Sassy Brass

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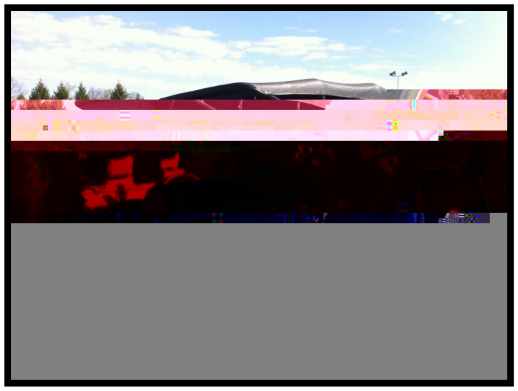
Gil Fitzhugh Sr., ready for the spring touring season.

Left: Kathie Conrad presenting Bob Ladd with our region's newsletter and website awards on Tracy's behalf.

Below: Augie and Jack pre-axle incident.



2015 Susquehanna Valley Region HCCA Calendar

May 2, 2015:	Susquehanna Valley Region Dust-off Tour Meet at Weaver's Market Adamstown @ 8:30am
May 17, 2015:	Brass in Berks County Flea Market
May 18-21, 2015:	Brass in Berks County Tour
June 21-26, 2015:	New England Brass and Gas National HCCA Tour
July 18, 2015:	Strasburg Antique Autos Show
Jul 27-31:	AACA Vintage Tour Denver, PA
August 15, 2015:	SVR Run to Rough and Tumble at Kinzers
September 2015:	Activity TBA
October 7-10 2015:	AACA Hershey Flea Market and Meet
October 11-12 2015:	Hershey Hangover IV
November 8, 2015:	Susquehanna Valley Region Meeting @ Clay and Rene Green's home

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President	Je f Lesher
Vice President	Butch Arnold
Treasurer	Don Barlup
Secretary	Philip Jamison
Web Master & Newsle t er	Tracy Lesher
Membership Chairperson	Mike Romano

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Check us out on Facebook at Susquehanna Valley Region HCCA!

Upload pictures of your brass car adventures and projects to our page.

President's Message May, 2015

Wow, we just went from winter to summer – somewhere I missed spring! We had to reschedule our annual meeting because of a snow storm and in retrospect; it actually helped bring out more members for the rescheduled meeting at our house. It was great to see everyone and we were very happy to have some brass era cars parked in our back acre.

Congratulations to our own Bob Ladd for being the newly elected Secretary of the HCCA – of course that became his way of declining to be our Secretary for 2015! I want to thank everyone that has volunteered to serve on our Board, and I'm happy to say we have a full board once again. Butch Arnold, Phil Jamison, Mike Romano, Don Barlup, Tracy and I promise to serve all of you and if you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to reach out to any of us.

We had our first Tour of the year, the first Saturday in May and other than a minor mechanical failure on our Overland's part, it was a terrific day. Everyone that attended enjoyed Eastland Alpacas as well as The Vineyard at Grandview. It was fun – of course until I had to call AAA to get the Overland hauled back home. But as I said that day, nobody got hurt – so we'll just put some fresh axles in and should be back on the road really soon.

I also want to acknowledge that at our meeting, the membership voted to accept Brass in Berk's request to have SVR serve as the host region. Being a National HCCA Tour, it was important to the BBC to have a strong active region serve as its sponsor. Luckily for us, most of the work involved in running this annual event is already done by members of our region, so this change is basically in name only. This is very exciting and we look forward to this year's tour.

I also wanted to let everyone know that as I turned over the membership file to Mike Romano, it was very pleasing to see that our membership is actually growing. We lost a few members last year due to deaths but were able to replace those with new members. It's also great to see that many of these new members are brass car owners or are actively seeking a brass era vehicle.

One final thing which I cannot forget to do: thank you and congratulations to Tracy for being recognized by the national publications committee for the excellent job she has done with Sassy Brass and out website. What they didn't do was also give her an award for keeping focused on what we need to do! Thanks honey!

