



Sassy Brass

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Left: Jane Grove standing with her 1910 EMF.



Left: On display at Landis Valley Farm Museum during Hershey Hangover V.

Below: A purple Petrel





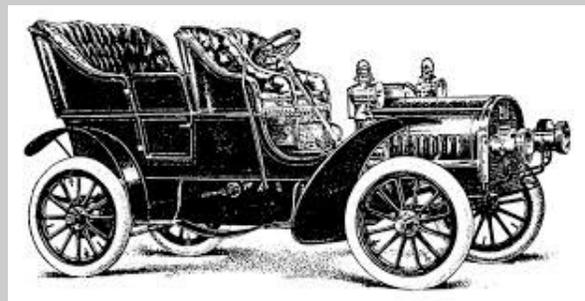
2017 Susquehanna Valley Region HCCA Calendar



March 12-15, 2017:	National HCCA Convention Tour Oklahoma City, OK
March 16-17, 2017:	Chickasha Flea Market, Chickasha, OK
March 19, 2017:	Susquehanna Valley Region Spring Meeting
April 6-8, 2017:	National Bakersfield Tour and Swap Meet
May 6, 2017:	SVR "Dust-off" Tour
May 21, 2017	16th Annual BBC Flea Market
May 22-25, 2017:	16th Annual BBC Tour
June 25-30, 2017:	New England Brass and Gas Tour
July 15, 2017:	Antique Autos and Trains Event at the Strasburg Railroad
August 19, 2017:	SVR Run to Rough and Tumble at Kinzers
October 4-7, 2017:	AACA Hershey Flea Market and National Meet
October 8-9, 2017:	Hershey Hangover Tour
November 5, 2017:	Fall SVR Business Meeting

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President's Message December 2016

Susquehanna Valley Region HCCA Members-

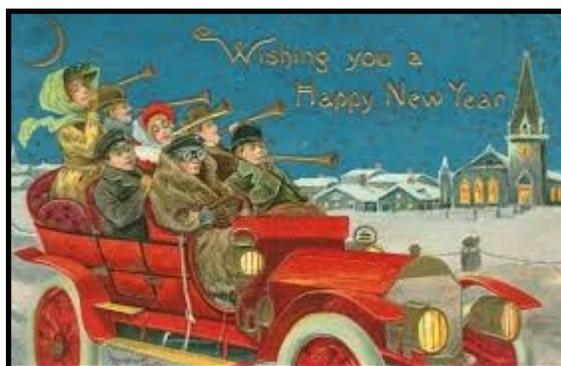
Another year is coming to a close and as Tracy decorates the Christmas Tree, I'm sitting here thinking about plans for SVR for 2017. Clay and Gil are busy doing budgets for BBC and we have a meeting tomorrow to finalize plans at Strasburg. The tour days are already in the works and routes will be the next project for the wagon masters.

I'm signing the hotel contract for the Hangover this week and have already started discussions with the caterers for the Saturday gathering and Sunday banquet. All of this while still trying to figure out what Santa is going to be bringing Tracy and the boys. I know a new top for a 1913 Buick might high on my list!

So as we wind down this year, please consider helping out our officers and tour masters as we plan 2017's events. The year ahead looks to be fun and exciting. So I want to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and joyous New Year from Tracy, the boys and I.

Happy Cranking.....

