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President's Message Dec. 2022

As I sit here writing my President's comments for the end of 2022, the latest Paramount *Yellowstone* spin off – 1923 is playing in the background. Ironic to see horseless carriages set against a backdrop that transformed current day Butte, Montana into the wild west and a Horseless Carriage event. It's this type of exposure that can be good for our hobby. Seeing those Model T's, early Dodge Brothers and that big red Thomas Flyer on the streets and being driven as they were meant to be is refreshing and reinforces what our club is about. We are the caretakers of these 100 plus year-old machines and as we preserve them, we also share them with others so that they too can enjoy the experiences we've grown to love.

We did a lot of that this past fall, between a rather wet Hershey, then a very enjoyable, but chilly Hangover followed by Tracy and I having the opportunity to enjoy an even wetter London to Brighton Run in November. We've had a lot of fun over the past months and are looking forward to what 2023 has in store. Pat and Marcy Gamble have a full list of registrants for this year's BBC with a whole new set of places to visit. The HCCA National Convention will be in central California in April and the 2023 Celebration of Brass in Michigan promises to be another huge brass show and tour – with a focus on the various vehicles from the Studebaker family. I expect this year's event will be a tribute to Bob Ladd.

I could not write these comments without including a few thoughts on Bob and his passing in October. Bob was a true antique car guy with his roots dating all the way back to the Northern he restored as a youth in the 1950's. I had known Bob since I was a kid but didn't really get to know him until we both got the bug for a truly "old car". The mutual friend that was part of both of our searches and added fuel to the fire was Stanley Groy from Palmyra. This led both Bob and I to join HCCA and it didn't take him long to decide there was a need for a local touring group and to re-energize the Susquehanna Valley Region that had gone dormant from a once active group, and as they say, the rest is history. I admired him and all that he accomplished, and he will be missed.

We are including the minutes from the December meeting in this issue, and a couple important points I wanted to reinforce. First is that Betty Swann has taken over as our new Membership Chairperson from Brad Kline. Brad has stepped up to help with the board of the Museum of the Horseless Carriage and because of this is stepping down. Betty has offered to take on the role and the board feels very comfortable with her in this role. You will see the renewal form in this issue has her home address and contact information. Speaking of renewals, we discussed and voted on a change to our dues and membership tiers. We have eliminated the "mail only" membership option primarily due to the increasing costs of printing and postage. For 2023, dues will be a flat \$10 per family, and all correspondence will be electronic.

One final note for the new year, from our family to yours, we wish you a safe, healthy, and prosperous new year with no flat tires, and a full tank of gas!

Jeff Leshner

POOLE FORGE TOUR 2022



Susquehanna Valley Region mini tour to Poole Forge

Jeff Leshar

A small group of SVR members met at the Classic Auto Mall in Morgantown on a beautiful Saturday morning on the seventeenth of September. Tracy and I went modern, in our 1933 Ford and met Gil the Elder with the 1911 Fire Breathing Dragon, Ed and Anne Hilbush in their 1913 Buick and Bob Bruce and Mary also met and rode with Anne and Ed since Bob's T is under the weather, and he wasn't sure about bringing the Northern. It was fun meeting at CAM as the Chariots of Fire rod and custom car show was going on over on the north side of the mall. We got to see all kinds of cars as they arrived for the show.

Our route was not overlay long, just over fourteen miles, but it did take us through the Weaverland covered bridge, which gave Gil a perfect opportunity to pull over as he was having fuel pressure problems. Of course, the Hilbush's Buick was stubborn and did not want to make the turn to the bridge – so after a few failed attempts (missed turns) the Buick headed directly to Poole Forge. We followed Gil over to the park and arrived about 15 minutes after the Hilbush Buick.

It was fun watching the Amish question Gil about the Stanley and it had a non-stop crowd. It was also fun to watch the Caernarvon Volunteer Fire Co tanker fill up Gil's water tank. We enjoyed some stuffed homemade pretzels and watched the Amish volleyball tournament after checking out the craft show stands. We did our usual exit just after 1 PM, following the pony and pet parade through the covered bridge and out on our return trip back to Morgantown. All of the cars performed well with the Stanley running great on the return – evidently that fill up from the fire company was what it needed.



