

Great time of year to join the 251 Club

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In the summer of 1954, Dr. Arthur Peach proposed the 251 Club in his Vermont Life magazine column. “One real way to know Vermont is to visit every town in the state,” he wrote.

The idea of visiting every town caught on fast with folks both in and out of Vermont, (today we would say it went viral). Dr. Peach invited “the native born and those born elsewhere but with Vermont in them to discover the secret and lovely places that main roads do not reveal.” Fast forward to 2017. New generations are rediscovering the joy of connecting the dots (246 organized towns and cities and five unorganized towns) around our state. Armed with cameras, fishing poles and picnics people are discovering our towns. They come by bicycle, motorcycle, truck, car and some even hike until they complete the 251 journey. One dad thought it would be a good way for his daughter to learn to drive with her newly acquired permit.

Take as long as you like but have fun. Go to https://www.vt251.com/vt/join_by_mail.php for more details.

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