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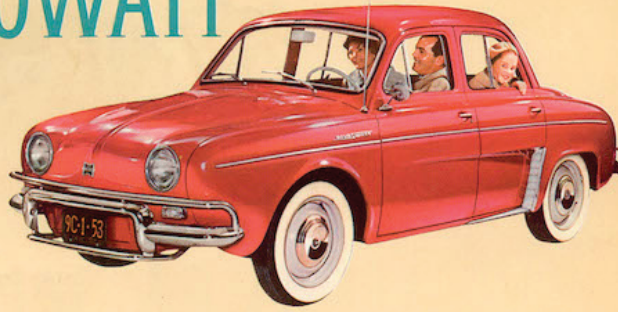


• **Incredible Collections**

Vintage Advertising

Electric vehicles are in vogue again, but are nothing new. Many of us are familiar with electrics from the early 20th century, which competed against gas and steam power for auto dominance. But how many of us know of the mid-century attempt to go electric by Henney? The Kilowatt was introduced in 1959. It ran on 18 two-volt batteries in series, good for 40 miles on a full charge. It shared body panels and some interior components with the Renault Dauphine. Official records state 100 were built in '59-'60, but in truth just 47 functioning complete cars were built, with less than 15 sold to the public. The rest were bought by electric utility companies. There are just four known today.

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The Kilowatt immediately made an important place for itself with public service and utility companies. It has become both sound transportation and striking sales promotion. Meter readers, sales, and home-service people now call on customers in an electric automobile.

Industry quickly recognized the Kilowatt's talent for plant transportation: inside the plant, because it moves quickly, silently, and without exhaust fumes, on the grounds, transferring personnel from building to building, and beyond the plant, picking up mail, for example.

Municipal employees, inspectors, supervisors, service operations have all discovered the Kilowatt is matched perfectly to commercial stop-and-go city driving. Individual operators and fleet owners can maintain the Kilowatt with virtually no parts supply. Due to electric simplicity, it can be serviced faster, easier, and at lower cost.

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BUILT-IN BATTERY CHARGERS—are standard Kilowatt equipment. No special service facilities or electrical equipment is necessary to recharge batteries.

POWER UNLOCKED BY A KEY—the instant the key is turned "on", so is the power. But none is used until you step on the accelerator, because there is no starting, idling, or warm-up.

SIMPLIFIED DASH—Speedometer and mileage counter, two power indicators, and Forward-Reverse switch complete the uncomplicated new Kilowatt dash.

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the key, for electric power needs no "starting." With a single, simple dashboard switch, you select forward or reverse. There are no other buttons or levers to learn. The familiar accelerator pedal then surges the power to the wheels. You simply turn the key, flick the switch, step on the pedal and go.

COMPLETELY UNCOMPLICATED! COMPLETELY UNDEMANDING! COMPLETELY ELECTRIC!



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Did you know? Henney also built Packard ambulances and hearses.

Trivia Question: What is the name of the Dodge emblem used from 1962-1976, which was composed of three arrowhead shapes forming a three-pointed star?

Answer: It's known as a Fratzog, a made-up name by the emblem designers. It's believed that Dodge will use again on a future electric muscle car.

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Minutes of the 558th Meeting

July 12, 2022

1. The 558th meeting of The Staten Island Region AACA was called to order at 7:10 on July 12 at Pro Sho Sound. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and offering a moment of silence, the minutes of the 557th meeting were accepted as read.
2. The raffle car took in \$1,690 at Mt. Loretto's Food Truck Festival. Thanks to all who were on hand that weekend to volunteer their time and help sell tickets. Thanks also to event emcee Bob Johnson for his repeated promos between musical acts.
3. We are not able to bring the raffle car to the upcoming Buick Club show on July 16 in Wall Township nor the Christmas in July Show on July 30 in Midland Beach. We are exploring opportunities to bring it out to the Boro President Free Concert events.
4. On Saturday July 16, members will join the NJRAACA on a trip to see two private collections. First stop is at 9:00 at Joe's Cadillac Corral in Wall, NJ. Second stop is John Shibles' Backdoor Garage in Sea Girt. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Please let Paul or Artie know if you plan to attend.
5. Mike Signorile recapped the New Dorp High School show, which was held on Father's Day.
6. AACA is holding its first ever Car Mania event at their new HQ in Hershey on July 24, from 8:00 to 2:30. The show is free and open to any and all cars. Wayne Carini will be a special guest.
7. Trophy donations have started to come in but many are still out there to be collected. Please return to those businesses that have donated in the past and consider asking new ones as well. Need help? Let us know.
8. Phil Boffa gave an updated treasury report, showing all in order.
9. Artie Guarnieri told the tale of his latest acquisition, a 1986 Mercury Grand Marquis Colony Park. Look for it in a future issue of our newsletter.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06. The 50/50 collected \$42. Don Bosco won \$21.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony DiAngelo, Secretary