Happy Cranking,

Jeff

HCCA NATIONAL NEWS

2015 Director Election Results –We would like to thank the 7 candidates that ran for the 2015 HCCA Director positions. Since the counting of the votes this year was later than last year, I was not able to contact all of the nominees before the holiday. Based on the CPA tabulation of the results of the 2015 Election of Directors to the HCCA National Board, the 5 new directors (in alphabetical order) are …

Alex Huppe
John Littlefield
Bruce MacMillian
Carl Pate
Ralph Tolman

New Board Member Training – Over the past two months the new board member orientation book was revised and updated. The book and other digital documents unlike the past will be sent to the new board members before the convention so that they are better informed and know what to expect.

Electronic Communication Project – As the hobby tries to adapt and migrate to the digital communication age, there is more need for the ability to hold video conference calls for committee discussions and training… The HCCA is planning to set up a system for the use by the Directors … Video calls ***will not*** take the place of face to face director and member meetings but they will allow more to get done at the committee level.

2015 Hershey Tent Organization Meeting Reservations – For Hershey 2015, the scheduling and reserving of space and times for the HCCA tent by Regional Groups and Registries / car groups will be managed by the HCCA office and not a HCCA Director. The change will standardize, simplify and organize the reservation process. All scheduling is on a first come first serve basis… Do not wait for the last minute to reserve your space.

New Member Development – In cooperation with various auction companies, when a Horseless Carriage vehicle is purchased at an auction, the buyer will receive a HCCA Gift Certificate allowing them a one year of free membership if they have not been a member in the past 5 years. Remember individuals do not have to own a car to join and be part of the HCCA organization.

New 2015 HCCA Brochure – The new HCCA brochure has been approved and printed. If a Regional Group or Affiliated Registry or member wants some brochures to promote the organization, they should contact the HCCA office.

Observe the Little Things – Though this is not a car story, it does show how the young learn the little things that adults overlook … Over the holiday, we watched with our 2½ year old twin grandsons the video "Polar Express". After getting back home I read on their dad's Facebook posting that after Christmas one of the grandsons found a sleigh bell under their Christmas tree. He looked at his dad, smiled, shook it said "I believe".
I believe … we all can do a better job educating others and getting the next generation involved in the antique car hobby.

Share, Educate and Pass It On…

Carlton Pate / anpcop@aol.com
HCCA National Secretary

April Meeting Minutes

Minutes - Susquehanna Valley Region HCCA

President Jeff Lesher called the meeting of the Susquehanna Valley Region HCCA to order at 1:40 PM on April 19 at Jeff and Tracy's home in Reinholds. There were twenty five members in attendance on a sunny but breezy afternoon. Jeff thanked all who came and especially those that had provided goodies to share. It was unanimously agreed to dispense with the reading of the fall meeting minutes which had been provided to everyone by email.

Jeff read the report from Treasurer Don Barlup, new president of AACA, who was attending an AACA event. The report highlights are as follows:

Starting balance November 1, 2014		$7145.79
2015 dues	448.00	
2014 final Hershey Hangover deposit	538.70	
New Balance		$ 8131.99
Less Expenses (mostly Hangover related)		536.01
Available Balance as of 2/28/2015		$ 7595.98

Clay Green moved for approval of the treasurer's report ,Gil Fitzhugh the Elder seconded and it was approved unanimously.
We are currently missing a membership chairman so Jeff gave the report. We currently have 36 families with 2015 dues paid. We lost four from last year but gained four new ones.

OLD BUSINESS- Tracy reported that she will have a spring newsletter out shortly after the Dust Off Tour on May 2.

NEW BUSINESS – Bob Ladd reported that at the National Convention in Texas our newsletter and web site both received "highest honors" from HCCA and Bob presented Tracy with the plaques for that achievement. There were only five HCCA regions or affiliated registries in the US that received this high recognition for a newsletter and only four websites.

April Meeting Minutes– Continued

Election of officers for 2015-
The following names and offices were presented as nominees:
President – Jeff Lesher
Vice President - Butch Arnold
Treasurer - Don Barlup
Secretary - Phil Jamison
Membership – Mike Romano
Clay Green moved that the 2015 slate of officers be approved and it was done so unanimously.

