



Wheel Tracks



Pictured is Wendell Noble's 1929 Plymouth Rumble Seat Roadster as it looked when he bought it (left) and as it looks now after restoration (below). Wendell is still waiting for a ride in the rumble seat. His story appears on the back cover.



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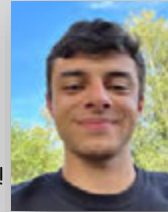
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**FROM OUR PRESIDENT,
JASON WARREN**



Hello all,

It's hard to believe that we have survived another Vermont winter, especially with how cold this one has been! There are times when I think we all question why we live here.

It is very nice to see the beginning signs of spring and the chance to start taking out our classic vehicles. I can't wait to soon be driving my Miata with the top down!

I also wanted to highlight that some of our VAE Members dropped off a check for The American Precision Museum recently. We love to support places that not only represent history, but allow us to hold one of our many monthly meetings there!

Support is a huge part of making our club successful. Not only from other places, but from each other! At the end of the day, we are all classic car enthusiasts who once had a little matchbox car and a big dream.

Jason



About Us

We at Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts preserve the history and the vehicles of our automotive past. Since our beginning in 1953, our central mission has been to educate, and to enjoy our old vehicles and our wonderful membership.

We are a 501c3 not-for-profit Inc. **Membership is \$35 per year or \$60 for 2 years. Become a member by clicking on "Join VAE" on our website, fill out the form and mail it with \$ to our secretary. Or, pay online by clicking on "Renew Membership."**

Wheel Track's monthly deadline to the editors is the 5th of each month.

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JOHN GALLAGHER'S ENGINE REBUILD

Here are some photos of the engine rebuilding process for my 1925 Franklin that is now more than 2 years on! Recently the grinding/polishing of the crankshaft and the new babbitt bearings for the crankshaft and connecting rods were completed. Two summers ago the Franklin suddenly began knocking while I was driving to the VAE car show. I stopped immediately and towed the car home, not very far as I live in Moretown. I removed the engine and gradually took it apart, finding one connecting rod big end melted and splattered inside the crankcase. I began trying to find someone to do the work on the crank and install new babbitt bearings. I am a member of the Franklin club and found Reeves Enterprises in NY state. The car also needed new oversize pistons and new valves and guides. I was able to find suitable valves and guides and Patrick Reeves was able to provide new pistons. I was able to bore and hone the cylinders to size. I will now wait until warmer weather to finish the cleaning of all parts, oil lines, etc. and do the final assembly. The engine is quite long and heavy so I feel that the final assembly should be done very close to where the car can be moved beneath the completed engine, which means doing that work in my barn which is not heated.



John is a VAE member from Moretown, VT

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Next up.....

2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

And always open to all members & guests!

MAY 12: CAR MEET-UP. Tuesday at 6 PM at Island Ice Cream, 21 Commerce St., Williston, VT.
Coordinator: Charlie Thompson

****DATE CHANGE** MAY 16: GARAGE TOURS.** Saturday. We'll meet at Bill Erskine's home, 78 Tree Hill Rd., Williston, VT, at 10 AM for a garage (barn) tour. Following the tour, we will proceed to Steve Hornbrook's home, 264 Golf Course Rd., Williston, VT, for lunch, socialization, and a one-car garage tour. Bring a a bag lunch, folding chair, your best friend, and your vintage ride. Coordinator: Wendell Noble

MAY 23: ESSEX MEMORIAL DAY PARADE. Five Corners, Essex, VT. Meet time is 9 AM with parade start time 10 AM. Get your vintage car out and join the parade to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Coordinator: Charlie Thompson

MAY 23: SPRING RALLY 2026. Saturday, 8:30 AM SHARP! Middlebury, VT. Please see back cover for details.
Coordinator: Dave Stone. 802-598-2842.

JUNE 9: CAR MEET-UP. Tuesday at 6 PM at Island Ice Cream, 21 Commerce St., Williston, VT.
Coordinator: Charlie Thompson

JUNE 27: JEFFERSONVILLE CAR SHOW. Saturday, 9 AM-2 PM. Cambridge Elementary School soccer fields, 1886 School Street, Jeffersonville, VT. Coordinator: Jason Warren—802-477-2430.

