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• 2018 Raffle Car: 1989 Mustang LX 5.0



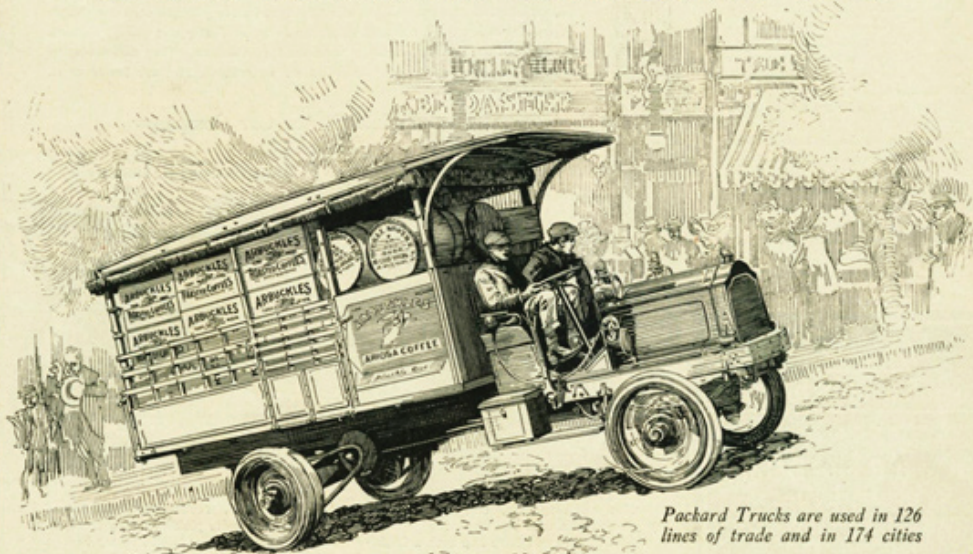
Packard

MOTOR TRUCKS

THIS truck has never missed a trip in the 15 months it has been in use on the hilly streets of Pittsburgh. It is on the job every day, 304 working days to the year. It replaces three horse teams. After Arbuckles & Company had used this truck ten months and knew exactly what it would do they bought another just like it.

Forty per cent of the sales of Packard Trucks are orders from previous purchasers for additional trucks

Ask the man who owns one



Packard Motor Car Company Detroit

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Vintage Advertising

Packard, a name synonymous with luxury automobiles, was also a formidable name in trucking during the early part of the 20th century. This ad from 1911 points out the reliability of their trucks by citing one in use in Pittsburgh. It replaced three teams of horses and hadn't missed a trip over 15 months of hauling across the hilly streets of Pittsburgh.

That same year, a Packard truck set a record by driving from New York to San Francisco in 46 and one-half days. In all, Packard produced about 40,000 large trucks from 1905 through 1923, seeing many serve overseas in WWI.

The company in the ad, Arbuckles & Company, was a pioneer in roasted coffee and eventually settled in Brooklyn as the largest coffee company in America.

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Cars and cones for the Egger's Ice Cream grand opening in Richmond Town.

A Grand National winner visits the SIRAACA Garage.

Carriages at auction, horses not included..

Trivia Question: What car was the first mass-produced U.S. automobile to offer a V-6?

Answer: The 1962 Buick Special.

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Minutes of the 516th Meeting

May 1, 2018

1. The 516th meeting of the Staten Island Region AACA was called to order at 7:35 by President Paul Arena. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and offered a moment of silence before the minutes of the 515th meeting were accepted as read.
2. The Spring Dust-Off had 316 cars on hand, up from 283 last year. The spectator gate was also up versus 2017. The larger turnout was also reflected in the Commons Cafe donation we received, which was just shy of \$700. That's nearly \$200 better than last year. All told, we again put on a successful show.
3. The club is making a donation to the Children's Miracle Network on behalf of Miss Staten Island.
4. The raffle car appeared at the NYC Chili Cook-Off at Richmond Town and took in \$255. It will return for Uncorked! on June 2 and we'll need volunteers for that event.
5. Other events in early June include the New Dorp High School show on June 3 and the Kiwanis show on June 10. The raffle car will be at both events as well.
6. Artie Guarnieri presented some club jacket choices and members selected their favorites. The board will decide on how to proceed.
7. Phil Boffa provided a treasury report, with all in order.
8. A thank you letter from Michael's Cause was read aloud to the members.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01. The 50/50 collected \$33, with Mike DiPilato winning \$17.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony DiAngelo, Secretary



Ford Weekly Purchase Plan

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Soon the deposits, plus the interest paid by the bank, will make the chassis or the car yours. If you buy on easy terms, the small monthly installments after the chassis or car are delivered, will be about the same as the weekly savings. You will not miss the money. Come in! Get full details.

