

Wheel Tracks

If it were not for Bob & Duane....



Bob Chase
Left and
Duane Leach
Right

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EVENTS.... WHAT'S NEXT ?

August

August 29 - 31....Okemo Valley Antique & Classic Car Show Presented by Springfield Buick GMC August 29 - 31. See more at:
<http://www.yourplaceinvermont.com/>

September



September meeting of the VAE will be held at the Vintage Garage in Stowe Saturday September 13th at 10:00 am. See details on page 9.

October



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

VAE's September Computer Tip *From John Lavallee*

Changing passwords now and then can avoid a lot of problems. The biggest problem we all have--Passwords! How many of them do we need? I have learned of web sites such as--1 password-- which you can use to maintain all your passwords and you only need to have 1. There are other versions of this but it might make things easier.

The other issue is, Anti-Virus programs. There are many good ones for free out there. I have learned that if you do as I did in the past, have more than 1 anti-virus because you think it's extra protection, it's not. Apparently when you have 2 programs, 1 will cancel out the other and make you very vulnerable.

*Editor's note..... Wheel Tracks uses **Malwarebytes Anti-Malware** and **SUPERAntiSpyware**. Both are free and work great. A key to making them work properly is you need to update the software and scan your computer at least every two weeks.*





FROM THE PRESIDENT Bob Lalancette

What is a "keeper"?

Our recent Monthly Meet at Gates Salvage prompts me to ask this question. We are a very disposable society. We all want the latest thing/fad. Some of the newest things are important. Take computers. They need to be updated for fast and secure usage. But do cars have to be updated?

In the salvage yard, we saw many older vehicles that once carried folks all over the roads we still travel on. The speed limit is still 35 or 50 mph. These cars went that fast. Why were they brought to this place? Road salt, not changing the oil as often as it should have been, just tired of looking at it. The Cadillacs, Pontiacs, and Chevrolets looked fine had they just

been maintained. But sitting outside in this place has made them age even more. My car has parts on it that came from some of those that rest here now.

As I think back, my car should have ended up here 35 years ago. But wait, I was an auto enthusiast that lived in Vermont. We had a crash, I was out for 6 hours, Nova was out for 6 weeks. A weekend with four friends put this junkyard destined car back on the road. Parts came from donor cars like the ones we saw. This repaired car still travels on the roads at 35 to 50 mph as it did 35 years ago. I've learned a lot about it over the years, met a lot of great folks who are more passionate about Chevy IIs than I am. I would not be writing this today if I had not kept this "keeper".

YOUR EDITOR... GARY FISKE

Our 2014 Antique & Classic Car Meet in Stowe ended yesterday (Sunday the 3rd. of August). I am working here setting up this Wheel Tracks issue and feeling a little guilty because there is a small crew of VAEers at this moment working their duffs off clearing Nichols Field for another year. I have heard this year's show was a total success**Thanks** to the many volunteers who work all year in the planning and who come to the show to help.



Many, many **Thanks You's** should go to the two men on the Wheel Tracks front page, **Bob Chase and Duane Leach**. They are the chair & co-chair of our great yearly show in Stowe . Like the heading says, **if it were not for them.....**

We need to also thank the hundreds of volunteers who also help during the year and during the three-day car meet. Some of you are VAE members and many of you are not.....**Thank You** for the many hours you spend to make this event a success each year.

This month Wheel Tracks has tried to name as many volunteers and 'work centers' it possible can but I can tell you right now we have missed many of you. When I mentioned this to one of our directors and my concern that I would hurt someone by not mentioning them, his reply is "that is what our appreciation dinner is for". So I am going to go with what you find on these 16 pages and please come to the appreciation dinner so we can be together one more time with nothing more to do than enjoy a good meal.

Also, some of you have sent some great material to me for this month's issue but I have decided to use as much space as I can find to cover our meet in Stowe. We have many more months to come, so please don't stop your mailings to Wheel Tracks.