Jeff went over upcoming events both Regional and national in which our club will be playing a key part:

May 2	SVR Dust Off Tour to Eastland Alpacas, Picnic and Winery
May 17	Brass in Berks 2015 Flea Market
May 18-21	Brass in Berks Tour
June 21-26	NE Gas and Brass National Tour
July 18	Tour to Strasburg Railroad Car Show
July 27-31	AACA Vintage Tour – pre 1932 vehicles Lancaster County
August 15	Tour to Kinzers - Rough and Tumble Reunion
October 7-10	Hershey
October 11-12	Hershey Hangover IV – Heritage Hotel, Centerville Rd
November 8	Business Meeting at Clay and Rene Green's

Clay gave an update on the Brass in Berks Tour status. The Old Tyme Car Club has reorganized as the Old Time Touring Club. This year will be the last time that the tour will fall under their sponsorship and so Clay and Gil Fitz-hugh offered to have it fall under the auspices of the SVR for future years. A motion to approve was made by Bob Ladd and seconded by Helen Turner. After discussions regarding the financial and other implications of this move the motion was unanimously approved.

April Meeting Minutes –Continued

Bob Ladd gave a report on the business meeting and tour at the National Convention in Kerrville Texas. He has been elected the national Secretary for 2015. The national tour next year will be in Florida.

Gil Fitzhugh the Elder asked if there would be interest in another try at a Creepy Crawley Tour. It was decided that it would be good to combine with a one and two cylinder tour. More conversation to follow.

Brad Kline is working with the folks at Muddy Creek to do an event in 2016.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned for refreshments and conversation.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Ladd

2015 May Dust-off Tour

Jeff Beard, Brad Kline, and Jackie Fitzhugh enjoying the sunshine at our lunch stop.

We could not have asked for a more beautiful day for a brass car run. Gil Jr. and Jackie Fitzhugh, Jim Reinhold and neighbor David, Brad Kline and Jeff Beard, and the Lesher family set out for meandering ride down to Mount Joy. The first 24 miles was without trouble. Augie's lost hat that blew out of the Overland in Penryn should have been a premonition of things to come. Also, the night before Jeff had a strange feeling about the left wheel not the right.

Our day was not without technical maleficence. At the intersection of Elizabethtown Road and Route 72, we heard a firecracker type noise. And, "Voila" the Overland had no gears. The right axle broke. Luckily, for us there was an antique store on the corner where we could roll the car to. "An Echo from the Past" is owned by Bertha and Ben Brubaker. If anyone is looking for architectural salvage this is the place for you! Bertha graciously offered up apple cider and balloons for Augie and Jack. Jeff called AAA. My mother-in-law Marie, came to our rescue and brought the boys and I back to the house while Jeff awaited the rollback.

Left: Jim and Barbara Reinhold's dapper Model A next to Gil and Jackie Fitzhugh's nifty Model T.

Lower left: Jackie Fitzhugh amongst alpacas.

Below: Echoes from the Past Antique store in Manheim.

After a bit of time, Jim and David circled back to check on the missing Overland. After Jeff reassured them that all was well and they vanished in their Model A's.

Once the rollback, the Overland and Jeff arrived back at home, we ate our lunch and jumped into our 1964 Buick Special to pick-up the route. Not too far past from where our axle broke, we caught up to Brad Kline and Jeff Beard in Brad's 1908 EMF. Brad and Jeff were getting advice from a farmer on a shorter route back to Adamstown. The EMF was running well and Brad did not want to risk his good luck.

Escaping the farmer took a little time. After watching Brad and Jeff pull away, we headed to Eastland Alpacas. It was shearing day. Too bad for Augie and Jack, Grandma took them for an overnight and they missed out on the alpacas. Jeff and I got a delightful tour from a 4-H member. Alpacas are incredibly docile and very soft. The shearer came from New Zealand for this annual event. Several neighboring alpaca owners also brought their animals over to Eastland to have them sheared too.

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*All cars must have been manufactured before January 1, 1916. Due to insurance regulations the registered driver must be a member of HCCA or AACA. I, the undersigned, agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the HCCA and AACA and their regions and officers from any and all claims, costs, liabilities and attorney's fees arising from injury, actual or claimed, of any kind to property or persons resulting in my participation in this event. I have liability and property damage coverage on my tour vehicle and will maintain coverage for the duration of tour.

