conceptualize thing a horseless carriage was.

Mr. Smith patented his invention on March 13, 1899, patent number D30551.



Sunoco gas stop for a fellow on  
motorized roller skates



Elspeth Beard, shortly after becoming first Englishwoman to circumnavigate the world by motorcycle. The journey took 3 years and covered 48,000 miles.

# Recent New VAE Memembers!

## "Welcome"

Mike Olson, Shelburne, VT \*\*\* A '65 Mustang K-code convertible.  
 Eli Gabuzda, Enosburg Falls, VT \*\*\* A '69 Cadillac Eldorado, '49 Plymouth Deluxe.  
 Charles Catchings, Essex Jct. VT.  
 Berry East, Montgomery, VT. \*\*\* '53 Chevy PU, '52 Imperial.  
 Matthew Richardson, N. Ferrisburgh, VT \*\*\* '65 Buick Skylark.  
 Allan & Elaine Wheeler, Milan, NH \*\*\* '51 Crosley Wagon, '66 Mustang Convertible, '37 Chevy PU (street rod) '57 Chevy Bel-Air Sedan, '31 Chevy 4-door Sedan.  
 Robert Parker, Riverside, RI, \*\*\* '34 Reo Flying Cloud Coupe, '36 Buick Special Victoria Coupe.  
 Ken Cota, Alburg, VT. \*\*\* '17 Studebaker, '19 Model T Ford, '33 Plymouth, '57 Morris Minor Wagon, '57 Morris Minor Convertible, '21 Chevy C-Cab.  
 Stanley MacDonald, E. Concord, VT. \*\*\* '55 Ford F100, '70 Chevy Malibu Convertible, '69 Chevelle SS396, '66 Ford Mustang, '68 Chevy Camaro.  
 Pat Clark, Washington, VT.\*\*\* '67 VW Beetle, '71 VW Dual Cab PU, '70 International Truck, '71 VW Camper.  
 Peter & Gail Haubrich, Wilder, VT. \*\*\* '77MGB.  
 Karl Hunting, Sherbrooke, Quebec\*\*\* '62 Studebaker Lark 4-Dr., '41 Studebaker Commander, '63 Studebaker Lark Sliding Roof Wagon, '63 Studebaker Wagon, '62 Pick Up, '63 Studebaker Lark 2-Dr., '89 Mustang, 88 Ford Wagon.  
 Jason Warner, Jeffersonville, VT. \*\*\* '88 Buick Reatta.  
 Daniel Hicks, Waterville, VT.  
 Russell Snow, Waterbury, VT.  
 Rick Venner, Barre, VT. \*\*\* '50 Chevy Deluxe 4-Dr.  
 Roger Carpenter, Thetford Ctr., VT. \*\*\* '55 Chevy, '55 Chevy, 64 1/2 Mustang, 40 Ford Deluxe, '53 Austin Convertible, '55 Ford, '09 Challenger.  
 Peter Fecteau, Morrisville, VT. \*\*\* '68 Pontiac GTO.  
 Christine Webb, Burlington, VT. \*\*\* '73 Dodge Charger.  
 Randal Bemis, Jacksonville, VT. \*\*\* '74 Plymouth Roadrunner, '52 Chevy PU.  
 Tim Meehan, Stowe, VT. \*\*\* '83 GMC 7000 Dump/flatbed.  
 John Gray, Proctor, VT. \*\*\* '29 Ford Model A Pick Up.



Is everyone ready for WINTER 2014?



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**For Sale...** 1939 Chevy Master 85 Business Coupe in total no-rust restored condition.

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350 Vortec engine & TH400 Trans. Beautiful paint, HD torque converter, A/C, Dakota digi dash, P/S, P/B, am/fm/cd. Drive it home for \$28,000. Eddie Hamby, Pfafftown, NC. 1-336

## October Bumper Sticker...

**I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.**

**FREE:** 7 tires, 23 inch (33x5) and 3 tires 700-17.

Selling, at a cheap price, 9 new tailpipes with surface rust for "make your own", mostly 2 - 1/4 dia, and several new mufflers of various large sizes. Selling 28 LaSalle radiator, 27 Packard radiator with shell (426), 37 Packard 120 engine, 36 Packard transmission. Call Roy Martin at 802-862-6374

