



Sassy Brass

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*Can you find the Model T?
@ Rolling Around New York
July 30-August 4*



*Very top: Picture courtesy of Mike Romano
Bottom left: "Dad, when are you going to teach me to drive?"
Bottom right: SVR Members on display at Rough and Tumble*



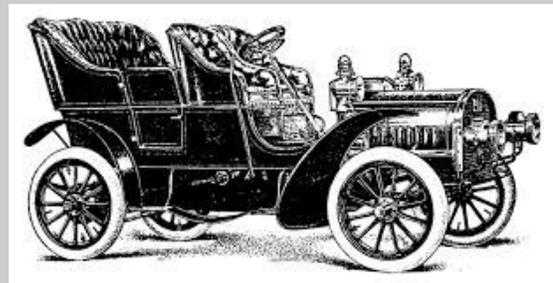
2017-18 Susquehanna Valley Region HCCA Calendar



October 4-7, 2017:	AACA Hershey Flea Market and National Meet
October 8-9, 2017:	Hershey Hangover VI Tour
November 5, 2017:	Fall SVR Tour and Business Meeting
March 2018:	Spring SVR Business Meeting
May 5, 2018:	SVR Spring Dust-off Run
May 20, 2018:	17th Annual BBC Flea Market
May 21-24, 2018:	17th Annual BBC Tour

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and projects to our page.



President's Message October 2017

OK, it's hard to believe but summer is over – in fact I have to load the trailer tomorrow for Hershey – the high, holy days of our hobby. It's the one week of the year that even Tracy respects that I do my own thing and even says the boys can skip school because it's educational. I'm happy to say I believe this year makes 48 straight years and I don't think you could pay me enough money to miss it.

I guess the point is that there are many reasons why I feel this way about something as crazy as a week spent in the sun or rain, hot or cold surrounded by dirty old cars and parts. It's the people! I go to Hershey to see old friends, make new acquaintances and generally surround myself with people that feel the same way. This is a great hobby and it is a lot of fun! I look back on some of the things we did as a group over the last few months and there is that common theme. We had a great turn out at Muddy Creek Forks, Kinzers and even our small tour to Poole Forge. The most interesting thing was that it wasn't always the same people turning out for an event. That shows that we have a really strong group of members and that just goes to reinforce the potential we have to attract even more people interested in our horseless carriages.

Our group has great potential since we host BBC in the spring and the Hershey Hangover in the Fall to show off our toys and attract new members. I know that our national president Chris wrote about this in the last Gazette and many of the national board have spoken about the need to attract more members at many of the national events. I think one of the easiest ways for us to do this is to continue to bring our cars out for tours as well as static displays. We've got 35 registered for the Hangover from 15 states and two other continents! The cars range from Model T's to Stanley Steamers and Rolls Royces – so something for everyone. I'm sure that sight of these driving through New Holland or on their way to Mt. Gretna will definitely attract attention and just might cause someone to ask who we are and why are we here? We're including the National HCCA QR code decals in every tourist's packet – so maybe a potential member will see one and scan it. The wonders of the 21st century!

So, let's get your cars out – and bring them to Hershey, or come up to Perry County for our Fall meeting and tour. Make sure November 5th is on your calendar.

Happy Cranking– Jeff



HCCA NATIONAL NEWS



Re: 2018 Convention Registration, NE Brass and Gas, HCCA Gazette Editor Search

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- **2018 Convention Registration Open ...**

Celebrate 80 Years of Brass Era Touring
Sign up NOW ... www.HCCA.org

2018 HCCA Convention/80th Year of HCCA –

Dates: April 7-11, 2018

Location: Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite, CA
Bakersfield – April 12 to April 14, 2017

MEETING OF THE MARQUES

- **New England Brass and Gas Tour, ME –**

In the end of June 2017, over 75 cars and over 170 HCCA members arrived in Ellsworth, ME for 5 days of touring in the Arcadia National Park area. Because of the size of the tour, two days required that the group to be split into two groups due to space limitations at some destinations. The tour planning was excellent, fantastic scenery and roads, the tour were one of the best with some first time attenders and participants from New Zealand.

- **HCCA Gazette Editor Search -** There have been members asking questions and expressing concern about the status of the Gazette editor...

