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Most of us know that the Oldsmobile 442 took its name from its combination of a 4-barrel carb, a 4-on-the-floor, and dual exhaust. How many know that the optional package that debuted in 1964 was officially known as the "B09 Police Apprehender Pursuit" option?

The package also included a hotter cam, heavy-duty clutch, Posi-traction, heavy duty suspension with front and rear anti-roll bars.

A reported 2,999 "4-4-2's" were built in 1964.

The name F-85, which came out in 1961, was not the first choice for Oldsmobile's upscale compact car. Starfire went to the big, sporty model. Rockette was rejected for its connection to Radio City. F-88 was an Olds show car in 1954, so they swapped in an 85 to avoid confusion with their bigger 88's.

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We have a raffle car!

Vintage auto card game.

New York State legal update for the hobby.

Pontiac's full-sized droptop for 1975 inside the SIRAACA Garage.

Answer: The station wagon.

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Trivia Question: In 1964, the B09 "4-4-2" package was available on all F-85 or Cutlass body styles except one. Which one?

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Minutes of the 501st Meeting

February 7, 2017

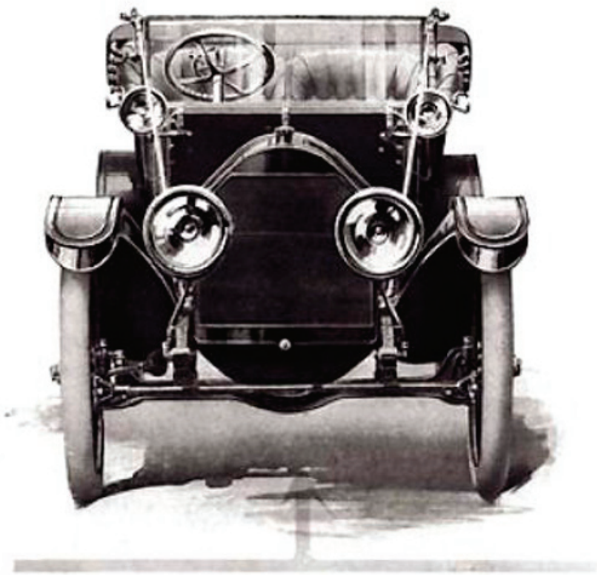
1. The 501st meeting of the Staten Island Region AACA was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Paul Jr. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and offered a moment of silence before the minutes of the 500th meeting were accepted as read.
2. Discount tickets to the Auction in Atlantic City were offered to members interested in purchasing them.
3. Mike Signorile met with the North Central Kiwanis Club about their intention to host a car show on June 11 at the Teleport. We will offer some help in return for having the raffle car on site.
4. Phil & Kevin went to look at a late model Firebird for a potential raffle car. It was a decent car, but they felt we could find something better for that price. We will keep it mind if we continue to strike out and it's still available.
5. Congratulations to Mike DiPilato, who will have his 1967 Firebird on special display at Carlisle to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the make.
6. Members are encouraged to keep an eye out for alternative meeting places that might offer us more modern amenities. Phil will ask about available space within the Nicotra properties.
7. A Mustang owner in Maine contacted us to ask if we had any information or photos of Francis Ford, an old dealership on Staten Island. His car was delivered new out of that dealership. Mike Gorgia shared a vintage newspaper ad from 1971, and members offered recollections of the dealership.
8. The antique car display at the Richmond County Ballpark is scheduled for June 25. More details to follow.
9. Phil Boffa gave a treasury report, with all in order.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm. The 50/50 collected \$29, with Bob Columbia winning \$15.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony DiAngelo, Secretary



What Am I?



The CAR
THAT HAS NO CRANK

We Have A Raffle Car

Our hunt for this year's raffle car has come to end as the club has purchased a 1996 Camaro convertible. We were on the cusp of buying a 1983 Camaro Z28 with t-tops when Kevin Keenan ran a background check and raised a red flag regarding the title of the car. Mike Signorile consulted with the Plateman, who dug deeper and found an old salvage designation in the car's history. Mike then spotted the '96 on Craigslist and Kevin went out to see it.