Signature _____

**Registration Fees:	$100.00 per car and driver	_____
Additional passengers, Sunday Tour & lunch	_____ X $20	_____
Additional passengers, Monday Tour & lunch	_____X $25	_____
Sunday Banquet	_____ X $30.00/per adult	_____
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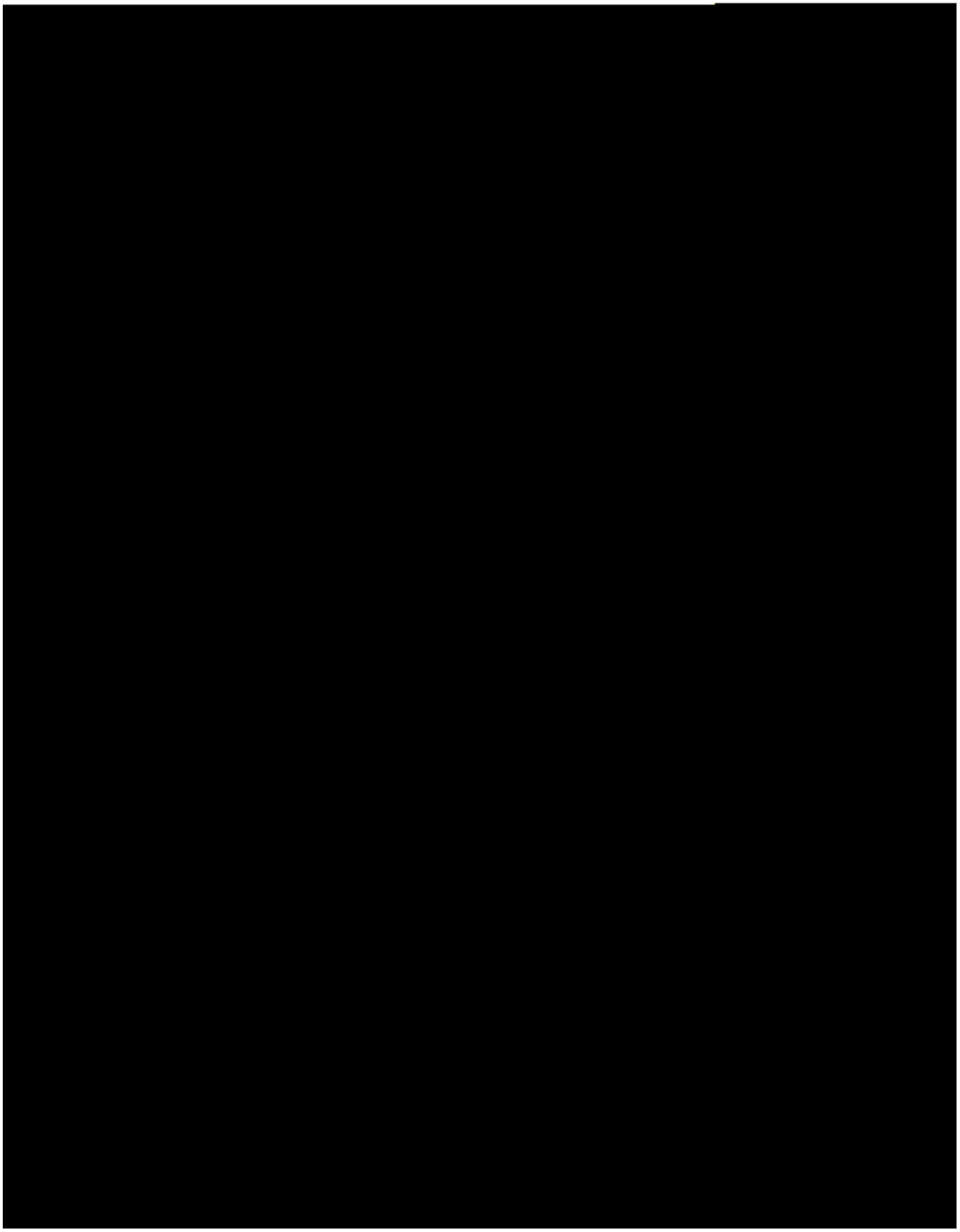
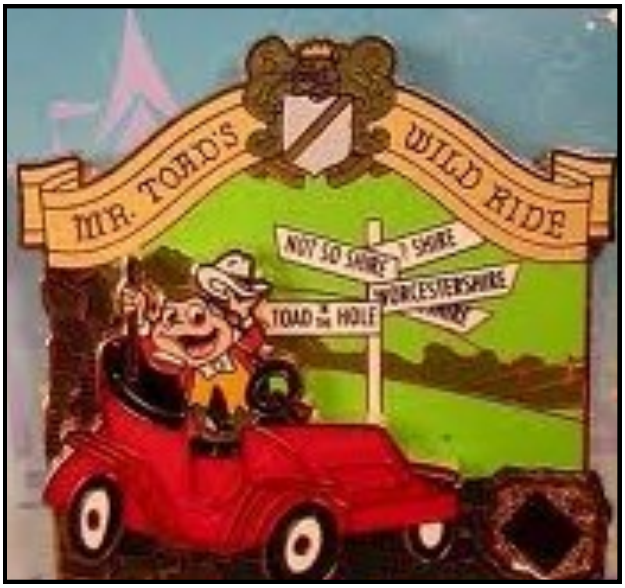
$_____ **Total Payment**