VAAS LISTENING POST from Wendell Noble, Chairman

Well, fellow VAE members, a bit of self-congratulation is in order. We have just come from the annual event by which we are known. It is unquestionably the best antique car show in the northeast and the biggest event of the summer in Stowe. For us, it is like an annual homecoming where we can look forward to renewing friendships with old car hobbyists from all over. It is also a significant factor in attracting new members. By my count (actually Mary's), we signed up 24 new members this show. We have no control over the weather, but it worked in our favor again this year. Those things we do control were well executed. Set up and take down seemed to go smoothly. The judging and awards seemed to click well also. Thanks to the publicity skills of Chris Barbieri, the show is drawing the media attention it warrants and we had the best coverage ever. On top of the placed advertisements, we also got some very timely news spots from two TV channels and two newspapers. This coverage helped us to get out our most important message. Not only will attendees have an entertaining and enjoyable time and gain an education in history, but your paid attendance will also support the education of future generations through our outreach programs. That's what this is all about.



"THE SOFTER SIDE"



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

Ask for Help? By Nancy Olney

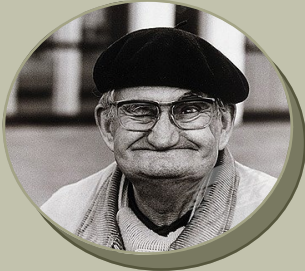
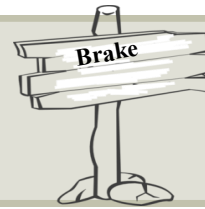
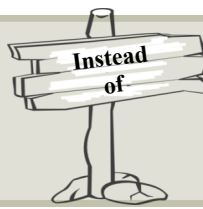
My mother raised four children in a single parent home and to my knowledge, never asked for help. She raised our food, canned and froze everything for the winter, baked bread (you can imagine 4 children when they were given the "treat" of Wonder Bread) of course now realize what a "treat" we were having every day with her homemade bread, tapped 4 maples and boiled the sap on the stove, she made stuffed toys, clothes and she could cut anything that needed to be cut with a big meat saw. I didn't mention that she was a full time secretary in a department store at this time. We lived in a small town in southern Vermont and for 13 years of my life, we lived in a house on my grandparents' farm. Being from a small town and living on the farm was a definite help to both my mother and us but again at the time we probably weren't convinced of it. With saying all this, the outcome was 4 adults growing up and realizing that we had to take care of ourselves and we weren't to run for help every time things got rough, though I think sometimes she went too far with the lesson. All my siblings and me are always ready to help but go to great lengths not to ask for help.

This brings me to this summer when Gary and I went on a 7000 mile trip to Montana to pick up 2 of our grandchildren and bring them to Vermont. On our 10 day trip from Montana, we went to Iowa (car auction with Vin Cassidy), visited every place President Lincoln lived except Washington, to Mammoth Caves in Kentucky and to the largest insane asylum in the world (late 19th century). Arriving home, we picked up our other 2 grandchildren in Waterbury and headed for camp. In all we entertained the children for about 2 weeks when their parents came for 10 days and then took them home. Have to admit mixed with sadness of seeing them go was a bit of gladness at seeing them go! Gary and I agree we have never been so tired in our lives (that we can remember). It wasn't that hard raising our 2 boys! Guess I forget that we were about 40 years younger!

Now "the rest of the story" and the point of my rambling. Last month I received an email from Gary Fiske telling me that it was my turn to write for Wheel Tracks (thank you for reminding me, Gary, I would never remember on my own) also saying that if I wasn't up to it that maybe Mary Noble would trade months. Though it went against the grain to ask, I did. Mary graciously agreed to write the article in my place and did a fine job of it! She helped me out, for which I will forever be grateful, while entertaining her grandchildren, gardening (on a scale that would put the Green Giant to shame) and raising pigs. Lesson: Always go to a busy person if you need help. I have to tell you it really didn't hurt at all asking for help but please, don't turn and run when you see me coming because I'm probably not looking for help.

Postscript: I wrote my article before the Stowe Car Show and want to tell you about a couple of things that happened there. The first was Sunday morning about 7 AM when I pulled into the entrance for "**Antique Cars only**" and two gentlemen came to my window to ask what I was up to. I explained that I needed to drop off our young friend, Ryan and meet up with Gary for a few words and I assured them I would come out this entrance to prove I wasn't sneaking in. They looked a bit skeptical but helped me out by letting me in (I did go out that way and thanked them).

Next, I had another favor to ask (imagine needing 'help' twice in less than an hour!) well, Lloyd Harvey stepped up to the plate and helped me out. Thank you Lloyd (and Steve for looking at Lloyd 'like help the woman') I think I see a pattern forming so if you see me coming - maybe you should RUN!



