

# Wheel Tracks



**This issue of Wheel Tracks is dedicated to Bob Chase and Duane Leach, two gentlemen who have made the Vermont Antique and Classic Car Show what it is today.**



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**FROM OUR PRESIDENT,  
JASON WARREN**

Hello all,

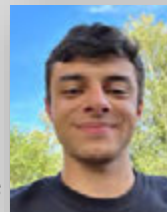
As we get closer to our annual Car Show in Waterbury, I just want to take a moment to thank Duane Leach and Bob Chase! These gentlemen have worked tirelessly year after year on our show. It is more than just the few weeks in August we spend prepping and actually holding the car show. It is year-round that these two have put their time and energy into making sure each show is successful.

Bob has dedicated 22 years of his time to this show and I thank him greatly for that! Duane has dedicated 16 years of his time and now is taking a much-deserved break. Thank you, Duane! If you see these two out and about, make sure to share your gratitude for them too.

Please keep an eye out in Wheel Tracks for any show updates and future meetings! Speaking of upcoming meetings/events, don't forget the Vermont Antique and Classic Car Meet coming up in August. I look forward to seeing you there. If you're available to help in any way, it would be greatly appreciated! Please feel free to contact me.

Most importantly, enjoy the warming temperatures and have fun prepping your vehicles for another summer of great drives!

*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 \$5 to our secretary. Or, pay online by clicking on "Renew Membership."

Wheel Tracks monthly deadline to the editors is the 5th of each month.

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**AN EDITOR'S NOTE: MOVING ON**



The only thing constant in life is change. Sometimes good, sometimes not so good in many instances. In the VAE, things have a tendency to challenge the negatives of the above. Throughout the years we've had an abundance of hard working and very talented and dedicated volunteers.

Some people just don't quit! Thanks to Gary Fiske for many years of an outstanding publication we call Wheel Tracks. Thanks to my father's first issue in 1953 to the present day where it takes three of us to now produce it. Gary should be commended for the idea of dedicating this issue to miracle men Bob Chase and Duane Leach. (Do you remember the September 2014 Wheel Tracks issue which honored Bob and Duane? See photo at right.) Much of this current issue is because of Gary's efforts.

Enough mush? Just one more mush moment. Kudos to, thanks to, and best wishes to the heroes of the VAE. There are big shoes to fill, but already there are bright lights coming through the tunnel that's called the future!

*Ken*



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# Next up.....

## 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

And always open to all members & guests!

**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

**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 11 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](http://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 **CAN YOU VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME??**

**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.** Date TBA. Coordinator: Judy Boardman

**DECEMBER: HOLIDAY PARTY.** Date TBA. 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.



### CARS & COFFEE

**CARS & COFFEE MIDDLEBURY:** 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:** 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:** 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.



Dear Editor:

Some years ago, VAE made at least two trips to Wake Robin to show our vehicles and take the residents for rides. Wendell's Roadster story in our May 2026 *Wheel Tracks* reminded me of one of our trips. Wendell was there with his Roadster, and a resident, an elderly lady in a dress, was determined to ride in a rumble seat like she did in her younger days. As she climbed from the bumper step to the fender step and over into the seat, some of our members helped her with a boost from behind. She commented, with a big smile, "There goes the last of my dignity!" I was afraid we might have to get a hoist to lift her out, but somehow she managed.

Charlie Thompson  
Colchester, VT

Dear Editor:

VAE has a special man in Bob Chase. Last year when I was running into a scheduling pickle, I needed a driver for my 1933 Cadillac for the parade last August as I had to be elsewhere. Out of respect for the efforts organizing the parade, I didn't want to be the lone car left on the field when everyone else was driving the parade. Bob was recommended; I didn't know Bob; now I know Bob. I immediately felt at ease by his demeanor and kindness. He was familiar with older cars, respectful, and just darned pleasant to be around. As it turned out, I hitched a ride in my own car as Bob drove by, so I got even more "Bob-time."

The Waterbury show is a gargantuan effort that the VAE plans, assembles, sweats, and delivers. It is a remarkable show, and I graciously acknowledge and thank Bob and Duane for all their efforts.

"Thanks Bob, thanks Duane!"

Kenneth Green  
Cummings, Georgia

## CARS & COFFEE—MIDDLEBURY

First of the Season

Thanks, Allyson Manning, for the pics.



