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- **The 2019 Raffle Car is Here**



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Here are a pair of advertising cards for two distinctly different Auburns from 1927. If formal sedans were your thing, you could opt for the 8-88 sedan seen in the top card. If sporty, open air roadsters were more in line with your view, the bottom card most likely caught your eye. Selling both power and comfort, the straight eight was good for 80 mph and would set you back over \$2,000.

We're a big fan of both cars, which sharing common styling cues. Our favorite was the way the two-tone paint didn't follow the belt line, but rather swooped up and to a point across the hood into the hood ornament.

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Trivia Question: When did Chevrolet's 427-cu.in. engine debut in a production car?

Answer: The first regular-production 427's debuted in 1966 models. It was developed for drag racing and sold under the Z11 option on special factory lightweights in 1963..

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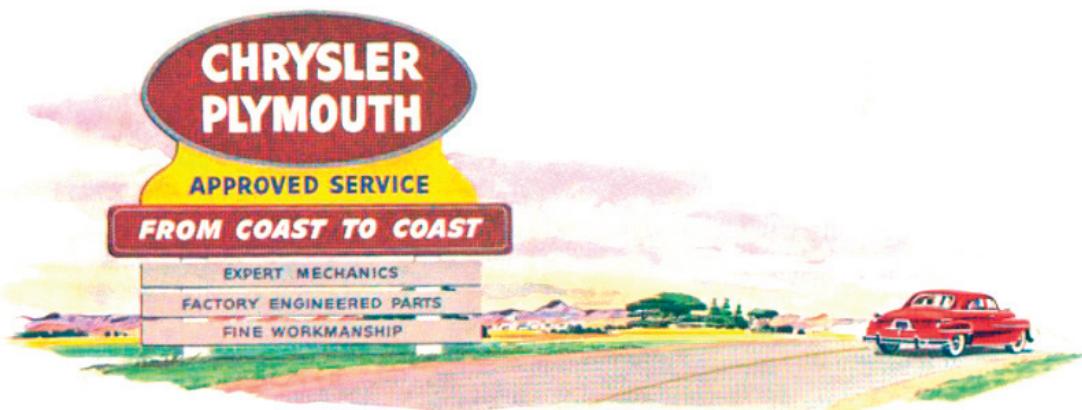
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Minutes of the 520th Meeting

September 4, 2018

1. The 520th meeting of the Staten Island Region AACA was called to order at 7:30 by President Paul Jr.. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and offered a moment of silence before the minutes of the 519th meeting were accepted as read.
2. The club displayed cars at the Richmond County Fair and the raffle car was there all three days, taking in \$1,255. Congratulations to Mike Gorgia for winning second place in a hot dog eating contest, and thanks to all who volunteered their time to be there.
3. Kevin Keenan recapped the recent bus trip to Morgantown's Auto Mall.
4. The Richmond Town Cruise Nights are continuing through October.
5. The Apple Fest at Delicious Orchards in Colts Neck is scheduled for September 8-9. We will be displaying cars as well as selling raffles both days. Cars need to be in place by 9:00 AM. Members were asked to sign up.
6. Final car show plans were discussed. Changes for 2018 include no pre-registrations, no free admissions for pre-war vehicles, and Do Not Judge envelopes for newer cars less than 15 years old. Members are asked to be on site by 6:30 AM to begin set up.
7. Keep hunting for next year's raffle car. Some recent leads turned up low quality offerings.
8. Phil Boffa's treasury report shows all is in order.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15. The 50/50 collected \$28, with Jeff Tucker winning \$14.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony DiAngelo, Secretary



