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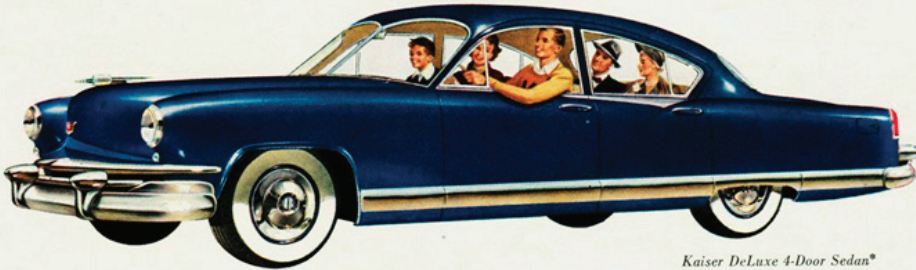


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Anatomic Design? What were the folks at Kaiser drinking when they came up with this idea? Were they referring to a design where the car mimicked human anatomy? Perhaps that's why the windshield is shaped like a pair of arched eyebrows.

If you find an Kaiser sales brochure from 1951, the idea of anatomic design is explained within. It refers to a philosophy where the anatomy of a car suits the anatomy of a human. This meant small A-pillars to improve lines of sight, a padded dash, a hand-brake under the ignition key more suited for right-handed drivers, and - get this - 4-time cushioned vertebrae! The combo of low pressure tires, springs and shocks, rubber insulation between the body and frame, and resilient seat cushions meant the driver's spine retained its anatomic integrity!

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Trivia Question: What was the last four-door American convertible offered until Lincoln reintroduced one with its 1961 Continental?

Answer: The 1951 Frazer Manhattan.

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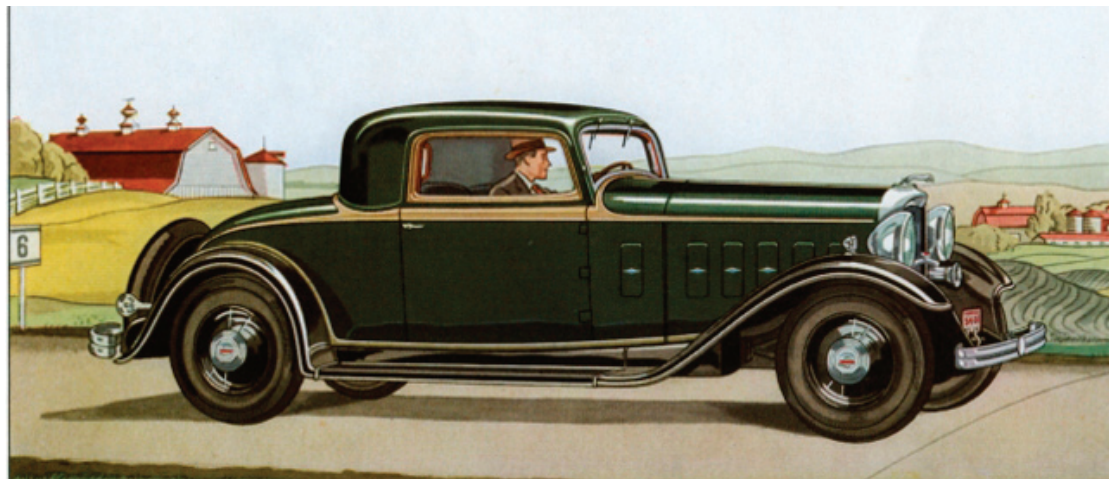
Minutes of the 489th Meeting

