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• **2016's Raffle Car - 1994 Mustang GT**



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Our booklet about "three-point support" is really interesting—and different. Mailed on request.

Vintage Advertising

AACA members all know about the Duryea, featured in the club's logo. Brothers Frank and Charles Duryea founded their namesake motor wagon company in 1895, and the following year, they hand-built 13 cars, making them the largest gas-powered automaker.

The brothers split in 1898, and Frank went on to partner with the J. Stevens Arms and Tool Company to produce a new car. Their first car was a 5 hp run-about in 1901, which cost \$1,200. The 1915 Model D was their last new design and Frank soon sold out his interest. Several future attempts by new owners to resurrect the brand led to a smattering of cars from 1919 until orders finally ended in 1927.

This is an ad for a 1911 Model AA Torpedo, with the touring family dressed for a springtime ride.

In This Issue

Losing our fellow member Joe Brancale.

What sold for what at Amelia?

Our raffle car appears at English-town as well as in the SIRAACA Garage.

Trivia Question: Who is credited with winning the first motor-car race in the United States on November 28, 1895?

Answer: Frank Duryea completed the 5 1/4 mile loop from Chicago to Evanston and back in 10 hours and 23 minutes, in the snow.

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Minutes of the 490th Meeting

March 1, 2016

1. The 490th meeting of the Staten Island Region AACA was called to order by President Paul Jr. at 7:26 pm. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, the minutes of the 489th meeting were accepted as read.
2. This year's raffle car is a 1994 Mustang GT convertible. It's red with black top and black interior, and it has an aftermarket SVO Cobra hood. It needs very little other than some routine maintenance. Tickets will remain 8 for \$5.00.
3. Members are invited to come out to our new venue, The Commons Cafe, on March 19th at 9:00 am for a walk through of the location and some pre-show planning.
4. Many members headed out to the annual auction in Atlantic City and the report back is that it's more of a big social event and less a great selection of cars for sale.
5. The raffle car will be on site at Englishtown's spring meet on April 15-17. Volunteers will be needed for all three days to help sell raffle tickets. A sign-up sheet was circulated.
6. Phil Boffa gave a treasury report, with all in order.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. The 50/50 collected \$31.00, with bob Columbia winning \$16.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony DiAngelo, Secretary



Spring Englishtown

If our Spring Dust-Off is considered “opening day” for the upcoming old car season, then Spring Englishtown is the final games of the pre-season. This year was the first in many where the forecast for all three days called for sunshine and seasonal temperatures, and the turnout reflected it. The club had its raffle car on hand all three days, and it took in close to \$1,200. That’s less than we took in last year. Mike Signorile noticed that the walking crowds seemed thinner than before, which accounts for the smaller take. Nonetheless, this is a great start as we get into the swing of things. Thanks to all of our members who pitched in and were rewarded with an April suntan.

In Memoriam

It is with deep sorrow that we report the passing of member Joe Brancale, who died on March 29. Joe and his wife Lorraine were regulars on our annual Atlantic City bus trip, and he was always eager to share his love of antique cars in support of our efforts to educate and entertain our community. He will be missed but not forgotten. To that end, the club has decided to award a new trophy this fall for Best Truck, to honor Joe and his background as a truckdriver.



Painting the Fifty Ford



We had a peek at Andrew Napoli’s 1950 Ford convertible in a previous issue of the newsletter. The car is now getting the full Napoli home restoration treatment, as seen in this picture. Based on what we see, it looks like she’s being sprayed in Cambridge Maroon Metallic, so says the 1950 Ford color chart. We here that the chrome has been sent out for replating, and a full interior kit is waiting for its turn to be installed. We look forward to more updates from Andrew as he works toward completing his latest set of wheels.

Time to Dust’em Off

In 2007, club president Steve Trotto resurrected the idea to host an informal spring car show to mark the start of our old car season. This year we are hosting our 10th Annual Spring Dust-Off on April 24, for the first time at a new location. The show, which will be on the Teleport grounds at The Common Cafe, has become Staten Island car guys’ “opening day”, where many get to reconnect with friends that have been tucked away all winter. As usual, members should be on site that Sunday morning at 6:30 for set-up ahead of the 8:00 start.