The current contract for the creation, printing and distribution of the Gazette ends on September 30, 2017. Discussions on the renewal of the contract with John Meyer started in October 2016. In the end of May, 2017 John Meyer decided not to exercise his option of rolling over the current contract. Because of John's experience and quality service, he was offered different contract options but he decided not to accept any of the choices. Since no agreement was reached in the past months, the HCCA Board of Directors has determined that we need to begin an open search for a new editor that can meet our needs for the next year.

The HCCA Board of Directors regrets John Meyer's decision not to sign a new service contract with HCCA. Based on his many years of service and the quality magazine that he provided, we wish John the best in his future work and hope he stays an active member of our antique car family.

Notice to all Members - HCCA is searching for an individual who can provide a service to create and manage the HCCA Gazette magazine for the next year... Any member that knows of an individual who would be interested and qualified should contact the HCCA Office, 1301 N Manship Pl, Meridian, ID, 83642 ... (626) 287-4222 office@hcca.org. Offers from all applicants will be considered...

During the transition period ***any member with material related to the Gazette including items for potential publication in the Gazette*** should send the information to editor@hcca.org or direct mail to Carl Pate, 26 Washington St, Rocky Hill, NJ, 08553.

Through this communication and the HCCA web site we will keep members advised of our progress in the search of a new editor. Please check the website, www.hcca.org for updates.

Get Involved and Give Back to our Family of Friends...

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2017 HCCA Chairman of the Board



Rollin' Around in New York

By Mike Romano



Parked at the Utica Brewery

During the week of July 30 to August 4, the North Jersey/Southern Ontario Region of the HCCA presented a tour titled "Rolling Around New York." Steve and Darlene Bono put together some interesting, exciting, and adventurous days of touring for everyone to enjoy. Steve is a stranger to no one who is a veteran to this hobby. The Wendt University Inn, Hamilton NY, also home to Colgate University, served as the hub for this tour. The tour started with a small get acquainted tour of the area on Sunday afternoon. Great scenery, wind-mills, Amish farms, antique shops and ice cream were all within 27 miles.

Monday began with breakfast at White

Eagle, the site of Steve and Darlene's one and two cylinder tour a few years ago. After breakfast the tour made its way to the Living History Museum in Cortland, the home of Brockway Trucks. Many hills, curves, valleys and beautiful country side were encountered on the way home during this 104 mi. day.

A visit to Steve's shop started on Tuesday morning. Now "Keysor's Auto Works", Jeff had some interesting works in progress to view. And, after some organization, you can now see the concrete floor of the shop!!!!





Rolling Hills Cont'd

Off to the Utica Club Brewery for a great tour and TASTING party. Lunch was served at the Stanley Broadway Theater built in 1928. A fantastic catered sit down lunch was provided on the stage, home to many Broadway and off Broadway play rehearsals and well known actors. The tour made its way through the city of Utica and ended this 81 mile day with the participation in the Hamilton Cruise-in that evening.

Wednesday's tour brought everyone to a lunch cruise on Skaneateles Lake which is surrounded by many multi million dollar houses and lakeside property. On the way back some tourists stopped in Cazenovia, NY to visit the Franklin Owners yearly meet. John Rendemonte was there displaying his beautiful Franklin. Everyone needed some rest after this 127 mile day.

Thursday's tour took everyone to the Northeast Classic Car Museum in Norwich NY. Many great cars were on display and lunch was provided inside the museum. This was a short day of 55 miles. All the tourists had time to dine at one of the local eateries that evening. After a coffee stop at Ray Hedger's garage and sheet metal

fabrications.

On Friday morning, the tour continued to Morrisville State College Equine Rehab Center. It was amazing to see how they provide "physical" therapy to horses in need. The equipment used was state of the art and the therapists were knowledgeable and informative. Then the tour took a route through Chittenango, where Frank Baum wrote the famous "Wizard of Oz". Lunch was available at the Chittenango Wild Animal Park, where the famous baby giraffe, April, was born this past winter. After 85 miles, an ice cream party was held at the Cider House Campground in Bouckville. It all ended with a fabulous banquet at the White Eagle Resort.

Wow, Steve and Darlene put together a first class tour that was second to none! The roads, directions, destinations, and culinary options were enjoyed and appreciated by everyone who attended. Andy and Trish Wallace will be hosting the 2018 tour in the Poconos July 29 to August 3. It is close! No excuses! Mark your calendars and look for info in the Gazette.