42nd Annual Fall Show Another Club Success

The club's fortunes were as bright as the morning sun on September 16 as summer held on to deliver blue skies and warm temperatures as the backdrop for our 42nd annual car show. 400 or so vehicles covered the field for spectators to gawk at and judges to deliberate over. When the judging was over, the special award winners were asked to drive up to the red carpet to receive their trophies, handed out by Miss Staten Island, Nicole Doz. Honors went to Jimmy Cuadrado's 1991 Honda Accord for Best Engine, Joe Terranova's 1957 Olds Fiesta for Best Interior, Steve Sacco's 1959 Cadillac Coupe de Ville for Best Chrome, Joseph Stasio's 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air for Best Paint (Stock), Pat Maggiore's 1934 Chevrolet for Best Paint (Custom), Albert Cirino's 1979 Peterbilt for Best Truck, Paul Mauceri's 1933 Ford for Best In Show (Custom), Al Yarusinki's 1968 Chevrolet Camaro for Best in Show (Modified), Charles Spitz's 1930 Durant Model 407 for Best in Show (Pre-War), Ted Mardikos' 1969 Plymouth GTX for Best in Show (Post War), and Angelo Boncoraglio's 1971 Buick Riviera GS for President's Cup..

The show featured visiting members of the Durant Motors Automobile Club, who were on Staten Island for their annual meeting. Along with the 1930 Durant mentioned above, they showed a 1923 Durant touring car and a 1931 DeVaux Model 6-75 sedan. They were joined by Ed Vomero's 1923 Star touring car.

"Big Daddy" George displayed his hand-built "Island Princess" (a hot rodded Cinderella's coach) and Grandpa Munster's Drag-u-la. Both drew plenty of onlookers and picture takers all day long.



Above: 1923 and 1930 Durants were welcome guests at this year's show. (photo by Paul Jr.)



Above: '55 Bel Air sports award-winning paint on the red carpet. Below Left: '69 GTX. Below Right: '71 Riviera. (photos by Vincent Arena)



From the President

Well, we put another show into the books. While not our best show in terms of attendance or income, it certainly was a successful day. Thanks to all of our members who worked hard in planning and executing such a big event. It's very satisfying to hear the compliments our club gets for putting on such a well-organized show each year. In addition, the raffle car ended up returning a respectable profit, in line with our ten year average. While the sales figures associated with events were down because we missed out on a few key dates, the membership delivered a record breaking figure, both collectively and individually. We'll reveal more at the meeting. In the meantime, enjoy the waning days of the hobby season, be it at the AACA Fall Meet in Hershey or the remaining local shows and cruise nights in our area.- Paul Jr.

Raffle Cars at Apple and Pumpkin Fests

The '89 Mustang LX made its final weekend appearance ahead of our fall show with a weekend stay at the Delicious Orchards Apple Fest. A rainy Sunday kept sales down, which totalled \$493 for the weekend. The '92 Camaro that will be given away next year will debut at the Delicious Orchards Pumpkin Fest on Columbus Day. No other old cars are needed for this event, as the focus is antique tractors. Nonetheless, volunteers are wanted to help sell raffles.

- NEXT MEETING - October 2

Our October meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 2 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.

Here's Our Winner!

The winner of this year's raffle car is Fernando Gomez, who was contacted the day after our show and told the good news. Fernando bought the winning ticket from club member Mike Gorgia, who is a co-worker of his. Mike and the club arranged to bring the car out to Queens and present Fernando with the keys to his 1989 Mustang LX. Congratulations to Mike for selling the winning ticket and to Fernando on his "new" car.



We heard of at least two people that wanted first shot at buying the car from Fernando, but from what we understand, he's going to keep the car for now. We're guessing that many of the other folks who bought tickets from Mike this year will be coming back for some next year, hoping lightning will strike twice in the same place. Considering that Mike sold a record \$2870, he'll be a busy man!

Inside the SIRAACA Garage

The latest car to join the SIRAACA Garage is the 2019 raffle car! We purchased this 1992 Chevrolet Camaro RS coupe last month, and here's a first look for some of you..

The car was found a mere two doors down from Paul Arena's house. The owner had contacted Mike Signorile about selling the car, and Mike laughed when he learned it was one of Paul's neighbors. Paul made the 100 foot journey to see the car, and together with Mike, suggested the club buy it.

The 1992 Camaro is the 25th Anniversary model. The RS coupe was extremely popular, with nearly 61,000 cars produced. Find an RS convertible, and you have one of just 2,562 such cars. Z28/IROC-Z convertibles were even rarer, numbering just 1,254 cars.

