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NOTE: Pinto, Pinto Runabout have with optional bucket, bright window frames and drop moldings, border grille, raised vinyl wheel cover. Maverick, Sport roof with optional bright window frames and drop moldings.



Sporty little red, white and blue cars at surprisingly attractive prices.

Vintage Advertising

Ford couldn't wait until 1976 for a chance to show off its patriotism. They launched a set of Sprint options in 1972 for Pinto, Maverick and Mustang, featuring a red, white and blue paint scheme and a special USA shield emblem. The reason, however, wasn't to jump start the Bicentennial. Instead, these were timed to coincide with the 1972 Olympics.

9,383 Sprint Mustangs were sold, of which only 50 were convertibles. All 50 were sent to Washington D.C. for the Cherry Blossom Festival Parade, and then sold through local dealers there. 3086 were sportsroof models (fastbacks), the remaining 6247 were coupes. There is a super rare Canadian variant that has a maple leaf shield decal.

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Trivia Question: What car company marketed pun-filled colors like "Thanks Vermillion", "Hulla Blue", "Anti-Establish Mint" and "Freudian Gilt"?

Answer: These color names were used on 1970 Ford products, the same year the Maverick made its debut. Others include "Last Stand Custard" and "Bring 'Em Back Olive".

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Minutes of the 557th Meeting

June 7, 2022

1. The 557th meeting of The Staten Island Region AACA was called to order at 7:20 on June 7 at Pro Sho Sound. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and offering a moment of silence, the minutes of the 556th meeting were accepted as read.
2. The raffle car took in \$1,235 at Hot Rods & Harleys. The club also received a \$1,000 donation by their organizers for our help with judging. Thanks to all who were on hand that day to volunteer with both efforts.
3. The raffle car also appeared at two Linden Cruise Nights for an additional take of \$415. So far, in four events, which include our Dust-Off, the take has been \$3,440. That's a great start to the year.
4. Next up for the raffle car is the Food Truck Festival at Mount Loretto, scheduled for June 10-12. Members were asked to volunteer for various available shifts over the weekend.
5. Artie recapped the club's participation in the Forest Avenue Memorial Day Parade.
6. The New Dorp High School show is scheduled for Sunday June 12 and a few members will be on hand to help organizers select award winners. Let Mike Signorile know if you are interested to help out.
7. The New Dorp Lane show is targeting mid-October and we agree as a club to not commit to any official work efforts at this time.
8. Phil Boffa gave an updated treasury report, showing all in order.
9. Get well wishes were extended to Leah Yarusinsky and Tom LaGuidice.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00. The 50/50 collected \$38. Mike Gorgia won \$19 and generously donated it back to the club.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony DiAngelo, Secretary



Raffle Car at the Mount

Our raffle car spent a recent weekend at Mt. Loretto, coinciding with their three-day food truck festival. The car and our club tent were situated to the right of the stage, and we were continuously promoted by emcee Bob Johnson in between band performances. Members who came out to help enjoyed food options from twenty or so vendors selling everything from lobster rolls and empenadas to pulled pork and ice cream floats. Local bands played live music all day and night, prompting patrons to dance off the calories they loaded up on. Despite a rainy threat to Sunday's schedule, the weather cooperated long enough to allow us to break \$500 that day, bringing our event total to \$1,690.



Anthony Faulisi and his son gave the raffle car a new coat of wax while other members manned our tent. His son was the winner of last year's raffle car. (photo by Paul Jr.)

SIRAACA to Visit Two Great Collections

Our friends at the NJRAACA have put together another great tour for Saturday, July 16. The first stop is Joe Puleo's Cadillac Corral, located in Wall, NJ. Joe's collection highlights the flamboyant '59 Caddy. Visitors will enjoy coffee, bagels and pastries as they check out his cars and their surrounding automotive displays. After a couple of hours, the tour makes a short drive over to Sea Girt to view the car collection of John Shibles, which consists of more than a dozen pre-war classics typically suited for Concours display, such as his 1935 Auburn 851 Supercharged Phaeton seen in the photo below.

Members interested in attending should let Paul Jr. or Artie Guarnieri know before July 13 so that our hosts know how many people to expect. You are encouraged to drive your old car if the weather is favorable, but the tour will happen, rain or shine. Either way, let's car pool where we can. The event begins at 9:00 at Joe's garage, located at 2670 Allaire Road, Wall, NJ.

NJ Chapter BCA Show

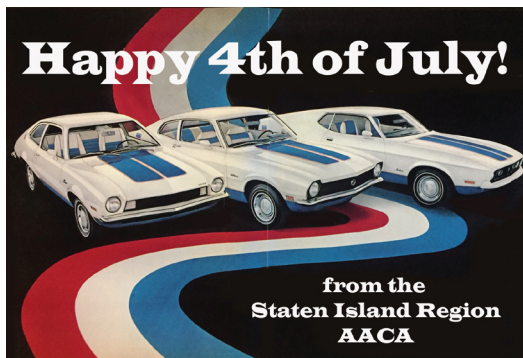
The New Jersey Chapter of the Buick Club of America is rescheduling its annual show to July 16 on the grounds of the Wall Township Municipal Complex at 2700 Allaire Road in Wall, NJ. The show is open to all makes and models, not only Buicks, with eleven judged classes and peer judging for newer cars. Awards include the top three vehicles in each class plus a Best Buick award and Best in Show award. Vehicle admission is \$20, and the show runs from 9:00 until 2:00. The original date of July 9 was postponed due to uncertain weather. Contact Kevin Keenan if you have any questions or want more information, on 908-461-8301 or email him via kkcarcrazy@aol.com.



Auburn's supercharged straight-eight generated 150 horsepower. (photo by Paul Jr.)