JUNE 27: NOT QUITE INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE—WATERBURY, Waterbury, VT. Saturday, 3 PM.
Coordinator: Don Pierce

JULY 14: CAR MEET-UP. Tuesday at 6 PM at Island Ice Cream, 21 Commerce St., Williston, VT.
Coordinator: Charlie Thompson

****NEW** JULY 17-18: BOB BAHRE CAR COLLECTION,** Paris Hill, Maine. Friday-Saturday overnight tour. Founder's Day Celebration on Saturday from 9 AM—5 PM. Please see page 9 for more info. Coordinator: Eric Osgood

JULY 31 - AUGUST 2: Friday—Sunday. **42nd GRANBY INTERNATIONAL CAR SHOW,** Daniel Johnson Park, 230 rue Drummond, Granby, QC, Canada. For more info, go to www.vadg.ca

AUGUST 7-9: THE 69th VERMONT ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC CAR MEET. August 7, 8 & 9, 2026. Farr Field, 1901 US Route 2, Waterbury, VT. Coordinator: Bob Chase ****DESPERATELY NEED VOLUNTEERS—see pages 6-7****

AUGUST 11: CAR MEET-UP. Tuesday at 6 PM at Island Ice Cream, 21 Commerce St., Williston, VT.
Coordinator: Charlie Thompson

SEPTEMBER 8: CAR MEET-UP. Tuesday at 6 PM at Island Ice Cream, 21 Commerce St., Williston, VT.
Coordinator: Charlie Thompson

SEPTEMBER: COLCHESTER LIBRARY CAR MEET, 898 Main St., Colchester, VT. Come on out and show your cars! Date TBA. Coordinator: Charlie Thompson

OCTOBER: GYPSON TOUR. Saturday, 10 AM. Date TBA. Coordinator: Ed Hilbert

NOVEMBER: ANNUAL MEETING. Coordinator: Judy Boardman

DECEMBER: HOLIDAY PARTY. Coordinators: Charlie & Marion Thompson

ONGOING MONTHLY MEETINGS

VAE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS: April 16, July 16, October 15, 2026, at 6 PM. Fairfax Town Offices, 12 Buck Hollow Road, Fairfax, VT. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend!

EDUCATION & CHARITABLE OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Generally the 3rd Saturday of each month in Williston, VT, at 10 AM, 338 Commerce Street. Contact Chairman Ed Hilbert for meeting confirmation at 802-453-3743.

VERMONT ANTIQUE & CLASSIC CAR MEET COMMITTEE MEETINGS: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 PM, Revitalizing Waterbury, 46 So. Main Street, Waterbury, VT. Chairman: Bob Chase.

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CARS & COFFEE



CARS & COFFEE MIDDLEBURY: May 2. First Saturday of each month at A&W, Route 7, Middlebury, VT. 8 AM-10 AM. Coordinator: Dave Stone. 802-598-2842.

WAITSFIELD CARS & COFFEE: May 3. First Sunday of each month at Mad River Exchange, 6163 Route 100, Waitsfield, VT. 9 AM-12 PM. Coordinator: John Lynch. 802-496-5251.

CARS & COFFEE VERMONT: May 16. Third Saturday of each month at University Mall, Dorset Street, So. Burlington, VT. 7 AM-9 AM. <http://carscoffeevermont.com>. Coordinator: John Malinowski. 802-662-1026.

It's that time, ladies and gentlemen, so get your rides out and join in the fun at the first 2026 Cars & Coffees.

Burma-Shave

Can't use that one

By Charlie Thompson

Thousands of jingles were received as the result of the Burma Shave contest offering \$100 for any jingle they could use. Some were rejected as being too off-color, like

He used a match

To check his tank

That's why they call him

Skinless Frank

Burma-Shave

Others that suggested inappropriate social behavior got shot down, like

The other woman

In his life

Said go on home

And scratch your wife

Burma-Shave

Jingles that might offend someone didn't make the grade. Some were put up and later taken down. Across the street from a fashionable and dignified church appeared

Shaving brush

All wet

And hairy

I've passed you up

For sanitary

Burma-Shave

These signs disappeared before the next Sunday service, removed by a committee of stony-faced church deacons.

Another that seemed to bear a useful message was

The midnight ride

Of Paul

For beer

Led to a

Warmer Hemisphere

Burma-Shave

It came down after receiving a letter from a national association of beer truck drivers saying, "You'll lose customers with that one. We beer haulers have to shave too, you know."