VAE member **Diane Mott** stands guard at her beloved 1973 VW camper (above)

Diane entertains friends David & Emily with coffee inside (right).



**Dave Stone** presents winner Diane with a bucket of auto supplies donated by O'Reilly Auto Parts (right).





## *"The Softer Side"*

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

.....from Judy

Occasionally, I realize that there is a good reason for not getting rid of stuff. I often start looking for something, and sometimes I get lucky. Today was one of those lucky days.

I have saved Wheel Tracks for years and still have the first issues. When I get them out to look for something, sometimes I find it and sometimes I don't. Today was one of those days when I found what I was looking for. And what that might be, you ask?

Well, in the September 2009 issue, there was a complete treasurer's report for the Stowe Car Show. One of the items listed was a reimbursement to Duane Leach for food, propane, and supplies. That means that Marnita was doing the cooking. Fast forward to 2025 and Marnita was still doing the cooking. That is a lot of years. I'm afraid it was taken for granted that there would be meals ready for the workers. I think in the early days it wasn't the spread that she prepared for everyone in later years, but it was amazing. Not only was she there for the show - breakfast, lunch and dinner, but she was there for the days preceding the show when everyone was busy setting up. I remember her delivering lunch to the Registration tent along with vases of flowers for our tables.

**"Marnita, you have no idea how much we appreciated that."**

For the last few years, there were tables set up in the cooking tent, and folks would gather there to share stories, problems, and suggestions. There were probably a few folks that shouldn't have been there, but that was to be expected. It was also a good time to get away from your tasks to take a breather.

**"Marnita, you were as important as Bob and Duane were in the whole scheme of things.  
I still see you racing around in a golf cart making your deliveries.  
Thank you so much. Sending you big hugs."**

Judy and the rest of this crazy group.



And not to be forgotten, **Keith Bean**, Marnita's brother, was behind the grill these past few years helping Marnita.

**"Thank you, Keith, for your early-morning conversations. It made my time at the Registration trailer in those early hours each day much more productive with hot coffee (along with my coffee creamer you kept in the fridge for me) and a hearty breakfast fixed just the way I liked it by you. I will miss your upbeat personality and laugh going forward!"**

*Anne Pierce*

# THE VERMONT ANTIQUE

I started going to the Stowe Car Show around 1978. I was very impressed with the show, how big it was and how organized it was. Around 1980, I started driving antique cars that I had restored up to Stowe for the day. Just on Saturday. It was a long drive from Proctorsville for the day.

In 1982 I restored our 1926 Chrysler, and I wanted to see how it would do at a show being judged. I brought it to the three major shows in the Northeast: Hildene, Bennington and Stowe. My wife, BJ, and I won 1st in each. Then in 1985 I bought and restored our 1908 Locomobile and brought that to all three shows. That won in all three also; but in Stowe, we decided to go camping for the weekend at the original Smugglers' Notch State Park. Our family made a long weekend of it, going to the car show and playing tourist with the kids in our 1908 Locomobile. It was a great time.

The Stowe Show kept getting bigger and bigger each year. We camped and did the Show for a number of years until they destroyed the original Smugglers' Notch campgrounds. Then we started going to an inn, but we were hooked on the car show. It was a highlight of the summer.

The thought and all the work that has been put into the VAE Show is evident, being the only big car show left in northern New England, proof of the time and work that Duane Leach and Bob Chase have put into it. If you talk to anyone in New England who is into antique cars, they all know of the VAE Show. And that thanks to Duane and Bob, and all the volunteers who work so hard to make it happen.

**"Thank for all your hard work over all these years, Duane and Bob."**

Fred Gonet

*Fred is a long-time VAE member and has been the owner and operator for many years of G&G Restorations in Proctorsville, VT, one of the premiere restoration shops in New England.*



DUANE LEACH



# & CLASSIC CAR MEET

- The VAE honors Bob Chase and Duane Leach for their tireless work over these many years to continuously put on the best show in New England. Through rain, wind, mud, excessive heat, they've made it happen. If you get a chance when you see them, give them a hearty handshake or hug with a big thanks!"

**"Thanks, Bob & Duane, for a job well done!  
We couldn't have done it without you."**



BOB CHASE



Bob and Duane have done a wonderful job putting the car show together each year, and the last 3 years or so they've made time for me to have a golf cart to get around the grounds to see the cars. They've both given a lot of time and really have done wonders with the show, even the fact they didn't give up when notified Stowe wasn't available. That was quite a task to find a new location and start from scratch.

