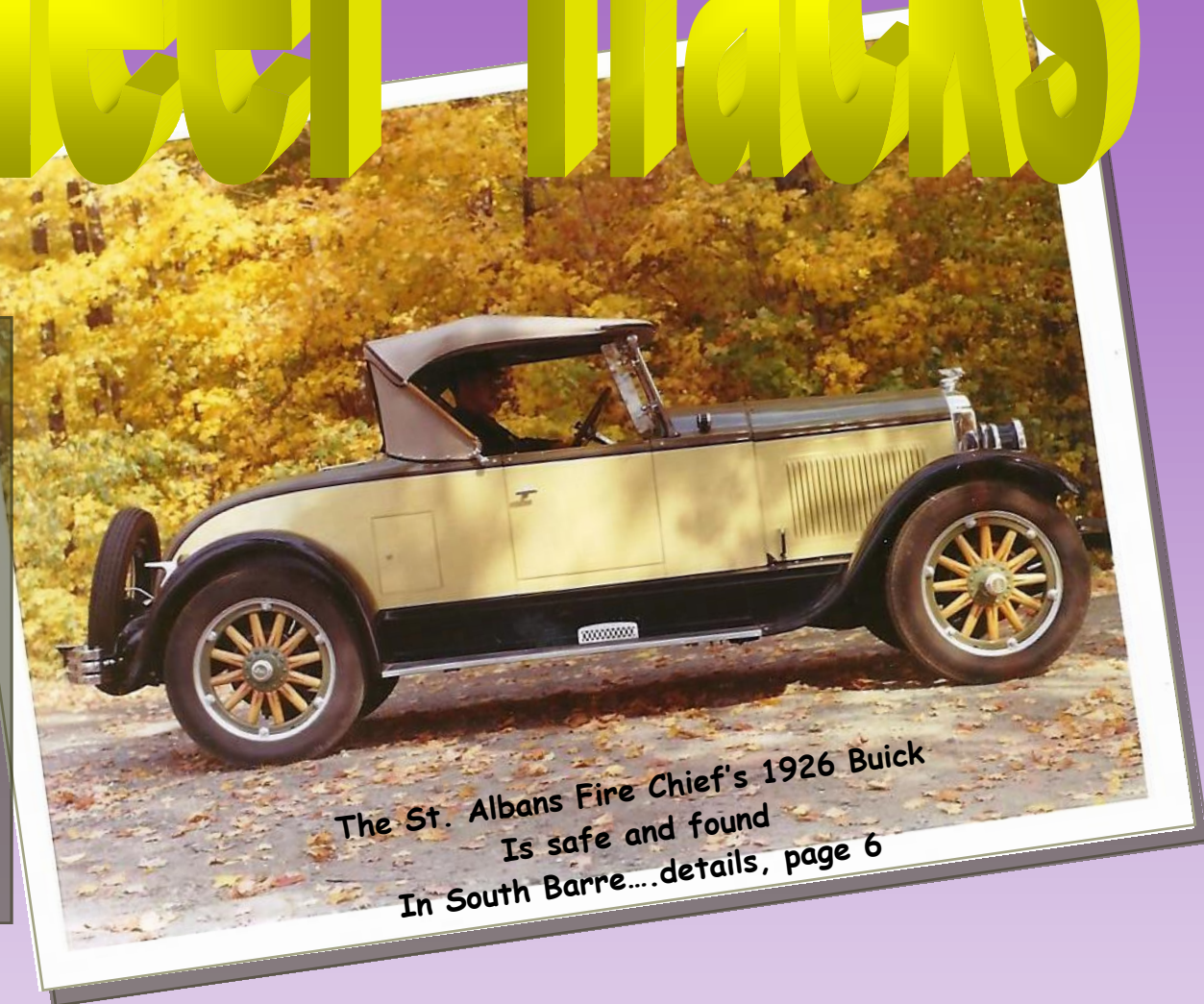


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*If GM had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be
driving \$25 cars that got 1,000 MPG.....Bill Gates*



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EVENTS.... WHAT'S NEXT ?

March

March 20th...7PM Stowe Show planning meeting at Commodores Inn on Rt 100 in Stowe. *All are welcome to attend.*

April

April 1st...7PM VAE Board meeting at Whitney Hill Homestead in Williston. *All are welcome to attend.*

April 15th...1:30PM VAAS Board meeting at Williston's Dorothy Alling Public Library. *All are welcome to attend.*

April 17th...7PM Stowe Show planning meeting at Commodores Inn on Rt 100 in Stowe. *All are welcome to attend.*

April 21st...8AM to 1PM 43rd Annual Swap meet and Car Show, Fitchburg Airport GPS directions...99 Blueberry Lane, Fitchburg, Mass. Need more info.. Just Google the show.

June

June 8th... The VAE 250th Year Tour.
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June 15th.... Engine Show at the Old Stone House in Brownington, VT

August

August 4th.... Cars of Yesteryear Car Show at North Country High School.
www.carsofysteryear.org

August 8th...9th & 10th
The Stowe Antique and Classic Car Show



VAE visits to Wake Robin in Shelburne the last two years meant smiles and lots of fun to Fred Hiltz and others living here. Those events are reviewed in photos and conversations.

Cancer took Fred away much too early. He died mid February 2013. His love of all kinds of gadgets and computers made vintage autos of interest to him too. Thanks for your messages of condolence. Ann Hiltz

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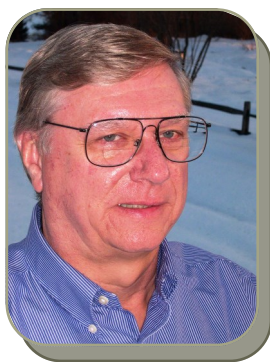
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jim Sears



Fred Hiltz: Recently I was saddened to hear of the passing of our friend, Fred Hiltz. He and his wife, Ann, were our hosts for VAE activities at Wake Robin. Fred certainly had a lot of energy and was very active in his community. He was always on his way to assist someone with a computer or technology issue. There will be a 'Circle of Remembrance' for Fred at Wake Robin on April 20th. Thank you Fred for providing us with many hours of enjoyment.