Cars and Cones at Richmond Town

The 1920's-era diner built on the grounds of Richmond Town many years ago for the filming of HBO's Boardwalk Empire was left standing when production ended. It looked right at home in the center of the village, but served no purpose other than a neat backdrop for photos.

That's no longer the case as the building has been outfitted to house Egger's Ice Cream. The club was invited to provide a handful of cars for the grand opening ceremony. Parked outside was Tony Ventrice's Model T along with Paul Arena's 1948 Dodge and Paul Jr.'s 1967 Cutlass. Attendees were treated to free samples of cones, sundaes, ice cream filled donuts and old fashioned candy.

Egger's will be open seven days a week, from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm Sunday through Thursday, and to 11:00 pm on Fridays and Saturdays. This is the first of several initiatives to build a foundation for visitors to return regularly to the village. We are looking to relaunch a weekly cruise night on Wednesdays to continue the momentum. The club will meet with their development committee to sort out logistics and address the possibility of additional food options. Recall that our first round of cruise nights there were well received but fell short of providing options for food, not to mention a thin crowd of spectators.



Tony Ventrice (wearing cap) shows visitors what makes his Ford Model T tick during the grand opening of Egger's Ice Cream (below right) at Historic Richmond Town. A 1948 Dodge and 1967 Olds Cutlass (bottom left) round out the display (photos by Paul Jr)

One option is to encourage a food truck or two to take a chance and grow with us. Another is to revive Richmond Town's food trailer. In the end, the decision will come down to cost versus opportunity. In the meantime, take a ride down any evening and have yourself a fine ice cream along Center Street. Tell your friends, too, as word of mouth can only benefit us all.



From the President

Hopefully everyone has had a chance to pick up raffle tickets to sell among coworkers, friends and family. These member-driven sales are very important to the over all raffle car effort, as they are not dependent on good weather or your availability to schedule time for one of the raffle car appearances. In addition, we've had a slow start with the events this year because of the weather, so everything counts. Will someone set a new record this year and top \$1000 in sales? I hope many do!

Raffle Car Event

The raffle car is invited once again to appear at the Kiwanis Club's car show at The Teleport on June 10. In return for the opportunity to sell tickets, club members assist the Kiwanis with judging. Mike Signorile and Paul Arena need a couple of additional volunteers to help judge, while the raffle table needs a few members to keep the line moving.

Our New Meeting Place

The Third County Courthouse was built in 1837, to serve the 7,000+ residents of Richmond County. It was the setting for many trials on the island until 1919, and remained vacant until 1932. In 1969, it was designated a New York City landmark. It's an honor to have our meetings within the historic courtroom.

- NEXT MEETING - June 5

Our June meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 5 at 7:00 PM at the Courthouse at Richmond Town. Members should park in the lot on Clarke Ave., and enter the courthouse from that entrance. We will be upstairs. As usual, each member is asked to contribute \$3.00 for coffee & donuts.

AACA Presents 2018 Zenith Award

From over 3,500 vehicles that were shown at eight AACA national meets last year, 16 were selected to compete for the honor of best restored vehicle in the form of the Zenith Award. The nominees gathered at the Grand National meet in Greensburg, PA for a six hour evaluation. In the end, a 1935 Packard 1204 Super 8, one of only 11 known surviving examples, took the top honor. The 16 finalists represented a wide range of vehicles, mirroring the many choices our hobby offers collectors and enthusiasts. They also include a 1919 Walker electric truck, a 1958 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz convertible, a 1937 Chrysler Imperial town car, a 1957 Chevy Bel Air convertible, a 1959 DeSoto Adventurer convertible, a 1960 Corvette, a 1953 Nash Healy (photo below, the runner-up), a 1956 Mercury Montclair, a 1934 Ford Cabriolet, a 1970 Chevelle SS, a 1931 Studebaker Regal roadster, a 1961 Chevrolet Impala convertible, a 1927 Cadillac roadster, a 1972 Ford Gran Torino Sport, and a 1926 Ford Model TT dump truck.