** Driver includes all events including Banquet and lunch both days





If you have any brass car adventures and announcements that you would like to share with fellow club members, send your contributions to me. I am always looking for material. Send articles and pictures to Tracy at:

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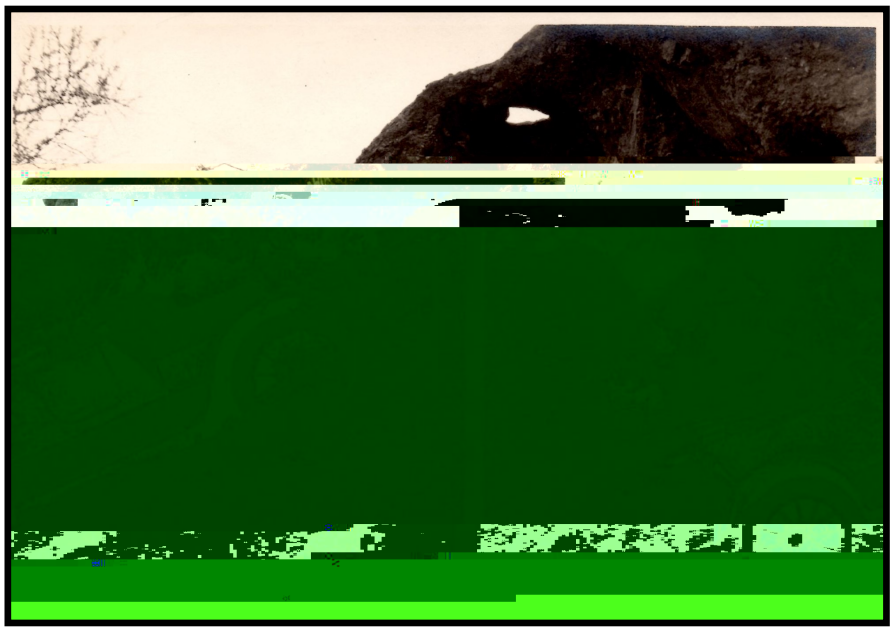


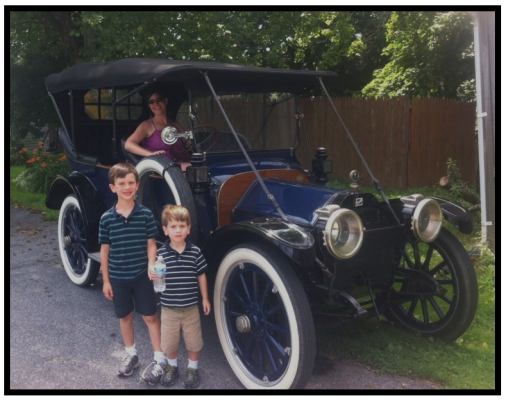
SVR President Jeff Lesher before the axle broke on the Dust-off.

And, after the axle broke on the Dust-off.

Announcements

Congratulations to Bob Ladd our newly elected National HCCA Secretary

From your Editor...



I would like to thank Bob Ladd for picking up our Regions' newsletter and website awards at the Annual HCCA meeting. I enjoy this work immensely and it is a great honor to receive recognition. Also, I would like to thank many of our members who have submitted articles. This newsletter is no small feat and I could not do this without your support.

-Tracy

Classifieds

Next classifieds submission deadline is July 1 to be included in the next newsletter. Ads should be 25-30 words in length and can include photos. Ads maybe submitted by via email to edsvrhcca@gmail.com or mailed to

Tracy Lesher—475 West Route 897, Reinholds, PA 17569.

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