**"Thanks, Bob & Duane!"**

Clark Wright

Clark & his wife, Isabelle, are long-time VAE members and live in Milton, VT.



# Wheel Tracks Academy

By "Professor" Wendell Noble



## Show Time

I don't recall exactly what year it was, but I was pretty new to the VAE and attended my first "Stowe Show" committee meeting. Bob Chase was chairing the meeting as usual and seated next to him was Duane Leach. Bob announced, with a big smile on his face, that Duane had agreed to become co-chairman. There was good reason for the smile. That was a momentous declaration. From that day forward, this dynamic duo has lead the production of a car show we continue to view with pride.



What goes into producing the best car show in the Northeast is probably not evident to anyone who merely attends the show. The three-day event is actually the result of a year-round effort of planning and execution. Bob and Duane have efficiently divided the responsibilities that make it all come together for "show time." Bob chairs the monthly meetings and takes care of such unobvious things as soliciting and lining up sponsors, securing the many required permits and contracts for necessary services. Those services are many: field rental, traffic control, trash removal, gate and parking attendance, portable toilets, and security. For Duane, show time is much longer than three days. He marshals the volunteers who labor to get all of the trailers and material onto the field and set up in the week before things officially start. Some of the trailers come from Duane's yard and others are stored nearer by in John Farr's barnyard. Setting up means running fences and pitching the tents in their precise locations. He literally lives on the field during all this time, providing 24-hour-a-day work and supervision. Since Duane has a full-time job, this is his vacation. It's a family vacation. Marnita and her siblings are there pitching in as well to run the staff food tent and "haute cuisine" kitchen. Suspicions abound that some folks are just there for the food.

With the cooperation of the weather and the labor of the many gracious volunteers, all the pieces come together harmoniously as planned. The field is swarming with curious spectators enjoying the fascinating cars, the flea market, car corral, and other displays. The proceeds of the show are used to make the VAE what it is, an educational and charitable nonprofit organization. Through our Golden Wrench Award program, we encourage and support students in the 16 automotive technical career centers. We are recognized in the community, not only as the folks who put on a fantastic car show, but also the folks supporting automotive technology and historic education.

It all starts with Bob and Duane, and other dedicated club members, who produce this big event of the year: The Vermont Antique and Classic Car Meet.

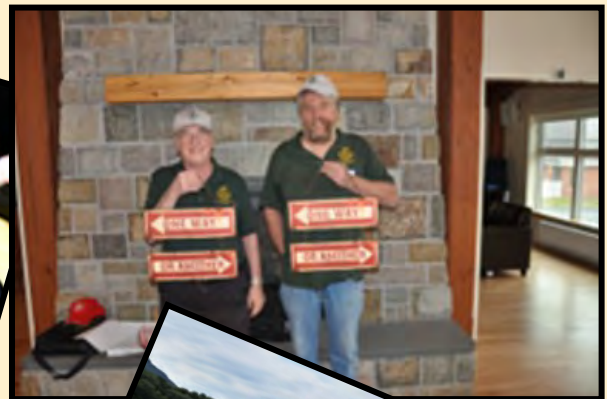


*Rain or shine, the car show carries on!*





# BOB & DUANE DUANE & BOB



## "Remember When?".... with Chris Barbieri



### Reflections on Bob & Duane:

On the surface, Bob Chase and Duane Leach could appear as just members of the Antique and Classic Show Committee, but they have been much more than that. Without them there would've been no show. That's right, no car show. Bob and Duane have been co-chairmen and that means they had to be on top of all the parts of creating the annual show.

We all know how successful our show is year after year. Since I do the show marketing, I innocently walk among show car owners, flea market vendors, etc., asking how the show's going for them. Last year, one - only one - had a gripe, and that was the weather!

**"Thank You, Bob and Duane, for all you have done to make the show a winner year after year."**

P.S. I had a call last April from a gentleman from the state of Georgia. He had heard nothing but good things about our show. He said he might come up and take a look. I told him he would not be disappointed. He came up, found me and said he was very glad he came!