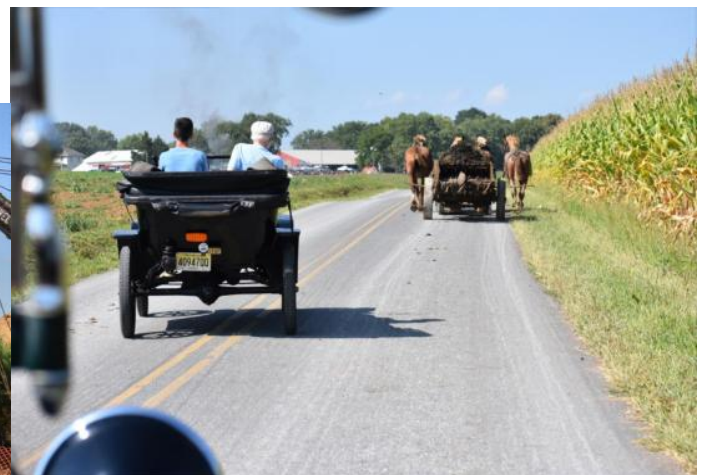
Susquehanna Valley Region Tour to Rough and Tumble

On Saturday, August 20, Shawn Achtel, and the boys in the 1911 Hudson, Carl, Moira, and Ryliegh Pfeiffer in their 1917 V-8 Chevrolet, Mike Gardner in his 1912 Buick Roadster and Gil the Elder in his Model T headed from Adamstown on a 30-mile route to Kinzers for the 74th Rough and Tumble Reunion. It was a beautiful day and except for need to make a short detour due to a bridge replacement in Bowmansville, we cruised into Rough and Tumble after a leisurely drive. I say leisurely because I was back seating it in the Achtel's Hudson and the rest of our family – including Augie driving Gil's T (on his learner's permit) were spread across the other cars as our 1913 didn't want to leave Reinholds that morning and till we got back to the house we didn't have time to get the Overland out.

We had the benefit of our own Joe Swann who scoped out and reserved a great parking spot for our group that gave us a great spot with some shade. The cars were a big hit, with Gil giving an operating lesson in Russian to some tourists – or at least we think they were operating lessons since the rest of us do not speak Russian. The show was a lot of fun as usual, and the heavy machinery was in action. A couple of us even found treasures in the flea market. We headed out just after 2 PM for our return to Adamstown (with ice cream on the way). Augie again drove Gil's T and we even made a short cut on a nice "country lane" that got all the cars dusty! Our ice cream stop was at Boehringer's in Adamstown, where the cars were again a big hit. We also got to witness a NASCAR like battery change by Carl Pfeiffer on the Chevy. He packed a spare before they left home, thinking that the one in the car was old, so evidently Carl's aircraft experience paid off! I know this group is already looking forward to next year's Rough and Tumble!



Earth Moving at Kinzer



Augie & Gill Viewed From the Overland
(Augie is driving!)



Achtel's 1911 Hudson, Hillbush's 1913 Buick 25 and Fitzhugh's 1913 T Ford Parked at Kinzer



Carl & Moira Pfeiffer's 1917 Chevrolet



Bob Ladd, 1942-2022

The SVR and HCCA, not to mention numerous other groups, lost a font of energy and ideas with Bob Ladd's passing on October 19th, 2022.

Bob served as our first (revived) chapter President as well as an HCCA board member and National President. His latest of many formidable goals was The Museum of the Horseless Carriage, a stand-alone building

to be built at The Gillmore Car Museum in Michigan. Bob's dedication to this enormous project was typical of his hardworking, optimistic and enthusiastic leadership. He came from an old-car family and got into the hobby himself in the mid-'fifties with a 1905 Northern. He was also a founding member of the AACA Hershey Region and a participant in numerous other organizations, in most of which he found leadership positions. Bob aided, founded and improved numerous organizations in business, faith, charity. The list is long!

A full obituary can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/yc7bx3pn>



SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY REGION HCCA

(A region of the Horseless Carriage Club of America)



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

DATE: _____ SPOUSES FIRST NAME _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP _____

Preferred Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Alt. Phone: (____) _____ - _____

E-MAIL: _____

HCCA NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP NO.: _____

Annual Dues Receiving Correspondence via E-Mail only (no US Mail):\$10.00/Year _____

Pre-1916 Vehicles Owned

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY
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(It is not necessary to own a vehicle to be a member, but car tours are to be made in cars 1931 model year or earlier for local events, 1915 or earlier for National related events.)