February 2, 2016

1. The 489th meeting of the Staten Island Region AACA was called to order by President Paul Jr. at 7:30 pm. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, the minutes of the 488th meeting were accepted as read.
2. The club confirmed the relocation of its two shows to the grounds of The Commons at the Teleport on South Avenue.
3. The club has purchased outright the 1963 Chevrolet known as Jack's Grinding Truck and will arrange a display agreement with Historic Richmond Town. The club intends to get the truck out on a regular basis to advertise our efforts as well as promote those of Richmond Town. More to come.
4. Keep looking for a raffle car. We passed on an early 90's Firebird Formula and have some leads on a few Mustangs.
5. The Auction at Atlantic City is to be held on February 26-28. The club has a limited amount of discount tickets for \$20. Please see Phil Boffa if you are interested in any.
6. Jonathan Schulman contacted the Adirondack Model A Club to learn more about their youth development program as a way to help us consider something similar here. Members debated the feasibility of such an effort considering the differences between the two clubs.
7. Please renew your dues if you have yet to do so.
8. Phil Boffa gave a treasury report, with all in order.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. The 50/50 collected \$29.00, with Frank Provenzano winning \$15.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony DiAngelo, Secretary



We Have A Raffle Car for 2016

The club has purchased its 2016 raffle car. This year, we will be giving away a 1994 Ford Mustang GT convertible. It's got fantastic metallic red paint (which we think is called Laser Red) with a new black top. It sports a Cobra SVO hood which amps up the wow factor over the stock lid this car came with. After a few minor mechanical fixes, we'll be providing everyone with photos and have our tickets printed and ready for sale. Will we top last year's fantastic results? Let's try!

Atlantic City Trip

Many of our members took to the Garden State Parkway over the final weekend of February and headed down to the Atlantic City Convention Center for its annual car auction. The event continues to draw a decent crowd of winter-weary car guys and gals who have spent the last several months waiting for the hobby to come out of hibernation. Unfortunately, the size of the event in terms of cars and vendors continues to shrink. There were very few cars from the 1940's or earlier, but plenty from the 70's and 80's. Even the 1950's cars seemed to be in short supply.

Low mileage originals stood out as usual, as did anything out of the ordinary. If you wanted to buy a Pacer, you had your choice of a real nice AMC version from 1975 or a fully restored 1958 Edsel ragtop version.

Within the flea market, one vendor stood out with his collection of vintage toys for sale, with many pre-war, pressed-steel trucks, cars and airplanes. He also had this neat two car set by Irwin Toys in its original box, which we never got around to asking about.



One of the few 1920's cars for sale in AC was this 1929 LaSalle Series 328 five-passenger phaeton (above). It was a good, solid example of either a well-preserved original car or a not-so-well-preserved older restoration. Either way, the owner was asking for \$42,900. The 1978 Lincoln Town Car (below) was a Cartier Edition with only 9,282 original miles. It was a no-sale at a high bid of \$9,750, or slightly more than \$1.00 per mile.)photos by Paul Jr.)



From the President

I always say that if I had a ten-car garage, I'd want to own 11 cars. Since I don't see myself getting a ten-car garage anytime soon, I don't really worry about what I would fill it with. Not worrying about such things doesn't mean I can't think about it once and awhile.

With very little research and a bottomless wallet, these are some of my must-haves: 1. 1941-1948 Chrysler Town & Country convertible. 2. 1953 Cadillac Eldorado or 1953 Olds Fiesta. 3. A first-generation Dodge Power Wagon pick-up. 4. A big, brass touring car. 5. 1948 Tucker. 6. I give up. Who am I kidding? I could make a list that's hundreds of cars long. Forget that I even brought this up. - Paul Jr.

\$100K Beetle?

1979 marked the final year for Beetle convertibles. Kevin Keenan's Epilogue Edition is one of 900 or so triple-black convertibles built to commemorate that fact, but the top dollar to be paid for any '79 Beetle could be realized in March at Amelia Island. Bonhams is selling a never-titled red convertible with 66 original miles with a predicted sales price as high as \$100,000. Last year, one with 700 miles sold for \$66,000 and the year prior, another with 659 miles sold for \$58,300 (both prices include fees). You can be sure that Kevin will watch this sale closely. While his has more miles than these, a rising tide usually carries all boats upwards.