From the President

I'm normally calm ahead of our Spring Dust-Off. After nine years at CSI, things always seem to fall into place, and the fact that we don't judge 450 or so vehicles like we do in the fall gives us plenty of room to breathe. With our 10th Dust-Off relocating to The Commons Cafe, I'm less calm. Not worried, per se, maybe just anxious that we fit well into our new location, that the people attending the show enjoy themselves, and that we are well-positioned for the future. To that end, I hope we all up our game a bit this spring and ensure that we deliver on our promise that this is a good move for all involved. See you at 6:30 on April 24. - Paul Jr.

EZ Days for Raffle Car

The club is making plans to return to the EZ Pass office each week from May through August to promote our raffle car. John Charitis is assisting us with the arrangements as soon as we secure our AACA insurance policy for the weekly event. This year, we will be on site on Tuesdays, with the times to worked out. Volunteers are welcome each week to come down with a few other old cars to draw in the crowds. This was a key driver of our success last year and we hope to replicate it at the very least in 2016.

The Staten Island EZ Pass office is next to Supreme Chocolatier at 1150 South Avenue.

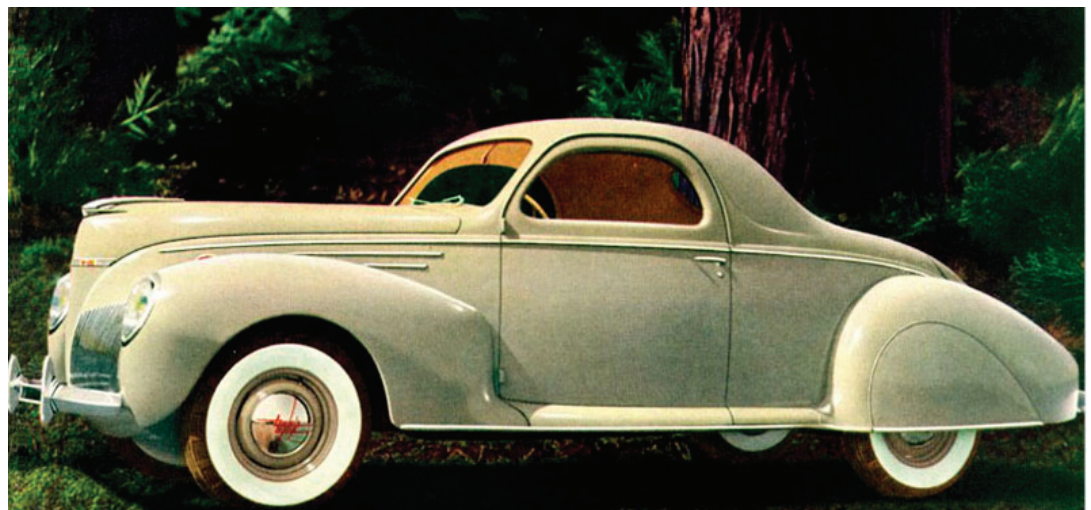
- NEXT MEETING - April 5

Our April meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00 pm, and will be held at the Staff House at Seaview Home & Hospital, located at 460 Brielle Avenue. Each member is asked to contribute \$3.00 towards the purchase of coffee and doughnuts.

The Bonhams Beetle Gets \$52,800

We previewed the Bonhams Amelia Island auction last month by noting the early excitement over a virtually new 1979 Volkswagen Super Beetle cabriolet that was crossing the block. Some believed the car, with only 66 miles from new, was going to break the \$100,000 mark. Alas, it was not to be. With the added premium, the car fetched \$52,800. That is not to say that records did not fall for a bug, however. Jerry Seinfeld's 1960 model set a new high for such cars by reaching a top bid of \$121,000, despite it being worth more like \$45,000. The new owner paid triple just to say he has Jerry's car.

Two other cars that sold make for an interesting contrast. One was a 1939 Lincoln Zephyr 3-Window Coupe, like the one in the period illustration below. The other was a 1936 Hudson Custom Eight Series 65 Business Coupe. The tale of the tape: the Lincoln is 1 of 2,500 built; the Hudson is 1 of 2,915. The Lincoln has a 267ci flathead V-12; the Hudson has a 254ci L-head straight 8. Both are examples of the pinnacles of late 1930's design, equally beautiful and presented in show-winning condition. In fact, the Hudson was better optioned, with heater, bumper guards, radio, skirts, and the "Electric Hand" pre-selector transmission. So which one fetched more? Incredibly, the Zephyr sold for \$165,000 while the Hudson changed hands for \$39,600. As it always seems to be, everything is relative in the world of old car prices.



