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

### **September**



**Sept. 7th...Saturday. VAE Meet, The Taftsville Bridge Opening, Woodstock, VT**

**Sept. 13-15....Bennington Car Show.** Willow Park in Bennington. More info please visit the car show web-site: BenningtonCarShow.com



**September 16th...Monday...1:30 PM. VAAS Board meeting at the Williston Library. All are welcome to attend.**

**Sept. 20 –22.....British Invasion in Stowe at the Stowe Flake Resort. More info, Google same.**

**Sept. 20-22...NE Street Rod Nationals at Champlain Valley Expo. In Essex, VT.**

### **October**



**October 5th...Saturday. Gypson Tour hosted by Bill Sander. Meet at the Sander garage in Jeffersonville off Rt. 108 (200 Edwards Rd) at 9:30 AM for coffee. Tour begins at 10AM and ends at Zorros for lunch at 12:30PM (order from the menu). Business meeting at 2PM**



**October 21st...Monday 1:30 PM VAAS Board Meeting at Dick Wheatley's office in Essex. All are welcome to attend.**

**October 9 to 12....All Roads Lead to Hershey! The AACA Fall Meet.**



**October 27th...Sunday noon. Appreciation Dinner at the Commodores Inn in Stowe. Invitations will be mailed with details.**

### **November**



**November 2nd....Saturday. Annual Meeting at VTC. Details later.**

### **December**



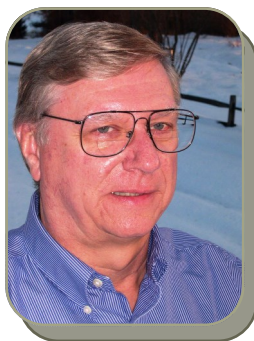
**December 8th Sunday Holiday party with Yankee swap. Being planned.**



*Waiting to get into "The Car Show"*



## FROM THE PRESIDENT... JIM SEARS



**As you all know** this past weekend was our annual Stowe car show. While the show is only three days for the spectators and participants, it is many hours, days, and weeks to others. It couldn't have been done without the many dedicated members and volunteers that step forward each year. We owe much gratitude to these people and their tireless leaders, co-chairs Bob Chase and Duane Leach. Thank you so much for a great weekend enjoyed by thousands. Even the weather decided to shine. What a great show!

While we may only have a couple of weeks until Labor Day there are plenty more car activities left for this year. Check our calendar for activities and dates. September will be the celebration of the reopening of **Taftsville Covered Bridge**, October is the **Gypson Tour**, November the **Annual meeting**, and finally **our holiday party** in December. Not to mention other area shows and events.

See you on the road, Jim

### VAE....

#### 2014 Directors and Officers Nominations

### VAAS....

Nominating Committee: Hal Boardman, Rick Reinstein, Gary Fiske

Directors: Ed Hilbert & Joanna Conti

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Secretary: Bill Sander

Wheel Tracks Editor: Gary Fiske

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Nominating Committee: Wendell Noble

Director: Tom Mchugh & Dave Sander



## FROM YOUR EDITOR... GARY FISKE

Let's take the subject of the **Stowe Antique and Classic Car Meet** just a little further and just a little deeper....if you don't mind.

I know there are many, many thank-you(s) given to Bob Chase and Duane Leach for the hundreds of hours of work they give over the twelve months it takes to create the Stowe Show. Then there are the other 'departments' within the Stowe Show that are basically in the auto-matic mode each year. The car corral, the judging program, the field lay-out and vendor arrangements, the vehicle registration work, the parade arrangements.... I haven't come close to naming them all.

Thank goodness these folks arrive with tons of enthusiasm each year. So far, I have mentioned maybe a dozen or 15 jobs and the people filling them. Next... there are the hundreds of volunteers who work their duffs off for that one week of the show. From "sparky" (Nick) the communications guy to Bill, the trailer-parking guy.

I personally think there should be something more and I also think if a few of us got together that something-more could be easily found.