**Remember When?**

### Reflections on Duane Leach from the Registration Tent

I wish to thank Duane for all his thoughtful, careful, and proficient efforts to set up the show car Registration Tents and the car show fields over the years. He has been so considerate about locating the Registration where there are easy, ready access lanes for pre-registered and to-be registered show cars, and about making sure other displays don't interfere, obstruct, or distract from the registration process. Duane has had his crew set up our Registration area with equipment, flags, and signage in preparation for us and he and they have been 'at-the -ready' with any problem we meet. We can't thank him enough also for all he and his crew have done setting up the show car field with registration numbers first, then switching them around to reflect the classes every Sat. night. I also wish to thank Duane again for rescuing my flower vase that I accidentally left on the field after the show. He kept it for almost a year and returned it to me for the next show in perfect condition! Finally, we wish to thank Marnita and her crew as well for all the delicious foods they have planned, purchased, stored, prepared, and served over the years to provide for the volunteers all throughout the show days.

**"Thank you both, Duane and Marnita, for all you do in support of all of us and the success of the show!"**

Laurel Barbieri

### Reflections on Bob Chase from the Registration Tent

I wish to thank Bob for all he's done over the years for the show car Registration before the show at all of our monthly meetings and during the show! Bob has helped coordinate our materials/folders with the Waterbury Revitalization folks (and the Stowe area Chamber of Commerce previously) and given thoughtful suggestions to their contents and our work. He supports us on the field too, checking in often and getting us help as needed.

**"Special thanks, Bob, from all of us  
in the Registration Tent!"**

Laurel Barbieri

*Laurel & her husband, Chris, are long-time VAE members and have been involved in the car meets for many, many years.*





## 42nd GRANBY INTERNATIONAL CAR SHOW

July 31—August 2, 2026  
Friday—Sunday

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Granby, QC, Canada. For more info, go to  
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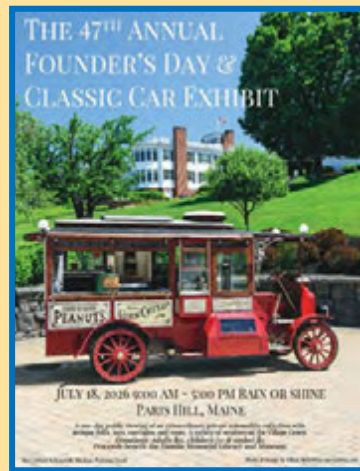
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Oxford, Maine, please email me for a  
confirmation # at the hotel. I have  
10 rooms booked at \$285 each.  
[Eric.osgood@outlook.com](mailto:Eric.osgood@outlook.com)

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'ers 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 Semiquincentennial**  
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](mailto:drmwvr@together.net) to get on  
his chicken list and he will also  
register you.

## YOU ARE INVITED.....

All members of the VAE are invited to an old-fashioned Blueberry Social on Sunday, July 26, from 3-5 pm at the District No. 5 Schoolhouse in Underhill Center (corner of Pleasant Valley Road and Stevensville Road). Please bring a blueberry dessert to share and your old car. The Historical Society will also be celebrating a late July 4.



The school is where **Clark Wright** and **Gael Boardman** went to school.

If you have any questions, please reach out to **Judy Boardman** at  
802-899-2260.

## FROM THE DESK OF

## THE EDUCATION & CHARITABLE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

### PRESENTING THE 2026 GOLDEN WRENCH WINNERS

This award is presented annually in late May to early June to one junior in each of the sixteen automotive technical career centers in Vermont. The award consists primarily of a valuable tool set worth approximately \$800 and a \$500 scholarship for continued post-secondary education, plus a year's membership in the VAE. The winning students are selected by their teaching faculty in recognition of their demonstrated dedication to their education. Proceeds from our car show, as well as individual donations, go to support this educational outreach.

Below and on the next page are 6 winners being presented with their award. *Wheel Tracks* will continue to publish the winners as more pictures become available.