Upon entering a little country store, a stranger noticed a warning sign that read: "Danger! Beware of dog!" posted on the door. Inside, he noticed a harmless little dog

asleep on the floor beside the cash register. "Is that the dog folks are supposed to beware of?" he asked the owner. "Yep, that's him," came the reply. The stranger couldn't help but be amused. "That certainly doesn't look like a dangerous dog to me.

Why in the world would you post that sign?" "Because," the owner explained, "Before I posted that sign, people kept tripping over him."

Paul walks into the boss's office. "Sir, let me get straight to the point, I know the economy is really down, but I have a couple of companies after me, and I would like to ask for a raise." After a few minutes of haggling between them the boss finally agrees to a 10% raise, and Paul gets up to leave happily. "One minute", says the boss to Paul, "which companies are after you by the way?" "The gas company, cable company, and phone company", Paul replied!

Sunday school teacher: Why did Moses wander in the desert for 40 years?

Sunday school clown: He was too stubborn to stop and ask for directions!

I was about to get engaged, and was so excited to show off my new bride to my Mom. "Ma", I said, "I'm going to walk by you with five girls and I want you to guess which one is my future wife." I come by my Mom's house the next day towing five girls with me.

"It's that one", said my mother, without even asking. "wow", I exclaimed, "how did you know it was her?" "I just hated her the minute I saw her", she replied.

Some "One-liners"

Ninety-nine percent of lawyers give the rest a bad name.

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Borrow money from a pessimist— they don't expect it back.

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Time is what keeps things from happening all at once.

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Lottery: A tax on people who are bad at math.

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I didn't fight my way to the top of the food chain to be a vegetarian.

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Never answer an anonymous letter.

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It's lonely at the top but the food is better.

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I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.

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Always go to other people's funerals, or they won't go to yours.

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Few women admit their age; few men act it.

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If we aren't supposed to eat animals, why are they made with meat?

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No one is listening until you make a mistake.



From this...

To This

In one year and 8 days



Bob Chase and Duane Leach spends the year planning "The Antique and Classic Car Meet" in Stowe....then in 8 days the magic happens.

Many others are involved but Bob and Duane are the sparks that ignite the largest car meet in Vermont and some say in New England. If you go to our website (vtauto.org) to the member only page and read the monthly minutes from their planning meetings, you will see the work involved to make the transition that you see at Nichols field for the three day car meet in August. You will also meet a few of the many people who work with these two gentlemen.

Bob is a long time resident of Stowe owning a service station at the corner of RT 100 and the Mountain Road for many years. He and Wendy are presently key in making Mac's Market a success on Rt. 100.

Duane and Marnita move their RV onto Nichols field a week before the show, living there the entire time. Duane takes 2 weeks vacation from his job as a supervisor at Offset House, a printing company in Essex. Some of us think of our vacations differently but Bob and Duane have other ideas.

The front page shows in a nut shell the dynamics of the two weeks at Nichols field. If you need to talk to Bob or Duane you will most likely have to wait your turn. This time it is Bob's turn to wait..... he understands.



Some might say the best way to ignite a work force is to feed them very well and this small group of 'cooks' did a great job at the VAE Meet in Stowe. The food these folks prepared over the weekend was fantastic. Lower left you can see **Seth Bean** cleaning the space where three huge turkeys were baked under the barrels in the picture. For you who are viewing this online and in color you can see the golden brown turkeys that had just come from under those barrels.



Our cooks from left to right.....

Linda Craig
Wendy Nelson
Carla Hale
Sam Kaiser
Star Bettis
Diane Robeaud

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GREAT FOOD AND
HAPPY ATMOSPHERE



The Roadside Diner



Big Mama's Fried Chicken from days in the South

2 Chickens cut into breasts, legs, wings and thighs.
4 large eggs.
1/4 cup water.
3 cups all-purpose flour.

2 tablespoons salt.
1 tablespoon paprika.
2 teaspoons ground black pepper.
3 to 6 cups Shortening.
2 lemons



Rinse the chicken and pat dry. In a medium bowl, beat together the eggs and water. Combine the flour, salt, paprika and pepper in a bag and set aside. Heat the shortening in a large deep skillet until it is hot, but not smoking. If you're using an electric skillet, heat it to 400 degrees. Dip each piece of chicken in the egg mixture and then place in the bag with the flour and shake to coat. Let stand for 4 or 5 minutes. Fry three to five pieces of chicken at a time for about 15 minutes, until they are browned and cooked through. Drain on paper towels.



