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- **Spring Dust-Off is April 24**

1972 Plymouths

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Since we will honor the Class of '72 with a special award at this year's Dust-Off, we decided to take a look at what Plymouth was building 50 years ago. It's a range of cool and not-so-cool, as the era marked a turn away from muscle cars and a realization that economy compacts might have a place on our roads. As such, you have 'Cuda, RoadRunner and Satellite Sebring coupes sharing showrooms with giant Fury models and tiny Crickets.

1972 production saw a low of 1,893 Satellite Regent 6-Passenger Wagons and a high of 212,311 Duster Sport Coupes (not including Duster "340" models).

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95 is 27. Yes, this 1995 Cadillac in the SIRAACA Garage is 27 years old

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Trivia Question: What historical automotive executive was responsible for choosing the name "Plymouth" for Chrysler's low-priced entry in 1928?

Answer: Joseph Frazer, eventually of Kaiser-Frazer fame. While working at Chrysler, he suggested "Plymouth" as a good American name, leveraging the popularity of Plymouth Binder Twine among farmers.

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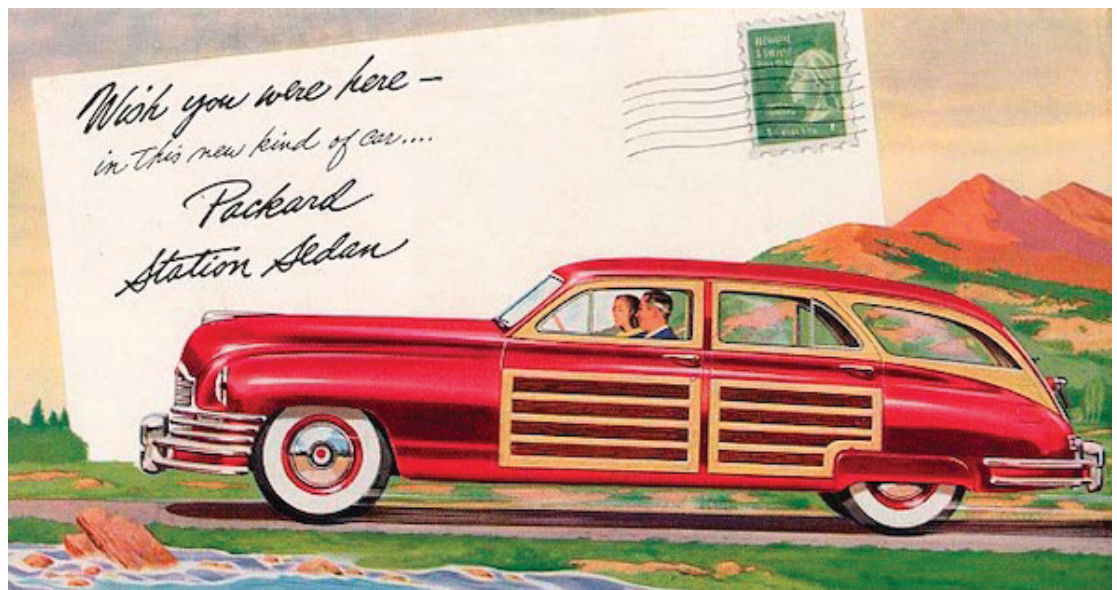


Minutes of the 554th Meeting

March 1, 2022

1. The 554th meeting of The Staten Island Region AACA was called to order at 7:25 on March 1 at Pro Sho Sound. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and offering a moment of silence, the minutes of the 532rd meeting were accepted as read.
2. The raffle car hunt continues with several cars missing the mark and others coming up for consideration.
3. We are confirmed to attend the Hot Rods & Harleys show on May 14. We are helping them judge as well as bringing our raffle car. This will require as many members as possible. We will receive a donation of \$1,000 for our efforts.
4. Artie Guarnieri presented three upcoming events hosted by the NJRAACA, who has invited us along. They include tours of private collections and car displays at senior living facilities.
5. Spring Dust-Off is Sunday, April 24. No significant changes are being made to the format of the event. Final details will be discussed at the April meeting.
6. The New Dorp High School car show returns this year on June 12.
7. We will test out peer judging for cars newer than 15 years old at our fall show. The hope is that more cars in this bracket attend the show.
8. Phil Boffa gave an updated treasury report, showing all in order.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30. The 50/50 collected \$40. Dennis Dell'Angelo won \$20.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony DiAngelo, Secretary