Inside the SIRAACA Garage

The SIRAACA Garage makes room for this year's raffle car, a 1994 Mustang GT convertible. Come September, some lucky winner will drive it away to place in garage of its very own.

The 1994 Mustang was the first year of a new body style after the popular run of Fox-body cars that debuted in 1979. The 5.0 returned, although in a slightly tamer 215 horsepower rating, 10 less than the previous year. Torque was down as well, and peaked at a higher rpm. Despite this small drop in performance, Motor Trend awarded it with Car of the Year.

Total production for what was essentially the 30th anniversary car was in the neighborhood of 137,000 units. GT Convertibles made up 27,582 of that figure. The rarest model was a Cobra Convertible, with only 1,002 coming off the assembly line.

Raffle tickets are printed and ready to be sold. We'll have flyers made up to help you, and we'll also send those out to our fellow AACA regions for distribution. We plan to run an ad in Hemmings again this year, too.

The car will debut at Spring English-town the weekend before our Spring Dust-Off.

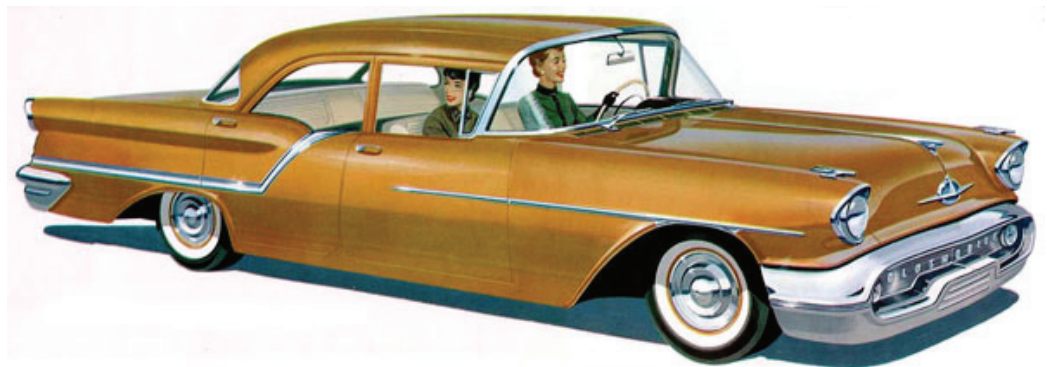
The SIRAACA Garage is home to all of our members' vehicles. Has your car been featured yet? Make sure you get the details to Paul Jr. if you want to share your car with us all.



Research shows that the 1994 Mustang came in eleven different colors. We believe that our raffle car is Laser Red, one of three shades of red that year, and the most popular shade of all eleven colors with over 22,000 units painted as such. Not surprisingly, Iris Metallic was the least popular (think purple), with just 1,304 sold in that color. (photo by Paul Jr.)

Upcoming Events

Grab your friends, load up your car, and head out to one of these events:



- 34th Annual Spring Englishtown - April 15-17, Raceway Park, NJ
- 10th Annual SIRAACA Spring Dust-Off - April 24, Commons Cafe
- NJRAACA Spring Meet - May 1, Mennen Arena, Morristown, NJ
- Jersey Shore Buick Club Spring Car Show - May 7, Straub Buick, Keyport
- 15th Annual Hot Rods & Harleys - May 14, Rahway NJ
- AACA Eastern Spring Meet - May 18-21, Vineland, NJ
- AACA Grand National - June 2-4, Williamsport, PA



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Fall Flyer and Spring Poster

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2 Teleport Drive off of South Avenue**
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We are producing an early edition of our fall flyer to hand out at this year's Spring Dust-Off. Here is a sneak peek at what it will look like, barring a few last minute tweaks.

This year's spring poster is once again by the hand (and Mac) of Dennis Simone. Dennis and his father Dan have been attending our shows for several decades, and Dennis has been cranking out posters for them for a good six or seven years. We particularly like how the double stripe found across the Chevelle also runs through this year's poster.

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