The 18 man Stowe police force have the task of traffic control at the VAE meet. Eight of the officers at a time are needed to keep things moving.

On the left is Jon Zygmuntowicz directing traffic at gate 3.

Jon and officer David Selby are working together to keep the traffic moving.



PROMOTING OUR CAR MEET IN STOWE

Pictured here is the WCAX news crew getting ready to do an interview and ride with Wendell Noble in his '29 Plymouth.



Chris Barbieri was one of the key members who worked at promoting the show. He and Wendell were involved in a whirlwind of interviews and contacts to get the word out about our antique and classic car meet. Just part of the list these two VAE members worked with includes WCAX, Burlington channels 44 & 22, Radio stations WOKO, WORK, FROGGY FM, The Point, WDEV, WJOY, WODS, Newspapers Seven Days, Times/ Argus, The World, Middle Weekly and the Stowe Reporter



WATER PUMP GREASE

A lot of our antique cars have, or had a grease fitting or a grease cup on the water pump. Without the proper grease, the water pump bearings will quickly fail. In some cars, particularly Model A Fords, the grease may pass through the water pump in to the cooling system. Ford specified a special water soluble grease. Using a conventional grease can cause a blockage in the radiator. Chrysler specified a special grease for use on their water pumps too.



Grease tube from Mac's \$5.25.

So, what makes water pump grease different than conventional chassis grease? Depending on the grease, it is either a grease that won't be washed away by water, or a water soluble grease that will wash away and dissolve in water preventing a blockage in the cooling system.

Many replacement or rebuilt water pumps have modern, sealed bearings. Most of these pumps use the original casting and either have a grease fitting, or grease cup, or a spot for the grease fitting to be fitted. Many concours restoration pumps actually have dummy grease fittings or grease cups to "look the part" of the factory pump.

The question is, what grease to use? If you need a water soluble grease, such as for a Model A, most Model A parts-houses stock the water soluble water pump grease.

There are several options for non water soluble grease. Most auto parts stores stopped stocking water pump grease decades ago. The most popular modern replacement is marine grease, or the wheel bearing grease for boat trailers. Many people use Lubriplate 115 for water pump grease. Marine shops carry outboard motor grease. Another option is your local fire department. The pumps in fire trucks requires a special, water pump grease. This grease is sitting right on the shelf at the fire house. If you are lucky, they may give you a few pumps from their grease gun, or several ounces from the tub they are using.



The 'goings-on' at the Registration Tent.....



Member **Hayden Janes** is pictured here holding the fort.



Jim Sears explains....



The English & French 'voices' of the VAE Car Meet in Stowe are **Gael Boardman**, pictured in a light shirt and **Serge Benoit**.

Pictured here is Serge giving Gael a very vivid 'French translation'.....

After passing through Gate 2 the 700 plus antique and classic cars come to the registration tent, the nerve center of the show field. Along with registration this work center takes care of the public address system, the judging tasks, data entry and general information. Some of the folks working there are.....

Kit and Dick Wheatley, Les Skinner, Sandy Pierce, Fred Cook, Laurel Barbieri, David Hillman and Jessica Bean.

Speaking of the public address system, there is a key person we should mention who we lovingly call "sparky" and that is **Nick Nadeau**. Nick is a student at Johnson State College and has been setting up our electronics for a number of years now, a highly important aspect of our meet.

Our September VAE Meet



Principal Engineer **Pierce Reid** with 1905 Rolls-Royce Light 20hp

The September meeting of the VAE will be held at the Vintage Garage in Stowe Saturday, September 13th at 10:00 am.

From Rolls Royces to Ford Model T's, for decades, The Vintage Garage name has been synonymous with the finest in mechanical repairs, maintenance and restoration for the discerning fine automobile owner.

The Vintage Garage's 6000 square foot facility is located at 111 North Hollow Rd in Stowe. Take School St out of Stowe village keep right on Stowe Hollow Rd to North Hollow Rd on your left.

Bring a Brown- bag lunch & a chair, we will have the coffee & drinks.

