



## THE HERB SINGE AWARD

Recently, some members have inquired about the Herb Singe award, and they wondered what kind of award it was. So I thought I might write about it in the hopes of getting VMBC members interested in pursuing this award. First I will share a little history about the Herb Singe award.

Herb Singe is a long-time member that wanted to get our younger members interested in restoring vintage machines. Years ago he approached Joyce Lee and donated money to the club. It was his wish for the club to set aside this money to be used solely for this award. Criteria included that it was to be used exclusively for an annual trophy to be given out to any young member who had presented a restored, vintage machine at the VMBC show. I believe that he left all the other rules and regulations up to the board. These rules had been fairly vague over the years and bent some to fit the purpose. So I thought it would be a good idea to record these rules so that future participants would have something to follow.

To begin with the parent or “sponsor” of the entrant must be a VMBC member in good standing and up to date on his/her dues. Secondly, the entrant must be 18 years old or younger to qualify. Thirdly, the entrant must do or attempt to do 51 percent of the work. Those are the rules! Not too hard to follow and not difficult to understand.

Entrants can be a child working with a parent, a grandchild working with a grandparent, or technically, we don’t even care if it’s a non-related child working with a VMBC member. The important thing is to hook a young person into the hobby by teaching the child how to restore a vintage machine and how to participate in the majority of the restoration process.

The VMBC recommends pictures be taken of the young person performing work during the different stages of the restoration. These pictures would be greatly appreciated and should be placed on a board to be displayed along the side of the restored vintage machine at the time of the show. These pictures could also be used on the website or in the magazine if they are transferred digitally.

I hope this clears up some past confusion and answers some questions.

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