Each year nomination committees are formed to ask certain officers if they will continue another year. We politely ask the editor, the treasurer, and the secretary if they will continue another year. We have a process to nominate our new directors and officers each year. All by the traditional rules of the club and good rules they are. Ahhhh, I think you know where I am going with this! Yes, do we formally ask Duane and Bob if they will continue? Someone might, but I am not aware that it happens. I do know that Duane and Bob ask the folks in the numerous show departments if they will continue, that base gets covered pretty well and rightly so.

Now, that one-more-step I want to focus on. **The Stowe Antique and Classic Car Meet** is our main identity in the world. When we tell someone we belong to the **Vermont Automobile Enthusiast** car club, we most of the time, get a blank stare back. Then we say we are the club that puts the Stowe Car Show on.... the eyes light up and we hear stories of how many years they have been to the show. The Stowe Car Show is also our bread and butter...financially speaking.

What would happen if our club could somehow add a few more "official" positions on our Board of Directors or VAE Officer list to include the show folks?

Would there be room for the show chairs....AND the department folks in that group? Would our club be able to see more clearly into the future if they were included at our official table? Would, or could, their inclusion help lighten their loads a bit....they surely need a lighter load? How about changing our club's name so the world knows who we are! It's a long name now, what is wrong with adding another four or five more words to it?

By the way, has anyone asked Bob and Duane if they will stay on for the 2014 show?

*I am going to leave town for a few days now, I have just overstepped my boundaries, I will be back in a week or two.*







# “THE SOFTER SIDE”

A Column Shared & Written by Mary Noble (Left) & Nancy Olney (Right)



## Mary This Month

Have just returned from working in the Courtesy Booth at the 56th Stowe Show and again was totally amazed by the dedication of all the workers involved. Thanks to huge efforts and some adjustments, the weather Thursday night and Friday, for instance, from what I'm hearing, the Show was quite successful. Bob Chase, Duane and Marnita Leach, the leaders of the pack, did it again! Thanks to Andy and Marty Barnett covering for me at the Courtesy Booth, I was able to ride in the parade with Wendell in the Roadster and to enjoy the obvious appreciation of spectators along the parade route for our vehicles. It's now back to the realities of weeding the gardens, haying, and hopefully, doing some harvesting of whatever grew in the garden. The weeds at least are doing extremely well! Those who know my husband will perhaps be shocked to learn that we now have a riding lawn mower - into the 21st century at last!! I guess he must see it as some kind of a suburban status symbol. This will, of course, leave me more time for weeding - yippee!

I was once again asked by one of my friends if I get tired of going to car related meetings and on tours, but, again, said that I have met so many truly lovely people I would not have met otherwise, it is just pleasurable, rewarding and fun. The VAE members truly rock, to use an old term, have led such interesting lives, done so many and varied things and are just plain nice. This is a trait (niceness) that seems to be getting lost in much of our world. With all of the digital technical devices being used today, folks can't look up from their virtual world to view the real world. Writing on paper with a pen, or, gasp, a pencil, or face- to- face conversation with real people, smiling at others, (I do this and get blank, or puzzled looks) - you get the idea. Saw a cartoon recently that showed a person mentioning what they had read in the newspaper, and those present were using electronic devices trying to figure out what a newspaper is/was. Oops, maybe I'm ranting again - sorry. The bottom line here is that I feel fortunate to be a member of the Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts and the old car hobby in general.. Happy Fall everyone!



Above is a 1953 International Military M62 Wrecker owned by Dexter Percy. It is a 5 ton AWD 6X6 10-wheeler. Dexter says he can get about 6 MPG on a good day. The M62 was the post-war replacement for the World War II Diamond T 969 and the Ward La France M1 series wreckers. A series of XM62 prototype model was produced in 1951, after which production continued through 1957 as the M62. the boom can lift 20,000 lbs. and was used in the shop for lifting as well as on the road.



Above is John Vetter's recent purchase. A 1992 Freightliner with a 6 cylinder 400HP Detroit 60 engine. You do the adding... the Freightliner (27,000 lbs.)...the trailer and Army tank (103,000 lbs.)

The speedometer is unique in being able to register MPH, KPH, the RPM and the time of day. It also registers the number of RPMs the engine has turned since it left the assembly line!





The IRS decides to audit Grandpa, and summons him to the IRS office. The IRS auditor was not surprised when Grandpa showed up with his attorney.