#### **KINGSTON SMITH**

Lyndon Institute, Lyndon Ctr., VT

Pictured L to R:

Gary Olney, VAE presenter

Kingston Smith, 2026 GW winner

Phil Drake, VAE presenter

Dan Camber, instructor



#### **KAYDEN DESCHAMPS**

Center for Technology, Essex, VT

Pictured L to R:

Gary Swan, instructor

Charlie Thompson,

VAE presenter

Kayden Deschamps,

2026 GW winner

Don Pierce, VAE presenter

Roger Parent, instructor



#### **PAIGE PRATT**

Barre Technical Center, Barre, VT

Pictured L to R:

Paige Pratt, 2026 GW winner

Chris Barbieri, VAE presenter

Photographer: Laurel Barbieri, VAE member





## MORE GOLDEN WRENCH WINNERS

### ELIAS FANKHAUSER

Burlington Aviation & Technical Center's new facility at 200 DaVinci Dr., So. Burlington, VT  
Pictured L to R:  
Charlie Thompson, VAE presenter  
Elias Fankhauser, 2026 GW winner  
Don Pierce, VAE presenter

### JACOB WITTER

Applied Technology Center at St. Johnsbury Academy, St. Johnsbury, VT  
Pictured L to R:  
Gary Olney, VAE presenter  
Phil Drake, VAE presenter  
Mike Deming, instructor  
Jacob Witter, 2026 GW winner  
Photographer: Nancy Olney, VAE member



### HENRY ORVIS

Patricia Hannaford Career Center, Middlebury, VT  
Pictured L to R:  
Henry Orvis, 2026 GW winner  
Ed Hilbert, VAE presenter

## PICTURES IN REVIEW

See what your fellow car club members have been up to!



Pictured L to R: Bob & Lorraine Rigutto, Kathleen Langlais & Ray Tomlinson, Charlie Thompson, Don Pierce, Duane Leach and Lee Carpenter.



### **ESSEX, VT, MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**



## AMERICAN PRECISION MUSEUM

On March 19, 2026, a group of VAEers traveled to the museum in Windsor, VT, to present a \$1,000 donation to the museum. The VAE has been donating to the museum for many years now. The American Precision Museum combines the atmosphere of an original 19th century factory building with a world-class collection of historic machines. The 1846 armory building, the "Shaping America" exhibition and accompanying programs explore industrial history in the context of innovation, creative problem solving, and the impact of precision manufacturing on American history and culture.

Pictured L to R:  
**Wendell Noble,**  
**Charlie Thompson,**  
museum director  
Dave Eastman,  
**Judy Boardman**  
and **Fred Gonet.**





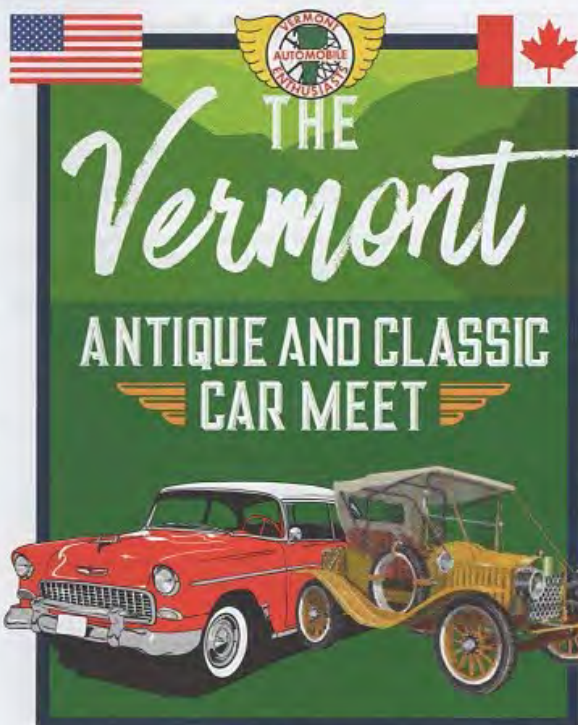
CONGRATULATIONS to **Mr. & Mrs. Warren!**  
Our very own VAE president, Jason, & Riley tied the knot on May 23, 2026. The happy couple will be residing in Highgate, VT.

The VAE's new **SPRING RALLY 2026**, coordinated by Dave Stone, was a successful day.



Who knew our very own KEN GYPSON was so Entertaining? Yes, he's serenaded us the last few years at the VAE holiday gatherings in December, but **Don & Anne Pierce** had the pleasure of attending an outdoor concert by **Ken & The Secret Agents** in Averill Park, NY, the beginning of May when they traveled to Poestenkill, NY, where Ken & Nancy live, to deliver a Golden Wrench award box for them to present to the winner at the Southwest Vermont Career Development Center in Bennington, VT





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Shine!

