April 25, 2018

Dear History Lover,

The final touches are being made for the exhibit Grand Opening on the 28th! Unfortunately, the long winter has led to the postponement of the Downtown Barre Car Show. But you can still get your racing fix at the exhibit that day. Plus, we'll be at the rescheduled Car Show at the Thunder Road Speedbowl on May 5.

Upcoming Programs & Events

Details & More Events on our Website

Exhibit Opens April 28!

Join us on Saturday, April 28 for the Grand Opening of the exhibit. We'll have Free Admission from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The exhibit will be open that day until 4:00 pm. See you at the starting line!

Special Exhibit Hours
May 5, 12:00 to 4:00 pm
May 12, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

We'll have special open hours for the exhibit on May 5th (stop in after the Car Show), and the exhibit will also be open the Second Saturday of each month for its duration. Make a day of it and visit the History Museum in Montpelier too, it's included with
In Tribute: Harold Hanaford (1929-2018)

We were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Harold "Hardluck" Hanaford. A lifelong resident of Plymouth, New Hampshire, Harold served in the US Army during the Korean War and worked as a mechanic after the war.

Harold began racing in the 1950s as a young man, and was a perfect example of the earliest stock car racers in Vermont and New England. Though he occasionally drove cars for other owners, he was most successful when driving his own cars. He was a creative engine builder with an intuitive understanding of his cars and how to get the most out of them.

He is best remembered today as the winner of the first and third Milk Bowls at Thunder Road. He was also King of the Road in 1964, raced at Daytona in 1966, and was inducted into the New England Antique Racers Hall of Fame in 2009.

We were fortunate to interview Harold this past fall as part of our research for our new exhibit, and were charmed by his stories of racing and his sly sense of humor. He will be sorely missed in the racing community.

Harold "Hard Luck" Hanaford talks about a memorable race