The auditor said, 'Well, sir, you have an extravagant lifestyle and no full-time employment, which you explain by saying that you win money gambling. I'm not sure the IRS finds that believable.'

I'm a great gambler, and I can prove it,' says Grandpa. 'How about a demonstration?'

The auditor thinks for a moment and said, 'Okay. Go ahead.'

Grandpa says, 'I'll bet you a thousand dollars that I can bite my own eye.'

The auditor thinks a moment and says, 'It's a bet.'

Grandpa removes his glass eye and bites it. The auditor's jaw drops.

Grandpa says, 'Now, I'll bet you two thousand dollars that I can bite my other eye.'

Now the auditor can tell Grandpa isn't blind, so he takes the bet.

Grandpa removes his dentures and bites his good eye.

The stunned auditor now realizes he has wagered and lost three grand, with Grandpa's attorney as a witness. He starts to get nervous.

'Want to go double or nothing?' Grandpa asks 'I'll bet you six thousand dollars that I can stand on one side of your desk, and pee into that wastebasket on the other side, and never get a drop anywhere in between.'

The auditor, twice burned, is cautious now, but he looks carefully and decides there's no way this old guy could possibly manage that stunt, so he agrees again.

Grandpa stands beside the desk and unzips his pants, but although he strains mightily, he can't make the stream reach the wastebasket on the other side, so he pretty much urinates all over the auditor's desk.

The auditor leaps with joy, realizing that he has just turned a major loss into a huge win.

But Grandpa's own attorney moans and puts his head in his hands. 'Are you okay?' the auditor asks.

'Not really,' says the attorney. 'This morning, when Grandpa told me he'd been summoned for an audit, he bet me twenty-five thousand dollars that he could come in here and pee all over your desk and that you'd be happy about it!'



Wheel Tracks has received many remarkable nature photographs over the years, but this photo of a nesting falcon is perhaps the most remarkable!

#### WORDS YOU DON'T HEAR ANYMORE. From Gene Fodor

Be sure to refill the ice trays, we're going to have company.

Watch for the postman, I want to get this letter to Willie in the mail today.

Quit slamming the screen door when you go out!

Don't forget to wind the clock before you go to bed.

Wash your feet before you go to bed, you've been playing outside all day barefooted.

Why can't you remember to roll up your britches? Getting them caught in the bicycle chain so many times is tearing them up.

You have torn the knees out of that pair of pants so many times there is nothing left to put a patch on.

Don't you go outside with your school clothes on!

Go comb your hair; it looks like the rats have nested in it all night.



## *“The VAE Mobile Museum & Classroom Vision.....”*

**S**tarted with a seed of an idea to “have our own museum”. During one of the discussions Gene Fodor spoke of a car club in New Jersey that has a ‘Museum on Wheels’. *It was the Vintage Automobile Museum in Beachwood, N.J. (they are the folks whose museum was devastated by Hurricane Sandy just a few days after their grand opening).* The idea started a chain of events that started with looking at everything from step vans to even fifty-cent tours of the UPS trucks you see driving around town. Gael Boardman was the chairman of the VAAS Board at the time and probably mentioned the exciting idea a few times at home when his son Owen happened to find a Bluebird bus for sale in the Plattsburg, NY area.

Thus, the picture you see above and on our Wheel Tracks front page. The VAE membership voted to purchase the bus at last November’s annual meeting and the journey was started!

The bus found it’s first temporary home at Duane and Marnita Leach’s home in Fairfax and then after leaving it’s mark (huge ruts in the Leach front yard) it made it’s way to Vermont Technical College to get a “look-over” at the school’s auto tech garage. After a few repairs at VTC it moved to Tom Mchugh’s yard for a while and currently it is parked at Wendell and Mary Noble’s home. In the few short months since the VAE has owned the bus it has been cleaned up very nicely, some signs have been made for it’s exterior and some display cabinets have been installed. A tow hitch has also been installed if an old car needs a trailer ride to a class-room event.