Gone Too Soon

Great sadness befalls our club again with the loss of Frank Provenzano, Jr., who passed away on March 30 at the age of 58. Despite being a member for just a few years, Frank was a club ally for many more. His deep involvement in countless events across Staten Island and beyond brought together live music and the old car, hot rod and motorcycle hobbies. He recognized what energized people in support of charitable causes, and no one worked harder than he did to put on events that entertained and raised money. Bikers for Bini, Back to the Beach, and the Richmond County Fair were some of the events we collaborated on thanks to Frank's involvement. His infinitely generous heart drove him to give so much of his time and energy to all, and the entire community will feel this loss. We send out our condolences to his parents Frank and Mary and his love Allyson. In his memory, the club will make a donation to The Bini Fund. Other donations in his name can be made to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

Upcoming Bus Trip to Cape May, NJ

The North Shore Antique Automobile Club in New Jersey has planned it's annual bus trip and SIRAACA members have been invited along. The trip is scheduled for Monday, May 16. Attendees will gather that morning at Delicious Orchards in Colts Neck for breakfast pastries and an 8:30 departure for the Cape May Airport Aviation Museum. Following a guided tour of more than 25 historic aircraft on site, the trip continues with a stop at The Lobster House overlooking Cape May Harbor for a sit down lunch, with choice of broiled flounder, scallops, chicken francese or lobster salad, plus ice cream. After lunch, there is another stop at the Washington Street Mall, Cape May's picturesque town square. The cost per person is \$90. If you wish to attend and secure a seat on the bus (46 passengers), contact Kevin Keenan (kevinjkeenanaol.com). All attendees should be paid in full by April 26.

Spring Dust-Poster

The Spring Dust-Off poster for 2022 channels the look and feel of famous car movie "Smokey and the Bandit". It's eye-catching design is suited for placement in the local businesses we frequent to help drive attendance to our show (particularly spectators). Please be sure you get them into your favorite deli, dry cleaner, liquor store, supermarket, etc. Copies are still available - contact Paul Jr. or grab some at the upcoming meeting. Thanks again to Dennis Simone for his design work. If you like this one, wait'll you see what Paul and Dennis have planned for the fall poster.

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We figured that the Bandit Trans Am appeals to more folks than Sheriff Buford T. Justice's 1977 Pontiac LeMans, although our police car collectors might disagree.

From the President

Show time! We're less than a month away from our 15th Annual Spring Dust-Off and the kick-off to our 2022 season. We have a raffle car (see article at right), and a calendar filling up with dates to get together in support of our efforts and others. I hope all of us are looking forward to being out among our friends, fellow car nuts, and the cars that we all enjoy. Keep in mind that we've simplified the raffle this year - single tickets are \$5, and \$20 will get you five. We are asking each member to sell at least \$60 worth, which should be extremely easy, but don't stop there. Try and catch Mike Gorgia and Tony Ventrice, who sell thousands of dollars worth each year. Friends, family, co-workers, and fellows in other organizations are all good sources of ticket buyers. Use this newsletter cover as a good picture of the car, or the raffle car flyer that we'll provide to all of you as well. In addition, begin thinking about trophy donors for the fall show. We'll target all previous donors to do so again, but need to grow that effort to bring in new donors. Leverage the skills of top trophy getters like Tony DiAngelo or Paul Arena for help. Let's make 2022 a great year. - Paul Jr.

- **NEXT MEETING** - April 12

Our April meeting is rescheduled for Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30 PM, to be held at The Road-House at 1400 Clove Road Food will be served.

2022 Raffle Car is Here

With the months slowly passing and spring approaching, the hunt for our raffle car intensified. Like the tale of Goldilocks, some cars seemed too small, too worn, too expensive, but none were just right. Both Paul Jr. and Mike Signorile then spotted a new listing for a 2005 Mustang convertible that warranted a closer look. Artie Guarnieri and Rocky Pompa joined Mike for a look see, and negotiated a deal to buy the car. It's Performance White with a black top and charcoal interior. It's a 4.0L V6 with 210 horsepower, wrapped in the all new body for 2005 that invoked the original Mustang's style. It rides on machined aluminum rims with chrome spinners. It needed a thorough cleaning and detailing, and a little TLC on the painted front bumper (still to be done).