Jeff





HCCA NATIONAL NEWS

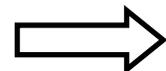


Re: Marian Welch, Voting, QR Stickers, 2017 HCCA Convention, Holiday Wishes

Issue: 2016-11-22 #11

- **Last Reminder for Marian Welch Award** – There are members that deserve recognition for years of service to the local and national HCCA organization. This is the highest club recognition that an individual can receive. Just to be nominated is an honor. Send detailed information on the HCCA member that you think should be considered for the award. Nominations for candidates for the 2017 award are to be sent to ...
Gil Klecan
2966 N Arroyo Drive,
San Diego, CA 92103
(gilklecan@hotmail.com).
- **HCCA QR Stickers** – Some members have asked what is a QR code? In November the leader of a tour in CT handout the new HCCA stickers with a description. A QR code (abbreviated from Quick Response Code) is a matrix barcode on a machine-readable optical label that contains information or a link to a web site when scanned. The HCCA sticker, when scanned by a smart phone, will take the viewer to the HCCA web site so they can learn more about our club and, hopefully, become a member. Stickers can be obtained from the HCCA office.
- **Planning for Next year** – As we get to the end of 2016, we need to remind members that it is time to begin planning for next year. We need to make every attempt to insure each year that a diversified group of members gets involved so that the focus of the organization represents what the members want ... If you want to make a difference, you should contact the leaders of your local organization or at the National level contact, the HCCA office or President... You can make a difference; it is as easy as driving your Horseless Carriage. Get Involved ...
- **HCCA National Convention** – Oklahoma City, OK March 11-15, 2017 ... Four days of touring, evening entertainment and the HCCA Annual meeting. Day after convention is the Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet only 40 miles away.
- **EVERY Vote Counts** – The HCCA Board of Directors consists of 3 classes of 5 directors. Each year the term of one director class expires and 5 new directors need to be elected. In the September/October issue of the Gazette, you received pictures and biographies of the 7 nominee candidates. If you are a voting HCCA member you received a ballot to cast your vote. This is your opportunity to vote for your representatives. Your vote makes a difference. Each ballot submitted to be valid must have five candidates selected. All ballots must be **received by the HCCA auditor by December 15, 2016.**

Make sure you get your candidate information to Gil Klecan by the end of **November 2016.**





HCCA National News Continued-

Opening dinner is Sat night. For more information contact ...

Chris Paulsen cp7254@hotmail.com

- **New Century Plaque Address** – I am still receiving Plaque requests to my old address. In July 2016, the administrator of the program, Carl Pate moved from CT to [26 Washington St, Rocky Hill, NJ 08553](mailto:cp7254@hotmail.com). Remind others of the address change.
- **President's Thanks to Members** – Because of the great year, I want to thank all of those members, leaders, editors, web site administrators, officers, and directors who volunteered their time and effort at the local and National level. The club's

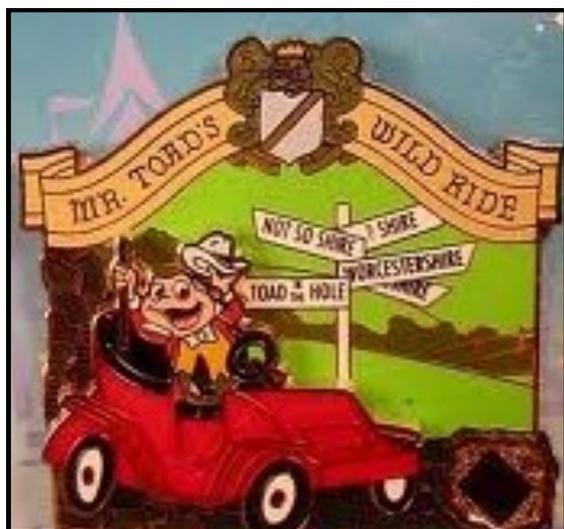
success is the result of all the volunteers.

- **Happy Holiday and New Year** – The HCCA board of Directors want to wish you, your family and your local club a great Holiday and New Year. We are thankful for our family, friends and for what we can do for others.

Share, Educate and Pass It On...

Carlton Pate / anpcop@aol.com

HCCA National President



If you are attending any Brass Car events I would very much appreciate your willingness to snap pictures and write an article for the next newsletter. I am always looking for material. Send articles and pictures to Tracy at: edsvrhcca@gmail.com



Susquehanna Valley Region HCCA

Fall Business Meeting Notes

Minutes of 10/29/2016 Meeting

President Jeff Leshar called meeting to order about 2:15PM. Approximately 17 members and guests were present at the historic Derry (Swatara) train station in Hershey, PA, six cars having completed a tour from the AACA Museum.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer Barlup (not present) left treasurer's report indicating a positive balance of \$11,960.01.

Bob Ladd described a successful Hershey Hangover tour which hosted a record 33 cars. The tour turned a profit of \$3350.68. The Leshers will head the 2017 Hangover Tour.

Bob also informed us of the upcoming New York to Paris Tour and Grizzly Bear Tour. He also informed us of the 2017 HCCA National Tour & Convention in Oklahoma next March which he plans to attend.

Tracy Leshar predicts the next newsletter will appear sometime in November, and that our web site has been updated.