From the President

I trust that all of our members found time to celebrate Independence Day over the long 4th of July weekend. Summer is in full swing, and we hope it includes time for all of you to enjoy a vacation, relax, and spend time with your family and your old car. Despite what the calendar says, the days and months will fly by and we'll be getting ready to host another fall show in September. As such, please take advantage of your summer socializing and mention our raffle car or our trophy donation program. I sold \$30 in raffles to a plumber who did some work at my house. My father sold tickets to family and friends at a graduation party. Every little bit helps and all of your efforts are appreciated. For those of you with sold tickets and money collected, please bring them to the next meeting if possible. Stay well! - Paul Jr.



- NEXT MEETING - July 12

Our July meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12 at 6:30 PM, at the Pro Sho Sound building located at 4401 Arthur Kill Road. Thank you as always to Frank Provenzano for his hospitality. Food will be served.

Christmas Toy Drive Car Show July 30

For many years our club and our members have donated toys to the Richard Gardner Memorial Toy Drive. To celebrate Christmas in July and kick-start their efforts for this year, they are partnering with the Most Wanted Motorcycle Club in hosting a toy drive car show. It will be held at 1136 Father Capodanno Boulevard (at Lincoln Avenue) on July 30. It runs from 12 noon until 4:00, and will feature a DJ, food trucks, raffles and trophies. Show car entry is \$20, and each should also bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate. We inquired about bringing our raffle car but they are running some raffles of their own and want to see if they do well. Perhaps those attending can meet up at Gateway earlier that morning and drive over together in an old car convoy to Midland Beach.

An Eye On Future Collectibles

August is auction time in Monterey. Big money changes hands during Pebble Beach week, and RM Auctions usually leads with million dollar Ferraris, etc. They have a pair of cars we're going to watch however, to see where new collectibles are heading. They are a 2012 Shelby GT350 convertible with 34 miles and a 2011 Shelby GT350 coupe with less than 100 miles. The auction runs from August 18-20.

Mecum's Magnificent Marmons

Mecum Auctions truly embodies our hobby's appeal to folks of all kinds and the countless autos they aspire to own. They are going upscale in a big way in time for the high dollar events surrounding Monterey in August with a sale of not one, not two, not three, but four Marmon Sixteens. Only 390 total Sixteens were built, and these four include a 1931 convertible sedan (one of 49 built, one of ten known); a 1932 Victoria coupe (one of 33 built); a 1931 limousine (one of 12 built, one of three known); and a 1931 convertible coupe (one of 43 built, one of five known). These cars can be previewed on Mecum's website under the Greg Dawson Marmon Sixteen Collection) and will cross the block on August 20.



Inside the SIRAACA Garage (Give or Take)

This is a 1921 Kissel 6-45 Speedster, commonly referred to as a Gold Bug. This one was shown at the 2019 Boca Raton Concours, where your editor spent a little vacation time that year. It is reportedly the only '21 still around. These are sought after as much today as when they were new. If you were looking for one, would you consider a peek inside the SIRAACA Garage? Well you should. Fellow member Don Bosco has a 1923 Kissel 6-55 Speedster tucked away there.

Gold Bugs are well known for a pair of "outrigger" passenger seats that pull out to hover above the running boards just ahead of the rear wheels. Grip tight, close your mouth and hold on for life as the driver speeds through the countryside with you dangling outside.

There are just 37 Gold Bugs known today. Kissel expert Ron Hausmann is meticulously documenting his restoration of a '23 6-45 Speedster on the AACA Forums. Look for tons of photos of his progress on the "Our Cars & Restoration Projects" board. He has another thread there showing his recent build of a 1917 Kissel WWI light artillery truck, which is quite remarkable.

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 Kissel Kar Klub knows of 150 or so complete Kissel cars, trucks and funeral vehicles dating from 1908 to 1930, making them rarer than a Deussen Model J. (Photo by Paul Jr.)

Upcoming Events

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



- 112th Annual Travis 4th of July Parade - July 4
- First Wednesday Cruise Night, Woodbridge Olive Garden - July 6
- Coney Island Car Show, W. 12th between Surf and the Boardwalk - July 9
- NJ Chapter Buick Club of America Car Show, Wall, NJ - July 16
- NJRAACA Private Collection Tour, Wall, NJ - July 16
- Christmas in July Auto & Bike Show, Midland Beach - July 30
- 59th Annual Das Awkscht Fest. Macungie, PA - August 5-7
- 65th Annual New Hope Automobile Show, New Hope, PA - August 13-14
- SIRAACA 45th Annual Car Show & Flea Market - September 18
- 45th Annual Fall Englishtown, Raceway Park, NJ - September 23-25



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The SIRAACA Time Machine

Taking a cue from the 1940 telephone directory, we dialed in to visit Dinkel Motors, a Hudson dealer on a since demolished area near Cedar Street with an address of 50 Tompkins Avenue. Passing by in 1941 (top photo), we notice some signs of life, at least in that the garage bay is open. Passing by again in 1950, we see what looks to be an unused location. Note the weeds growing in front of the garage doors by then. Oddly enough, a nice Hudson sign was installed sometime after 1941, with a fate unknown as the 1950's rolled around. This stretch between Broad and Hill was razed to make way for the Stapleton Houses and its adjacent playground when work began in 1959. We couldn't find much about Dinkel other than references to Hudson advertising of dealers in 1935. We're disappointed that our DeLorean Time Machine isn't a pickup truck or box van. We'd love to load it up with plenty of goodies like that sign and who knows what else might have been left behind in that building. In the meantime, try and identify the two cars. One hint - each of them would qualify for a "Best Orphan" at our Spring Dust-Off.



License plates date these photos from 1941 (above) and 1950 (below). Members are asked to identify the cars, with answers provided next month. (from NYC Municipal Archives)



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