This one seemed innocent enough:

Old McDonald

On the farm

Shaved so hard

He broke his arm

Then he bought

Burma-Shave

until the crew discovered that the neighbor farmer was named McMcDonald. They approached the burley farmer with trepidation until he burst out laughing. He liked the signs so they stayed.

So, men, keep that chin cleanly shaved so you don't end up like Hazel's husband.
(This was another that didn't make it to the roadside.)

My man won't shave

Sez Hazel Huz

But I should worry

Dora's does

Burma-Shave



"The Softer Side"

A Column Shared by Nancy Olney (Left), Judy Boardman (Center) & Anne Pierce (Right)

.....from Nancy

HOPING FOR A COMEBACK

Seems like every time you pick up a newspaper, scan the internet, or listen to the news, you read or hear that something is closing. Many churches, clubs, restaurants, stores, organizations of all sorts have run out of members and money. One of the biggest reasons for closing many times is there is not anyone to continue the work. This



includes both paid help and volunteers. Several restaurants in the area shortened hours or gave up all together for lack of help. Last year the church I had attended for over 40 years had two members left (I was one!) so the doors closed and the building sold.

It seems that what help is there is on the "older" side, and I have had many discussions about what a place will do when the senior crowd is no longer here or just cannot help anymore. This brings me to Easter Sunday and what happened that has brought me a "ray of hope."

A few weeks ago, Gary and I ran into a friend that is a member of the Elks Lodge in Derby. He was saying that the Elks have been known for its good works for the community for many years, such as Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter meals for those alone and/or in need. They never ask for payment, but if you are able, you can donate toward the meal. He said that they have talked about having to change or do away with the meals all together because the members are getting on in years and there are few and fewer helpers. Gary and I have never been to one of their meals, so we decided to go on Easter. Here is the hope part:

They served 600 meals that day, and for the first time in several years, they had almost too much help. It seems that when one club at the high school heard of the need, several clubs showed up. The ROTC served the food and waited on anyone in need of assistance. It did my heart good to see all these young people scooting around serving, picking up, etc.

This gives me hope for us at the VAE.

We need your help putting on the 69th Vermont Antique & Classic Car Meet.
Please see pages 6-7 for how you can help.



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A SPECIAL GIFT COULD BE YOURS!
Find the VAE logo hidden in one of the pages.

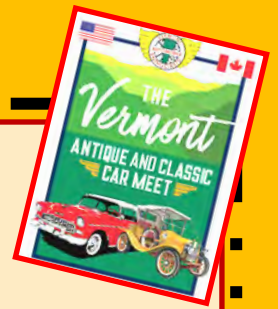


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Mail to: *Wheel Tracks*, 203 Colchester Pond Rd., Colchester, VT 05446 or Text to 802-793-9080 or Email to: forthecordinvermont@gmail.com. Please include your name, mailing address, AND the page # with location on the page where you found the logo. And please tell us what you like/don't like about WT. We welcome your feedback! One winner will be drawn monthly. One entry per household per month. Must be received by the end of the month. April's winner was Ray Tomlinson of Essex Jct., VT, who found the logo on page 5 in the yellow flower.

69th VERMONT ANTIQUE & CLASSIC CAR MEET

August 7-9, 2026



Dear fellow VAE members,

First let me say there has been lots of thought and discussion with a decision of this size. After reviewing our options, we will not be having a parade or street dance during the car meet. Having a parade and street dance is a lot of work! There is immense planning, permits, and most of all costs associated to initiate these activities. The club spends thousands of dollars involving road closures and police/traffic fees. Nothing is free these days, of course, but we are able to find cost effective options. The Waterbury show committee has come up with a solution: There will still be a special event on Friday evening the 7th.

We have worked with Roger Clapp of Revitalizing Waterbury and created a "cruise-in" at Cold Hollow Cider Mill in Waterbury. This event will include a live band along with food and beverages that can be purchased from the Cider Mill. The event will run from 4 pm to 8 pm. We are also encouraging folks to stop at local businesses on the same route before the main event starts. Let's help support them by getting a bite to eat or meeting up with an old friend; then come join us at the Mill! There will be more details to follow in the near future.

This is our first attempt at something different this year. We truly hope that you and others can help us achieve a successful gathering. Feel free to contact me with further questions. I appreciate everyone's dedication and support to make this happen! Thank you.

