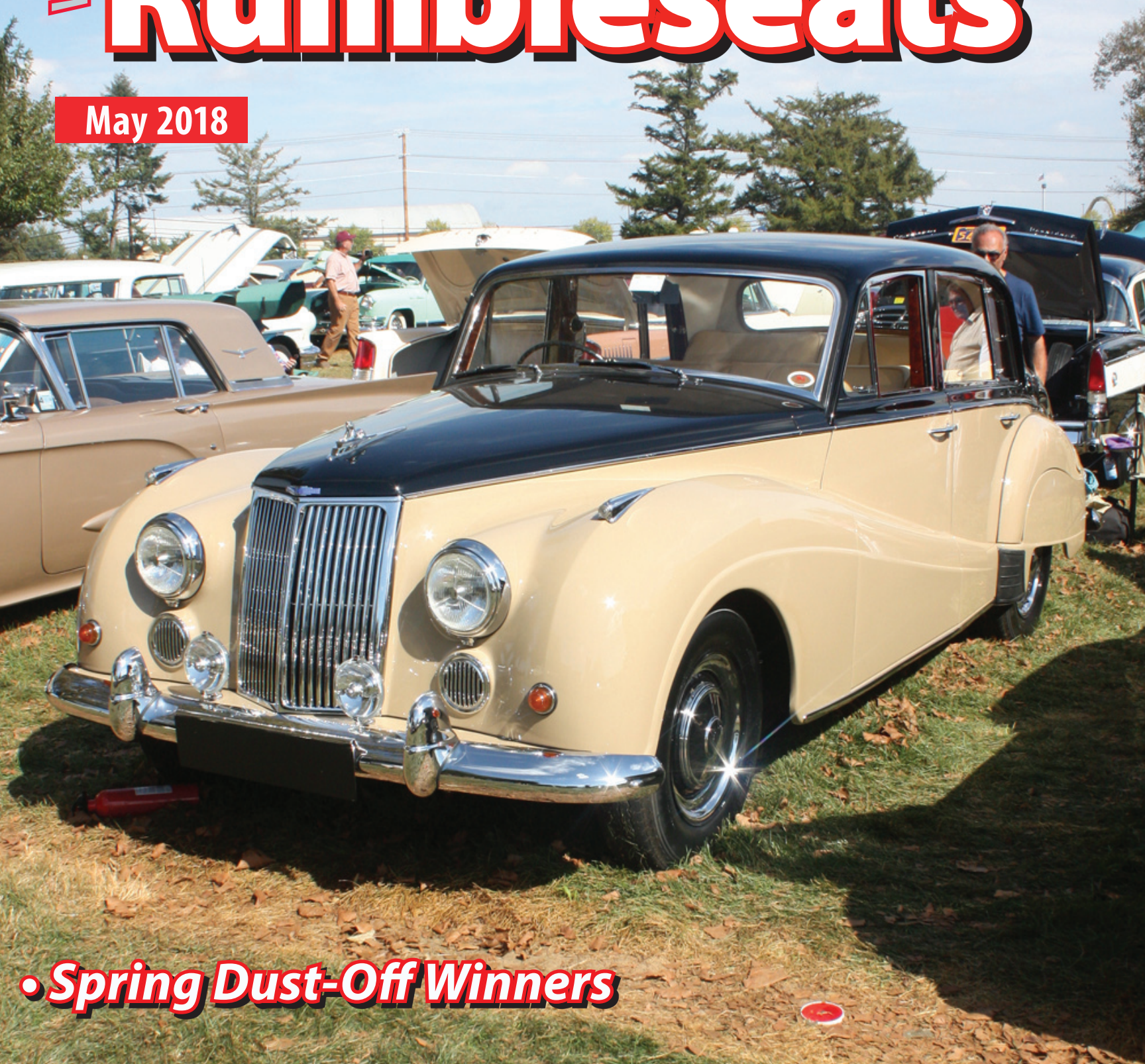


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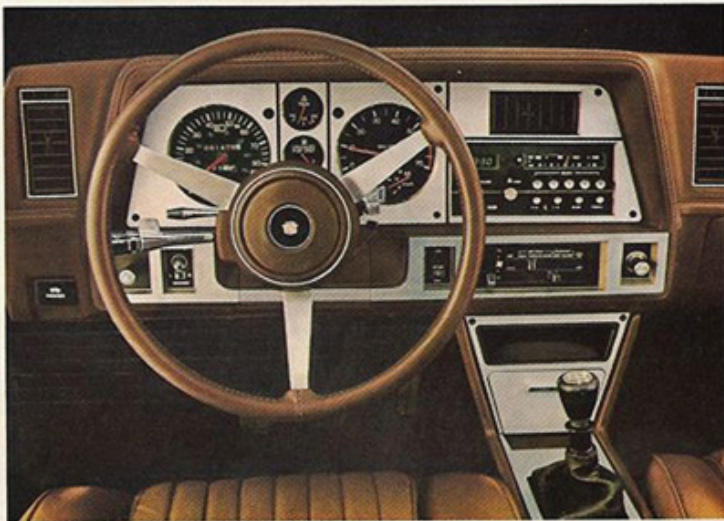
• **Spring Dust-Off Winners**

Vintage Advertising


At the insistence of their dealers who were losing sales to small sized luxury imports from Europe, Cadillac rushed to market the Cimarron, a thinly disguised Chevy Cavalier, in May of 1981. There was very little additional value for thousands more in price, and is widely regarded as Cadillac's biggest shame.

Amazingly, Cadillac produced this economy car with luxury badges through 1988, building 132,499 Cimarrons in seven years.

Odds are most of these were junked over time, as you rarely see them at any car shows nor show up for sale. Will that make these collectable?



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Trivia Question: The Cadillac Cimarron, like the Chevy Cavalier, was a variant of GM's "J-cars". What were the versions offered by Oldsmobile, Pontiac and Buick?

Answer: Oldsmobile sold the Firenza, Pontiac the J2000 and Buick the Skyhawk.

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Minutes of the 515th Meeting

April 4, 2018

1. The 515th meeting of the Staten Island Region AACA was called to order at 7:30 by President Paul Arena. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and offered a moment of silence before the minutes of the 514th meeting were accepted as read.
2. The club purchased a 1989 Mustang LX 5.0 convertible as this year's raffle car after waiting all winter for the snow to melt near Scranton, PA. Thanks to Rocco Pompa, Kevin Keenan, Paul Arena and Mike Signorile for making the trip. Tickets are on order.
3. The raffle car's appearance at Englishtown remains in question, depending on making contact with the organizers and the availability of our chance books.
4. Members visited Richmond Town for a first hand look at the condition of the transportation building. It's in better shape than indicated, and probably needs a good power washing before the repaint. HRT has yet to decide on a color.