Drive it! – The Motor Magazine is a German TV program similar to our PBS *Motorweek*. They test drive and compare the latest vehicles available to the European market. The program is narrated in English and all specifications are metric. While the performance of every vehicle is thoroughly covered so are the safety features. There is always a vintage episode. The most recent one I've seen is about the 1952-1962 BMW Isetta.

Another episode, that I found relevant, was 'Driving at an Advanced Age'. Switzerland has a testing program that tests an older driver's sight, reflexes, and other senses, but does not conduct an actual driving test. They pointed out that Germany has no such program. It made me wonder how I'll know when it's time to hang up the keys and become a passenger.

Drive it! can be seen on Mountain Lake PBS Saturdays at 12:30 PM over the air on channel 57-2 or 25-2 or over the internet at www.dw.de, from the menu select 'Programs' then select 'Drive it!'.

Updates:

Tom McHugh is working hard on the 60th Anniversary addendum. By the time you read this the committee will have met at least twice. Let Tom know if you have photos, articles, etc. to contribute to the publication. The addendum book will be ready for the Stowe show.

Wendell Noble is liaison with ICAR (Island Center for Arts and Recreation). ICAR will be holding the 2nd Annual Automobiles at Knight Point on July 13th.

By the looks of my truck mud season is here and spring is not far off. Jim

FROM YOUR EDITOR GARY FISKE

Have you ever heard of a magazine called "Old Cars Weekly"? Our newsletter "Wheel Tracks" has a mention in one of their February issues. A columnist by the name of Gerald Perschbacher saw our January issue featuring Bill Erskin's motor buggy. In an email he said, "A copy of your fine publication was sent to my attention by the editor of Old Cars Weekly. It is impressive. Few vintage car clubs reach their 60th anniversary, as you well know. Congratulations!"

Wheel Tracks is an 'impressive' because of the contributions from **Jim, Bob, Mary, Nancy, Marnita, Clark & Isabelle, Gael, Wendell, Dick, Charlie, Dave, Bill S., Les, Stan, Marvin, Christina, Fred, Bill B., Jim, Brian, Chris, Chris & Dell, Richard, Edi and then I put it together and Brown's and Sons printing does their magic.** Where did I get this list? I got it from the March 2013 issue. The list of member contributors changes each month but the number does not, in fact it is usually more.

Mr. Perschbacher is correct when he says it is unusual that we have been around for 60 years. But as a member and as a person who probably sees a little more of the **Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts** workings that other members don't get a chance to see, I am very impressed but not surprised. If you were at our last meet in Georgia at "RPM Racing Engines" you would have no problem seeing the reason the VAE has stayed together for 60 years. My goodness, it was like the Walton Family getting together for a reunion! There were maybe 50 people there and if you listened, there were at least 25 separate conversations going on at one time. Yes, it is about old cars but old and new friends getting together is the Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts. AND...these get-togethers happen every month of the year!

We have a few members who are having their 90 birthdays that I have heard about. Some of you, I know, are trying to keep a low profile while others don't have a choice because families insist that they shout about it because they are so proud! Gene Towne, I believe is soon to get to that number. Al Ward's family has sent WT a nice picture of him since his 90th is around the corner. Doris Bailey, I think is soon to be 91 and she has agreed to be part of our "Softer Side" team...Thank you Doris. Remember Bill James, the gent from Bristol who rode across the new Champlain bridge with me. One of his neighbors has just told me he is still sporting his car around town and doing most of the things he wants to do. He will soon be 102! Happy Birthdays to you all and to you whom I have not heard about.



APRIL MONTHLY MEET From Bob Lalancette



The April meet will be on Saturday the 20th at the Brownell Library in the Village of Essex Junction. At the Five Corners, head toward Colchester on Route 2A, the library is on the left. Parking is in the rear or along route 2A. There is also a bank parking lot across the street but I cannot guarantee we won't see how a tow truck works. We will be using the rear entrance into the Kolvoord Community Room. Time schedule is as follows: **arrive at 11am, view some film footage of the 1966-1970 Stowe Car Meets from 11:15 till noon, Business meeting from 12:15 till 12:45, adjourn at 1pm.**

Bring a bag lunch or dine at one of several area restaurants afterwards.

Coffee and soda will be provided.



"THE SOFTER



SIDE"



A Column Shared & Written by Mary Noble (Left), Doris Bailey (ctr) & Nancy Olney (Right)

Dopey Things We do by Doris Bailey

Here at Allenwood, where I now live, the majority of the residents eat dinner at night at tables of six. One night we were discussing dopey mistakes we had made and Evelyn told us this one:

She was shopping one Saturday and came home, parked the car in the parking lot, gathered up her groceries and came inside. There was a minor snow shower or two that night and Sunday morning. All the cars Sunday morning were lightly dusted with snow, except hers. "That's funny" she thought, but maybe the north-west wind had just happened to clear the snow off. She didn't go out at all Sunday. Monday morning, more errands, so she walked down to her car with the keys in her purse, she thought. To her surprise, the car was unlocked. She got in and saw the key in the ON position in the ignition and the engine was running! The car had been running since Saturday with the heater on! She raced to the nearest gas station and told them to "Fill it up!"

Another one (nothing to do with cars) of my daughter Linda:

She was painting the bathroom and had gotten to where she had to paint behind the toilet and sink. She put a towel on the toilet lid and set the paint can on it. Carefully dipping her brush in the can, she knelt down and stretched forward to paint. Her shoulder unknowingly pulled the towel and the full can of paint down on her shoulders and head! She let out a scream and her teenaged son came running in. Appraising the situation at a glance, he said "Hold it, Ma, I don't want to miss this! I'll get my camera!" Linda pointed out to us that thank God it was a quart of latex paint and not a gallon...

And, so in closing, I quote Oscar Wilde "Be yourself. Everybody else has already been taken."

Editor's note... Thank you Doris for agreeing to write something for us every third month. You did not disappoint....see you in July.