A total 28,793 V6 convertibles were built that year. Breaking it down further, only 1,512 were painted white with a black top and an automatic transmission, and only 740 of those had charcoal interior. Tickets this year are simplified - each chance is \$5, and \$20 gets you five chances. We've purchased 3000 tickets, so the \$20 option this year is even better odds than \$20 got you last year.



Inside the SIRAACA Garage

We remain inside the SIRAACA Garage as we spot another newcomer within its confines. This is Joe D'Amore's recently acquired 1995 Cadillac DeVille.

Joe always wanted a muscle car, and perhaps someday he'll have one, but he's cutting his teeth on this Caddy, because it was too nice to pass up.

It's powered by Cadillac's 4.9-liter OHV V-8, mounted transversely to put power to the front wheels. It's painted Majestic Amethyst Metallic (say that three times fast) with shell-colored interior.

Cadillac offered an upmarket DeVille Concours as well which featured the Northstar engine and more horsepower (275 vs. 200). Interestingly enough, the Concours does not have a hood ornament like Joe's DeVille, and it's rear wheel opening is not cut out as high.

They used to say that when a Cadillac owner decides to leave Caddy, it's for one of three places: Heaven, Hell or a Lincoln dealer. We think Joe might have another place in mind, where muscle cars run free. Until then, he'll be riding in style in his grand sedan.

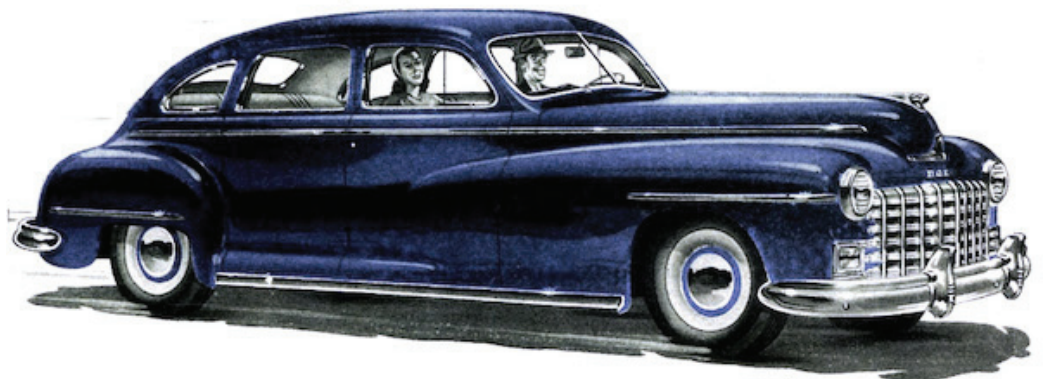
The SIRAACA Garage is home to all of our members' cars, past and present. Has your car been featured yet? Make sure you get the details to Paul Jr. if you want to share your car with us all.



Cadillac's 1995 line up mostly used model names instead of initials and the alphanumeric used today. Along with the DeVille, they offered Fleetwood, Eldorado, and Seville models (although the Seville was called Seville STS). Model year production totaled 200,577 autos. (Photo courtesy of Artie Guarnieri)

Upcoming Events

Load up your car and head out to one of these upcoming events in our area:



- NJRAACA South Jersey Tour, Monroeville, NJ - April 6
- SIRAACA 15th Annual Spring Dust-Off, Commons Cafe - April 24
- 40th Annual Spring Englishtown, Raceway Park, NJ - April 29 - May 1
- NJRAACA 69th Annual Car Show, Denville, NJ - May 1
- Galloping Hill Monday Nite Cruises, Aviation Plaza, Linden NJ - May 9
- 20th Annual Hot Rods & Harleys Car Show, Rahway, NJ - May 14
- AACA Grand Nationals, Virginia Beach, VA - May 19-21
- Main Street Blues & Cruise, Matawan, NJ - May 25



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The SIRAACA Time Machine

All this travel has dirtied our Time Machine, so we made a stop along Bay Street in 1941, 1956 and 1962 for a car wash. This spot was two doors down from Robbins Reef Buick. Here is a 1934 Buick parked outside Larry's in '41 (below).



When we returned in '56 (top right), the car wash also making money hosting billboards. We really like that 1956 Dodge 2-door wagon out front. Our stop in '62 (bottom right) saw ads for new Buicks, and an older Buick out front along with a new Chevrolet. We couldn't tell if anyone was still washing cars in that first garage bay, however.



Anyone recall Cosmo's drive-in at Hylan and Clove, with kiddie rides out back? (pictures courtesy of NYC Dept. of Records and S.I. Historical Society)



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