SIRAACA Visits New Jersey Private Collections

Following through on an invite by the organizing NJRAACA, several of our members visited two private collections on Saturday, July 16. The first stop was an incredible display of close to forty cars, nearly all of them 1959 Cadillacs. The interior walls of the building were painted to depict scenes of a vintage dealership, and another area was being designed to give a view of the Caddy assembly line. There was a full size recreation of a period Texaco station, complete with two working repair bays. Visitors spent more than two hours admiring the cars and their surroundings, enjoying a complimentary breakfast and the chance to chat with owner Joe Puleo. Aside from iconic Eldorado coupes and convertibles, Joe also had four door Fleetwoods and deVilles, a Series 75 limo, an ambulance and more. Joe's first car, a 1937 Series 70 touring sedan which he bought as an 18 year old, sits in the center of the room. There are also collections of ornate antique cash registers, some pinball machines and jukeboxes and it appears as if he's going to set up some Lionel trains in an upstairs room.

From there, the tour drove over to see John Shibles' "garage", a building housing ten exquisite concours-quality cars ranging from a 1924 Renault Town Car to a 1952 Muntz Jet. Equally impressive were the recreated 1930's storefront facades that formed the back and side walls, each with a connection to his family, his town or his cars. Lunch was served as we mingled among these classics, asking both John and his mechanic about what made them special. That included a one-off custom bodied, supercharged 1938 Bugatti Type 57 by Gangloff, and one of less than ten right-hand drive Auburn Speedsters originally delivered to England. His 1933 Lincoln KB Convertible Sedan, featuring a body by Dietrich, will be heading out to Pebble Beach this August to be part of a special centennial display. As members began to dig deeper into the details of the display, they noticed the custom-printed wall paper that John designed by reproducing original ads from the classic-era, as well as the original blueprints of his Isotta Fraschini Tipo 8. (continued next page)



Unmistakable '59 facing the Texaco station (top). The black Fleetwood has 34,000 miles on it, as does the yellow Sedan deVille (middle). 1928 Mack displayed in contrast to the cars (bottom). (photos by Paul Jr.)



From the President

August already? Hold on, let's not rush to the end of the season just yet. As long as the temperatures remain bearable for the rest of the summer, there are plenty of outlets to enjoy your old car. Each Sunday morning, hundreds of cars gather at Great Kills Beach, including many driven by our members. There are always cruise nights over the bridges in New Jersey (why Staten Island can't keep one going beats me). If you're planning out your fall events, keep in mind that car registration for the AACA Fall Meet at Hershey closes in mid-August. Also note that Hershey week starts a day earlier than usual this year, meaning vendor set up is on Monday, flea market and car corral open on Tuesday, and the show itself wraps up the week on Friday. Looking out even further, we see that the 2023 Eastern Spring Nationals are in Gettysburg from May 18-20.

August also means an accelerated effort to get those trophy donations in hand. They are our biggest expense but traditionally the cost can be covered if we all find businesses willing to participate. Ask us for help if needed. Stay cool! - Paul Jr.

- NEXT MEETING - August 2

Our August meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2 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.

Private Collections (Continued)

Special thanks was offered to John for his hospitality and to Abe Platt of the NJRAACA for coordinating the visits. Abe mentioned that he has a few other special collections on his list to visit, and we look forward to the next invitation.



This car was honored with the Lincoln Award at the 2015 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. It is one of just 15 Dietrich Convertible Sedans produced, may the earliest of the remaining six, and the only one with early-style open front fenders. (photo by Paul Jr.)