NEW BUSINESS

President Leshar read tentative dates for 2017 Susquehanna meetings and events. These will be published in the Newsletter.

Gill, Jr. reported on the upcoming BBC (Brass in Berks County) Tour for May 21-25, 2017. It will be held at the Pennsylvania Railroad Museum, as last year.

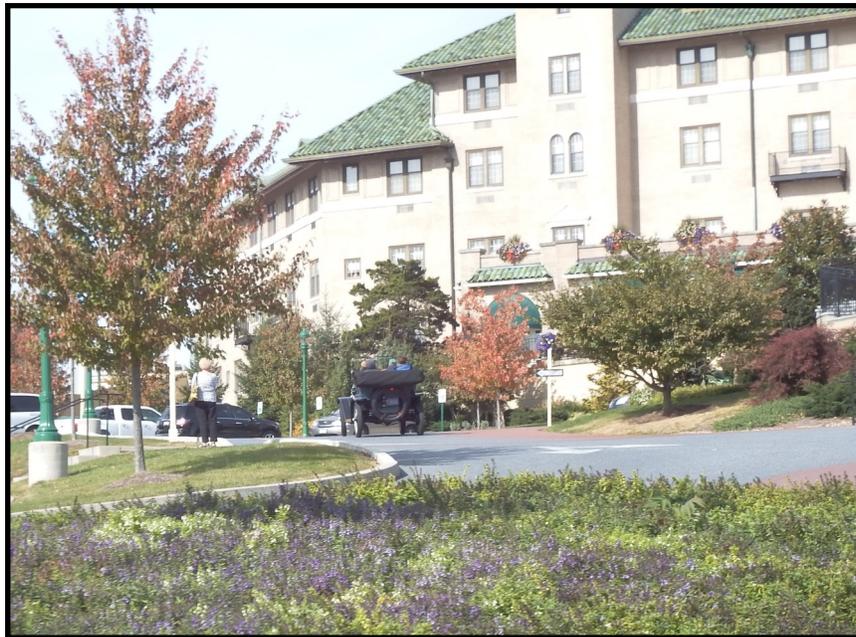
A discussion followed as to how to use the club's \$3350 profit on the Hangover Tour. Suggestions included a scholarship donation to the HCCA educational division or a similar donation directly from our chapter. President Leshar suggested complimentary chapter dues for all members. Further discussion urged caution to save funds to cover future shortfalls. No final decision was made.

Our train station meeting place was offered as a permanent host to our chapter, though some members (especially those farther away) preferred various meeting places, as in the past. No decision was made on this proposition.

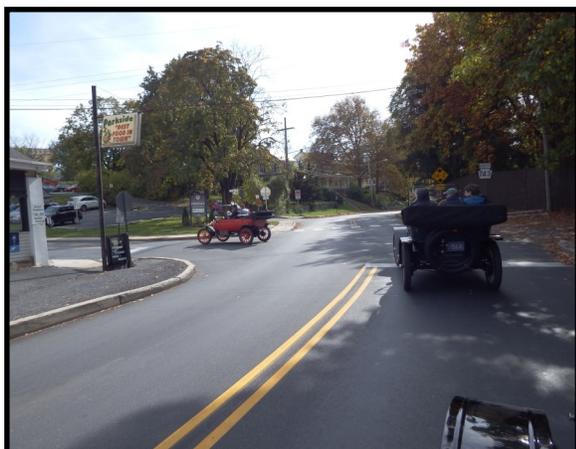
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Philip Jamison, Secretary
10/30/16