## Meet Guidelines

- BICYCLES AND DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE SHOW FIELD FOR THE PROTECTION OF SHOW VEHICLES. They are allowed in Flea Market.
- FOR SALE SIGNS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON SHOW VEHICLES. Vehicles for sale are welcome in the Car Corral.
- Vehicles that are classified as foreign are those that were produced when the manufacturer's main office was outside the US or Canada, regardless of where the vehicle was actually assembled. Conversely, vehicles classified as domestic are those that were produced when the manufacturer's main office was in the US or Canada, regardless of where it was actually assembled.
- All show vehicles must have a fully charged, UL-approved fire extinguisher placed alongside the left front tire.
- To be fair to show spectators on Saturday, all vehicles should remain on the show field.
- Camping sites are available at the nearby Little River State Park (Tel. 802-244-7103). Camping on site is allowed only for Flea Market registrants in the Flea Market field. No camping is allowed elsewhere.
- Free registration is offered to show vehicles of model year 1925 and older. Also, if you register two vehicles, the registration fee for the third is waived.

## Judging Guidelines

- SPECIAL DRAWING for \$600 in Cash Prizes for Owners of Judged Vehicles. Owner & Vehicle must be present at drawing on Sunday to win.
- The standard for evaluating all vehicles judged by the show Judging staff is "THE CONDITION AND CONFIGURATION OF THE VEHICLE WHEN DELIVERED BY THE MANUFACTURER TO THE SELLING DEALER".
- Class judging begins at 9AM on Sunday. Vehicles must be on the show field in the proper class no later than 9:30AM to be judged.
- Vehicles eligible for the Special Interest Class include all vehicles manufactured in 2001 through 2025. However, it is our hope that uncommon and limited production vehicles such as high performance vehicles, electric vehicles, sports cars and exotics will register in this class. This class will not be judged.
- Vehicles eligible for the Modified Class include personalized stock, hot rods, street rods, resto mods and kit cars. This class will not be judged.
- Senior Class vehicles include all Best of Show winners since year 2000 and all first place class winners for two consecutive years.

## 2026 EXHIBITOR, CAR CORRAL OR FLEA MARKET REGISTRATION FORM

Please print legibly

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address or PO Box \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Vehicle Year, Make and Model \_\_\_\_\_  
For Exhibitors: Vehicle Class \_\_\_\_\_ Wish to be judged (yes/no) \_\_\_\_\_  
For Flea Marketers: Primary Product or Service \_\_\_\_\_

Check  
Appropriate  
Box(es)

- ☐ Fee for Exhibitors: \$35 per vehicle received before July 15<sup>th</sup>/\$45 thereafter  
☐ Fee for Car Corral: \$30 per vehicle received before July 15<sup>th</sup>/\$40 thereafter  
☐ Fee for Flea Mkt: \$50 per space received before July 15<sup>th</sup>/\$60 thereafter

Please make checks payable to VAE, Inc. US Funds or Equivalent  
Mail to: VAE, 203 Colchester Pond Rd, Colchester, VT 05446

Note: If you are registering more than one vehicle/item, please copy this form.

You Can Register  
Online At:  
[www.vtauto.org](http://www.vtauto.org)

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## CLASS LIST FOR 2026

1. Senior Vehicles- Display Only.....thru 2000
2. Brass Era Cars.....thru 1916
3. Full Classics per AACA.....1925-1948
4. Ford Model Ts including pickups.....1909-1927
5. All cars except Model T's (including Model As)....1917-1931
6. All Domestic Cars.....1932-1942
7. All Domestic Cars.....1946-1952
8. All Domestic Cars except Corvette and T-Bird.....1953-1958
9. All Domestic Cars except Corvette and T-Bird ....1959-1964
10. Domestic Cars except Corvette, T-Bird and Mustang....  
1965-1969
11. Domestic Cars except Corvette, T-Bird and Mustang....  
1970-1975
12. Domestic Cars except Corvette, T-Bird and Mustang....  
1976-1985
13. Domestic Cars except Corvette, T-Bird and Mustang....  
1986-2000
14. Ford Mustang.....1965-2000
15. Chevrolet Corvette and Ford T-Bird.....1953-2000
16. All Foreign Cars except Sports Cars.....thru 2000
17. Foreign Sports Cars.....thru 2000
18. Sport Utility Vehicles including Jeep.....thru 2000
19. All Modified Vehicles including Personalized Stock,  
Hot Rods, Street Rods, Resto-Mods and Kit Cars- Display  
Only .....thru 2000
20. Pick ups and Commercial Vehicles.....thru 1965
21. Pick ups and Commercial Vehicles.....1966-2000
22. Military Vehicles  $\frac{3}{4}$  Ton and Less.....thru 2000
23. Military Vehicles over  $\frac{3}{4}$  Tons.....thru 2000
24. Motorcycles .....thru 2000
25. Emergency Vehicles- Display Only.....thru 2000
26. Race Cars- Display Only.....thru 2000
27. Tractors- Display Only.....thru 2000
28. Preservation Vehicles (unrestored) Display Only.thru 2000
29. Special Interest Vehicles- Display Only.....2001-2025