Jason Warren
VAE President



The 69th Annual Vermont Antique & Classic Car Meet....

is coming soon.....August 7-9. It's an all-hands-on-deck venture. We start building out the field the week before, and it takes many people to do that. Every year we get a little older, so we need more of YOU to step up and give a little of your time and energy.

Below is a list of just some of the jobs that we need people power for. Remember, this show doesn't put itself on. So if you can devote a little or a lot of time to setup, maintenance, day-of-show duties, teardown, please reach out to Nancy Olney who is coordinating the volunteers. She can be reached at nolney27@hotmail.com or call her at 802-873-3552. You don't have to commit

to a full day or many days. It can be as little as an hour or two on one day or maybe a couple different days. Please give a little of your time, talent and energy to putting on a successful event this year.

- ◆ **TENTS NEED TO BE SET UP.** We need a crew of strong, able-bodied people to get them reaching for the sky.
- ◆ **STAKES NEED TO BE POUNDED INTO THE EARTH** for the show fencing.
- ◆ **SIGNS NEED TO BE PLACED** all over the field directing cars and people where to go (please, nicely, that is).
- ◆ **NUMBER PLACARDS NEED TO BE ATTACHED** to the roping designating show car placement.
- ◆ **SHOW FLYERS** need to be handed out to the spectators as they drive in. This could be as little as an hour or two once or twice a day.



- ◆ **CAN YOU HOTWIRE A GOLF CART?** Just kidding! But if you have any experience with golf cart engines, we need you. We'd like to have all carts up and running **BEFORE** the show starts. It really doesn't help if they're dead on the field. So can you devote part of a day at the beginning of the week to work on the carts that just won't get up and go?!?
- ◆ **THE YOUTH JUDGING PROGRAM IS A FUN WAY** to get involved. How about assisting with that on Saturday morning? It's easy and rewarding guiding young people in our hobby.
- ◆ **EVERYTHING** needs to be broken down and stored away on Sunday and Monday at the conclusion of the show. Any help is desperately needed. It seems to always fall to a few men and a couple of ladies to get this work done and they're exhausted by the end because **IT HAS TO BE DONE!** Can you pitch in and do something?
- ◆ **BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY**, we need you, Members of the VAE, to take ownership of this once-a-year event **BECAUSE** we are in danger of losing this event (because there's not enough help) that provides the dollars and cents to award the Golden Wrench Awards and scholarships to our young people to continue to pursue the automotive industry and other trades that provide antique and classic car owners with the help we need at one time or another for our rides. Plus, it provides the funds to produce the monthly Wheel Tracks and other events put on by the association. **AND** it plants the seed for future car shows.

Please contact Nancy Olney at nolney27@hotmail.com or call her at 802-873-3552 to discuss how you can help!

On behalf of the Car Show Committee,
we want to thank you in advance for any help you can give.



NEW SCAM TO BE AWARE OF

There's a new scam going around where scammers are getting people to register on bogus websites that you googled. ALWAYS register directly with the website, not through a third party.

True case in point: Recently people googled the Amado, AZ, Chili Cook-Off and bought tickets. Turns out it was a bogus site portraying itself as the real site, and they paid for the tickets; and when they got to the cook-off, discovered the tickets were fake! and they were out that money. So buyer beware.

So when you go online to buy your tickets to the car show, make sure you're going to the VAE!

"Remember When?" with Chris Barbieri



It's 1950. You've ordered your new car from your local dealer, and he's sent a request in to the factory. You want to know when your new car left the factory and when it's on its way to your local dealer?

For example, what appears to be a new '50 Buick [?] is being lifted and pushed into a waiting freight car with this new Auto Loader made by the Salsbury Corp. of Los Angeles. The tug in the foreground lifts the rear end of an automobile with a hydraulic jack and pushes it into the rail car. An assistant at the steering wheel guides the car's front wheels. The order is on the way to you! In contrast, today you purchase the car directly from the dealer.

Remember When?

TRIVIA FROM DON TENEROWICZ



"The Pleasures of Reading an Auto Magazine"

Car Trivia: Refueling Gas vs Battery

The transition, whether government mandated or market driven, from ICE-powered cars to EV continues. We have read the recaps on the dependency for personal auto usage but now have the opportunity to personally experience the EV pros and cons. Might be that having readily available transportation alternatives is an approach we need to reconsider rather than immediately going to the supposedly ultimate solution. Some reports are now given additional emphasis to the hybrid approach until EV technology and infrastructure advances.