- NEXT MEETING - March 1

Our March meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1 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.

Saying Farewell to a Four-Legged Friend

On a sad note, at 1:00 AM on January 25, the club's unofficial mascot Zeus died in his owner Bruce Campbell's embrace. Despite his imposing size, this beautiful boxer with a happy tail was always glad to see old friends and make new ones. He would lick your face until it turned into a prune if you let him. He was a regular at our spring and fall shows, helping to work the spectator gates with Bruce and his crew. In addition, he rode around with Bruce to all of the cruise nites and local events, and would sneak in to join our monthly meetings. Always loving and trustworthy, he will be missed by many, none more than Bruce. Zeus would have turned 12 years old on March 29.



Four-legged friends can like four-wheels just like us car guys. In fact, Zeus decided to dress up like a four-wheeler in this picture, sporting a 1960's flower-power van costume. - (photo by Bruce Campbell)

Inside the SIRAACA Garage

Be careful where you step when you visit the SIRAACA Garage. Not every car in there is full-scale. Case in point is this neat tin station wagon and trailer courtesy of toy crazy Tony DiAngelo.

Made in Japan in the early 1960's, this is a Bandai 1959 Rambler wagon and it's pulling a Shasta Airflyte camping trailer. The car, which is friction powered, is easily 11 inches long, and with the accompanying trailer, this makes for an impressively sized display.

The colors on these two are bright and numerous. Check out that upholstery! A shiny luggage rack and handsome hubcaps sporting big red R's really make this a great toy car. The Shasta trailer mimics the real camper it depicts, and has those cool "wings" mounted on the upper rear. They give the trailer a real sense of movement, even when it's standing still.

According to the original box this car came in, this was one of over 100 models Bandai released as part of their "Automobiles of the World" series. Whether that is true or not, we can say that the Rambler is probably one of their best.

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.



There was an exact duplicate of this combo that recently sold on eBay, but the selling price was negotiated outside of the auction and is not known. Other Bandai models of 1959 autos can be found on eBay, with their Cadillac sedans and convertibles the most popular listings. Prices run across a wide range depending on condition, color and inclusion original box. (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



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Spring Dust-Off Flyers

the staten island region aaca presents its

10th annual spring dust-off car show april 24

new location for 2016



**commons cafe at the teleport
2 teleport drive, off of south avenue**

- \$20 vehicle entry fee • no classes • no cut-off year • rain date may 1 •
- no points judging • red carpet awards in select categories •
- gates open at 8:00 am • dash plaques to first 200 vehicles •
- spectator entry fees: adults \$5, children \$2 •
- food & drinks • music • 50/50 drawings • raffle car •
- info: call 917-626-0233 or e-mail siraaca@yahoo.com •
- visit us on www.siraaca.aaca.com or [facebook.com/siraaca](https://www.facebook.com/siraaca)



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directions to the commons cafe



- from verazzano bridge - take staten island expressway (278 e) to exit 6 (south avenue), make left on south avenue, continue for about one mile and use the right lane for the jug handle into the teleport
- from goethals bridge - stay right at toll, take exit 4 (forest avenue), continue on gulf avenue to end, make left on edward curry avenue, proceed and before south avenue take fork on the right into the teleport
- from outerbridge crossing - stay right and take west shore expressway (440 n) to exit 8 (south avenue), turn right on south avenue, proceed about half mile and turn right into teleport

flip for show info

New flyers promoting our 10th Annual Spring Dust-Off Car Show have been produced and distributed. We continue to use a combination of the old and new ways of spreading the word. Hundreds were sent via regular mail, hundreds more were e-mailed, and they were also posted to our Facebook page and website. In addition, members have gotten e-mail copies and are encouraged to share them as they see fit. Copies for handing are also ready to go as the weather warms up and the hobby awakens from a sleepy winter. Posters are coming soon as well.



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