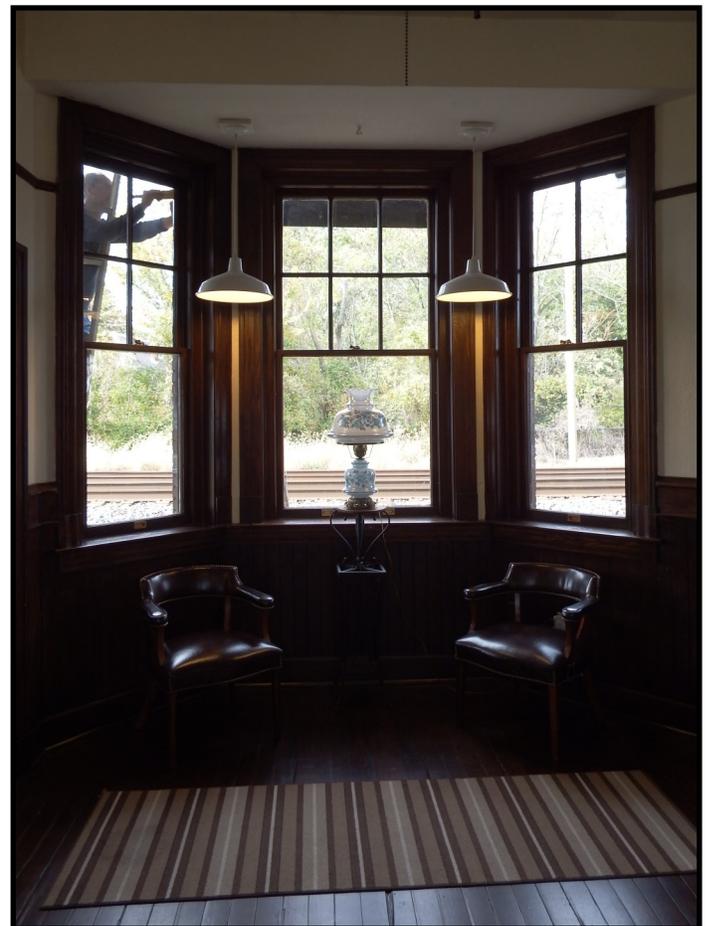


Pictures From Our Swatara Train Station and Fall Business Meeting



A special thank-you to Pat Gamble and Jackie for helping to organize a wonderful fall season run for our members. The Swatara Train Station was a terrific spot for a SVR Meeting.

