



# Sassy Brass

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## Upcoming Activities Schedule for 2013

February 6-10:	AACA Annual Meeting Philadelphia, PA
February 16-20:	HCCA Convention and Tour Santa Maria, CA
March 2:	Spring Club Meeting at the AACA Museum Meeting at 10:30am with lunch and tour to follow
April 11-13:	Swap Meet and Tour Bakersfield, CA
May 4:	Dust Off Tour—Lebanon County
May 19-23:	Brass in Berks County Tour
July 7:	SVR Brandywine Tour
September 8-13:	Glidden Tour Chattanooga, TN
October 8-12:	AACA Hershey Fall Meet
October 12-14:	Hershey Hangover Tour



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and projects to our page.

## **Perry County Covered Bridge Tour** **Hosted by Don and Carol Barlup**

Perry County Pennsylvania is a rural county with 14 covered bridges and not a single Walmart. Until two years ago, it was one of two counties in Pennsylvania that had no traffic lights. Now there is one, which we came nowhere near as we toured the back roads in search of our five covered bridges.

Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> started overcast with wet roads, but by the time the SVR-HCCA tourists started to arrive, the sun came out and the roads started to dry. After unloading the trailers in the adjacent school parking lot, ten pre-1932 cars headed into the woods where Don and Carol Barlup call home. Donuts, coffee, and juice were consumed as some of the Barlup's collection of vehicles were viewed, including their 1914 Pullman, 1917 American LaFrance fire truck, 1953 Packard Caribbean Convertible, 1932 Pontiac Convertible, 1917 White and Duplex trucks, and a 1923 Dixon truck.

Starting at 10:00 am we began our 64 mile tour and crossed the following covered bridges; Dellville, Rice, Adairs, and Bistline. Waggoner's bridge is closed to traffic, but we did drive past it. A pit stop was made at a local Sunoco station where some of us gassed up. Our picnic lunch stop was at the Blain Picnic grounds. After lunch and viewing each other's rides we headed back to our final destination, New Bloomfield and the Barlup's.

All ten vintage vehicles made the trip without a problem, not a drop of rain dampened the day.



# First Ever Hershey Hangover Tour

By Bob Ladd



It was one of those events that just makes sense. For years many in the brass age hobby have been lamenting the decline in pre 1916 cars at the nation's premier auto show in Hershey. It was that concern that brought the AACA Snappers and the Susquehanna Valley Region HCCA together immediately following the meet this fall. The idea was to bring your brass age car to the Hershey show and then play with other like minded folk on a two day tour through the beautiful Pennsylvania Dutch countryside at prime fall leaf season.

Day one was Sunday, October 14 and it was a gorgeous day. We lost a couple cars to mechanical issues before we even started but in the end had 13 great cars and many friends to ride along. Those friends and the cars they rode in came from nine states as well as Canada, New Zealand and Australia. When is the last time there was a tour with only one Model T but two EMFs, two Chalmers and two Franklins represented.





*A great Schacht at Reinholds Restoration*



*At Landis Valley*

The first stop on Sunday was at Reinholds Restoration Shop for a coffee stop. Richard Reinhold and his whole family are part of this operation and they always roll out the red carpet for fellow enthusiasts. By 11:00 all the cars were at the Landis Valley Farm Museum for their annual Fall Harvest Festival. The cars paraded into the middle of the outdoor museum and became part of the festivities for about two hours. That gave everyone the opportunity to sample traditional foods, see working craft displays and talk to people about our cars and how they have impacted our culture over the past century.



Later that day we stopped at the historic Cornwall Iron Furnace and took a tour of this gem of the industrial revolution. Dinner Sunday night was at our host hotel, The Lantern Lodge in Myerstown, PA. Besides great food, we had a fun presentation by Corky Coker, who was introduced by his dad Harold.



Day two started early and the weather was great for about three hours. It was 54 miles to our coffee stop at D. L. George Coachworks Ltd. in Cochranville, PA. Dave George had an amazing display of historic European motor cars of the pre-war and early post-war era. This is a working restoration shop and things were really humming. That is when the rain started.

Tops went up on the cars that had them and we moved on to an amazing machine shop called Spring Garden Repair. Isaac Stoltzfus, an Old Order Amish craftsman, is the proprietor and he does some interesting and amazing machine and welding work on early engines. Isaac's wife Anna, their daughters and some friends then treated us to a great Amish dinner. That is where we said good bye and drove through very heavy rain back to the Lantern Lodge to pack up and go home.