Please mail this completed form with payment made out to SVR HCCA:

SVR Membership
Betty Swann
350 Forest Drive
New Oxford, PA 17350
(717) 968-2256

Or email to: bswann1912emf@aol.com

Permission to publish email address in membership roster? (Yes) or (No)

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RECOMMENDED BY: _____ (Optional for New Members)

DATE RECEIVED BY MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: _____ ID: _____

FORM DATE 12/22

Pinewood Derby Pays Off



President Jeff Leshner presents a \$600 check to Brad Klein supporting the Museum of the Horseless Carriage at the Gilmore Museum. The money was raised at the 2022, SVR-sponsored Pinewood Derby held after the 2022 Hershey Hangover Tour. Shawn Achtel supplied the track and supplies courtesy of his son's Cub Scout pack. The Achtel and Leshner boys were runners for the event. It featured computerized eliminations with 4 lanes of track. In true SVR fashion, all 24 entrants donated their entry fees and prize money to the Museum.

Minutes from SVR Regional Meeting 18 Dec, 2022

Hershey Region Lodge, 21 present

Meeting called to order at 4:34 P.M.

Previous meeting's Minutes read, Motion by Tracy Lesher, second by Charlie Sando, accepted

Treasurers report given, \$13,13.93 in checking account, accepted pending audit

Bob Ladd passing and account co-signer discussed, Jeff Lesher designated as new cosigner, all approved

Brad Kline talked about membership and donations, acknowledged Betty Swann as new Membership Chairperson, motion by Pat Gamble, Second by Keith Billet, all approved

Old business discussed, talk about Ladd passing- Phil Jamison discussed upcoming news letter

Pat Gamble recapped 2022 BBC- good success.

2023 BBC waiting list started, new car cap set at 65 due to hotel constraints, potential meetup with Gettysburg Region at tour

2022 Hershey Hangover Tour mentioned, overall success, better financially for club

Region dues discussed, motion to end physical mailing of newsletter due to increase of shipping costs. Renewal and new membership will be \$10. Motion made by Pat Gamble, seconded by Tracy Lesher, all in favor for email version of Newsletter

Upcoming events discussed, April 2nd meeting location discussed as well as May 6th Dust-off tour will be coordinated by Pat this year, BBC and 1 and 2 cylinder tour in Ontario mentioned. Brass and Gas as well as Celebration of Brass tour/meets mentioned, feature car for Celebration of Brass to be EMF and all Studebaker affiliated brands, and growing support for Celebration of Brass event as a whole.

September National 1 and 2 cylinder tour in Mt. Joy discussed, tour emphasis on PA agriculture

2023 Hershey Hanover tour set on Oct. 6-9 in Morgantown PA, hotel contract locked. Tour stops discussed as well as Pinewood Derby fundraiser, \$600 check from 2022 fundraiser presented to Brad for the Museum of the Horseless Carriage.

National update given, club lost slight funds and working on a new budget. Insurance situation discussed, national board seems to approve, potential small cost increase for club mentioned. New board/election candidates discussed; no problems seen. 2024 HCCA National tour will be held in Australia, nothing else after that mentioned.

Motion to adjourn made by Tracy, second by Keith, all approve. Meeting ended at 5:17 P.M.

submitted by Secretary Augie Lesher

Susquehanna Valley Region, HCCA

Susquehanna Valley Region HCCA 2023 Calendar

March	17-18	Chickasha Flea Market – Chickasha, OK
April	2	Sunday - SVR Spring Meeting – Pat and Marcy Gamble to Host
	16-20	National HCCA Convention and Tour – Visalia, CA
May	6	Saturday - SVR Dust Off Tour – Hershey Area – Gamble Tour
	12-13	Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet – Luray, VA
	14-18	BBC Tour- Gettysburg, PA
June	19-23	New England Brass and Gas Tour – Ludlow, VT
	22-25	S. Ontario 1 and 2 Cylinder Tour – Orillia, ONT, Canada
July	8 - 9	Maryland Region Burkittsville Tour – Brunswick, MD
	13-18	HCCA Celebration of Brass Car – Tour, Show, Swap Meet – Gilmore Museum, MI
August	6	Sunday - SVR mini-tour and display to Muddy Creek Forks
	19	Saturday - Tour to Rough and Tumble – Kinzers, PA
September	9	Saturday - SVR Tour to Poole Forge Days
	17-22	National 1 and 2 Cylinder Tour – Mt. Joy, PA
October	3-6	AACA Hershey Fall Meet
	6-9	Hershey Hangover XII Tour – Morgantown, PA
November	TBD	SVR Fall Meeting – Location TBD