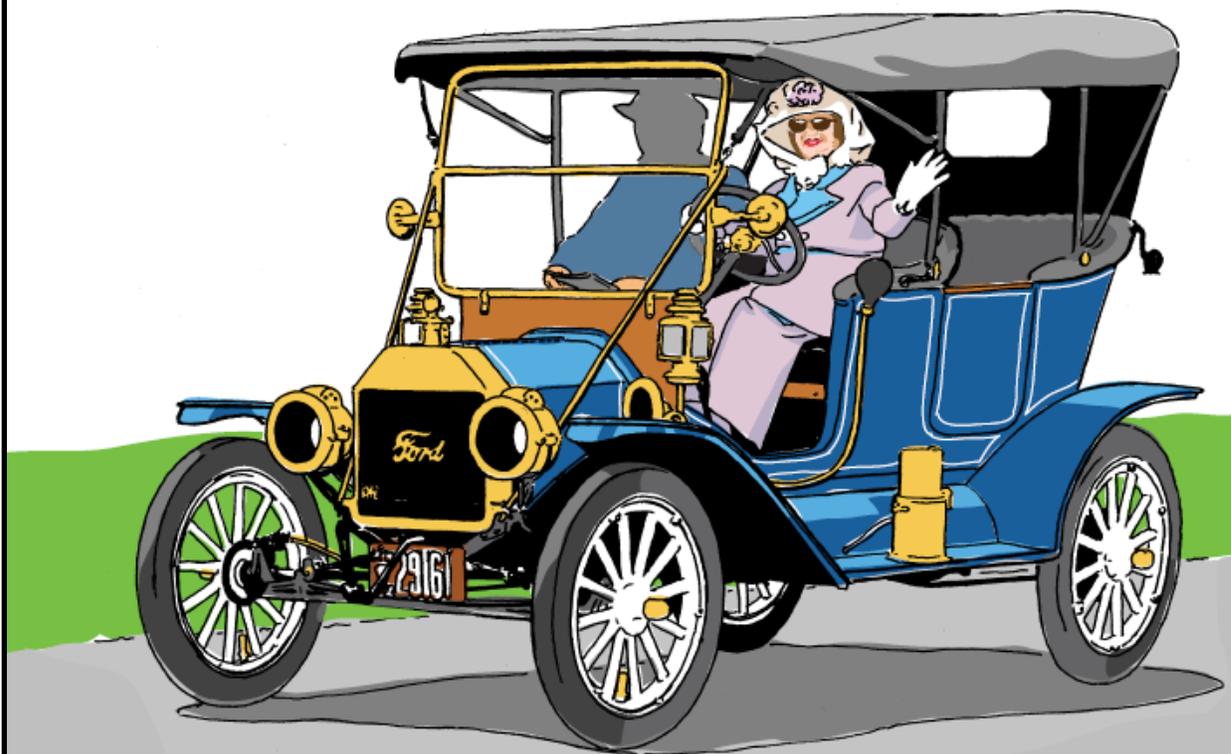






2017 BBC BRASS TOUR

HCCA National Tour in
STRASBURG, PA



Tour May 22 - 25, 2017

at the Strasburg Clarion Inn

Flea Market Sunday May 21

at the Penna. Railroad Museum, Strasburg, PA

Tour Information: Clay Green - cgreen3rd@comcast.net
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5th Annual Hershey Hangover Tour

By Peter Jakab



For the Brass Era community, the annual Hershey Hangover Tour has become a wonderful way to complete Hershey week. After we've spent several days walking the expanse of Hershey's flea market fields searching for that elusive part we need, or spending too much on things perhaps we really don't need, but can't pass up, and then checking out the jewels on the show field on Saturday, we do what we love best—get in our brass cars and drive. The Hangover is a small, relaxed tour, always with a great variety of cars and fun people. This year's fifth edition was no exception. The group featured a

1913 Rolls Royce, two E-M-Fs, no less than four Locomobiles, and five Buicks. Tour organizer, Bob Ladd, bought his 1910 Chalmers-Detroit, Mike Zerega his stunning newly restored 1910 Stanley Steamer, and Andy Wallace his big 1911 Packard. The two-cylinder vehicles were represented by Steve Bono's 1910 REO, and Mike Romano's 1908 REO, the '08 being the oldest car on the tour. Also on hand were a 1911 Maxwell, a 1915 Studebaker, a 1912 Pullman, a 1912 Oakland, and a 1909 Petrel. Rounding out the field were a half-dozen Model T's.





Gil Fitzhugh put together wonderful routes that took us on great roads with scenic views. He also provided a short journey for the two-cylinder cars if they preferred to do something more compatible with their vehicles. Stops on the first day included Mike Burkholder's car collection, and the Landis Valley Farm Museum, where we saw a variety of live demonstrations that included making apple butter and the fine art of butchering a pig. The drive concluded with a stop at a wolf sanctuary before heading back to the hotel for our evening banquet, which featured good food, interesting conversation, and live music.

The second day featured more of Gil's good route planning. A pretty drive through Amish country that featured charming roads and a number of covered bridges. Our feature stop was at the Leola Coach Works where we saw the ubiquitous horse-drawn carriages of the area being built. The tour concluded with a lunch stop at an off-beat restaurant with a special menu prepared just for us. A short ride back to the hotel and another wonderful Hershey Hangover Tour was in the memory book. Jeff Leshar will be taking over from Bob Ladd to organize next year's Hangover Tour. Thanks to Bob for all his good work and establishing this as a not to miss part of Hershey.



Above: SVR President Jeff Leshar socializing with fellow Hangover participants.

Left: Keith and Karen Billet's 1910 REO.



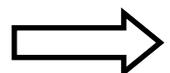
A Great Time Touring the Low Country By: Bob Ladd



Every other year the Horseless Carriage Club of America and the Antique Automobile Club of America team up to recreate the early 20th Century Reliability Tours. These tours are restricted to pre-1916 cars and are staged in different locations and in different seasons each time.

This year's tour was in the Savannah, Georgia Low Country but began with a stop at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina for the famous Hilton Head Concours. Susquehanna Valley Region

had a very good representation as can be seen by the accompanying photos. Saturday night we all were together for a great dinner at the famous Old Oyster Factory. The island had received a direct hit by Hurricane Matthew less than a month before the start of this event and the organizers did a great job cleaning up. Sunday the Concours was pulled off in fine style and it was greatly enhanced by the addition of over 50 brass era cars in several areas of the field.





The Savannah part of the tour resumed on Monday with a short but fascinating tour to the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum and then a bus excursion to see the incredibly large container shipping operations at the Savannah port. This was capped off by a wonderful opening banquet at the historic Olde Pink House Restaurant which was within walking distance of the host hotels.

Tuesday was a non-driving day with a Historic Savannah Trolley excursion to

the many beautiful sights of the city.