**For Sale.....** 1953 Packard Patrician in very nice condition. This car originally belonged to the wife of Warren Austin, Vermont senator who was the first official U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. The car has just been fixed & shined up (picture was taken before work was done). It starts right up & runs very quietly. The exterior is black (not all paint is original) & the inside is brown and tan. It has 4 doors, automatic transmission & automatic radio antenna. It has 32,570 miles. Front bench seat, rear foot rests, original steering wheel, & 6 white side wall tires (2 are in the trunk). Car garaged in Montpelier. Contact Ethel Grandfield 802-223-6442



**For Sale...** 1973 Mercedes 450SLC silver gray, power sunroof, with 157,000 plus miles on the car. Odometer doesn't work so true mileage is unknown. This spring I had the following work done by a Mercedes mechanic. Tune up, front end work, rust repair on underside, and power windows repaired and adjusted. Price \$7,900. Jim Sears 802-482-2698

**A note from VAEer Marvin Ball (802-425-3529)....** I first went to the show in Stowe in 1968. That is 46 years ago and I have not missed one year since! I had my first Model A in 1967.

This was our first year as spectators. We got out our easy chairs when the parade cars started leaving Nichols Field and watched as they left. When the first parade cars started coming back onto the field we got the idea it was a good time to head home by heading up Rt. 108. We knew the 'brochure' said to stay out of town until 6PM the day of the parade but we thought it was safe to leave....not going to happen! Our first detour sent us in an area of Stowe we had never seen before. Then we were directed East....way East. We took lefts and rights for the next 20 miles. I don't wish to try that again. P.S. I have an engine stand that holds 750 lbs I want to sell for \$50.00.

**Brian Warren** sends us the internet link to the news videos that Fox News 44 did during our latest Show at Stowe. Copy and paste this web address, you will enjoy them.

<http://www.mychamplainvalley.com/story/d/story/people-are-driving-to-get-to-this-show-in-stowe/17380/>



From Richard McLay.....

1949 Cadillac, completely covered With 38,295 pennies! Pennies were adhered one by one using Silicone. They added over 200 Pounds to the weight, the entire project took 6 weeks. Pennies are American, and include 1817 "Big Cent", two error pennies And four 1943 steel pennies.

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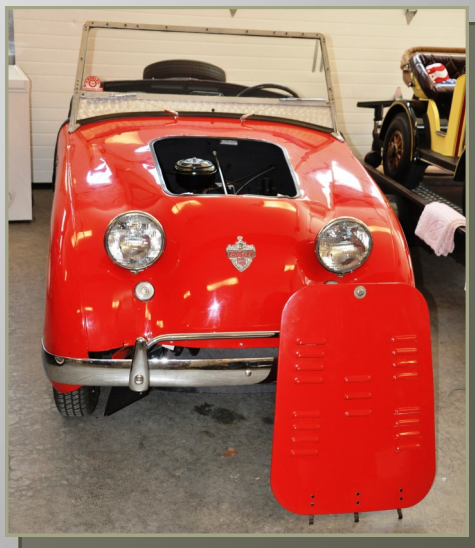
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The first vehicle donated to the VAE is this 1974 GMC motor home. Polly McEwing very graciously presented it to us. We recently witnessed the purchase of a class one motor home that cost \$122,000. It was very nice and ready to go but this GMC is in a class of it's own. One wonders if purchasing this for less than \$8,000 and adding maybe \$25,000 to modernize and spruce the unit up if one would not be miles ahead of the \$122,000 rig.

This can be yours by making a reasonable offer.

This GMC, the Coleman and other gifts that come to us in the future will help greatly in our education program where we work in all three levels of education; college, high school and elementary schools.



A second vehicle has been donated to the VAE from Adrian and Sally Cheney of Malone, NY. The Cheneys are planning to move to Maine and decided to down-size. It is a Coleman MB-4 aircraft tug, 4-wheel drive, 4-wheel steering, 4-wheel brakes. The steering is interesting, there are three modes of operation, #1...the front wheels steer only... #2 front and back wheels turn the same direction, #3....The front turns in one direction and the back turns in the other direction called a crab walk. The latest weight calculations comes in at about 14,300 pounds. Pictured here with VAE member Wendell Noble, the club plans to sell the tug. It is set up with a snow plow hitch and the plan is to return to Malone for the plow. Make an offer and it can be yours