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• **Looking Back at Our Cruise Nites**





This Christmas - make their dreams come true

A car of their own—to drive to school... to parties... to dances... to shows!

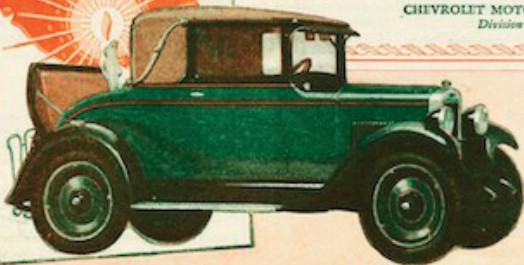
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Vintage Advertising

This 1927 Christmas ad for Chevrolet and its 6% Purchase Certificate promotes not only the ownership of a fine quality automobile, but the invaluable lessons of thrift and responsibility. In less than two years, the stock market would crash. Perhaps those who took up Chevrolet on this offer were able to weather the Depression by learning such lessons.

The 1928 Chevrolet line was known as the National, or Model AB. Chevy made a total of 1,193,212 vehicles that year. They were powered by OHV inline fours that made 35 horsepower. All models featured mechanical brakes on all four wheels.

In This Issue

Phil Boffa thanks someone who makes a difference.

#pumpkincorvette

Remember to pay your AACA dues.

If we could turn back time...

Stepping outside the SIRAACA Garage.

A look back at our weekly cruise nites.

Trivia Question: When the Plymouth brand was removed from the Dodge dealer network for 1960, what low-priced, downsized Dodge was introduced to fill the void?

Answer: The Dodge Dart. The name won out over another that research had suggested - the Zipp.

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Minutes of the 522nd Meeting

November 6, 2018

1. The 522nd meeting of the Staten Island Region AACA was called to order at 7:35 by President Paul Jr.. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and offered a moment of silence before the minutes of the 521st meeting were accepted as read.
2. The car show at Straub Buick GMC was canceled outright this year and will return next spring.
3. Members who attended the AACA Fall Meet in Hershey recapped their trips. Congratulations to Kevin Keenan for winning with his Buick Riviera, and to Bob Ferone and Jon Schulman for participating in the judging.
4. Raffle tickets are now printed for the 2019 raffle car. The car took in \$105 at a rainy Pumpkin Fest at Delicious Orchards and \$95 at the Halloween event at Richmond Town. Members are encouraged to sell tickets throughout the winter and can get books at the upcoming meetings.
5. The Holiday Party is set for Sunday, December 16, from 3:00-7:00 at The RoadHouse Restaurant on Clove Road. Members are encouraged to bring new, unwrapped toys to be part of our donation to the Richard Gardner Memorial Toy Drive.
6. The club made an additional donation of \$250 to the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals as a show of thanks to Miss Staten Island for helping us out at the fall show. The donation put her over her stated fundraising goal.
7. An inventory of needed club supplies was discussed.
8. The January meeting will be held on the month's second Tuesday, January 8th. There is no December meeting.
9. Phil Boffa's treasury report shows all is in order.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55. The 50/50 collected \$38, with Frank Provenzano Jr. winning \$19. Paul Arena won a \$25 Thanksgiving gift card.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony DiAngelo, Secretary

Saying Thanks

"Thanksgiving is in our rearview mirror now, just a small road bump on the speedway to Christmas. That doesn't mean we can't continually say thanks to those who help us throughout the year. For the last few car shows while I waited on line at the Commons Cafe to order my food, I have watched Christine take orders, manage the staff and deal with some difficult customers, all with a smile. I spoke with her at the end of our fall show to pay our bill and say thank you. As tired as she was, she spent time sharing with me her day's story. When I left the cafe, people came up to me sharing their good experiences with her and the Cafe staff. If you never had the pleasure to meet Christine, take a ride down to the Commons Cafe and say hello. She is another person that makes our car show a success." - story and pic submitted by Phil Boffa.



Club Cars Join in Halloween Fun At Richmond Town

Historic Richmond Town celebrated Halloween on Sunday, October 29 with trick or treating, games, food and fall festivities. Our club was invited to display cars and bring along next year's raffle car. Since the event was postponed from the rainy day before, our turnout was not as large as we hoped. Nonetheless, we had three cars on hand that afternoon to accompany the raffle car. The main attraction was Bob Ferones's 1976 Corvette. A perfect shade of pumpkin orange, it was transformed into a giant jack-o'-lantern and served as a popular photo op for the costumed guests. A closer look inside Paul Arena's 1967 Cutlass revealed a spooky passenger, perhaps the car's original owner? Jeff Tucker's bloody red Galaxie rounded out the display. The raffle car took in \$95.



Please Renew Your AACA Dues Before December 31

Unless you are a lifetime AACA Member, it's time once again to renew your national dues. The latest edition of the AACA magazine included a mail-in option. You can also do it online via credit card on the AACA website. In addition, Jon Schulman will begin collecting local dues for next year, which remain at \$20.

From the President

It's time to say, "Happy Holidays!" with Hanukkah kicking off in early December and Christmas wrapping up the month. Our club will celebrate in the middle with our Holiday Party on December 16. Details are in the box below. Hope to see all of you there to toast the end of another great year.

Don't forget that we already have a raffle car for next year and the tickets are ready to sell. The car's safely tucked away in a friendly garage, but could make a winter appearance if the time and place are right. Keep that in mind and make a suggestion.