It’s first big outing was at the Stowe Car Show where you might have seen it proudly parked by the front gate. It was open to the public in it’s “beginning form” for all to see and to share their vision of how we might proceed in our mobile museum and classroom project. Some visitors thought there should be lunch pails and books around, others thought we should have a gift shop and ice cream bar inside. Another was that we should have videos of past parades and car shows to view. Some advice on outside painting was to leave the top yellow and paint the lower area green. Another idea was to do the outside in a vinyl wrap with old cars and car parts.

Here are a few responses to Wheel Tracks’ request for opinions and visions of the future for our “VAE Mobile Museum and Classroom”..... *Continue to page 12*

*“I’m working on the “Blue Bird” bus with a definite goal in mind that I hope is widely shared. I can envision us pulling up to a typical technical career center and, not only presenting a Golden Wrench award, but also providing an interesting and exciting educational experience for all the students. There would be displays of items of technical and historical importance. A couple of video display monitors would provide a menu of short educational presentations on subjects pertinent to automotive technology. We would also take it to museums, car shows, supermarket parking lots and anywhere else we can find an audience. It would be big yellow and green symbol of what the VAE is all about”. (Wendell Noble, VAAS chair)*







## FROM THE 'COOKIE' AT THE STOWE SHOW

BY MARNITA LEACH

Marnita cooks & serves three meals each of the 13 days for volunteer workers at our Stowe Show



### "Trashcan Turkey Recipe"



From  
This



To  
This



#### Ingredients.....

- \* Heavy duty aluminum foil
- \* 12x12 wood board - covered with foil
- \* 18" dowel - mounted vertically in the center of the board - covered with foil
- \* up to a 13 pound turkey - tied if you desire
- \* 20 gallon galvanized steel trash can, treated (see below for treatment instructions)
- \* 2 10-pound bags of "matchlight" charcoal briquettes
- \* Sturdy, heat-proof gloves

#### How-to

Lay a large piece of aluminum foil on a non-flammable spot on the ground.  
Place the wood board/dowel in the center of the foil.  
Place a cleaned turkey, legs down, over the dowel.  
Place the trash can upside down over the turkey.

Pour 1 bag of charcoal on top of trash can. Pour the other bag of charcoal around the base of the trash can. Make sure all of the charcoal is on the large piece of foil covering the ground. Using a stick lighter, light the charcoal in several places (do not use lighter fluid!).

Allowing the charcoal to flame, cook the turkey for 90 minutes.

Rake the coals off the top and from around the base. Carefully remove the trash can (use gloves - it's hot) and voila' - there's your browned, crispy turkey!

#### Additional Tips

The first time you use the trash can for Gourmet Trash Can Turkey you must "season" it using a water/white vinegar mix. This removes any metallic taste.

In the trash can add 1 gallon of white vinegar. Fill the can half way up with cool, clean water. Wash the sides and allow to sit for 6 hours. Swish the water/vinegar on to the sides every 30 minutes or so.

#### Editor's notes...

*Described here is one of the many meals Marnita prepared during the six days she cooks for the Stowe Show work crews. She has a new kitchen this year that has very much increased the efficiency of setting these meals.*

*As you can see from the "Show Family", there are some happy customers!*

*Marnita would like to thank  
The VAE for the  
Beautiful flowers  
That were delivered when she  
arrived home.*





## EPOXY PRIMER

About 10 years ago I discovered epoxy primer. It was recommended for rust repair, and later as a primer for restoration. Epoxy primer seals metal, preventing further oxidation of the bare metal. The problem with conventional primer is that it does not protect from moisture, it is porous and literally absorbs moisture like a sponge.

For rust repair, conventional primer does not provide adequate protection against the further advancement of corrosion. For restoration and body work, epoxy primer is an excellent way to coat and protect bare steel. If while block sanding I sand through the primer back to bare metal, I will apply another coat of epoxy primer over the bare metal to ensure there is a coat of epoxy primer protecting all the bare metal.

I have rust repair work almost ten years old that is still holding up quite well, holding up better than the factory corrosion protection and paint.

For years I have been coating metal with epoxy primer after I have done any hammering and welding. Clean, bare metal is epoxy primed, then all my body work is done OVER the epoxy primer. The primer instruction sheet will provide instructions describing the adhesion window for body filler or subsequent paint of the primer. There is usually a time window of a number of hours before the primer must be sanded and recoated. Filler instructions state that it must be applied to bare metal. I have not had any adhesion problems applying filler over fresh epoxy primer.