Across from Bono's Restoration shop





Announcements

Save the date for Sunday, November 5th

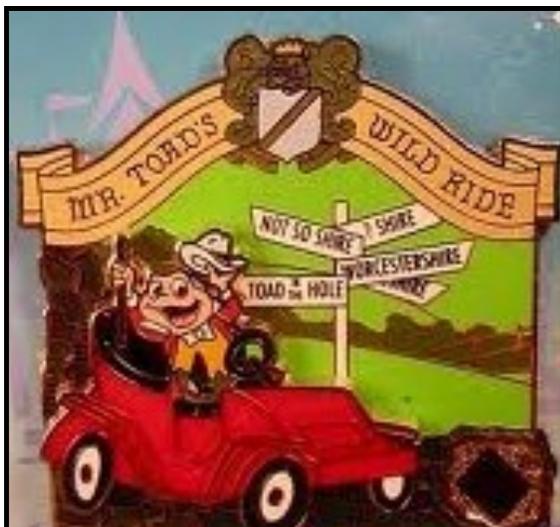
SVR Fall Tour of Perry County and business meeting

Details coming soon!



Thank-you to Mike Romano and Gil Fitzhugh Jr., for their contributions to this issue of *Sassy Brass*.

Last Issue corrections:
Fitzhigh=Fitzhugh
Calendar comma formatting
Club officers updated



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

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The Red Roadster

Story and photo by Gil Fitzhugh the younger



This Ford Model T tale is almost complete fiction.

Most Model T buffs know that 1912 cars were painted blue. While that may have been the case for nearly all of the 68,773 vehicles made during the fiscal year, there were 1,845 Delivery Wagons produced and initially offered in red. Yet customers did not want them factory

painted, instead wishing to finish the bodies in their own colors. Ford recognized this and began offering unpainted delivery bodies in late January. Nevertheless, the wagons were poor sellers. By mid-June, production was sold out for all other models. Wagon inventory lingered until December. (McCalley)





Red Roadster Cont'd

It takes a lot of red paint to finish a Delivery Wagon. The directive to cease painting and the lack of orders presented the paint shop supervisor with a dilemma: what to do with the excess supply of red paint? Wasting material was frowned upon at Ford. This problem coincided with Commercial Roadster Number 95263's February arrival at the paint shop. With the detachable box and rumble seat removed, the Commercial Roadster presented a flat deck for whatever commercial purposes its owner could devise. The Delivery Wagon and the Commercial Roadster were both intended for business users, so why not use the excess red paint on the roadster?

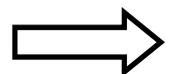
The Late Dr. E. Stanley P. Cope was the last owner of Number 95263. Stan enjoyed the old car hobby and was a founding member of the Pioneer Automobile Touring Club. When his duties as a doctor on staff at the Palmerton Hospital allowed, he toured with old cars. Late one January many years ago he was tuning up the red roadster and prepping it for the upcoming touring season. Stan was glad to be working inside as the weather deteriorated throughout the day. Snow started falling at lunchtime. He wondered what it was like driving these cars in winter conditions when they were new, using alcohol for anti-freeze and chains for traction. He even had a

set of Weed chains for Model T Fords hanging in the shop.

By dinnertime, Stan was done tinkering with the "T", satisfied it was ready for another tour season. A fresh coat of wax made the red paint shine. It was snowing heavily and accumulating fast when he returned to the house for a hot meal. The evening was spent by the fire planning future tours for the club. As Stan retired for the night, he wondered how the staff at the Palmerton Hospital was managing through the weekend storm.

Meanwhile, the storm's fury was about to impact a family in the village of Effort in the heart of Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains. Kenneth Rinker was the mailman and used an International Scout 4-wheel drive to assure reliable mail delivery in this rural area.

Eileen shook Don awake. He sensed her fear as she told him the baby was coming. Don peered outside and could see from the street light in front of the post office the storm was still raging. There was a foot of snow already. They might not make it to the hospital even with his father's Scout. His mother, Jessie, helped load the coats, blankets, and Eileen into the Scout. Jessie came along since she might have to deliver the baby while Don drove through the blizzard. They made the 16 miles to Palmerton in an hour.





By the end, the Scout was pushing the snow like a dozer and finally became mired 100 yards from the hospital door. The three of them abandoned the truck and trudged their way to the Emergency entrance.