Lastly, some 2019 dates are filling in, and we will be looking to confirm our show dates in January. We're hearing that Spring Englishtown is set for April 12-14. The New Dorp High School Show is booked for June 9, with a rain date of June 21- We will target April 28 for our Dust-Off.
- Paul Jr.

Holiday Party

As a thank you to all of our active members, the club is once again hosting its annual Holiday Party on Sunday, December 16 at The RoadHouse, located at 1400 Clove Road. The party, which will be upstairs, will run from 3:00 until 7:00 PM. Remember to bring a new, unwrapped toy to join in our donation to The Richard Gardner Memorial Toy Drive. If any member has yet to RSVP, please let Tony DiAngelo or Paul Jr. know.

- NEXT MEETING - January 8

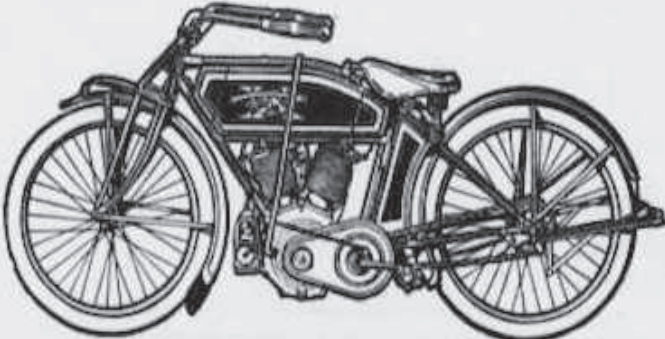
No meeting in December because of our holiday party. Our January meeting will be held a week later than usual, on Tuesday, January 8 at 7:00 PM at the Courthouse at Richmond Town. As usual, each member is asked to contribute \$3.00 for coffee & donuts.

Time Travel Daydream

Let's hop into Doc Brown's DeLorean Time Machine and zap ourselves back to June 1, 1917. Set the destination to 156 Campbell Avenue near Henderson Avenue, and knock on the door. It seems as though Mr. William Maxwell of this address has advertised a 1913 Excelsior Twin motorcycle for sale in the Staten Island Advance, just like the one illustrated in the period ad below.. Pay him the \$40 asking price, no questions asked, and hitch it to the DeLorean for the trip back to 2018. We now have a bike that'll fetch upwards of \$100,000 at auction today. Considering that \$40 in 1917 dollars is \$790 after 100 years of inflation adjustments, that's quite a profit. Hey, do we still have fuel in the DeLorean? Looks like Gordon's Garage at 466 Bay Street is selling a 7-passenger Willys Six...

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Outside the SIRAACA Garage

This month we close the doors to the SIRAACA Garage and take a look outside at a unique vehicle representing New York City's past. It's a 1962 Dodge Dart 440 station wagon, restored to appear as Car #918 of the 33rd Battalion in Midwood, Brooklyn. That's the home of Engine Company 276 and Ladder Company 156.

The FDNY has been buying many makes and models of cars for over 100 years. In 1962, they purchased 29 Dodge Dart wagons for Battalion Chiefs and Medical Officers. They were equipped with 318 cubic engine engines mated to 3-speed, push-button Torque-Flite transmissions. Special equipment included a Federal Siren and Beacon, fender-mounted flashing lights, and a large chromed bell on the front bumper.

We are told this car is privately owned. If any of our members know how to contact the owner, please let us know. We would like to invite this car to be displayed at an upcoming car show. We also would like to contact Engine 343 of the Fire Family Transport Foundation and invite them as well.

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 1962 Dodge Dart FDNY wagon was spotted recently on display in Rockefeller Center. (photo by Paul Jr.)

RM Sotheby's Gets Wild

We like to report on auction action from the likes of RM Sotheby's, who dominates high-falutin' events like Pebble Beach and Amelia Island, as well as its more down-to-earth Hershey offering. This month, however, they are going very low-brow with an auction at The Petersen Museum in Los Angeles. But low-brow doesn't mean low prices. Artwork from cool culture icons like Ed "Big Daddy" Roth and Von Dutch are poised to fetch thousands of dollars, and Lloyd Bakan's '32 Deuce Coupe, first seen in Rod & Custom magazine in 1956, is pegged to sell for half-a-million bucks. A 1941 Mercury originally customized as a new car that year is estimated to fetch up to \$350,000. For those on a budget with a nose for celebrity status, perhaps Ginger Rogers' 1975 Dodge Coronet station wagon fits the bill for between \$15,000-\$20,000. On the far opposite side, however, RM returns to its seven-figure sales pitch with a 1955 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Gullwing. Bring a check for \$1.5 million if you want a shot at winning that car's bid. Double that if you want a shot at a 1971 Lamborghini Miura. But wait! There's more! Billed as the auction's Grand Finale, a 1956 Ferrari 290MM by Scaglietti will hope to change hands for \$25 million dollars. The car was raced worldwide by many notable drivers, including Phil Hill and Juan Manuel Fangio. The entire catalogue is online at rmsothebys.com.





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Scenes From Our Weekly Cruise Nites

As we sit at home and watch the sun set at 4:30, bundled up against the forthcoming winter chill, let's take a look back at the wide range of cars that popped up at our weekly cruise nite at Richmond Town.



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