NJ Veterans Antique Auto Event

We have been invited to attend a special display of antique cars at the NJ Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park on Sunday, September 11. Arrival is around 12:30 and the display for residents and their families runs from 1:00 to 4:00. The location is 132 Evergreen Road, Edison NJ. Lunch will be served, and three people's choice awards will be presented. Last year, 38 cars attended, and they hope to top that number this year. RSVP to Paul or Artie by September 5.

Inside the SIRAACA Garage

Artie Guarnieri's hunt for a station wagon has led him to acquire this 1986 Mercury Grand Marquis Colony Park, the latest entry into the SIRAACA Garage. It was spotted by a friend of his out for a walk, who snapped a picture of it because she thought it would be neat to show it to Artie. The picture led to a follow-up visit, which led to a note asking about the car. Soon enough, Artie was meeting the owner at his work garage, where he had another Colony Park, a pair of Lincoln Marks, some Mustangs and a Trans Am. A test drive and some negotiating and Artie had himself his wagon.

Mercury's Colony Park wagon debuted in 1957. The sixth and final generation design, like Artie's, came out in 1979 and ran through 1991. 9,891 were built in 1986.

Mercury Grand Marquis Colony Park is a longer name than that of the fictional Wagon Queen Family Truckster made famous in the movie "Vacation". Although they share a family resemblance, the Truckster was based on a 1979 Ford LTD Country Squire. Artie's will get the family to Wally World in similar style.

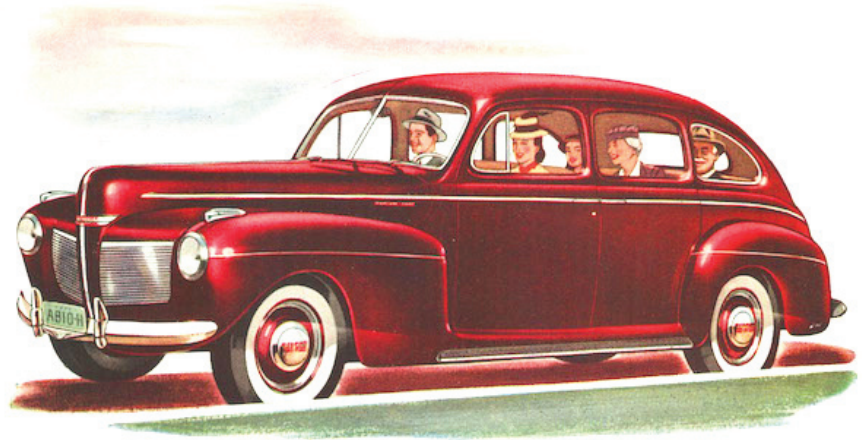
The SIRAACA Garage is home to all of our members' cars, past and present. Has your car been featured yet? Make sure you get the details to Paul Jr. if you want to share your car with us all.



While Artie's '86 has the 5.0 liter fuel injected V-8, there were some that year equipped with the carbureted 5.8 liter (351 ci) V-8. (Photo by Paul Jr.)

Upcoming Events

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



- 59th Annual Das Awkscht Fest. Macungie, PA - August 5-7
- 65th Annual New Hope Automobile Show, New Hope, PA - August 13-14
- NJ Veterans Memorial Home Auto Display, Edison, NJ - September 11
- SIRAACA 45th Annual Car Show & Flea Market - September 18
- 45th Annual Fall Englishtown, Raceway Park, NJ - September 23-25
- AACA Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, PA - October 3-7 (NOTE - Hershey week starts a day earlier than usual, meaning the Car Show is on a Friday)
- 7th Annual Car, Truck and Bike Show, Linden, NJ - October 24





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The SIRAACA Time Machine

This month we take our direction from an Advance ad dated February 12, 1942 and paid a visit to Eveready Automotive Company. Taking into account that 67 Richmond Avenue then is somewhere on Port Richmond Avenue today, we find ourselves near the corner of Church Street, a couple of doors down from Richmond Chandelier, which remains in business today (at the far left, small building in image below).



Eveready's panel truck, seen in both images with its distinct humpback body, is most likely a heavier model 1936 Dodge, perhaps 1.5 ton. We can't be sure if the pickup is theirs too, as there is an iron works business to the right of these views that it could have belonged to. Both images are from tax photos archived in NYC collections.

Last month, the cars we asked you to identify were a 1941 DeSoto and a 1939 Plymouth.

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