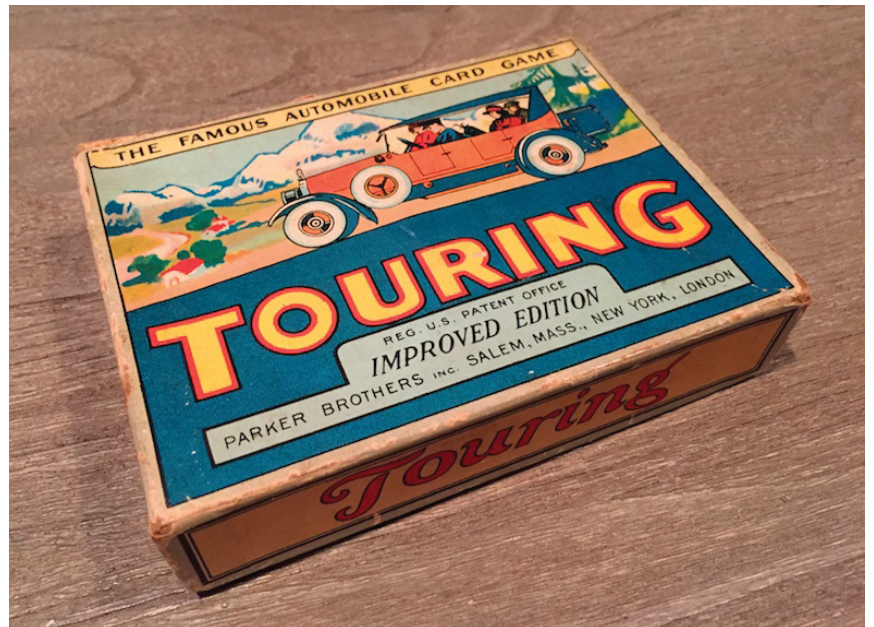
Our raffle car is white with a black top and graphite leather interior. It's a one-family car, passing from the original owner in Georgia to his daughter in New Jersey 15 months ago. It's always been garaged and is accident free, with 91,000 miles on the clock (less than 5,000 per year).

While original sales literature shows that no 1996 Camaros were available with factory race stripes, this car might benefit from the added flash of a set of hood/rear deck stripes. Once that is decided, we'll get photos out to the members to start selling tickets.

Stay Home, Go Touring

Plenty of our members extend their love of antique cars into other areas of collecting. Many collections remain auto-related, such as license plates, vintage brochures, or tin toys. The more you hunt in flea markets, swap meets and across the web, the more you realize just how many other auto-related items are out there.

Here is a vintage card game from Parker Brothers called "Touring". The game is nearly as old as the auto itself, having debuted in 1906, but this edition is from 1926-1936 based on the box. Artwork changed in 1937 and several times afterwards. It's very similar to another card game called Mille Bornes, which Parker Brothers replaced Touring with in 1962. It's vibrant box art and detailed card faces capture the excitement that actual touring provided in the 1920's.



Expect to pay between \$20 and \$30 for a complete set in fine condition. Incomplete sets are not uncommon, nor are sellers who have single cards on offer to help fill in the missing ones.



From the Editor

It's been quite a few years since we participated in the AACA's program for newsletter judging. One of the reasons, to be fair, was that I had grown tired of the efforts to mail hard copies to all of the judges plus the AACA and the national president each year. Couple that with the fact that try as I may, each year I failed to amass enough points for the Master Editor Award, and it was enough to stop participating. This year, however, the AACA will allow for electronic submissions, meaning I can easily e-mail copies to as many judges as they'd like with no effort. So I am registered to compete again this year. This is where you all come in. While I most likely will not be increasing the page counts, I will still need input from members. This means a continued flow of cars to feature in The SIRAACA Garage, and other stories or photos you'd like to contribute. One idea I've been given is to run stories about old dealerships on Staten Island. I hope we'll pull together and win that elusive Master Editor Award.

- Paul Jr.

From the President

A very warm end to February had plenty of old cars out for a spin around town and folks looking forward to the upcoming car show season. Flyers for the Spring Dust-Off are in the mail and posters are not far behind. Remember that we can also take donations for spring trophies or other sponsorships.

- Paul Jr.

- NEXT MEETING - March 7

Our March meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7 at 7:00 PM at The Staff House at Sea View Hospital and Home, located at 460 Brielle Avenue. As usual, each member is asked to contribute \$3.00 for coffee and donuts.

New York Legislative Update

Once again, legislation has been reintroduced in the New York Assembly to provide that historical vehicle owners only pay a one-time initial registration fee of \$100. As usual, the bill has been referred to the Transportation Committee for consideration, where it has failed to be acted on in years past. To voice your support for the bill, known as A.B. 2405, you can use the SEMA Action Network's website (www.seman.com), which allows you to locate the bill and automatically contact local lawmakers.

Another bill related to our hobby that was referred to the same committee is S.B. 832. It provides that a historical vehicle that was not manufactured with a license plate display area on the front of the vehicle may display only a single plate in the rear. We're not 100% sure how that is proven or not in the face of law enforcement. This differs from the provision that allows year of manufacture license plates to be displayed in accordance with the state law of that same year.

What Does a 1996 Camaro Look Like?

This is a 1996 Camaro Convertible. This is the Z28, while our raffle car is a base model. Nonetheless, this picture from Chevrolet's brochure helps you visualize the body style in effect that year. Pics of ours coming soon, as are the raffle tickets.



Inside the SIRAACA Garage

Another 1970's topless land yacht is featured this month inside the SIRAACA Garage. This one is Mike Gorgia's 1975 Pontiac Grand Ville Brougham convertible.