5. Members also toured the courthouse and agree that we will look to move our meetings there as soon as we can.
6. Our Spring Dust-Off is set for April 22. All planning is complete, and members should be on hand that morning by 6:30 AM. Posters were given out and members were encouraged to get them up at their favorite stores.
7. New rosters are being prepared for 2018.
8. The raffle car and a handful of other antique cars will be on hand at the Chili Cook-Off on April 21. Volunteers are also needed that day to help at the entry gates. The event runs from 12:00 noon until 4:00 PM. We will be setting up between 10:30 and 11:00.
9. Phil Boffa provided a treasury report, with all in order.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55. The 50/50 collected \$26, with Paul Jr. winning \$13.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony DiAngelo, Secretary

12th Annual Spring Dust-Off Opens the Season

After a lousy March and wintry start to April, our fellow hobbyists were eager to see spring arrive, and it did in conjunction with the club's 12th Annual Dust-Off on April 22. As a result, 316 vehicles turned out at the Commons Cafe to celebrate the start of the old car season on Staten Island.

The Dust-Off is an informal gathering that presents special awards to cars that represent the best of their decade, along with some specific awards for various marques. This year's winners, who drove up to the red carpet to be presented their trophy by Nicole Doz, the current Miss Staten Island, were:

Best in Show, Pre-War: Joe Indellicate, 1939 Ford. Best in Show, Post-War: Joe Terranova, 1955 Chevy Nomad. Best Ford: Joe Michelli, 1975 Mercury Cougar. Best MoPar: John Giobbe, 1971 Plymouth GTX. Best General Motors: Lou Aiese, 1958 Cadillac. Best Foreign Car: Bob Champi, 1970 Mercedes Benz 280 SL. Best Truck: Ron Vroom, 1971 Chevrolet Cheyenne. Best Cadillac: John Richichi, 1978 Eldorado Biarritz. Best Corvette: Anthony Ianno, 1961 Corvette. Oldest Car: Anthony Lara, 1924 Ford Model T Sedan (middle right). Best Motorcycle: Christian Schreiber, 2008 Harley Davidson.