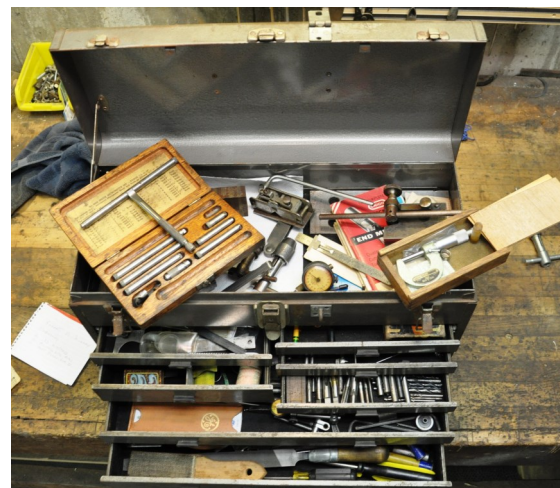
See you there!



VAE Gossip by GCF



Paul Kinney is a VAE member and lives in Florida. He is also my wife's brother-in-law and for the past few years has traveled from his summer residence in Sylvan Beach, NY to visit us and work at our car show in Stowe. His partner Pat Rowe was not able to make the trip here this year but Paul did bring something else.....this tool chest pictured to the right. He has known that I purchased a metal lathe and mill a while back and decided to give me his father's machinist chest. You would not believe the treasurers inside! Paul's Dad, **Robert**, had passed a number of years ago after many years in the trade. Christmas in August is pretty great....Thank You Paul.



Pictured here is **Anita & Carroll Bean** showing off their 1955 Ford Country Squire Wagon and an award that was won in Carlisle a few months ago.

Carroll and son-in-law Duane Leach took the Ford to PA and won 3rd place in their class at the Ford Nationals. The couple also celebrated their 50th anniversary on the 5th while working to set up our 57th car meet. Congratulations to you both, especially to you Anita for putting up with him all that time!

I can say that because Carroll and I are friends....at least I think we are.

The **Clerihews** have made it back from their Model T drive to Detroit. Remember their plan to celebrate the 100th birthday of their old car by driving to it's birthplace and back? Well they made it to Detroit in fine shape. Unfortunately not many miles into their return trip there was some magneto trouble and instead of the "T" giving them a ride....they switched places!

Arnie and his daughter **Emma** are pictured here pushing the T off the trailer and safely into it's spot in the barn with a 'fix' planned for later. Their 'blog' of the trip is still on line at <http://modeltrambles.blogspot.com>. You will have a lot of fun reading about their 20s something MPH ride halfway across the United States. Glad to hear you are back in VT. safely.





This column represents the many stakes, posts, ropes and fences that need to be placed on the show field to guide the show goers and cars.

At the top is Avery Bean in the cart and Lien Vo with their supply of posts that need to be pounded into the ground.

Next down from the left is Seth Bean, Heather Maclay, Wyatt Bean and Haleleigh Bean taking a short break. The next picture is a scene from the "Bean Pop-up residence". As you can see there is work outside to be done and no time for inside work. Wheel Tracks wonders who that Teddy might belong to????

Other folks involved in this job are Mike Chase, Jeff Maclay, Carroll Bean and many others that Wheel Tracks has not listed.....we apologize for not having a good count of all you who have helped.



The tent on the right is one of many that need to be erected on the show field, this one in particular was given to the VAE by "Shelter Logic", a new show sponsor this year. It appears from the picture that only two people were involved but in fact there were at least six workers. Watching six men being forced to reference the instruction manual to get this tent put together would have been great entertainment by any woman....! As you know, written instructions are not allowed when men are at work. This tent served as the welcome/information tent. Some of the folks working that job for the show were....

Mary Noble, Nancy Olney, Isabelle and Clark Wright, Julie Greenia and Anita Bean.



A job that **Paul Ardell**, left, has had for years at the show is to update the signs. It's hard to believe the "7" and the "4" were a **six** and a **three** only twelve months ago!

Below is a picture of the most popular 'show-ride' this year. Everyone wanted to drive the cart with the Nascar "24" colors! The show organizers are slowly replacing the golf cart fleet from



the very old Harley Davidsons that have been around for many years. This cart was purchased from an elderly gent in Canada who loves Nascar..... and golf.



A very popular spot at the car show is the Car Corral and this year was no exception. The very first vehicle sold from the corral this year was the 1925 Franklin touring car pictured in the center. The seller was from Connecticut...the buyer from Vermont! Wheel Tracks is searching for that buyer in the hopes the new owners will join the VAE to better represent the "Franklin minority".