### CASH DRAWING for JUDGED VEHICLE OWNERS

On Sunday August 9th at 2:30PM there will be a drawing for three cash prizes, totaling \$600, to be awarded to owners of vehicles that were judged at the Meet.

The first name drawn will receive a \$300 cash prize, the second name drawn will receive a \$200 cash prize and the third name drawn will receive a \$100 cash prize.

The owner and his/her vehicle must be present at the drawing on Sunday to win a cash prize.

With our special thanks to:



34 PARK STREET #10  
ESSEX JUNCTION, VT 05452  
www.eastcoastprinters.com



1933 Cadillac 322 Business Coupe

Next Year's Meet  
2nd Weekend of August 2027

To view the entire brochure, including the schedule of events, please visit [www.vtauto.org](http://www.vtauto.org) or check your mailbox.

If neither works for you, please contact Don at 802-879-3087 to request a brochure. You can also register online at the same website.

# Burma-Shave

## Unexpected results

By Charlie Thompson

Several Burma-Shave jingles produced results that were not anticipated. This one from 1933 seemed safe enough....

.....until - you  
headquarters in Minneapolis.  
cheerfully sent out the half-pound  
real fenders scrounged from a local junk yard  
behind the barn. ("Jalopy" - another word for Wendell's  
Richness in last month's WT.) Fenders accumulated until they  
had to be disposed of. In good humor, Burma-Vita sent a half-pound jar  
senders.

guessed it! - car fenders started arriving at the Burma-Vita  
At first, fenders from toy cars arrived and the company  
jars of Burma-Shave. Then they started receiving  
or off that old jalopy dumped in the ravine  
article about Lost Linguistic  
filled 25 crates which  
to all fender

This set of signs from 1959 was often ruined when the next-to-last sign kept disappearing. This seemed to be a problem, especially near college towns. Recessing the mounting bolts and nuts at least reduced impulsive thefts since the culprit would have to plan ahead and come equipped with a good socket wrench set.

Drive with care and courtesy remembering, Hardly a driver

Is alive

Who passed

On hills

At 75

Burma-Shave



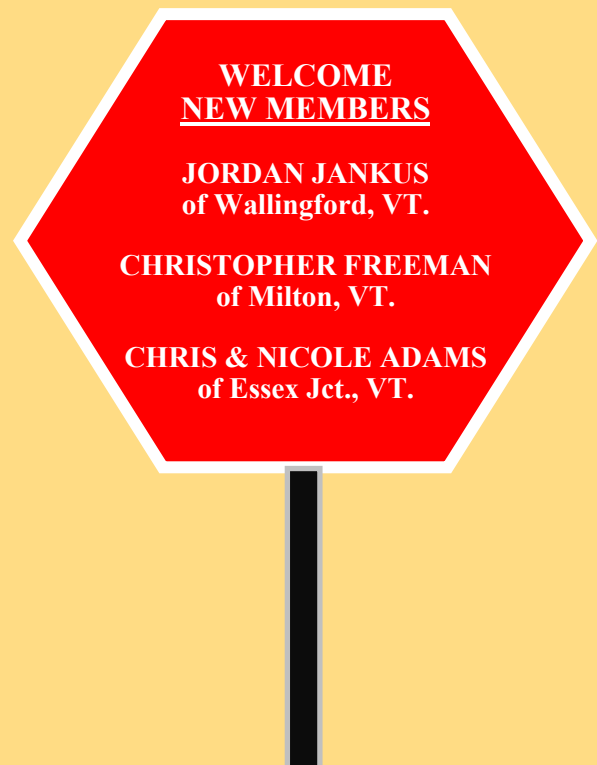
### Billings "Bill" Cooke

1953-2026

a long-time past member of the VAE, passed away on May 26, 2026, after having been diagnosed 45 days prior with a glioblastoma. He lived in Hyde Park, VT, and was an avid Stanley Steamer aficionado. Club member **Eric Osgood** reminisced that he visited Bill a few years ago for a demonstration of the Stanleys and even got rides from Bill. Bill and his wife, Sarah, also routinely brought their Stanleys to our annual Car Meet every year, which we are grateful for.