*Day One at parading into Landis Valley*

# 2013 HCCA

## National Convention & Tour

February 16<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>

In Santa Maria, California



Come join us at the historic Santa Maria Inn for five days of touring through beautiful Wine & Horse country and Agricultural and Seaside terrain. Attend our Annual Meeting, the President's Reception, Regional Groups Breakfast, Technical Seminars and enjoy some great camaraderie with old friends and new.

The touring is for pre-1916 vehicles but if you are unable to bring a car, you are welcome to either ride in a back seat or follow along in a modern car.

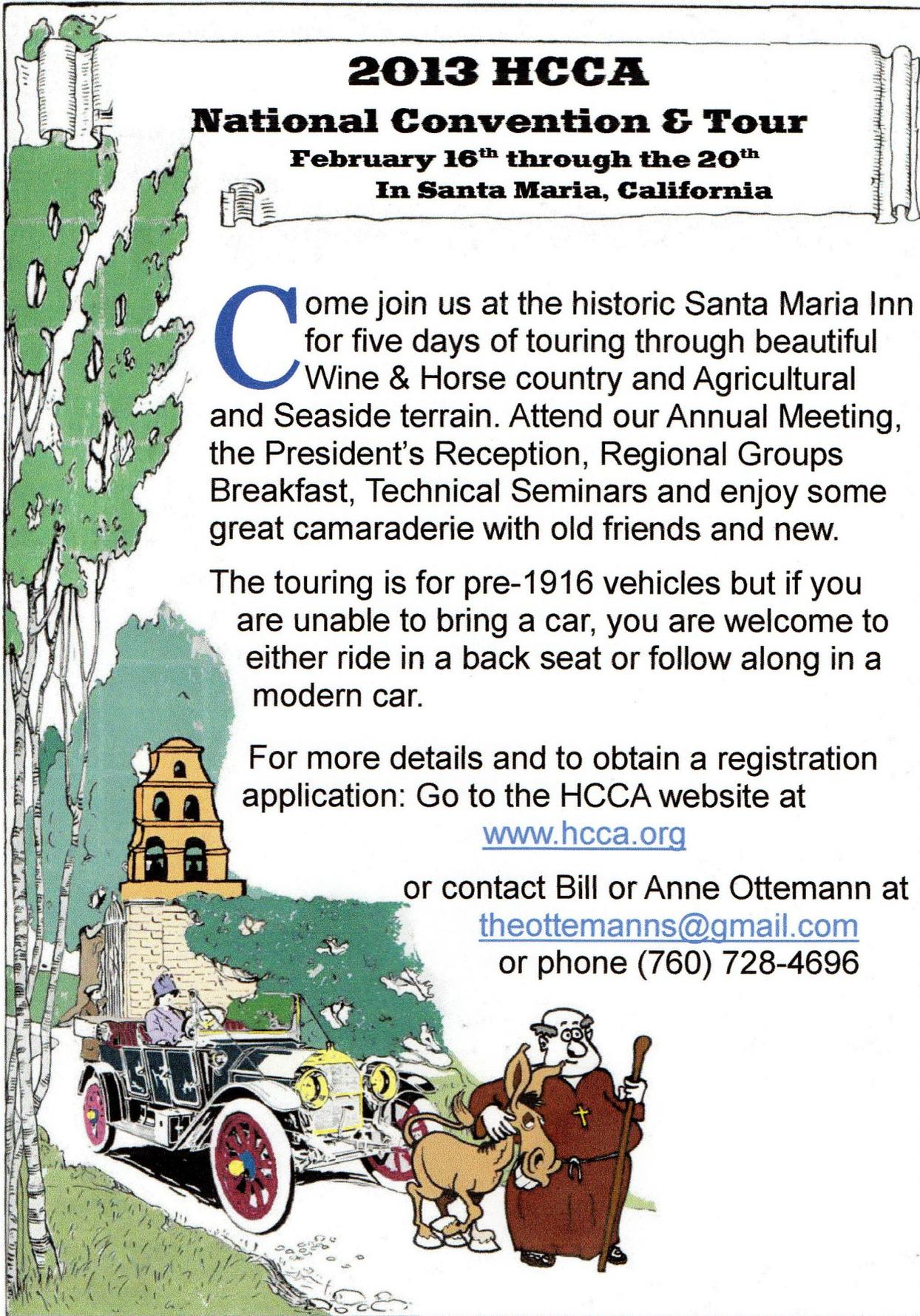
For more details and to obtain a registration application: Go to the HCCA website at