FROM THE 'COOKIE' AT THE STOWE SHOW

BY MARNITA LEACH

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



POPOVER PANCAKES

INGREDIENTS:

1/2 CUP FLOUR
1/2 CUP MILK
2 EGGS

DIRECTIONS:

PREHEAT OVEN 425. MIX INGREDIENTS AND BEAT LIGHTLY LEAVING BATTER LUMPY. IN A VERY HOT, 12" OVENPROOF SKILLET, MELT 1/2 STICK OF BUTTER. POUR BATTER INTO THE SKILLET AND COOK IN OVEN FOR 20 MINUTES OR UNTIL PUFFED ALL AROUND AND GOLDEN BROWN. YOU CAN ENJOY THIS WITH FRESH VERMONT MAPLE SYRUP, FRESH FRUIT OR TRY YOU OWN TOPPING.



Memories on Wheels Car Club.... is sponsoring a Sock Hop on March 23, at the West Glens Falls Firehouse at 33 Luzerne Rd in Queensbury NY from 7-11pm for \$15 per person with cash bar, 50/ 50 raffle, door prizes, and silent auction to benefit area charities. DJ plays classic rock as well as plenty of 50's and 60's music - so come prepared to dance! The event is a warm up to the club's Car Show on May 26, the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend to be held in Corinth NY. Contact 415-6846.



Curtis & Homer saw an ad in the Hinesburg Daily and bought a model 'T' from a farmer for \$100. The farmer agreed to deliver the car the next day. The next morning the farmer drove up and said, "Sorry, fellows, I have some bad news, the car was in a wreck last night and burned up." So Curtis said " Well, that is too bad, you can just give us our money back." The farmer said, "Can't do that. I went and spent it already." Homer said, "OK then, just bring us the car." The farmer asked, "What in the world are you gonna do with a worthless car?" Curtis said, "We gonna raffle it off."

The farmer said, "You can't raffle off a burned wreck!" Homer said, "We shore can! Heck, we don't hafta tell nobody it's no good!" A couple of weeks later, the farmer ran into Curtis & Homer at the Hannaford grocery store and asked. "What'd you fellers ever do with that burned up 'T'?" They said, "We raffled it off like we said we were gonna do." Homer said, "Heck, we sold 500 tickets for two dollars apiece and made a profit of \$898." The farmer said, "My Lord, didn't anyone complain?" Curtis said, "Well, the feller who won got upset. So we gave him his two dollars back." Curtis and Leroy now work for the government.

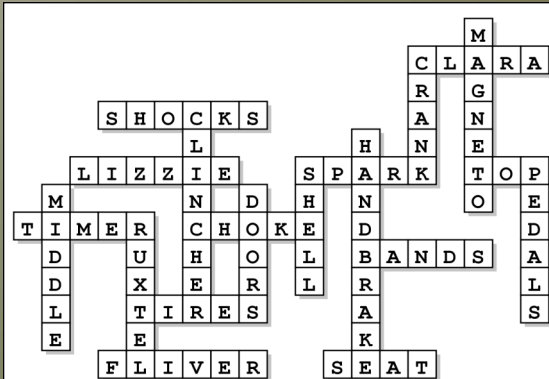
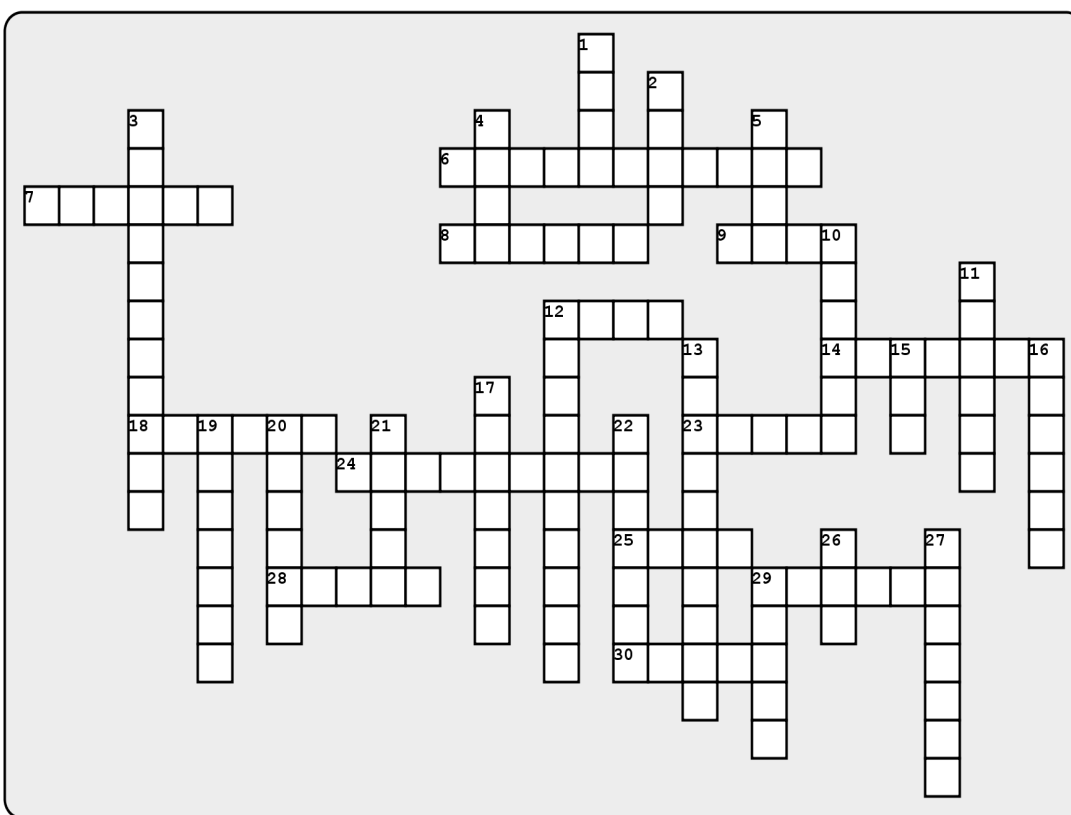
Theresa Drake's Crossword

Across

- 6 topless
- 7 It will be mobile for us
- 8 Ruge or end of fight
- 9 A place to find a date
- 12 winter precip
- 14 Blowup
- 18 Think horse or car sale
- 23 August cars in a field
- 24 Free helper
- 25 Prep cooks job
- 28 A place to eat
- 29 Spin anyone?
- 30 Hitched in haste

Down

- 1 Bored and going no-where
- 2 4-wheel and.....
- 3 Ruts
- 4 Dagwood's favorite spot
- 5 A market not for dogs and cats
- 10 On the go
- 11 Extras
- 12 Hardside in a mirror
- 13 A close look
- 15 Enthusiast
- 16 In charge of Wheel Tracks
- 17 Not daily
- 19 A "do over"
- 20 Golden Wrench.....
- 21 Mr. Ed
- 22 Skillet with no sides
- 26 School transport
- 27 Green Mtn State
- 29 See the USA...