Dr. Cope's telephone woke him after midnight. The hospital was calling. The night staff was snowbound, unable to get to work. Dr. Jane Goplerud could not get to Maternity where a young woman was in labor. Stan looked out and saw the snow was too deep for modern vehicles. He considered the capability of the "T" and told the hospital Dr. Jane would soon be there.

Stan made his way outside to the garage. He lifted the door and could just make out the shape of the "T" in its dark shelter. He lit the oil lamps and installed the chains. Using a small acetylene bottle from the shop, the headlights were hooked up and fired. With one wheel raised and the clutch thrown in, he tugged on the crank. Snow was swirling around the car as it came to life. With the "T" running and back on the ground, the doctor slid behind the wheel and wondered how many years had passed since the roadster was driven through such a storm.

Stan set the spark halfway down and opened the throttle to race the little motor. A sharp stab at the low pedal and the "T" jumped from the garage into the blizzard. It cut through the snow

better than he expected, although full power in low speed was needed much of the time. The acetylene valve required frequent adjustment to keep the headlights glowing.

Dr. Jane was amazed to see Stan at the door and stunned to be climbing into the antique car. After a moment, she decided her spot was better than the rumble seat. It was a cold and windy ride with snow stinging their faces, but the "T" kept moving. Eileen was more uncomfortable than either of them and relieved to have her doctor arrive in time to deliver a healthy girl with red hair.

I have been married to that girl for 22 years. We recently acquired the red roadster and do not expect to be driving it through blizzards anytime soon. Known prior owners are Stan Cope and Campbell McComas. The title indicates the car had 4 other owners, all in Pennsylvania. We have named it Tiberius.

McCalley, Bruce W. Model T Ford The Car That Changed The World. Iola: Krause Publications, 1994.



Rough and Tumble 69th Annual Threshermen's Reunion

On Saturday, August 19th SVR members and a few new Model A friends (thanks to Ernie and Rhonda Spittler) set out from Adamstown, PA to Kinzers for the 69th Annual Threshermen's Reunion. The drive down was without incident. Mike Romano provided Augie Leshar with additional practice as navigator. Occasionally we encountered bicycle traffic who were warned of our upcoming approach thanks to our Bermuda bell.

potentially explosive Frick steam tractor accident involving two Amish teens. The yutes were driving towards each other. The first teen began to pull over to one side to allow the other Amish driven Frick by. For some reason, Amish teen #1 maneuvered his steam tractor perpendicular to Frick #2 and #1 began to roll forwards. There was a lot of yelling "Stop!" in both English and Pennsylvania Dutch. That was the only true excitement of the day.



Several other club members met us at Rough and Tumble and most brought vehicles. David Deardorff, Pat Gamble, Joe and Betty Swann, and Clay Green attended. Bob Lefever was spotted driving his International truck across the grounds.

The deluge of rain the day before helped to keep the dust at bay. Earlier in the day in the flea market, I bumped into Betty Swann pushing a bicycle that she purchased. It turns out that she was replacing a childhood memory. Jeff, the boys and I were witnesses to a

