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From the (new) Editor

This issue of the "CHP Corner" marks a change in Editors. For the past several years, Gary Kephart has served as the Editor in Chief of the "CHP Corner" and *CHP News*. Steve Rima has served as the Associate Editor. This means that for the past several years, Gary has done most of the work associated with gathering information and putting the "CHP Corner" and *CHP News* together and Steve has helped do whatever Gary wanted him to do. In reality, Gary has carried most of the load for the past three years and has done an excellent job. With this issue, Steve is taking over as the Editor and Gary will continue to serve as the Associate Editor to help with the transition.

In the near future, it is hoped that another CHP will step forward and volunteer to help with this process. The intent is to find a volunteer to fill the Associate Editor position to assist Steve for two to three years and then take over as the Editor. This process affords someone the opportunity to get involved and contribute to the Academy. The June *CHP News* contains details about this topic.

Please remember that the "CHP Corner" and *CHP News* belong to you. If you have any input in the form of articles, cartoons, letters to the editors, etc., that you would like included, send it to one of us. We'll help with editing and formatting if you get the information to us. We receive very little in the way of contributions from members of the Academy and would very much like to include your thoughts and input in future issues.—Steve Rima

Not-Parting Shots

While Steve is picking up the reins of the editorial role, I have committed to stay around and help get another editor started in "the pipeline." Having conducted the Academy membership opinion survey last year, some work also remains to help the Executive Committee and other standing committees understand and address the valued and valuable feedback. Additionally, President Chuck Roessler has challenged us to work together with Scott "Webmaster" Medling to evolve the Academy's communications into a more optimum balance between printed and electronic media. In short, there is much to do and it's time I did something different. I have enjoyed my time as editor and I look forward to working with the next volunteer!—Gary Kephart

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<http://www.hps1.org/aahp/members/members.htm>

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