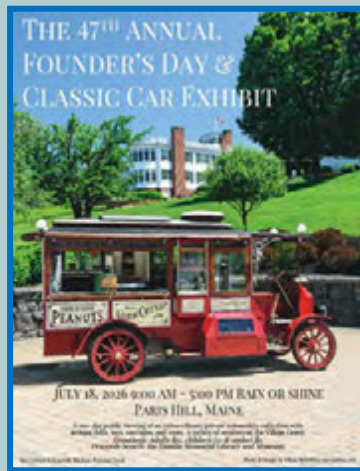
In a light moment, the picture of a horse-powered car indicates the relevancy on the need for adequate future planning which will include the nationwide infrastructure. Road travel clubs cannot assist with a can of electricity if the charge is depleted and the consequences of fully depleting the battery. Current policy being if the battery is depleted, the tow assistance to a garage is the same as any other breakdown, which may or may not have charging capability.



42nd GRANBY INTERNATIONAL CAR SHOW

July 31—August 2, 2026
Friday—Sunday

Daniel Johnson Park, 230 rue Drummond,
Granby, QC, Canada. For more info, go to
www.vadg.ca



OVERNIGHT ROAD TRIP

Anyone interested in attending the Founder's Day & Classic Car Exhibit in Paris Hill, Maine, and wanting to spend Friday night, July 17th, in Oxford, Maine, please email me for a confirmation # at the hotel. I have 10 rooms booked at \$285 each.
Eric.osgood@outlook.com

This is a very nice collection and well worth the trip over for their once-a-year open house. If you bring a vintage car, it gets preferential parking up near the grounds.

Here's a link to Bob Bahre's collection for a preview:
<https://themainemonitor.org/for-bob-bahre-collecting-classic-cars-never-got-old/>

And looking forward to hearing from VAE'rs who'd like to attend this event.

Eric Osgood



Sheldon Old Home Day Parade & BBQ
Saturday, July 25, 2026
Sheldon, VT

This is the long-awaited quincentennial event - every 5th year- which happily falls during this summer's

National Semiquicentennial which commemorates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Whether you're in the parade or in the audience, it's the best place to be!

The VAE in the past has been in the parade with our old cars, but this year there's a deal you cannot resist.

For each old car entry, the driver will be awarded a Chicken BBQ dinner. What a deal!!

Email VAE'er Andy Crane at drmwvr@together.net to get on his chicken list and he will also register you.



"The importance (sometimes) of using a four-letter word."

Hi Anne,

You left out a word on this jingle in the April WT:

Does Your Husband / Misbehave / Grunt and Grumble / Rant and Rave / Shoot the Brute Some / Burma Shave.

Leaving out the word "some" changes the meaning considerably. I hope no one takes the advice of that jingle! We could be charged as accessories to murder!

I checked my article and copied the above jingle from it to be sure I didn't leave something out.

Charlie Thompson

From the editor: In my defense, the word "some" was there, but when I was making the road sign to fit the words, I somehow shortened the sign enough to lop off the "some." That's my story and I'm sticking to it!



Wheel Tracks Academy

By "Professor" Wendell Noble



Lost Linguistic Richness

It occurred to me recently that my common slang vocabulary has diminished over the years. Many of those colorful words or expressions were used as well-directed insults or derogatory references. Others were just colorfully descriptive. I didn't coin any of these. I learned them from my long-gone elders. When I was just a "little squirt," I recall the rather disagreeable woman next door to us being referred to by my mother as a "battle ax." Another neighbor who was "into the sauce" quite a bit was a "toss pot." If a fellow were noticeably effeminate in his appearance and mannerisms, folks might call him a "limp wrister." If he were also timid and cowardly, he was a "pantywaist." If a person was lacking in resolve and never really "cocksure" of anything, he was considered to be "lily-livered." If this led him to be fawning and subservient, he was a "lick spittle," which is the antithesis of a "popinjay."