March Answers

Continued from front page ...

The St. Albans Fire Chief's 27 Buick is found!

If you remember, Wheel Tracks had a really nice story about a fire truck from St. Albans, VT that was turned into a 'Speedster' back in the February issue. A question was simply asked at the end about the car in the picture that was "the fire chief's car. "What make and year is the car?"

Well, did that go places! There were a number of calls from folks who claimed the car was a 27 Buick, just like a few of the guesses that had come in earlier.

Then a call came in from this gent pictured to the right, Alden Chapman of South Barre. Alden is the famous VAE member who has a lifetime collection of over 2000 diecast cars. You might remember a short article about his collection in the August 2011 issue of Wheel Tracks. He confirmed the chief's car was a 26 Buick Roadster and told me a little about it being restored some 43 years ago. His last comment was the Buick was stored in a garage and he knew where!



Alden Chapman with a 'few'
Of his diecasts

The Buick is owned today by Sue and Greg Sabens and the "garage" was just up the road from Alden's home. Greg's Dad, Dell, had purchased it from Charlie Arnholm on August 12th 1965, Charlie was a longtime VAE member and club president in 1961.

A meeting was set up and Jim Sears and I went South to find this garage. You can see the garage on the front page with the Buick looking out from the shadows. As it turned out, the garage is at the home of Dell's wife, Helen, who was the person who did all the leather and fabric work for the Buick restoration. The family lost Dell some fifteen years ago, but it was easy for us to know a little about him from seeing his part of the loving restoration on this car. Charlie



2nd generation owner Greg Sabans,
Greg & Sue's son is planned to be
the 3rd generation

Arnholm was known for his great abilities with the pin-striping brush and the Buick carries some of his work. Charlie Arnholm was also the second owner of the Boardman/Teachout Speedster.

Greg told us with pride how his Dad won the Governor's Award at the 1970 Stowe Car Show and how Governor Davis presented the award to his father, Dell.

Greg and Sue became the new owners in 1998 and he speaks of the many trips he has made to the Stowe Show since then....and some of the repairs he has made on the 86 year-old car. From our conversation, I think he knows a thing or two about how to keep this roadster on the road.

There were over 255,000 Buicks built in 1927 and around 10,000 of them were coupes like this one. Around 12,000 Country Club Coupes were also made. They had 207 cu. inch engines that produced 63 HP and average cost was \$1100.00.

In trying to make a 100% connection between this Buick and the St. Albans Fire Department, I asked Greg how he knew it was the Buick in the fire station picture. The Buick part, we know is correct and the 1927 part is also correct. The positive connection with the fire house was made from the fact that the "St. Albans Fire Department" logo was still on the car's doors when Dell brought the car home.

There are two remaining mysteries and we would like to hear from you if you have any information.....

#1....When and who was the Buick sold to when it left the St. Albans FD, and how did it spend it's time before 1965?

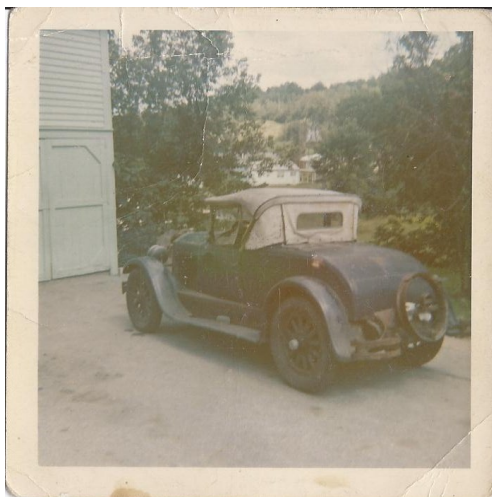
#2.... Where is the Boardman/Teachout Speedster? Where did it go when Charlie Arnholm sold it?



Helen Sabens & her dog



One of Alden's cats guarding the home.....



The Buick's arrival, August 12, 1965

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A VAE TOUR for the "250th Anniversary For Vermont Towns"

Lets make it easy for Jim & Wendell....

Jim and Wendell are working on their tour list, if you want to be included and have not contacted them please do contact Jim Cary (jccaryconst@aol.com) or Wendell Noble (wnoble@myfairpoint.net).



One RPM area where engines begin a new life

"The RPM Meet In Georgia"

On the 16th of February the VAE met at Rick Paya's business in Georgia, VT where he does two things in the grand shop of his. He rebuilds engines, mostly racing engines and....he builds race cars! One of the things we heard many times before visiting Rick's business was that one could eat from the floor it was so clean. This, as we witnessed, is totally true, it is hard to believe anything with grime, oil and grease ever enters his shop. But, of course, they do as we

witnessed many engines in different stages of the rebuild process plus an impressive line of completed engines wrapped in plastic ready to be returned to their owners. The precision and the rules that come with working with race engines is something a shade-tree mechanic would have a hard time ever grasping. Rick demonstrated how they balance a camshaft using one part mechanics, one part mathematics and five parts science.



The engine testing booth

Pictured to the left is part of the control room where an engine is tested for a long list of specifications including horse power, torque, fuel rates, etc. The race engines that leave Rick's shop basically have identical specs leaving the driver as the only difference in the outcome in a race. At least that is what the race organization strives for and that is the hundreds of requirements that Rick has to perform while working on a race engine.

Rick had just completed a project to allow his shop and home next door to be totally power self sufficient with solar energy. Another example of the forward look and feel when we walked into "RPM Racing Engines". The other very nice thing that happened that day was how well Rick Paya made us all feel welcomed at his shop. We all hope that someday he will consider getting into the Antique and classic car side of the business.....



Engines ready to go back to their owners



Rick setting up to show us how cam shafts are balanced



The VAE business meeting is in session...



The area where the race cars are built...note the floors!