Mike bought this fair-weather cruiser in June, 2015. It's finished in Sandstone with a Saddle interior. Under the massive hood is a 400 cubic inch V-8 with a four barrel carburetor. A 455 was optional in 1975, which was the only year that the Brougham nameplate was offered.

The Grand Ville was Pontiac's top-trimmed, full-sized model from 1971 through 1975. Convertibles were limited in production, never topping 5,000 units in any year. Mike's car is one of a reported 4,519 built for 1975, with production getting a boost from the announcement that it was its final year of production. The Grand Ville had the lowest production among GM's convertible cousins that year.

Pontiac offered 22 different colors that year, with a heavy emphasis on period-popular variations of brown. Beyond Sandstone, there was Carmel Beige, Ginger Brown, and Oxford Brown, plus Copper Mist, Fire Coral Bronze and Persimmon.

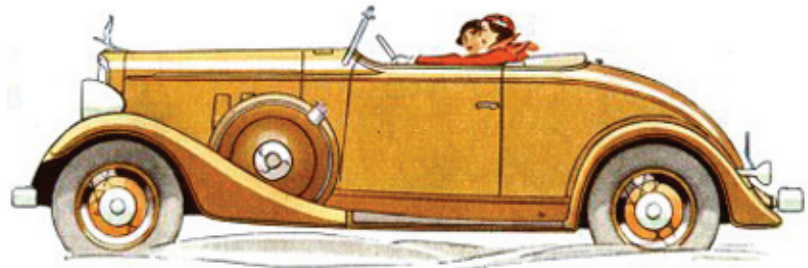
The SIRAACA Garage is home to all of our members' cars, past and present. Has your car been featured yet? Make sure you get the details to Paul Jr. if you want to share your car with us all.



The Grand Ville displaced the Bonneville as Pontiac's top-trim level in 1971, only to be replaced by a new flagship, the Bonneville Brougham, in 1976. (photo by Mike Gorgia)

Upcoming Events

Gather up the troops and hit the road for these upcoming events:



- Long Island Cars Car Show, Belmont Racetrack - April 9
- Spring Carlisle Swap Meet - April 19-23
- SIRAACA 11th Annual Spring Dust-Off, Commons Cafe - April 23
- 35th Annual Spring Englishtown, Raceway Park, NJ - April 28-30
- NJRAACA 66th Annual Spring Meet, Mennen Arena - May 7
- 22nd Annual Greenwich Concours - June 3-4
- 4th Annual New Dorp High School Car Show - June 4
- The Elegance at Hershey - June 9-11
- The Race of Gentlemen, Wildwood, NJ - June 10-11
- North Central Kiwanis Car Show, The Teleport - June 11



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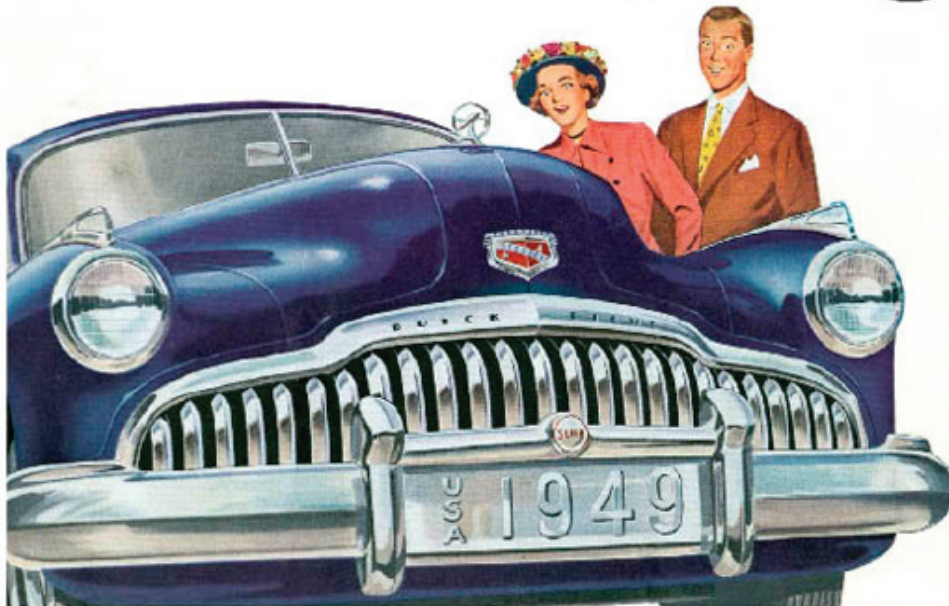
2385 Richmond Ave., New Springville-698-2121

Spring Dust-Off Flyer

The Staten Island Region AACA presents its 11th Annual Spring Dust-Off Car Show & Flea Market April 23, 2017

**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 7 •
- no points judging • red carpet awards in select categories •
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