Certainly we've all had the experience one time or another of encountering someone who tried to "put one over" on us or otherwise try to "hornswoggle" us. We might refer to him as a "scallywag." In northern New England where logging is a common practice, such a disreputable person would be dismissed as a "jillpoke." That term technically refers to a log which is used to either help or hinder the movement of other logs. That's a hard image to relate to a person, but it's interesting to try. Other people among us who may warrant our scorn are the "dingbats" and "crackpots" who are ready advocates for conspiracy theories that are really just "hogwash." Learning to drive a car introduced me to more related terminology. If a vehicle was going too fast, it was going "like a bat out of hell," "hell bent for election," or "lickety-split." The visual imagery of any of those is lost on me. If my father wanted me to speed it up, he would tell me to "give her the oats." That imagery is evident to me, knowing of his experience growing up on a farm with horses for motive power. If things were just as you would want them to be, he would say that's "the cat's meow."

Some of these expressions are colloquial to North America and others are common to wherever English is spoken. Jeezum Crow! The Brits would be gobsmacked to hear some of the things we say. It is interesting to ponder how our present age of remote communication by internet, social media, and texting will impact our vernacular vocabulary. In most such exchanges, people don't actually see each other or even respond to one another in real time. Texting is largely done using acronyms instead of actual words. OMG! IMHO it's hard to imagine this stuff catching on. LOL.

To help out the "seniors" among us, here's a list of text abbreviations reinterpreting standard slang to reflect aging.

LOL Living on Lipitor.

BTW Bring the wheelchair.

FWIW Forgot where I was.

GGLKI Gotta go. Laxative kicking in.

WAITT Who am I talking to?

ATD At the doctor.

BFF Best friend fell.

BYOT Bring your own teeth.

GHA Got heartburn again.

GGPBL Gotta go, pacemaker battery low.

OMSG Oh, my! Sorry, gas.

CBM Covered by Medicare.

CUATSC See you at the senior center.

DWI Driving while incontinent.

FWB Friend with betablockers.

GOML Get off my lawn.

IMHO Is my hearing-aid on?

ROFLACGU Rolling on the floor laughing and can't get up.

TTYL Talk to you louder.

WCS Wear comfortable shoes.

WDICU Why did I come upstairs?

Wheel Tracks Classifieds



Bumper Sticker of the Month...

Warning: My sense of humor may hurt your feelings.



FOR SALE...Sales brochures for most American and some foreign makes, both pre-war and MANY post-war makes and models. Cadillac and Miata are specialties. Send e-mail or call with your interests, and I'll respond with availability and price.



802-388-7826
jemerson@middlebury.edu.
John Emerson

FOR SALE...Model T parts. My mother has a big collection of Model T parts that dad had to restore a T. She would like to sell the whole lot for a reasonable price.

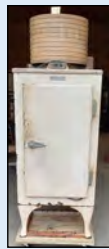
Call Peter at 774-615-4779.

The parts are located in Ashland, Mass.



FOR SALE...

1930s (?) GE Refrigerator. It still runs. Asking \$500 OBO. Greg Sabens: 802-272-3369 or 802-479-5220.



FOR SALE...Lots of parts for a 1936 Packard 120, both interior and body. Over a dozen bare seats, single and double. \$10 for the lot Snubbers, Watson and Gabriels, 3 dozen to choose from at \$20 each.

Tires, used to roll around, mostly 20 inch, FREE for the lot. Cadillac, 1932 complete radio, with head and dynamotor, \$100 R Martin, 802-862-6374, roymart@comcast.net

FOR SALE...1927 Buick parts – bumpers, fenders, wooden spoke wheels, some door parts, engine parts, transmissions, spare tire racks, radiators, radiator shells and other miscellaneous parts. Prices are negotiable. Greg Sabens 802-272-3369 or 802-479-5220.

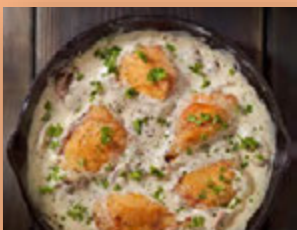
FOR SALE...1948 Ford Model 4, built July 3, 1948, no rack or radiator, 6 original tires, 2-speed rear end, 4-speed transmission, V8 spins over. Usable cab, \$800 firm. Cash, pick up. Carb, starter, generator (for above vehicle)—all for \$100. Call Ellie, 802-425-3529, Ellieb@gmavt.net

WANTED...Old Gas Station maps of Lake George New York, Albany, New York and surrounding cities. Also wanted old Buddy L and Structo trucks from the 1950s. Contact Bruce Levitch, VAE Member, at 480-643-9291 or blevitch@cox.net.