Our car has less than 45,000 miles on it, and the interior is impeccable. It even features a period-correct Motorola car phone. Early indications are that we have a great car to give away next year, but the ticket selling can start this year.

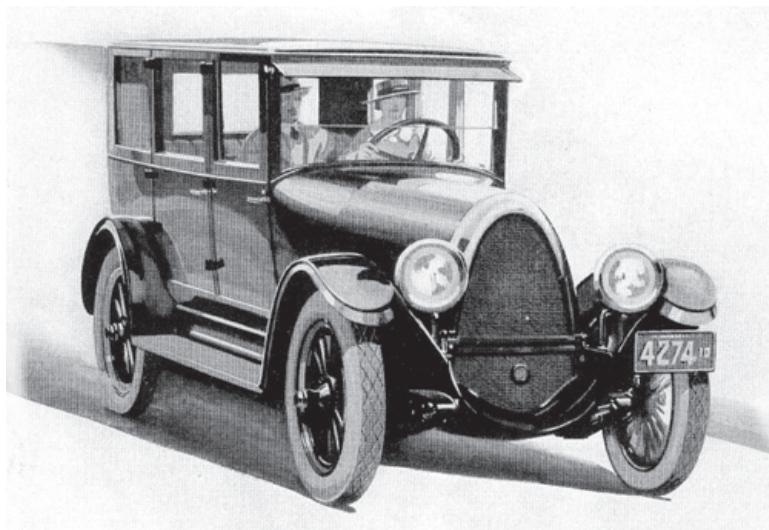
The SIRAACA Garage is home to all of our members' cars, past and present. Has your car been featured yet? Make sure you get the details to Paul Jr. if you want to share your car with us all.



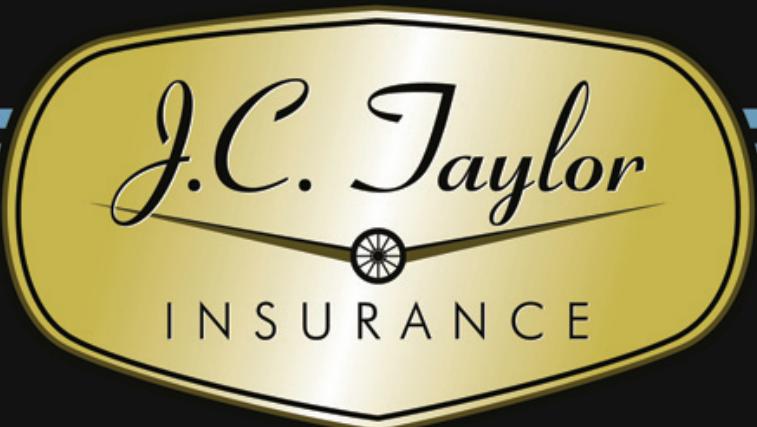
The public got its first glimpse of our next raffle car at the Inaugural New Dorp Lane Car Show. (photo by Paul Jr.)

Upcoming Events

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



- AACA Eastern National Fall Meet, Hershey, PA - October 10-13
- Straub Buick-GMC Car Show, Keyport, NJ - October 20
- Halloween Trunk or Treat, Historic Richmond Town - October 27



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Period Correct Navigation Systems

Paul Arena just installed a period correct navigation system in his 1967 Oldsmobile Cutlass. It is slightly used, and cost him just a couple of dollars. It fits perfectly in the cradle of the car's pull-out ash tray, which wasn't getting any intended use. He found it strolling through the flea market at a recent AACA Fall Meet in Hershey. He reports that there are many of these in fine working order out there from various competing brands. For those of you looking from the comfort of your home, try eBay.



Patriotic Display at County Fair

The Saturday lineup of our members' cars took a patriotic turn at the Richmond County Fair, with a red, white and blue display of 1960's cars. From right to left, Jeff Tucker's 1967 Ford Galaxie, Frank Provenzano's 1965 Buick Riviera and Bob Columbia's 1968 Ford Mustang. Perhaps Paul Arena's gold Olds is the color of the eagle that adorns the top of the flag pole that proudly flies these colors. Note that the club was back inside on the village roads this year.



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