More on Bill's very interesting life and his connection to Stanleys and Rolls Royces can be found in his full obituary at Legacy.com.

Donations in his memory can be made to The Stanley Museum, 40 School Street, PO Box 77, Kingfield, ME 04947.



# Wheel Tracks Classifieds



## Bumper Sticker of the Month...

To the thief who stole my glasses:  
I will find you; I have contacts.



### FOR SALE...

1930 Nash 400 series 2-dr, 6-cyl, excellent condition. 20k.

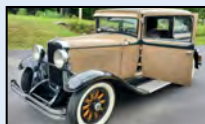


1994 Dodge B250 window van. 4.5k.

Cushman series 60 scooter. 2k.



Tom, madhatter6653@hotmail.com or text  
(860) 806-5067, Springfield, VT



**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...**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.



**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...**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...**1992 Mustang convertible, 45,000 original miles, power everything, four cylinder. \$3,900. Contact Don LaHue, 802-595-3939.



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

**WANTED...**Gauges that would fit a 1928 and 1929 Chevrolet. Need a good speedometer cable. Need carburetor. Need a distributor. 1929 Chevrolet 6-cylinder engine is the Delco-Remy Model 633. Depending on specific production runs and sub-models, the OEM Delco part numbers are typically 633G or 633J. Vacuum tank and throttle linkages. If someone has a good Chevy chassis with parts, I would be interested to know about it. Paul Baresel, pgbaresel@yahoo.com, 207-727-5855

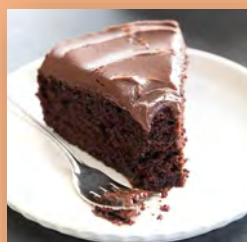
**FOR SALE...**Last call: Complete set of Hemmings *Classic Car*, \$50 or TRADE for Hemmings *Sports and Exotics*. **Don't make me throw them away!** Ken Gypson, 518-423-7565, kengypson@yahoo.com

**WANTED...**Wheel Tracks: Any or all issues from 1995 to 2012. Can pick up at Waterbury car show. Ken Gypson, 518-423-7565, kengypson@yahoo.com

**FOR SALE...**A friend's dad passed and they want to sell his old 1946 Chevy hand crank dump truck. He used it for 50 years doing garbage removal... says it's inspectable with just a little floor work... comes with added motors, transmissions and much more, \$10,000....Dave Butterfield who owns Vermont Tire on Williston Rd., So Burlington has it... he lives in Sheldon.



Call Dave at 802-316-6069.

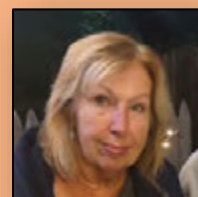


No mixer or bowl required,  
just a spoon!

## The Roadside Diner

### Family Favorite Chocolate Cake

1 and 1/2 cups flour  
3 tablespoons baking cocoa  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
5 tablespoons vegetable oil  
1 tablespoon vinegar  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 cup cold water



Nancy Gypson

Mix all dry ingredients in an 8" or 9" round or square greased cake pan. Make 3 wells with a spoon in the dry ingredients. In each of the wells put the oil, vinegar, and vanilla extract. Pour 1 cup cold water over all and stir until smooth. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven for 30-35 minutes. Frost as desired.



June/July 2026



*Antique Cars at Mt. Mansfield Area*

This photo was reported to be from the first Stowe car show. If anyone knows more about it, please let us know.

Duane and Bob were probably there working!

**How many Vermonters does it take to change a light bulb?**

Three: one to change it and two to talk about how much better the old one was.

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



This photo was taken on March 23, 2017 at the signing of VAE's first contract to use Farr Field for a period of five years. Pictured are Duane, Bob, and John Farr, the owner of the field.



An assorted cast of characters



Duane and Bob