Wednesday we got back in the cars and made a nearly hundred mile round trip through the Savannah Wildlife Refuge to Gregorie Neck Plantation in South Carolina. There Bob and Alice Jepson have a most incredible collection of cars in a pristine, typically southern plantation setting. The Jepsons' hospitality, including food and fellowship, was greatly appreciated and it gave us some special photo opportunities as well.



Top left: Joe and Betty Swann in their 1912 EMF Model 30.

Top right: Bob and Nancy Ladd in their 1910 Chalmers-Detroit.

Left: David and Nell Deardorff in their 1910 Otto B Runabout.

Pictures courtesy of Brian Stovall



Thursday was a shorter run to the Tybee Island Lighthouse and Museum. After lunch we continued to Old Fort Jackson which was constructed in 1808 as part of President Thomas Jefferson's Second System coastal defense system. In the evening we all were treated to a great musical performance at the Savannah Theater including a cameo appearance by Board member Steve Rinaldo as a hippie.

Friday was our last day and we had a visit to the very interesting and

incredibly tempting Byrd's Cookie Factory and then on to the Wormsloe Plantation ruins. There was a movie and guided tour before we headed off to our last lunch together at a place called Tubby's which is probably how most of us felt after great food for a full week. The organizers, including board members Ralph Tolman and his wife Anna as well as Steve Rinaldo and his wife Brenda, did a great job and are to be commended for overcoming the substantial issues caused by the hurricane.



Bryan Stovall

Above: The Reliability cars entering Wormsloe Plantation. Picture courtesy of Brian Stovall





A Short Little Cruise



On September 11th, Joe and Betty Swann, Wayne (Trees) and Kim Simoni and Rene and I left for Canandaigua, New York with cars in tow. Six hours later we joined 12 other mildly deranged friends to start a 14 day progressive tour of Upper New York and Canada laid out by Steve and Darlene Bono. The scenery was spectacular and the roads were great. Cell service was VERY limited.

It's a challenge packing clothes, tools, parts, etc. that you may need for 14 days on the road, but somehow we did it. Everyone made it with one exception, the second to the last day and 50 miles from the trailers, Don Rising broke a valve on his Model T and limped back to

his trailer on three cylinders to join us that evening modern.

Unpacking and loading up every day of a progressive tour is a challenge. Halfway through the week, you figure it out. No Dear, you really don't need all four suitcases!

On Day Three, we were treated to a boat cruise of the 1,000 Islands and saw some amazing castles. Yes, the other half was doing well back in the day. Although, there were no septic systems on any of the islands. Our tour guide informed us that the taxes on one of the larger castles was \$45,000 per year.



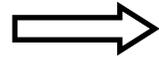


I do believe that this was an eating club with a driving disorder as the food and drink were plentiful the whole trip. We visited antique shops, wineries, boats, and other museums enroute. We spent the night at Vernon Downs Casino Hotel in Vernon, New York and enjoyed horse racing, plus a large local car show.

The first five days "Trees" Simoni had issues with his 1911 Model T. It got so bad that he had to kick his wife out of the car just to climb a hill. Model T's are simple cars, yet we tried everything - timing, coils, plugs, gas, and wiring all without fixing the problem. During the second round of replacing parts one of our group noticed something strange. There was a weird wear mark on the wood under the front seat in the perfect shape of a gas cap. Turns out when one's passenger weighs 98 pounds soaking wet sat down on the seat, she closed the vent on the gas cap!

Ironically, I repeated this story to Howard Hood from England and he had the same issue his Model T. Since his English "T" is a right-hand drive, it was his butt causing the same issue.

On Saturday, we visited Watkin's Glen Race Track and they turned us loose on the track for three laps. And, I won! I topped my Buick out at 65 MHP. From there we headed to Corning Glass where the ladies got a chance to make glass flowers. It was neat to watch how it was done. The Glen Curtiss Museum was next. It should definitely be on your bucket list. Visits also included the Hidden Valley Animal Adventure and Vidler's Five and Dime in Varysburg, NY. The Animal Adventure Park included handfeeding the animals from the tour wagon. While the Five and Dime was its third generation. Even if you didn't need it, they had it!