KEEPING YOUR CAR IN LINE

Wheel alignments are one of those preventative maintenance items that is often put off for too long. Several months ago I was driving my Subaru in a freezing rain storm. I was shocked at how poorly the car

was handling. The back of the car kept side stepping requiring almost constant correction to keep the car from skidding out of control. Several weeks later while parked in a hotel parking garage in Connecticut I noticed the inside of the rear wheels was very worn.



I made an appointment to get a four wheel alignment. When they brought the car in and put it on the lift, they showed me that the inside of the rear tires was so worn the steel belts were showing through the tread. They asked me if the car had recently had body or suspension work done. Nope. The car has never had any body work, body damage or rear suspension work, ever in 11 years and 202,000 miles. How far out of alignment was the car? The front was within spec., however the rear wheels were towed out (pigeon toed) two full inches. The spec. is for the wheels to toe in .002".

I am at a loss to explain how the wheels "migrated" so far out of specification, or just when it happened. The signs were all there. I noticed that the tread wear was uneven, or "cupped." The tires were making more tire noise than normal. The car was not tracking well, and was outright un-

safe on slippery roads. Rather than having the alignment checked, I continued to drive for months.

The alignment shop charges \$69.00 for a four wheel alignment, and they said they usually take about 20 minutes. Being 11 years old all of the alignment bolts on my car were frozen. They worked on the car for a full two and a half hours to free the bolts up and align the rear wheels. They said because of the extra time, they had to charge me a little extra. How much? An extra \$10, for an out the door cost of \$79.00. (I'd recommend this shop in a second if anybody is interested).

Had I taken care of this when I first noticed it, that would have been the total cost. Unfortunately, I waited too long, and now I need to buy a new set of snow tires. I could have easily gotten one more season out of these tires if the alignment were not so far off. Lesson learned.



Many VAE members have a garage and if you ask you will hear about the many plans that are in store for the "patient" on the car jacks. If you look around, besides the old car, you will most likely find Old Tools, each having a story about how old the member was when the tool was purchased and if it is his favorite or if the other-one in the next drawer works better. How many of us made our way into Sears as a kid with a long saved five dollar bill and walked up and down the aisles of "Craftsman tools" looking for that special wrench? Maybe you even got one of those '109 piece' Craftsman tool sets with the money you earned that summer.

How can you explain the feeling you have when you have finally finished rebuilding that 70 year-old water pump? How about driving the car that has been on your jack stands the past 2 years to your very first club gathering? Possibly, only the folks at that club meet can understand what that day feels like for you.....

One of the most rewarding and easy tasks in this hobby, most of the time, is the gradual learning curve we all seem to stay in. A visit to a special restoration shop and you learn the patience it takes to clean and paint the heads of fifty bolts.

In another shop you watch the mechanic mount four beautiful wheels on his old car. Then you find he has spent 40 hours with each wheel filling and sanding the rust pits in the 85 year-old steel....and that is why the paint finish looks like glass. You go home with one more 'notch' in your learning curve and an impatience to try that new move on you own.

Then there is that old car you are following in the tour that abruptly pulls off the road....probably in trouble you think. You pull behind the car ready to help out. Before you can get your old car shut down the driver in front jumps out with a five pound brass hammer in his hands.....runs around to the front passenger corner and gives one big whack to something you can't quite see. He then gets back into his car and rejoins the tour...missing maybe three positions. You ask later and find the driver could smell the brake dragging and that is how he fixes the problem when there is not much time, he simply whacks the brake drum to make the shoes back off a little. He tells you it was something he learned when he was on that 250 mile trip to Springfield, Mass one summer with his old car. You ask him when did he make that trip and he says he thinks it was back in 73, two or three years after he purchased the car. He had been driving and getting acquainted with the antique car for 43 years. One more learning item for that old-car curve you are working on..... gcf



Bio-fool-eosis

This picture is of a corn ethanol plant out west, 32 plants like this are shut down right now because we are not buying enough of the stuff.

U.S. Ethanol production fell from 900,000 barrels per day the first half of 2012 to 820,000 barrels per day the last half. Another number that is hard to wrap our mind around is that ethanol is only about 10% of the total gas that we use today although Congress is requiring that by 2020 ethanol is 30% of the gasoline market.

The reason the ethanol industry has had to lower production is that we travel less because of the high cost of gas plus there a few more little put-put cars on the road that only sips gasoline.

Here are some more numbers for you.....An acre can usually produce about 160 bushels of corn and farmers can get \$5.00 for each bushel. One bushel of corn can produce 2.8 gallons of ethanol and if the corn is \$5.00 per bushel then it costs about \$1.60 to produce a gallon of ethanol. That translates to some 5.2 billion bushels of corn that is planned to be used in 2014 for ethanol.

There has been some legal problems that has slowed the progress of going from 10% ethanol to 15% in the gasoline that we use. But...15% is now on the way to us! The Washington D.C. court of appeals threw out a court case in January and has given the EPA a thumbs-up for E15. Where is the gallon of Star Tron that I put away?

On the biodiesel front the EPA has had less success driving the market. The EPA has mandated that 3.75 billion gallons be produced in 2014 and presently there is capacity to produce only 2.1 billion gallons.

Speaking of EPA mandates...have you ever heard of Cellulosic Ethanol? That is ethanol made from wood, grass, leaves, etc. In 2007 Congress passed a law requiring there be a certain percentage of the stuff in our corn ethanol or the ethanol industry would be fined...which of course is passed on to the consumer. The only problem in 2007 was that no one knew how to produce large quantities of this type of ethanol from a pile of wood. Congress decreed, for example, in 2012 that 500 million gallons of this ethanol be mixed into the corn ethanol. It has not happened, only 20,000 gallons were made and a court fight is going on to avoid the fines. This quote from one of the judges during a January 2013 court session about these fines... "Do a good job, cellulosic fuel producers. If you fail, we'll fine your customers".

This information can be found online through the Energy Information Administration, the EPA, the Renewable Fuels Association and the Energy Independence and Security Act journals. And....you thought, the reason your car can't run on the gasoline we use today was because there was no-one at the ethanol-helm.....

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Remember, 'long ago', when your editor drove his Model T into that ditch down in Addison county? Remember also all of the photos that went flying around of that unfortunate situation and the fun some folks had showing off the picture....and that was not my underwear being exposed either!