Decade Awards were presented to Antonio Izzo's 1929 Ford, John Charitis' 1934 Ford, Guido Panni's 1940 Ford pick-up (top right), Joe Terranova's 1957 Chevrolet sedan delivery, Steve Venito's 1968 Pontiac GTO, Ken Santiamo's 1979 Pontiac Trans Am (bottom right), Fred DiAngelis' 1984 Cadillac Coupe d'Elegance, Peter Pollara's 1992 Cadillac Eldorado, Joe Barry's 2005 Dodge Ram Daytona, and Andrew Russo's 2018 Ford Shelby Mustang.

Low mileage cars ruled the red carpet. The '79 Trans Am sported 12,000 miles, the '92 Eldorado had 8,500, the '78 Eldorado had 8,000, the '84 Cadillac had 3,000 and the '75 Cougar had just 1,800 miles.

The club will donate to the Children's Miracle Network to thank Nicole for her help.



(photos by Vincent Arena)



From the President

Please note that we are holding our May meeting at the Courthouse in Richmond Town. We are very excited about this move, and look forward to taking advantage of the wonderful setting to improve our meeting experience.

Thank you to everyone who helped us put on our 12th Annual Spring Dust-Off. By all measures, this was a fantastic opener to the season. Attendance was up, the number of cars on hand was up, and the weather was absolutely ideal.

Thanks as well to those who pitched in with their time at the Chili Cook-Off at Historic Richmond Town. Our growing relationship requires our efforts, and we are on the right path towards helping each organization reach new heights.

See you "in court"!

- Paul Jr.

From the Editor

Many may have noticed that we are toggling back and forth between the SIRAACA Garage feature and the SIRAACA Archive feature. This is because I'm still looking for help with members' cars that I have yet to feature in the Garage. Please send me some pictures and details of one of your current or past collector cars. Heck, it could even be what was once your new car 40 or 50 years ago. In case you need it again, send your stuff to parena2@verizon.net or give it to me at one of our meetings. - Paul Jr.

- NEXT MEETING - May 1

Our May meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 1 at 7:00 PM at the Courthouse at Historic Richmond Town. Members should park in the lot on Clark Avenue, and enter the courthouse from that side's entrance. We will be upstairs in the room off of the main courtroom.

Raffle Car Debuts at Chili Cook-Off

The raffle car made it's debut on April 21 at Historic Richmond Town's Chili Cook-Off. Several members volunteered at the entry gates by handing out spoons and cups for chili samples. Others helped sell raffles and accompany a small display of cars to help promote our Spring Dust-Off held the next day. Along with the 1989 Mustang LX 5.0 convertible, chili lovers were treated to Frank Provenzano's 1963 Riviera, Jeff Tucker's 1967 Galaxie and Paul Arena's 1948 Dodge. The Mustang took in \$255 for a good start to the year. The next day, it made it's first major appearance at a car show, taking in \$800 at our Spring Dust-Off, as seen below.



From the SIRAACA Archive

Here is a photo taken at one of our early car shows on the football field at Wagner College in the late 1970's, featuring a 1930's Packard. We do not have additional details about this car, so we open up to our members to scour their memories for some help.