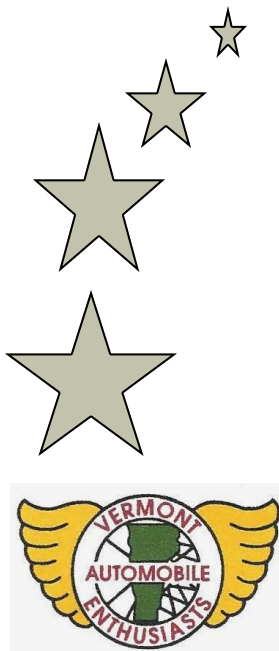
Body filler is also porous, and absorbs water. It will cause extensive corrosion if it comes in contact with moisture and is applied over bare metal. This will easily ruin even the best paint job.

Epoxy primer also makes an excellent sealer too. I use reduced epoxy primer as a sealer before applying the color coat. This provides a moisture proof seal against any body work and primer-surfacer, protecting the body work and the metal underneath. Epoxy primer-sealer also prevents those nasty sanding marks from appearing months later. Conventional primer is somewhat plastic, and shrinks and settles for months after being sprayed. Instructions for using the primer as a sealer are included in the instruction sheet.

I have been using PPG paint products for years, and have been impressed with the results. I use PPG DP-40LF Epoxy Primer. It has proven to be quite effective at stopping the further advancement of rust after rust repair, and I have not had any adhesion problems or other failures with this primer.



Carroll Bean of Bradford,  
The 2013 recipient of the  
Kenneth Sherrer Memorial Trophy  
For his beautiful 1955 Ford Sedan Wagon.



The 2013 President's Award goes to  
Ivo Slezak of Hubbardston, Mass.  
For his 1966 Tatra Model T2-603



## Some Stowe Parade Pictures.....



**VAE Gossip** by GCF



How many of you have ever seen **Carroll Bean** smile? I witnessed a smile years ago but it turned out to be gas....I am just joking Carroll. Check out page 8 and you will see a huge "Carroll Bean Smile" and well deserved ...he is this year's recipient of the Shear Award for his beauty of a Ford Wagon. It is also around that Sharon Meyer of WCAX chose Carroll's car as her favorite.



**It was sad last year when I heard** that someone had walked into Wendell Noble's garage and stole the motometers from two of his antique cars. One of them he had made on his lathe and both very hard to replace. He has been working since then to figure a way to make replacements. Here is the rest of the story.... Wendell has found the two motometers that belongs to him! I met him walking out of the flea market area of this years Stowe Show with this huge smile on his face and the two motometers in his hand. He had found them at a vendor booth that had purchased them from another party some time ago. Wendell went ahead and paid the vendor for the motometers about what he would have had to spend for replacements, the vendor was an innocent party in all of this. If you have something stolen from you it might be wise to let Wheel Tracks know about it. The low IQ bums out there who steal things will not go away but with all VAE keeping an eye out maybe we can recover some of the items.

**I heard through the grapevine the other day** there are a few members wondering why there are so many antique cars featured in Wheel Tracks and not many classic cars. **Now, what is the cutoff where a car isn't a classic any longer and it becomes an antique?** Well, no matter, I think I can tell you why....it's easy. I am an 'antique car kind of guy' and one thing leads to another.

**Without being flippant or cute....**I apologize. I try to "mix" it up but it is true, if you go back to past issues of Wheel Tracks you will find more on antique cars than later vehicles.

Please give me a hand here. Drop an email and tell me what you would like to see featured in our newsletter or better yet, send me some nice digital photos and the "story" about your classic. Sometimes my main drive is to learn about a certain vehicle so I go find one in our VAE roster and make a call to it's owner. The feature stories, many times, are the discoveries that I find.

**Try that your self and send me the story...**it will be fun. There must be something out there you would like to learn more about. Make that call from the roster. I give you permission to say that I have ask you to put a story together for Wheel Tracks. As I said, it will be fun plus you might even meet a very interesting VAE member for the first time!