Well one of those 'folks' just lately had his own little spill into a ditch. No one was hurt and there was no damage except a little pride maybe. I hear his innocent passenger was only scared to death for a moment, you can see the poor fellow in the truck window still holding onto the dash. I am not going to go on and on but I do want to drop this little picture here. If you go online (vtauto.org) you can see it in stunning color.....and thank goodness for Triple A. I am not the name dropping type, so you will just have to ask around on who owns a fairly new Dodge diesel...4-wheel drive with aggressive snow tires and finger nail marks in the dash on the passenger side.. Ooops, I just said I would not go on and on. I wonder if this picture would look better on page 16 where it could be much larger for detail? BTW, the truck is a standard shift.



You have all heard by now what Gene Towne has in his garage...the 1917 Studebaker beauty. Well, there is a dilemma. Does he not replace the original unusable top as Gary Olney advises so the car "stays original"? Or....does he put a new top on the car to stay dry in a rain storm as Gael Boardman advises? **What do you have for advice,** what would you do if the car was yours? I don't think I could leave it alone, I would have to replace the top which would probably lead to other things. We live in a house that was built in 1854 and one of our biggest challenges was knowing where to stop.

I just found one of those super honest guys we hear about once in a great while. A retired gent in PA by the name of Randy Fusco repairs and rebuilds old carburetors and I had sent mine to him last year. When I got it back it was really running rich and he asked me to send it back to him. It turned out "I" was the problem, I had done a **big carburetor no-no** by using Teflon tape and some of it got inside. The carb came today in the mail with zeros on the invoice stating his work was guaranteed. I figure you can't guarantee dopey customer moves so I did send him a check. I am going to put his card in the business card section this month if you need a good and honest carb guy.

I was doing some research in many old Wheel Tracks issues today and found the very same "Berma Shave" that is in this issue also in the November 2002 issue. For a 'newbe' like me, everything is original but then when I look back toward 1953 and VAE's roots...wow, they sure were ENTHUSIASTIC!



The 1971 Wheel Tracks artist here has put initials FOB, can anyone help me find who this is? The umbrella has the letters PRDT KM. What does that mean? The pin on the person says "Flea Market Official-VAE". Did it rain on the show that year?



The VAE March Meet at The Vermont History Center Was a Spring Success

The Barre museum was a perfect setting for The VAE's monthly meet, museum director, Mark Hudson and his staff made us feel completely at home. VAEers Bob Lalancette and Fred Cook set the day up for us.

"The VAE Road Show" produced and presented by Charlie Thompson and Wendell Noble rang nicely in the walls of the centuries old building. Early Vermont Transportation and the 1903 first automobile crossing of the United States was the major part of the Road Show presentation. The audience was quite taken with the story of Vermonter, Horatio Jackson and driving partner Sewall Crocker driving a Winton Motor Carriage from San Francisco to New York City in sixty-three days, twelve hours and thirty minutes.



The 2 cyl. 20 HP Winton



Wendell Noble (left) and Charlie Thompson Presenting the "VAE Road Show"



VAE business meeting conducted by President Jim Sears

A business meeting and a tour of the center museum was also part of this Spring Meet. The season was too early for member antique and classic cars to be parked outside but expect them to be out of their garages at our next meet on the 20th of April. Bob Lalancette has spent a lot of time collecting film-footage of Stowe Car Show Meets from 1966 thru 1970.

Details can be found on page 3 of the event in Essex at the Brownell Library.



Our new VAE projector system That will also serve in the VAE Mobile Museum

NEW VAE MEMBERS FROM THE LAST FEW MONTHS...WELCOME!

Dr. Gerald Perschbacher, St. Louis, MO.
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Steve Leach, Fairfax, VT
Wen You, Beijing, China
Reid Tang, Shanghai, China
Alan Hathaway, Shelburne, VT.
Scott & Anne Pulsifer, Campton, NH.
Brian Cavanaugh, Dunham, Quebec
Edward & Gail Kaiser, Stowe, VT
John Mirving, Jericho, VT
Alain McMurtrie, Greenboro, VT
Marc Carl, Deer Park, NY
Dan Noyes, Wolcott, VT

Bengt Ohman, Shelburne, VT
Irving Stephenson, Williamstown, VT
Paul Kinney, Cape Coral, Florida
David Martel, Springfield, VT
Jim Hale, Morrisville, VT
Lucien Allard, Garthby, Quebec
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John & Jane Spencer, Addison, VT
Terrance Magnan, Enosburg, VT
Peter Dorn, Castleton, VT
Steven Mason, Lowell, VT
Richard Boch, West Newbury, VT



6yr old ALVIN WARD + 1ST CAR

Al Ward's daughters has informed Wheel Tracks that he will be having his 90th birthday soon and has sent these photos. Six year old Al cruising the avenues in his 1st car on the left. He and Barbara on a cruise to the right. Happy B-Day Al!



Treasurer's Report - March 8, 2013		Dick Wheatley - Treasurer	
Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts, Inc.			
MONEY MARKET - February 9, 2013	\$ 32,794.04		
add: February interest income		5.03	
Balance - March 8, 2013			\$ 32,799.07
GENERAL CHECKING - February 9, 2013	\$ 6,638.45		
add: Dues income		275.00	
Stowe sponsors		300.00	
		575.00	
less: Disbursements			
5430 Duane Leach - reimb. for trailer reg. & tax		378.85	
5431 Bob Lalancette - reimb. for meet exp.		81.60	
5432 Denis Ricker & Brown - renewal of bond		100.00	
5433 LCIEDC - purchase of bleachers & benches		1,975.00	
5434 Jon's Darkroom - film to DVD's for meet		353.78	
Total disbursements		2,889.23	
Balance - March 8, 2013			4,324.22
Certificate of Deposit - February 9, 2013	80,303.03		
add: February interest income		92.46	
Balance - March 8, 2013			80,395.49
Total VAE accounts			\$ 117,518.78
Vermont Antique Automobile Society, Inc.			
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT - February 9, 2013	\$ 32,397.29		
add: February interest income		4.97	
less: transfer to checking account		3,000.00	
Balance - March 8, 2013			\$ 29,402.26
CHECKING ACCOUNT - February 9, 2013	\$ 756.95		
add: Advertising revenue		100.00	
transfer from money market account		3,000.00	
		3,100.00	
less: Disbursements			
262 Gary Fiske - WT expenses		208.94	
263 L. Brown & Sons - March 2013 Wheel Tracks		1,137.14	
		1,346.08	
Balance - March 8, 2013			2,510.87
Total VAAS accounts			\$ 31,913.13

STOWE SHOW MEETING MINUTES

February 20, 2013



The Stowe Show Committee meeting was called to order at 7:00 by chairman Bob Chase.