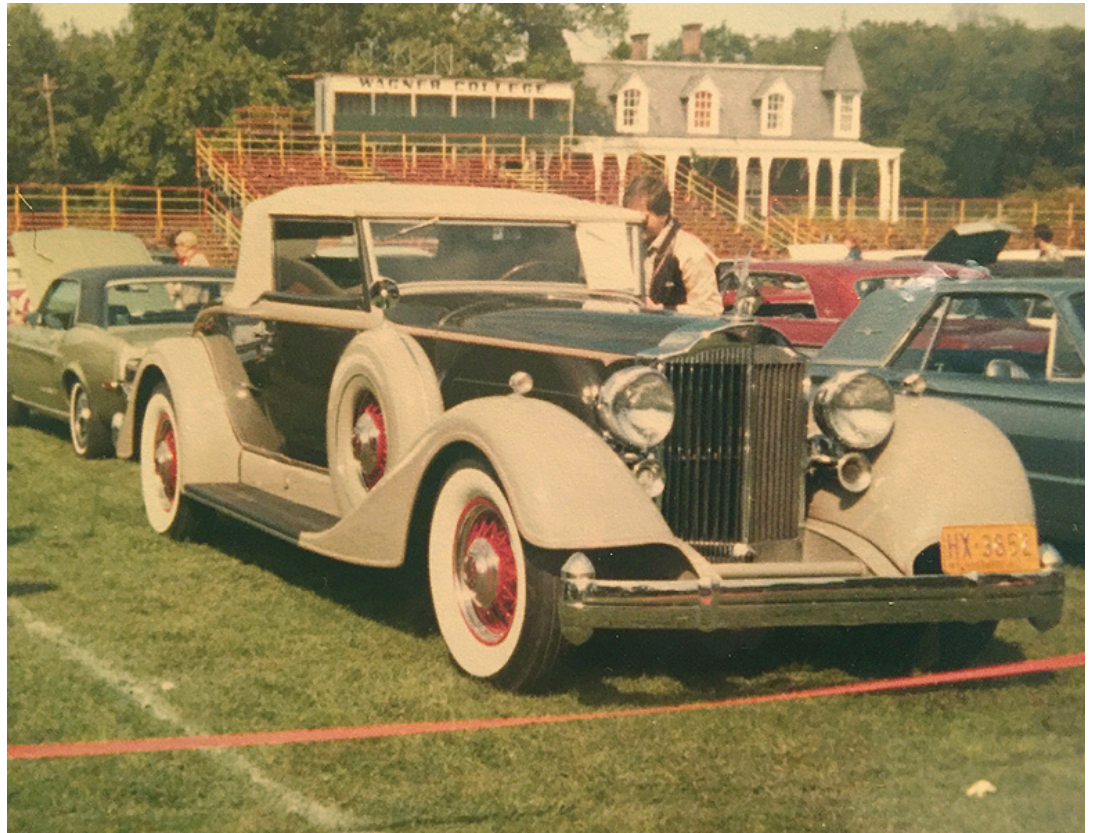
We are fairly certain this is either a 1933 or 1934 model, based on the fenders. The 1932 models had open sided front fenders, and the 1935 models introduced all new styling.

Other than that, does anyone recall who may have owned this car at the time, or what may have happened to it? One thing that we may all agree on is that this car still exists. Cars like this don't end up in the scrap heap.

It's fun to also realize that the first generation Mustang behind the Packard, as well as what looks like a Thunderbird next to it, are only 15 years or so old in this picture. That's just like the 2003's we'll be judging in the fall.

We hope to return to the SIRAACA Garage next month.

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.



When 30's cars were the equivalent of 70's muscle cars today. (photo credit unknown)

Upcoming Events

Load up the car and head out to one of these upcoming events.



- NJRAACA 67th Annual Car Show, Mennen Arena, Morristown - May 6
- Hot Rods & Harleys, Rahway, NJ - May 12
- New Dorp High School Car Show - June 3
- The Elegance at Hershey, The Hotel Hershey - June 8-10
- Brooklyn Region AACA Spring Car Show, Floyd Bennett Field - June 10
- North Central Kiwanis Club of S.I. Car Show, Commons Cafe - June 10





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Attention Regions & Chapters: How Are YOU Getting Kids and Young Adults Involved in the Old Car Hobby?

By Megan Boyd, AACA National Board Director (aacameg@gmail.com)

My name is Megan Boyd and I have recently been elected to the AACA Board of Directors and appointed as the VP of Youth Development and Chairwoman of the Scholarship Committee. I am honored and thrilled to be serving in these capacities!

Growing up in the hobby, I understand the importance in having the youth and young adults involved. To perpetuate not only our club but also our hobby, we must find a way to engage them.

Since accepting my position, I have been pleasantly surprised to hear how several regions and chapters have youth and young adult programs in place. Everything from youth judging to kids games and even programs with the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts - there are some really great ideas out there! I'd like to take some of these ideas and programs and expand them on the national level.

As I begin to chart out a course, I would like your input. What is your region or chapter doing to involve children and young adults? What are your ideas to engage the next generation of car people? Please shoot me a quick e-mail at aacameg@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

Dust-Off Dash Plaque

Here is the dash plaque that was given out to the first 200 attendees of our 12th Annual Spring Dust-Off. For our fall show, we will return to dash plaques after giving out calendars in their place for the past few years. The feedback from our attendees is that they like the magnetic plaques better. We will feature a vehicle owned by one of our members this September, selecting from those who have yet to have a car or truck appear on one, based on their club tenure. The plaques are designed and produced by Daytona Trophy.



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