**One more thought....**who says Wheel Tracks should feature vehicles? I have plans to cover one-lunger engines ( mainly because I know very little about them) and tractors are definitely on my list for feature stories. Then, there is the gas-pump story plan and I want to also do a feature on VAE member garages... you know, where they do all that secret work before they roll out the finished product.

**What are my most driving reason?....**Well I have a spot I would like to put an old gas-pump and as for the garage stories, I am just plan nosey. "Nosey" gets me about 75% there most of the time!





**Yes, we made it home!** Several people have wondered since they didn't see the next installment of the story. Rosie successfully ran just over 2000 miles round trip and touring with an overall average of 15.8 miles per gallon of gas. She didn't use a drop of oil and the replaced wheel bearings held up fine. The speedometer / odometer failed about 307 miles from home and we depended on the GPS for those last miles. The GPS operated great the entire trip on 6 volt power. (See Page 8 of the February, 2013 Wheel Tracks.)

**In the last report,** Daughter Tammy was about to take Rosie out by herself on the "Ladies' Tour". In the 95+ degree heat it was suggested that it would be understandable if the ladies chose to take the air conditioned modern cars, but Tammy was determined to drive Rosie and gave courage to a second driver to switch back to her vintage car. Tammy loaded up three intrepid ladies and off they went. On return, her passengers reported what a wonderful "professional" driver she was! I think I worried more about her drive than I did during her first solo drive as a newly licensed 16-year-old!

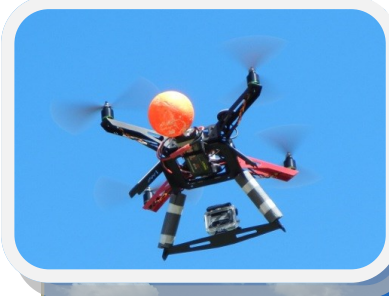
**We rolled out Friday morning for our first day's run** from Waynesboro to Bedford, PA. We had set up the GPS to give us the shortest route and no interstate highways. It did just that without regard for elevations or road conditions! From Harrisonburg, VA, it took us on the very steep and winding Route 33, across the West Virginia line at the very top of the ridge, and on down to Route 220 before turning north. Again, vapor locks and vacuum fuel system problems had us on the roadside a couple times, luckily at spots with enough shoulder to be relatively safe from the frequent truck traffic. The feeling is both exhilarating and scary to be standing on a remote mountain roadside with only an 83-year-old car for security to get us home.

**After a nice night at friends in Bedford,** a late start took us to the Happy Acres Resort in Waterville, PA. I had picked Route 44 to take us there, but I let the GPS take us on Route 664 without checking the topographical map in the PA Atlas & Gazetteer. Route 664 was another steep and winding mountain road through Swisssdale (like Switzerland??) costing us at least an extra hour with second gear climbs and cooling-off stops to get us to Happy Acres, and happy we were to get there!

**Next morning, while Ethan was sleeping,** I checked and adjusted the plugs and points and found that I could advance the timing a bit more to get more power and less heating, something I should have done much earlier. We proceeded north via Routes 414 and 14, and the county road on the opposite side of the river. We turned off on a small gravel road and I let Ethan drive. It was his first time behind the wheel of any car! He drove until we got to a detour that was going to take us up the mountain requiring downshifting. In NY we ran across toward Binghamton on 17c, a good route lightly traveled, and north again on Route 26 to Cedar Creek Campground NE of Hamilton.

**On our last day,** I drove over the Champlain Bridge for the tenth time in Rosie. Then I gave the wheel to Ethan and he drove almost to Hinesburg when he couldn't get Rosie going on a steep upgrade after we stalled out in the middle of the hill. He did very well for his first time driving.

Thus ended another successful cross-country to add to Rosie's record: Pennsylvania, Ohio (twice), Tennessee, Connecticut, North Carolina, Michigan, Minnesota, and Virginia, totaling about 20,000 miles traveling to and from Willys Overland Knight International Meets!



**It's a bird...it's an....** RC quad-copter with a Go Pro Camera and it was flying around our 2013 Stowe Car Show taking aerial pictures of us!

Jerry Smith of "Over and Above Aerial Photography" in Stowe took many wonderful pictures of our show, just add .com to the name and you can find some of his work online. In years past Jerry has taken some really nice photos of us and our vintage cars, contact him and you might find he has one of your cars and you can buy it from him.