1.) General Information: None

2.) Clothing: Andy Barnett introduced Dennis Bruso of East Coast Printers through whom the clothing items are purchased. Dennis pointed out that jackets like those we have bought in the past are no longer available. He displayed examples of what are available and left us to make our choice at any time. He passed around examples of polo shirts of different materials and colors which are available for volunteer shirts. Two examples were selected for further consideration.

3.) Brochure: Bill Sander was unable to attend (due to bad travelling conditions) but had sent word that he will email a mock-up of the first brochure draft to committee members for review.

4.) Dash Plaques & Trophies: Duane Leach reported that he had not yet received any photos of Ken Squier's car. Prices are expected to be the same as last year for trophies and plaques. We have enough third place awards from last year. He has also decided to include a new award this year to be chosen by the chief of police based on a criterion and designation of his choice.

5.) Early Registration: No report as Heather Maclay was not present.

6.) Sponsorship: Bob Chase reported that \$3,300 has been collected so far.

7.) Contracts: Bob reported that Hartigan will supply portolets at the same cost as last year (\$3,404.70). Cassella will provide trash removal at the same rate (by weight, \$106.00/ton) as last year. They will also be given free passes.

8.) Trailer and Golf Cart Report: Duane reported that we have bought a 22' 2012 enclosed trailer. For \$5,325.00. He is still looking for golf carts but does not expect to see many available until the golfing season starts. He also reported that the VAE has voted to spend up to \$2,000 for the purchase of 15' aluminum benches and bleachers from Knight Point Park.

9.) Show Departments: No reports

10.) Special Events & Vermont Crafters: Hal Boardman reported that the tent has been reserved for the crafters and the event will require more ground space than last year. 9 of last year's 11 crafters have stated their intention to come this year.

Bob mentioned that Chris Barbieri has some ideas for the 1953 car theme.

Duane stated that volunteers are needed for set up and take down. Dan Noyes will pursue this. Dan also suggested that we actively pursue more participation of brass era cars by contacting and inviting clubs. It was decided to let 1925 and earlier cars preregister for free, as an incentive.

Wendell Noble reported that he had heard from Jim Cary that an antique tractor event on Sunday would likely be a success. He will get back with Jim for follow up.

Jim Sears reported that he has gotten a request from Shelburne Farms for '20s cars to participate in their fund raiser as was done last year. This will be held on May 3rd.

11.) Other Business: None

Respectfully submitted, Wendell Noble, acting secretary.

VAAS Board Meeting Minutes, February 18, 2013, 2:00 pm, Dick Wheatley's office.



Board members present: Dick Wheatley, Andy Barnett, Wendell Nobel, Gael Boardman, and Charlie Thompson; others present: Jim Sears, Gary Fiske, Judith Marshall, and Tom McHugh.

1. Motoring Moment: Going around the group, each member gave a brief comment about their recent automotive activities, restoration progress, repair, etc. Very enjoyable and interesting.

2. Reelection of Secretary: Yours truly, Charlie, had been elected secretary in his absence last meeting. His acceptance of the job was confirmed.

3. 60th year commemoration status: Tom McHugh will head up the project. With the Board's agreement, he scheduled a **meeting 7:00 pm Tuesday, Feb. 26** at his house, 138 Stanford Rd., for Andy, Jim, Ray Tomlinson and any others interested in helping. Judith offered her photographic skills. For a supplement to the 50th year commemorative book Tom will need articles and photos of the VAE presidents of the past 10 years and other club events and activities of the past 10 years.

4. Tech Centers "Golden Wrench Award": Gary reported that on Friday, 2/22 he will order the tools, 16 sets of SAE and 16 sets of metric wrenches. The cost is \$115 per set for a total of \$3693 which is 50% off the list price. VAE members can get tools at the same discount and should get their request to him. Dick moved, Andy seconded, and the motion passed to authorize Gary to get another credit card and be a signer on the card for tool purchases. Gary will keep everything in writing, email, etc., to keep a record of Award activity.

Ed Hilbert has sent letters explaining the Award program to the 16 tech centers and to the VAE representative for each center. The second letter asking for nominees for the Award needs to go out soon. We have an April 1 deadline for having the tools bought and ready to present. Andy reported a problem that some centers (Burlington) won't select a nominee until March 31, too late for our schedule. Burlington also wants to hold the award presentation until the school awards night.

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To the left, Roy of Vermont Plating in Rutland working the nickel and chroming tanks in the business owned by Jim Ruth. Vermont Plating has been in business for many years serving a wide range of clients. Roy seems to be an excellent example of 'human perpetual motion' as you watch him ply his trade.



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Our preference is to present the awards with a gathering of the auto tech students with some of our vintage cars present, etc.

Wendell will call Ed and arrange a meeting at Jim's. For future years we need to determine and inform participants of a firm schedule for the Award process: the letter to the tech centers by the end of Jan. with the end of Feb. as a deadline for submitting nominees. Tech centers not meeting the deadline would have to pass on having an award. Awards from other sources normally have such deadlines.

5. Wheel Tracks and website: Gary reported that the post office requires the Wheel Tracks to be mailed flat. The printer wanted \$45 to "stitch it" (staple it, that is). There was \$92 extra in the printer bill due to postage going from 33 to 53 cents so the printer waived the \$45. It would cost \$120 per month to send out the 50 more copies to libraries, etc. Gary has added 10 more, but will hold up on the rest to stay in budget. For the March issue, Gary sent 457 to the US, plus 10 to Canada and 19 to keep for a total of a 476 press run.