(photo by Paul Jr.)

Outside the SIRAACA Garage

This month, we venture outside the SIRAACA Garage for a look at a car that belongs to Andy Barcellona. Andy is a Jersey guy, and has accompanied many of our members on our trips to AACA national events. Andy is also kind enough to volunteer and judge at our fall show. This is his 1957 Chevrolet 210 station wagon. Andy recently won his First Grand National Award in Greensburg, PA.

So what's a Chevy "Two-Ten"? It was a midrange model from Chevy from 1953 -1957, known previously as the Styleline DeLuxe before becoming the Biscayne. 210's were quite popular in 1957, nearly matching Bel Air production totals. A fair amount of flash compared with a lower price helped sales. Four door wagons came in Townsman and Beauville models, depending on the number of passengers they held. Andy's is the six-passenger Townsman. The nine-passenger is the Beauville.

Andy is the second titleholder of this car, which had 63,000 miles when he purchased it. A nearly full restoration followed, although the door panels, headliner, stainless trim and glass are original to the car.

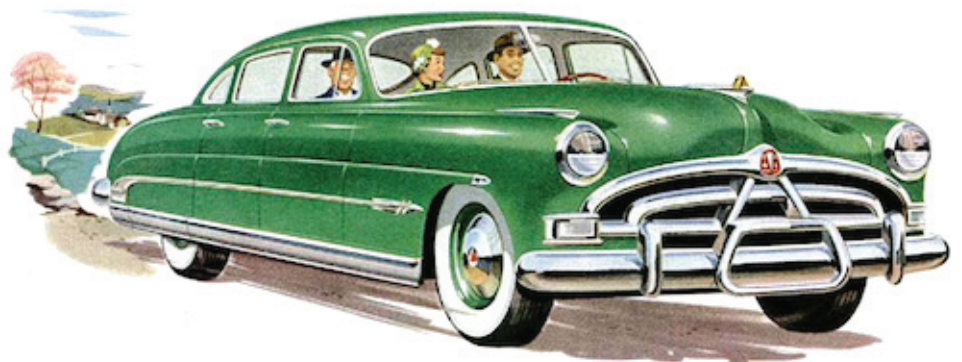
The SIRAACA Garage is home to all of our members' cars, past and present. Has your car been featured yet? Make sure you get the details to Paul Jr. if you want to share your car with us all.



Andy's Chevrolet is painted Tropical Turquoise with India Ivory top and inserts. It sports a 283 V-8, 2bbl carb and two speed Powerglide, all good for 185 horses. It's a heater delete car, spending its life in Florida until 1996, when it retired to a garage in Brick, NJ. (photo by Paul Jr.)

Upcoming Events

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



- 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
- Independence Day Celebration at Historic Rischmond Town - July 4
- Travis 4th of July Parade - July 4





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Horseless Carriages Aren't the Only Auction Stars

From time to time the club newsletter highlights some upcoming auctions or auction results. Being an antique auto club, those are the lots we feature. Yet what about our auto ancestors, the horse drawn carriages. What do they fetch at auction?

Three such carriages were recently displayed along 6th Avenue in Manhattan as a preview of the massive Christie's sale of Peggy & David Rockefeller's collection of everything and anything. The large four-seater in the top photo is an Extension Top Surrey dating to the early 20th century. Its presale estimate was between \$1,500-\$2,000. The small two seater in the bottom photo is said to be a late 18th or early 19th century carriage known as a Hooded Spider Phaeton. Its estimate was \$12,000-\$14,000. A third carriage (in the back of the top photo) is known as a T-Card, made by Brewster & Co. on Broome Street, circa 1875. It was expected to fetch between \$4,000-\$6,000.

So how did these do? Incredibly, the estimates of all three were way off. The Surrey and T-Card each sold for \$81,250. The much older Phaeton crushed it with a realized price of \$225,000! Clearly, more than one buyer showed up wanting these wheels. Speaking of wheels, the hubs on the phaeton say "A.T. Demarest & Co. N.Y. 5th Ave, & 33d St." These have to date from after 1890, when they moved there from Broadway & Bleecker, so appear to be replacements. Like most carriage makers, Demarest evolved to make custom automobile bodies for such marques as Renault and Benz, plus do repair work for LeBaron.



Rockefeller's carriages on display in his namesake neighborhood in NYC ahead of their sale. (photos by Paul Jr.)



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