## **“Voitures Anciennes de Granby”**

English translation...

### **“Old Vehicles of Granby”**

**Is the grand old car group just north of us here in Vermont with over 2000 members.**

**Don Craig is a member and it is with his permission that we are able to read a nice article written by Karen Eryou this month.**

**A great feature in their bi-monthly newsletter (Le Tacot) is the classifieds where there are usually over 300 vehicles and other items for sale.**

**Membership costs \$30 for citizens of Canada and \$45 for outside Canada.**

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## **“Old Vehicles of Granby’s” Newsletter Le Tacot (The Old Car)**



### **Spring Has Sprung.... And Your nose Knows!!**

*You know the nice weather has finally decided to stick around when you see the vintage automobiles out and about. The sights and sounds are awesome and the smell of the leaded gasoline drifts into the air, as they drive by. It's definitely a blast from the past.*

**Even if that new-car smell is hardly existent in today's auto industry, as manufactures tool the solvents out of the glues used in the interiors, this in an effort to save UAW worker's lives, there are different smells coming from your car, that can be**

self-diagnosed, and problems could be repaired much sooner than later....

**For instance,** if your car smells like maple syrup, that's right, maple syrup after the engine is warmed up, or just after shutting the car off, this could be a leaking coolant, either from the radiator of the heater hose, failed intake manifold gasket or even a cylinder head. It could also be leaking from the radiator cap or the radiator itself, especially if you can smell it from outside the car. If the smell is very pungent from inside the car, consider a bad heater core.

**How about dirty old gym socks...** you turn on the heater or the AC and you can describe the smell as dirty socks, you can consider mildew growing inside your AC evaporator. The cheapest solution known is turning off the AC a mile or so from home, and turning the fan on high to help dry out the system.

**Here's a bad one....**rotten egg smell! If you smell this at any time while your engine is running, consider hydrogen sulfide in the exhaust, which is produced by trace amounts of sulfur in the gas. This might be a fuel-injection problem, which only a mechanic can solve. It sometimes also means a failed catalytic converter.

**Burnt paper smell at all speeds,** this could be caused by the clutch facing which is burning off as the clutch slips. The friction material is a paper composition, which explains the burnt paper smell. You can have the clutch replaced, or learn to stop riding the clutch pedal!

**Do you smell hot oil when the engine is hot?** This might be oil leaking onto the exhaust manifold. If you locate the leaky crankshaft seal that is spraying oil all over, some will find its way to the red hot manifold, but most will be leaking onto the pavement. Look for the smoke and try to stem the leak.

**And yet one more way that your nose might** be able to help diagnose a problem, is the smell of burnt carpet, while using the brakes hard or often... the brake pads are overheating. Perfectly normal if coming down a mountain side, however if you smell this under normal driving conditions, you probably have a brake dragging caused by a seized-up brake caliper piston; or check the handbrake, maybe you forgot to disengage it.

Warm summer wishes to all...



## *“The VAE Mobile Museum & Classroom Vision.....”*



So now how does the ‘mobile museum project’ go forward? As you can see there are some great ideas and if you have been around the block a few times you know those ideas will give birth to other great ideas. A discussion with a Vermont career center auto tech instructor said it all. When he was told about our plans and how we could someday roll into his facility pulling a trailer with an antique car prepared to show his class “how they did it back then”. His response was that we could have his classroom as long as we would like. During the seventeen Golden Wrench Award presentations this year we met many top notch high school juniors and seniors with amazing abilities. One wonders if being exposed to our hobby if some of those students might get into the lucrative world of restoration?

Now we have to throttle back to the **one-step-at-a-time** pace. Where will our museum be parked, what color will it be, how will the inside be arranged to best serve our needs, who will drive it through the hills of Vermont?