More ads in Wheel Tracks, on the website, on the bus, and at the Stowe show could present an untapped income opportunity. We need to find an agent to sell ads for, perhaps, a 30% commission, someone knowledgeable to go after the national corporations. Gary, Jim, Wendell, and Dick will consult with Chris Barbieri and/or an ad agency to see how they go about getting national corporation ads and bring back a proposal to the May VAAS meeting. Besides the Wheel Tracks publication, we get 40,000 hits on the website with which to attract ad sales.

We have 40 new members this year, many attracted by our VAE and VAAS activities.

6. Mobile Museum Bus: Maintenance: Gael and others visited VTC, removed the letters, and checked progress. VTC reported that the bus had had good past maintenance. They replaced a brake cable and installed new backing plates for the brakes. A 33-year-old career change student has taken on the bus as his senior project. The class is about to start their preventative maintenance subject and the bus will get new fluids, etc. Gael obtained some VTC t-shirts and will give some to the Stowe Chairmen at their next meeting. **Exterior:** Ed Kaiser (sp) will donate and install a trailer hitch. Gary said that John Johnson is checking on paint costs and wants color/design ideas. The goal is to have the bus painted by mid-July and ready to take to Stowe. **Interior:** Wendell shared a rough interior sketch. He and Charlie need to get into the bus to get a feel of possible arrangements. They will have some basic interior done for Stowe.

There was discussion on how to counter the impression that VAAS is spending without club authorization or knowledge. Since VAAS is new, people don't understand our activities and expenditures while we spend thousands on the Stowe Show with no questions. The club voted for \$10,000 to purchase and start on the bus so if we are within that budget, we should be OK. Gael noted that "success will speak for itself" as we progress on the project.

7. Fund raising campaign: We are making good progress on getting the word out and on the VAAS mission. Our non-profit status allows us to ask individuals and businesses for tax-deductible contributions. Rotary clubs are made up of business owners who might contribute and offer support. We need a brochure to spread the word and give info on how the money is used. Dick shared, from another organization, a mailing like one we might use to describe awards, the bus, educational projects, etc. We need a design and request story. We would like to raise \$10,000 to proceed on the bus. We should offer specific uses of the money donated, \$XXX will buy a seat, etc.

We need a fund raising letter or brochure to mail to members from President Wendell, one sheet and half of back. Gary will design with a photo and space for the letter.

8. Other business: Jim created a sheet showing our VAE membership by county and showing that most members are in central and northwest Vermont.

Jim presented a list of 46 members who have not renewed (much less than past years). We will contact people we know and remind them to renew.

Jim got an email from Julie at Shelburne Farms asking us to bring a few cars to their Roaring Twenties fund raiser as we did last year. Date: May 3rd, 6:00 - 10:00 pm.

Gary said that Rachel can translate on-line articles into Chinese, French, etc. for our international readers. Gary will get a price for translating the feature car article for inclusion in March.

Tom McHugh said that they are considering having the Mobile Museum at the Ethan Allen Homestead in September. They wonder about insurance on the bus, not just regular vehicle insurance, but also insurance for the public as the bus is used as a museum.

Tom has a repository of much of the VAE history. The NY museum has expressed interest in housing the collection. Tom would like to find a few meet notices and such that he is missing. There may be some of our history at the VT Historical Center in Barre. Someone had deposited some there in the past and Tom wonders if it is still there.

9. Next meeting: Monday, March 18, 1:30 pm at the Williston Library.

10. Adjourned: Gael moved and Andy seconded adjournment at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Charlie Thompson, Secretary

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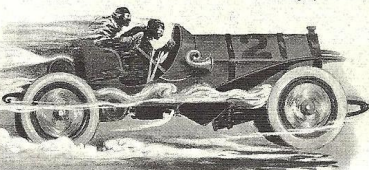
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Hi,
I've been the proud owner of a 1979 MGB for about 5 years. This fall, my Dad left me his 1934 Ford Woody, which was originally purchased new by my Grandfather. I have only one space in my garage, so I'm afraid the Woody trumps the MG. Is there anyone interested in buying my MGB?
John Irving, Jericho, VT
jirving@burlingtonelectric.com 5/13

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Editor contact info on page 2

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5/13

March Bumper Sticker...

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For Sale: Postcards all 4 color in mint condition: 1974 AMC : Javelin, Matador Brougham, Hornet Hatchback, Hornet Sportabout, Gremlin X and Ambassador 4 door. \$1.50 ea. or 4 for \$5.00. **Buick::1997** Century, LeSabre, Pontiac: 1996 Bonneville, Grand Am. \$1.00 ea. or 6 for \$5.00. **Tonka toy...** 1960's VW number 52680, red, 8' long in mint condition with box. \$85 obo.

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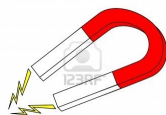
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VAE member Pierre Pepin has a 1922 Durant car and needs any and all written literature that he can find about the Durant automobile. If you have something, call him at 802-878-5748 5/13

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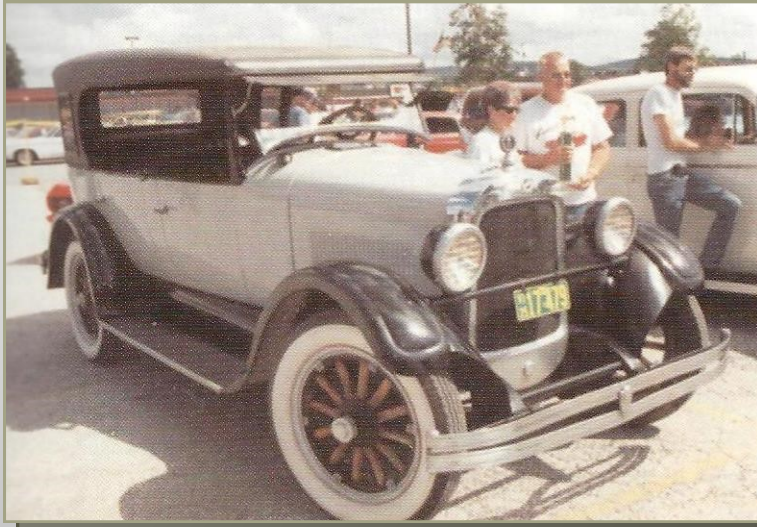
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