Chuck & Sandy Gonyeau and Ray Tomlinson have directed the car corral for many years now. Chuck says there is an average of 125 to 135 cars that are in the corral each year and 18 to 25 end up finding new homes. Their top year was 160 cars in the corral a few years ago. There is no commission to sell your vehicle there, only the \$40.00 registration fee.

The Fiero (owned by Duane Leach) above had a very low \$5000.00 price tag on it. The Essex Terraplane pictured was not in the corral but in a vendor spot on the field where many other nice buys can be found. The Essex is a 1932 owned by Pierre Pepin with a \$12,500 price tag on it. Wheel Tracks is unaware if it sold at the show.



Another part of the show is what everyone leaves behind..... Casella Waste Management, a show sponsor, has the task of hauling it all away but the hard labor is left to members of the Stowe Snowmobile club. The club takes on the job to raise funds for their many events. Pictured from the right is Joe Morre, Allen Boyea and Robin Percy. Their Black Lab mascot is Mya.



On the right **Michael McGrath** is checked in by **Tom McHugh** and **Pat Mainetti**. Pat and her family have driven their Mustangs North from Connecticut for years to work and enjoy our show in the Stowe mountains.



Above.....We were not formally introduce but Wheel Tracks believes this is Candy, the beagle, guarding the homesteador waiting for lunch.

Left, **Frank Miller** of Stowe works at tidying up the grass for the Car Corral and above **Hal Boardman** gets his flea market space ready for business.



Special parking is set aside for the hundreds of show goers who come with their bikes. Above is just a third of the bikes parked at gate 2. **Mark McDermott** of Enosburg, left, brought his older Harley to be judged on the show field...ain't it a beauty!

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"THE SIMPLE CAR"

Greetings from
Chris Cartier
And his next "Auto ABCs"

We are doing "G"
This Month....
The "Gas-Au-Lec"

This is the 7th installment of walk through the Alphabet learning about obscure American Auto Makes.

Great ideas do not guarantee success. Have you noticed that, too? This is abundantly clear with the "Gas au Lec"'s innovation and short history. Originating in Peabody, Massachusetts this auto firm was alive for only the years 1905 and 1906. Hamilton S Corwin, the president of the firm (Corwin Manufacturing) was an accomplished CPA and held a patent to a hide and skin treating machine that was issued in January of 1904.

It is unclear if the car had a different inventor as it was listed as originally from the Vaughn Machine Company and then with Corwin. However it claimed to be the "Simplest Car in the World" in both operation and maintenance! It's motion could be controlled by ONE LEVER, operated by either the hand or foot, at the preference of the operator! And, most notably, it was the Prius of its day! It had a 40 hp, 4 cylinder gasoline powered motor, that also had battery power to be used for slower speeds! Wow! Everything new is old again! Or is it everything old is new again?

It's advertising was succinct and direct. It also claimed to feature "triple brakes" and was a "Practical Revolution" in its originality of ideas employed. Unfortunately, it seems to have only made four (4) automobiles and the firm closed in 1906. The marriage of gas and electric power as methods of powering the same automobile was short-lived, but to be revisited as the industry developed. Enjoy the advertisements! And remember, "G" is for "Gas-au-Lec!"

Editor's notes from the 3rd. Edition of the "Standard catalog of American Cars 1805-1942".

The word Gas-au-lec was coined for "gasoline", "auxiliary" and "electric" by the Peabody company to be pronounced with the accent on the first and last syllables. The engine was a T-head four on a 108 inch wheelbase chassis and claimed to combine all the advantages of gasoline, steam and electric vehicles though it was primarily a gasoline car. An ancillary electric motor geared to the propeller shaft was used for starting, reverse, slow speeds through traffic and added hill climbing power. The valves were electro-magnetically operated and their timing could be varied by the driver. Apparently the combination did not work so the company changed it's name in 1906 to **Gasaulec** but alas, removing the hyphens didn't move sales. Total production was no more than four cars and possibly only one.

The designer of the Gas-au-lec was Ralph Hood who earlier had designed the Hood/Simples in Danvers, Massachusetts.

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For Sale.....1967 Dodge Coronet 440, 2 door hardtop. Power steering, radio, variable speed wipers, automatic transmission, sure grip, light package, remote control mirror, undercoating, bumper guards and tinted windshield.