*On the left:
"On your mark,
get set, go!!!!*

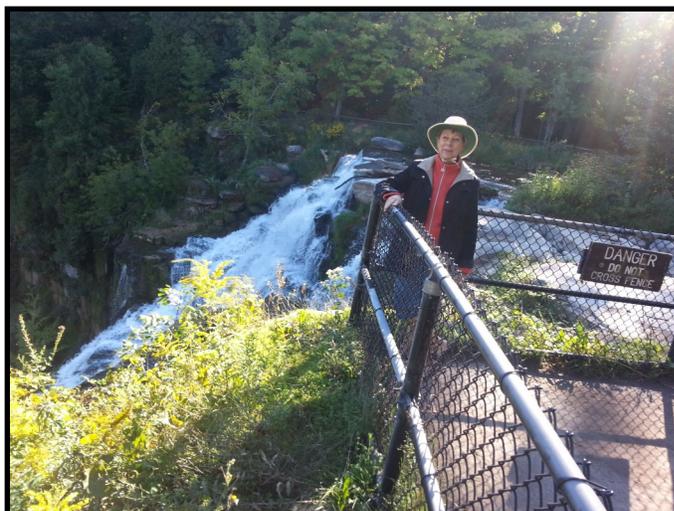




From there we headed into Canada and stayed two nights on the 41st Floor of the Hilton overlooking Niagara Falls. The fireworks over the Falls was both spectacular and unbelievable. Rene visited the casino and managed to lose her week's allowance of \$5 in a matter of minutes.



Above: Stunning view of Niagara Falls



Above: Rene looking sporty at Chittenango State Park in Cazenovia, NY

Below: Hot air balloon passes over the waterfall





Dennis and Addie Saylor continued to drive their Packard during the first week. The second week their son John and daughter-in-law drove the second week. John is the third generation of Saylor's to drive the Packard.

Leaving Canada, Rene and I got stuck behind "Achmed" at Customs before they moved him to the garage for a complete strip search. (Please know that the Editor of this fine publication refused to change his words. Plus, you all know Clay.) Unfortunately, John and Carolyn also had issues at Customs. Never did figure out why they would consider a 20 year-old driving a 1912 Packard a concern, but it all worked out.

Back in the States, we went for a canal ride on the Erie Canal. That was fun until

one of the locks failed. an hour, we were told to abandon ship. Luckily, the cars were about two blocks away. From there we headed to Canandaigua with an interesting stop at "Clay's Pottery Barn." The ladies left some money there. Back at the trailers, my speedometer showed 1,200 miles of great fun!