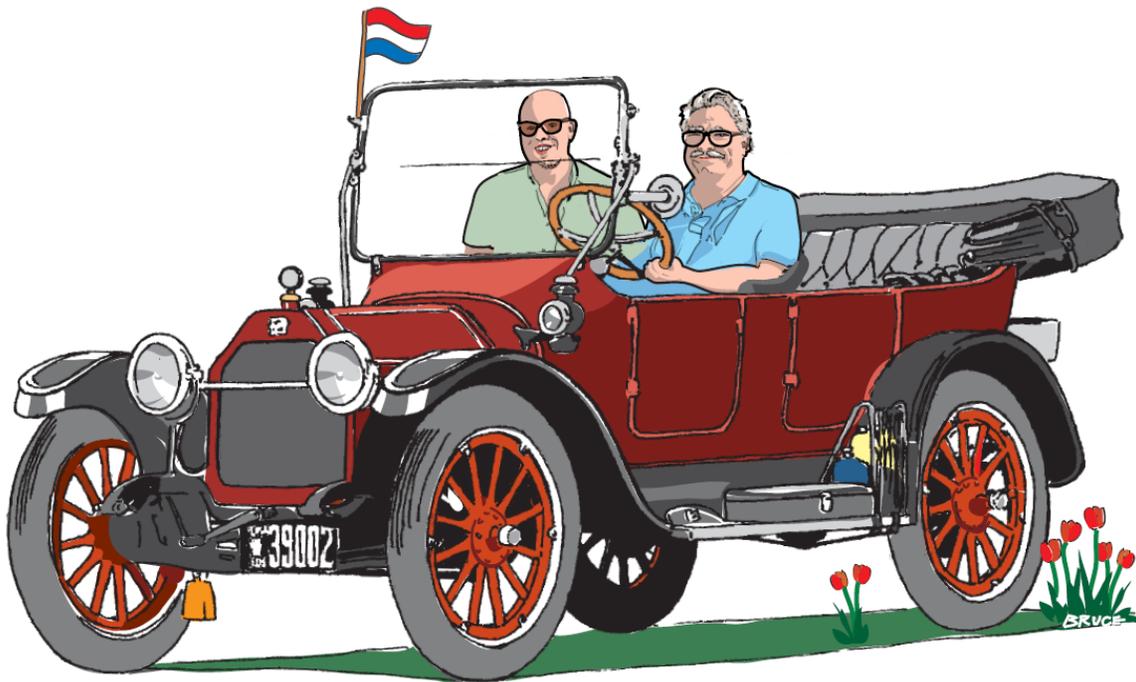


Top: Horse drawn fire engine dated 1909

Above: Bob Lefever's high wheeler truck



Mark your calendars!



Tour May 21 - 24, 2018

at the Strasburg Clarion Inn

Flea Market Sunday May 20

at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, Strasburg

Tour Information:

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Poole Forge Days



We had a short notice invitation to once again participate in Poole Forge Days on the morning of September 16th (a few hours before your editor fractured her humerus at a 5K). Butch and Vickie Arnold, Keith and Karen Billet and the Lesher's set forth from Reinholds for a scenic drive down to Poole Forge. David and Nell Deardorff met us there with their Model A. There were numerous activities ranging from

opportunities where one could observe blacksmithing to dunking a local senator. The boys enjoyed the wildlife exhibit and art activities over at the pavilion. The mansion was recently renovated and open for tours.





Poole Forge Days Cont'd

There was an extremely serious Amish volleyball tournament being held across the creek from Poole Forge.



the Billet's and we headed back to Reinholds shortly after noon.



Cocalico Creek covered bridge

Jeff's route took us through some of the loveliest late summer countryside and I it included three covered bridges. Even after being in Pennsylvania for 12 years, I still get excited over covered bridges!

Butch & Vickie Arnold and David & Nell Deardorff stayed at Poole Forge while

Not too far from our starting point Augie and Jack heard a "pling" from our Buick. Some object dropped onto the road. I tested the Bermuda bell and it worked fine. We circled back to investigate while Keith and Karen waited for us. Sure enough the kids were right something did drop! It was a washer from our radiator. Augie is pictured holding it.



Keith and Karen Billet on approach of covered bridge #2





What do you call a VW bus at the top of a hill?

-A miracle

An Irish priest and a Rabbi get into a car accident. They both get out of their cars and stumble over to the side of the road. The Rabbi looks at the smashed cars and says, "Oy vey! What a wreck, what a wreck!"

The priest asks him, "Are you all right, Rabbi?"

The Rabbi responds, "Just a little shaken."

The priest pulls a flask of whiskey from his coat and says, "Here, drink some of this. It will calm your nerves." The Rabbi takes a swig and shakes his head ruefully, still looking at the cars. They are severely damaged. "Oh, but this will be sooo expensive!" he says.

"Yeah, well, it's just money, rabbi. Have another swig; in fact you can drink the whole bottle if you like."

The rabbi nods and drinks most of the bottle, never taking his eyes off the broken cars. Then he turns to the priest and says, "What are we going to tell the police?"

"Well," the priest says, "I don't know what you're going to be telling them. But I'll be telling them I wasn't the one drinking."



Did you know?



HCCA QR CODE STICKERS



Attached for your use is a Horseless Carriage Club of America QR Code Sticker. 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. The picture shows it displayed on a side light.

We hope you will place this sticker on your "horseless carriage."



Classifieds



Joe Swann will have a small lot of E-M-F parts from the estate of Gordon Matson. Note: there are no carburetors or magnetos in the lot. These parts will be offered for sale at Hershey at space # CA-52 in Chocolate Field South. Joe can be reached anytime on his cell [717-968-4717](tel:717-968-4717).



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Classified ads submission deadline is the end of the next month 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 Leshner—475 West Route 897, Reinholds, PA 17569.

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