[www.hcca.org](http://www.hcca.org)

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## Brandywine Valley Tour

Join us on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013, for a fun filled day for the entire family. Enjoy the surrounding views from your Horseless Carriage while touring the gorgeous Brandywine area. We will start our day with a tour of Higgins Restorations in Kennett Square. Walter Higgins, proprietor, restorer, and master machinist has graciously offered us the use of the facilities which includes 3 acres of pavement, ideal for trailer parking. This will be our home base from which we will never be more than 10 miles away in radius. From there, we will stop off at Last Chance Garage in Unionville where Lou Mandich will share tales of how he came to specialize in re-viving old, long forgotten relics, many of which are HPOF winners today.

After motoring along some more country roads, the next stop is Mushrooms Café and Antiques for lunch. Enjoy farm fresh homemade delights and tasty sandwiches while browsing through a marvelous banked barn from the mid 1800's full of interesting pieces.

From there we will tour along the Brandywine River, making our way south into DE towards our flagship stop, Auburn Heights. Our visit to Auburn Heights is a way to experience life during the Industrial Era and the dawn of the automobile. Also available, a tour the Marshall family's Victorian home and museum consisting of the largest collection of operating Stanley Steamers in the world. You will have the opportunity to take a ride on their 1/8 scale steam train or one of several Stanley Steamers circling the property. If you haven't been, this is a rare opportunity to experience one of the historic gems listed on the National Registry.

Locations Visited:

<http://www.higginsrestoration.com/index.html>

<http://lastchancegarage.net/>

<http://www.auburnheights.org/>



Cost:

Museum ticket \$7 or \$12. Lunch not included.

Those interested in extending the visit into a weekend are welcome to explore some of the many other attractions in the immediate area. Hotel recommendations can be made but this is independent of the tour on Sunday. Higgins Restoration has offered the use of the property / facilities for parking or repairs.

Nearby attractions include:

**Longwood Gardens \*\*** - estate and formal gardens of Pierre duPont  
<http://www.longwoodgardens.org>

**Winterthur** – mansion and natural gardens of Henry Francis duPont  
<http://www.winterthur.org/>

**Nemours \*\*** - formal mansion and French gardens of Alfred I duPont  
<http://www.nemoursmansion.org/>



**Brandywine River Museum** – Largest collection of Andrew Wyeth and N.C. Wyeth paintings

<http://www.brandywinemuseum.org/>

**Hagley Museum** – Early days, E.I. duPont gunpowder mills along Brandywine river

<http://www.hagley.org/>

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Don't forget to pay your national and local region dues and submit your HCCA National ballot! Remember Bob Ladd :)



# Our November Meeting

## By Jeff Lesh



The SVR HCCA held their Fall 2012 Business Meeting at the York County Agricultural and Industrial Museum on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Member Fred Rosenmiller graciously hosted the group and helped President Bob Ladd with the details.

Bob called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM before a group of over 30 members. We had a review of our 2012 activities, the Dust Off, July Covered Bridge Tour, Don's Perry County Tour and the Hershey Hangover. Bob showed slides from the Hangover and commented on the very positive response received. The group agreed to co-sponsor with Bob leading a 2013 Hangover and also agreed to send the Snapper's portion of the proceeds along with a contribution from our club to the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey. Bob believes this could turn into a national HHCA or AACA tour based on the feedback from both organizations and the positive press it received.

Bob also went over the proposed date and time for the winter meeting which will be on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the AACA Museum in Hershey. We will hold elections for 2013 at that time so don't be surprised if you get a call to help the club as a region officer. Cheryl Vaughn also submitted her resignation to Bob as Region Secretary mainly due to work conflicts with Saturday meetings and the workload associated with the upcoming 2014 Reliability Tour which we're helping to host with the Hershey Region AACA. Betty Swann agreed to fill as temporary Secretary until the election. Bob also reminded everyone that their National HCCA ballots are due in by December and that dues are \$12 a year for the SVR and can be paid to Treasurer Don Barlup. Your 2013 National dues must be paid to be eligible to participate with the SVR.



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