**How do we raise the funds to complete our mobile museum? Checking with our treasurer there have been about \$3000.00 contributed to date. You will soon have your chance to throw a few coins into the contribution pot. A fund raising campaign is being prepared as we speak. If you would like to write a check today just write it to the VAAS and send it to Dick Wheatley, PO Box 180, Underhill, VT 05489. Oh, by the way, you can write your contribution off on your taxes.**

*“In a near perfect world many of us hardcore auto enthusiasts dream of a clubhouse maybe with common garage space for VAE member use. It would have heat, a lift, lights and even some tools beyond our personal tool boxes. We could meet there and exchange stories and help. It would be great; kind of like our own museum.*

*When reality sets in and we think about it.....this dream is probably beyond our grasp. Owning, maintaining, managing and worrying about it exceeds our ability as a 60 year old car club.*

*BUT WAIT, there are some things we can do to preserve and educate. Lets start off more simply with something we CAN HANDLE!*

*Hence our mobile museum and classroom. For a relatively small investment we can take that first step to rally our thinking and show our interest to the public. Our mobile VAE billboard reminds the public that our hobby is of historical importance. Our preservation and education efforts are real and should be taken seriously. If this works and we become recognized, then we can have the impact on things that affect our hobby. Legislation, rule and laws covering us and our vehicles, ethanol, car shows and other events.*

*In time we might be able to partner with an existing museum and maybe even find some brick and mortar space....but first lets put our resources to best use and anticipate success with our big Bluebird.*

*Coming soon to your educational or preservation event.” (Gael Boardman, VAE Member)*



Our Bluebird also works in the winter!



Better than a long day at the office, Paul Kinney (with the stop sign), all the way from Florida, volunteers to direct the Stowe parade while Jim Sears (straw hat) hands out the blue ribbons and thanks everyone for coming. A great way to spend a Saturday Afternoon.





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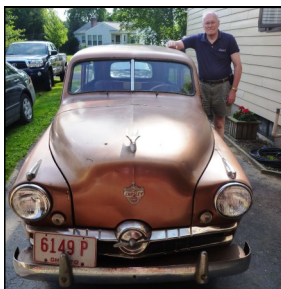


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**For Sale....** AA Doodlebug. The one pictured in the July Wheel Tracks. Runs good. Rare 20 inch wire rear wheels. Extra ruckstell rear end goes with it. Asking \$2600 or best offer. Call Don at 802-763-7222 or email adams58@myfaiipoint.net 10/13



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**September  
Bumper Sticker...**

**I'm in no hurry.  
I'm on my way to  
work.**

## "Wheel Tracks Classifieds"

We are told each month how  
affectionate  
they are.

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Get them in Wheel Tracks.  
Editor contact info on page 2

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*A recent article in the  
New Zealand Post reported  
that a woman, one Anne  
Maynard, has sued St Luke's  
hospital, saying that after her  
husband had surgery there,  
he lost all interest in sex.*

*A hospital spokesman  
replied ... Mr. Maynard was  
admitted in Ophthalmology –  
all we did was correct his  
eyesight."*

## "Editor Drive-byes"

Items for sale found along the highway that VAE  
members might be interested in. Join us....send a  
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**For Sale...** 1951 Farmall Super A.  
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Roderick Rice, VAE President 1954 & 1955  
With his 1922 Cadillac Touring Car

September 2013



The Stowe Antique and Classic Auto Show has been part of my summer activities for over 20+ years. I have had and shown several re-stored Willys military jeeps. There have been many lasting friendships made, and more interesting stories from the visitors to the show. This year I had an experience that opened my eyes to the real importance and the symbolism that the World War II jeeps mean to some people.



The Green Mountain Military  
Vehicle Club (GMMVC)  
in the 2013 Stowe Show Parade

A woman approached me Sunday afternoon, she told me her father came to the show to see a WWII jeep. I asked her where he was. The daughter pointed to an elderly man standing behind me looking at my jeep. I introduced myself to him. This he told me, "the first time he saw one of these jeeps was when the US Army liberated the Dachau Concentration Camp". He thanked me and I him. I did not deserve the thanks. I can only imagine what he was thinking.

I do know the historical significance of the jeep, It served us well in the war. As there were no civilian vehicles produced during the war years that fill in the gap. Yes many of us have had lots of fun in them after the war. It is a fun vehicle to drive. But now I will never look at my jeep the same way again.

Tom Buckowski  
1942 Ford GPW, WWII Jeep  
In God We Trust



Tom Buckowski