FOR SALE... Body and interior parts for 1936/5 Packard Model 120. Also front end parts, two complete rear axles, and other mechanical items. Negotiable, cheap, buy it all or in pieces. Seat springs, front and rear, over a dozen, prefer to sell as a lot. \$20. (Parts mentioned are for a '36 Packard.) Multiple small items for your flea market, sorted and listed, will sell as a lot at a cheap negotiated price. Roy Martin, 802-862-6374, roymart@comcast.net.

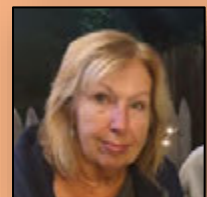
WANTED...Have you ever had your car featured on the front cover of Wheel Tracks? No? Then send us a few pictures (engine, interior, before and after, etc.) as well as several paragraphs about your car. We'll do our best to make you famous! Please send to: kengypson@yahoo.com, nancygypson@yahoo.com.

The Roadside Diner



COMPANY CHICKEN

4 boneless chicken breasts
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 cup sour cream
2.5 ounce jar dried beef, chopped
Hot cooked rice



Nancy Gypson

Mix mushroom soup, sour cream and chopped dried beef. Place in greased casserole dish. Put chicken on top. Sprinkle with pepper and a bit of salt. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven for 50 minutes. Serve on rice and spoon sauce over chicken.



Spring Rally 2026

Depart A&W Drive-In - 8:30 Sharp
Rally to Ripton to Hancock to Waitsfield Farmers Market - Arrive 9:45

Treat Yourself to the Best Products from Vermont's Farmers and Local Artisans
Stretch Your Legs - Shop - Eat Well - Soak Up the Sights and Sounds - Live Music!

Depart 11:30 - Rally through Buels Gore to Bristol Town Green - Arrive 12:00
Group Photo on the Bandstand

Saturday May 23 - Rain or Shine

Presented by VAE's Middlebury Cars & Coffee



May 2026

Today's work from home tip:
Blowing on the wine in your mug will help convince your
Zoom meeting that your tea is hot.

Attention..... The date printed after your name
is when your VAE Membership expires.

Wendell Noble's Rumble Seat Roadster

I fondly recall, as a kid, the thrill of riding with my brother in the rumble seat of our uncle's '41 Packard coupe. I enjoyed it so much I was convinced that one day I wanted to own a rumble seat of my own. About 55 years later the opportunity finally presented itself to do just that. **In 2001, while at the Shelburne Museum car show, I spotted a 1929 Plymouth roadster for sale.** At a distance, it looked pretty nice. On closer examination, it was evident that the recent paint job was blistering, a bit less attractive. The new upholstery was very good although not exactly correct. There was visible evidence that the wooden internal body tub skeleton was badly rotted and had been patched and braced with pieces of 2 x 4 and plywood. The good news was that the engine and running gear were excellently restored. In spite of its warts and flaws I loved it for what it could be. It was for sale by VAE member Ron Pickering and he and I quickly struck an amicable deal for \$5,000. Ron even delivered it to my door in Milton, complete with Quebec registration and plates.

This has been my first experience with a "frame off" vintage car restoration. The body tub was torn down and media blasted bare metal and I made the needed repairs. Using the bits and pieces of the rotted wooden body skeleton as a pattern, I was able to construct an entirely new skeleton. I found the original paint color on the back side of the dash board which allowed me to track down the original factory specs for the color scheme of grey trim and orange pin striping.

With the restoration complete, Mary and I put on plenty of fun miles driving our roadster on tours with other 4-cylinder Plymouth (1928 - 1932) cohorts. A couple of years ago there was a setback. Upon trying to fire it up after winter storage, there was a lot of smoke and steam when it finally started. After an engine tear down, I found a demolished piston and a gaping hole in the cylinder wall right into the water jacket. I can only guess that this was due to the cylinder wall being a bit too thin after being bored out 60 thousandths oversize during the earlier engine rebuild. There probably had been a crack in it for some time.

Fortunately, I had a spare engine block on hand and managed to construct one good rebuilt engine from the parts of two. **Thanks to the very skilled help from Fred Gonet,** it is now finely tuned and running better than ever. My favorite vintage ride is back on the road again and made a flawless debut on the 2025 Gysson tour. I have only two regrets. Mary is no longer here to enjoy it with me and after all these years, I still haven't ridden in my own rumble seat.



Wooden Internal Body Skeleton

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