This is an original 318 Dodge Coronet 440. I have owned this car more than 25 years and purchased it at the Stowe Car Show. It had 58,000 original miles on it when I got it, now 73,000 miles. Most of the paint is original and shows excellent for its age. Interior original, all looks new. Factory undercoated, all original sheet metal with no rust or dents. Chrome excellent and shows no signs of pitting. The tires were upgraded to radial red lines with magnum 500 wheels. Included will be whitewall tires and the original



hubcaps. All lights and gauges work. Original bill of sale, build sheet, certcard, manual, visor cover instruction sheet for seat belts, warranty schedule booklet, original brochure ,facts and feature manual, and service manual included.

There is so much history on this car, if interested it's worth following up on. \$19,900 or reasonable offer.

For Sale..... 360 High Performance Motor. More than \$3,000 invested. Moving soon, selling for \$1600 firm. A great buy for someone!

Bill Kelly, Bridgton, ME 207-647-4033 for further information.



Pictured above is **Lee Martenson** (right) and **Vince Comegno** of the "Valley of Burlington Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite" a Mason organization that is in charge of collecting the show gate fees and parking. Lee tells Wheel Tracks that he had to go to other Mason lodges to fill the force of 24 people needed for the show.

For many years **Randy Cary** pictured far right handled the job of organizing the work-force for the Masons, now that he has 'retired' he still volunteers to watch over one of the gates. Wheel Tracks just had to include this wonderful picture of this fellow **Mason Gentleman** pictured in the middle, sorry we did not get your name.

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For Sale....CHEVROLET: 1948 Fleetline Aerosedan, older restoration (1995) still very presentable. Original 216 inline six engine professionally rebuilt 2003, runs well. Vacuum shift. Hampton Coach interior as original. Black exterior/tan interior. Coker WWW. \$12,500. Contact Ken at (802) 247-3443 or kenbrandon@myfairpoint.net

WANTED.....

Storage space for classic car. The ideal space would be secure, reasonably mouse-proof, accessible, in Chittenden County, and on a road that does not have heavy traffic.

Karen Unsworth
kunsworth@comcast.net
802-922-3403

September Bumper Sticker...

**I respect your
opinion. Just don't
want to hear it!**

For Sale..... [A] parts [big an small] I have 5 front fenders 30/31, have 3-29s \$25.00. I have one starter it is new or rebuilt \$70.00 udiside. A Ford rebuilt water pump \$55.00. One leftover {A} muffler=\$70.00. One Ford zenith {carb} not iron \$40.00. Set of brake shoes 8 molded lines for original Ford with just brakes \$40.00. One 23 inch rim liner \$20.00. one A Ford engine, last owner stated it had babbitt work, done by babbitt has high compression head Sept 1930 serial #3837740 \$700.00

Marvin Ball, Ferrisburgh, 802-425-3529

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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



Sunshine: **Wheel Tracks** has just learned that **Leo Laferriere** has been dealing with some health problems but when seen on the show field recently Leo seemed well on the way of a mend. Your looking great Leo!

A bonus this month from..... Dave's Garage

Recently I shared a tip using a 50%/50% mixture of ATF and Acetone for use as a penetrating oil. I recently mixed up a batch substituting Marvel Mystery Oil for ATF, and the results were amazing. As well as the ATF/Acetone concoction worked, the Acetone/Marvel Mystery Oil seemed to work even better. The rust on rusted fasteners simply dissolved. Bolts and screws that were impossibly welded together with rust came apart with ease after being soaked with this solution.

Interestingly, I had several rusted on Phillips headed screws on a generator case at the Stowe Show. The shroud was made of plastic, so the use of a torch was out of the question. I could not even get the screw driver in to the screw head due to the excessive rust. After dousing the screws with the solution and waiting for a few hours, the screw driver easily went in to the screws and the screws backed out with minimal effort.

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Pictured from the left is Tom McHugh, Joanna Conti and Hal Boardman as they worked to place the stakes to identify the roughly 500 vendor spaces that were needed for the 2014 VAE Antique & Classic Car Show in Stowe, Vermont. A good part of three days are needed to do the task after Tom spends many previous hours preparing the material for the final work of laying out the field. A VAE member of many years, Tom is one of the editors of our 50th anniversary and 60th anniversary publications. Joanna is presently a VAE director and a very active member. Hal is the person behind creating the very popular Vermont Crafter's tent at the show and also a long time member.

You can see the numbered stakes that are used. This year there was a mysterious problem when some of the papered numbers were found ripped off the wooden stakes and in small pieces on the ground. It turned out to be the local Stowe Crows trying (in their way) to help the threesome out.