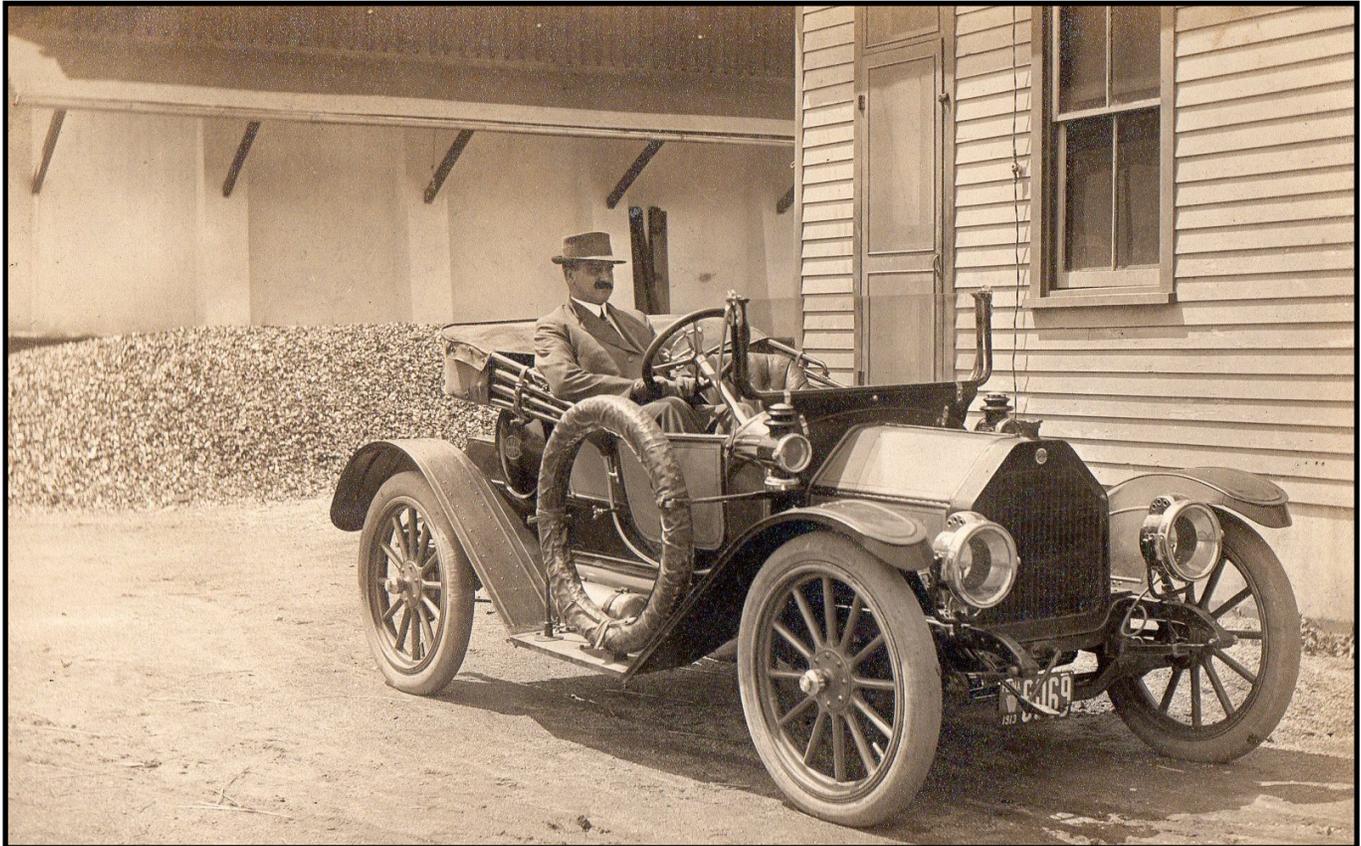
We had one additional passenger, Bruce the Moose. Bruce joined our group several years ago. The deal is that whoever checks in first gets Bruce the next day. He's a marvelous passenger, but a terrible navigator. He can be a bit of a challenge when riding as a passenger in a roadster. All problems have solutions. Bruce went to college last year with John Saylor and rumor has it he's working on his doctorate this year.



Above: The infamous Bruce the Moose riding shotgun.



Just for Fun...



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Announcements



Thank-you to Mike Romano, Peter Jakab, Clay Green and Bob Ladd for their fabulous contributions to *Sassy Brass*.



Announcements

SPECIAL TIRE OFFER FROM COKER TIRE

The HCCA not only enjoys the preservation of Brass Era Vehicles, but also encourages occasional driving and touring of these outstanding vehicles. Corky Coker and the crew at Coker Tire Company also encourage the driving of Brass Era vehicles, and they have extended an exclusive offer to HCCA members for a limited time only ...

Coker Tire is offering ...

- \$100 OFF ON THE PURCHASE OF FOUR GOODRICH SILVERTONE CORD HIGH PRESURE TIRES and
- FREE SHIPPING (Applies to Continental US)
- Use the promo code "HCCADEAL" at the Online Checkout to redeem your discount now!
- THE OFFER EXPIRES **DECEMBER 31, 2016** and it APPLIES TO THE Continental United States only and to in stock product only. Not available on previous orders and other exclusions may apply.



Classifieds



1954 Harley /Davidson Servi Car with tow bar, all done.

Contact: Clay Green

cgreen3rd@comcast.net

215-313-2734



1955 Chevrolet Convertible for sale.

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215-313-2734

WANTED: For a 1914 Model T

Stewart speedometer road gear # 1322 with three mounting holes

Stewart swivel joint 2 1/2 to 1 model 1913 cast steel

Jon Brown headlights, lens, burners, connectors

Contact John Hershey at (cell #) 717-371-9179

Next classifieds submission deadline is November 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

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Original Historic License Plates for Year of Manufacture Use



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Resources



This link has an index of pure gas stations for Pennsylvania and all 50 states.

<http://pure-gas.org/index.jsp?stateprov=PA>

Brad-Penn Oil can be purchased at Cumberland Truck Equipment Co.

Locations in Ephrata, Carlisle, Chambersburg & Nottingham