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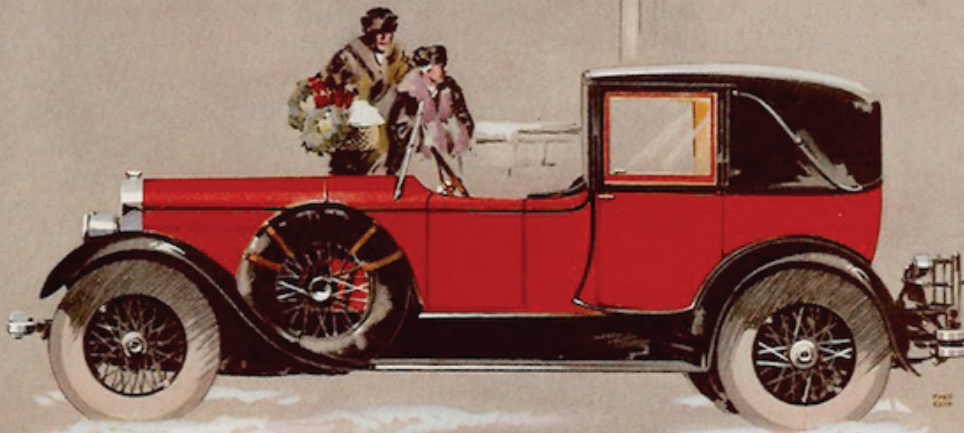


• **Happy New Year!**

LINCOLN

The fully
collapsible
Cabriolet by
Holbrook.

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Vintage Advertising

Welcome 2025 by looking back at this ad from 100 years ago, featuring one of the automobile brands still in production (even if they no longer make cars, only SUVs and crossovers). Lincoln Motor Company was founded in 1917, and acquired by Ford in 1922 for \$8,000,000.

Holbrook was a coachbuilder located on NYC's west side. When Edsel Ford realized that style played a big part of 1920's auto sales, he turned to coachbuilders like Holbrook, Brunn, Willoughby, LeBaron and Dietrich. Holbrook started supplying bodies to Lincoln in 1923. Their most popular style was this collapsible Cabriolet, first shown at the 1925 New York Auto Salon. About forty were built through 1929.

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Another ghost of members' cars past in The SIRAACA Garage

The SIRAACA Time Machine discovers used cars for sale in 1909

Did you know? Henry Leland used a \$10,000,000 government contract to build V-12 Liberty engines as the basis for leaving GM and forming Lincoln in 1917.

Trivia Question: Henry Leland, who founded both Cadillac and Lincoln, got his start in the auto industry by supplying engines for what car company?

Answer: The Olds Motor Vehicle Company, which was founded in 1897.

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Minutes of the 581st Meeting

October 15, 2024 (Reprinted)

1. The 581st meeting of the Staten Island Region AACA was called to order at 7:10 pm on October 15 at The Square on Annadale. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and offering a moment of silence, the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read.
2. The majority of the meeting focused on a recap of our car show and the raffle car. Show related expenses topped \$30,000 this year when factoring in the three charitable donations. This year's raffle car also had the highest total expense, but with our second best ever sales total, we turned our second best ever raffle profit. Thanks to all who helped all year long towards another successful show and raffle.
3. All agreed that the Staten Island Advance's coverage of the show was great and well-deserved. Perhaps this kicks off another run of favorable exposure via our local newspaper.
4. Members discussed areas of improvement, and brainstormed ideas to address the new property entrances that offer attendees a way to skirt our admission.
5. Exit signs can help with egress and we should consider ways to prevent speeding on the way out, perhaps with a slalom of cones. It was also noted that we need more bulldog clips to hold garbage bags in place.
6. Members recapped the Clove Lakes display, where we received a donation of \$60 as a thank you. We also discussed the New Dorp Lane show, where some members pitched in to help.
7. Tales from this year's AACA meet in Hershey were shared as well, including some funny hotel hijinks.
8. The upcoming Trunk or Treat event with Lifetsyles is scheduled for October 26. Check in with Artie Guarnieri for details.
9. The Holiday Party returns to La Strada on December 15.
10. Phil gave a treasury report with details on the show's balance sheet, with all in order.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40. The 50/50 collected \$52. Matt Safford won \$26.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony DiAngelo, Secretary

Ready For a Rockies Rally?

Fellow member Pat Colabella has brought to our attention a Road & Track Experience set for June 4-7. Known as the 2025 Colorado Climb, it will be a four day event driving through the mountains of Vail and Colorado Springs and includes the fabled climb of Pikes Peak. Pat is a two-time Cannonball Run participant, and he plans to take on this rally in his newly acquired 1991 Audi. He's interested in having others from the club join in. The event details can be found at www.experiences.roadandtrack.com. Contact Pat if you're up for joining in the fun.

Advance's Model T in the News



Auto Mania at Allentown

For those of you hankering for some hobby action during our traditional "off-season", consider heading out to Allentown this month for Carlisle's annual Auto Mania. The event is Pennsylvania's largest indoor heated automotive flea market. It's being held from January 17-19 at the Agri-Plex Expo Center as follows: Friday, Noon-9PM, Saturday, 9AM-6PM, and Sunday, 9AM-3PM.

Did You Renew?

We hope that all of you remembered to renew your AACA national membership before the end of 2024. Doing so guarantees that your delivery of the national magazine continues uninterrupted, but it's ok if you forgot and are renewing now. As a reminder, we'll be collecting our local dues beginning at our February meeting, as we are keeping the pause button pressed on our monthly meeting this month.

Fellow member Don Bosco, who has helped the Staten Island Advance keep it's 1912 Ford Model T delivery truck in good mechanical condition, has passed the baton to Greg Krepa, a woodworker based in St. George. Greg, who owns Euro Artistic Woodcraft, is going to tackle some additional restoration, which makes sense since the majority of the truck is wood. What's surprising is that the article reveals that Greg owns 18 vintage cars himself (he still has a way to go to catch up to Don). It notes that some cars in his collection include a 1926 Hupmobile, a 1928 Hudson and a 1927 Dodge. Not only do we hope that Greg comes out to one of our shows with his cars and join our club, but that the work on the Advance's Model T truck means that it too will be out in public more in collaboration with our club. In the meantime, perhaps Don can broker a visit to Greg's shop for an up close look at his craftsmanship and a peak at some of his cars. That could make for a nice day out, don't you think?

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From the President

It was great having so many of you at our annual holiday party, and I hope you enjoyed the few hours we spent together to celebrate another year in the books among the friends we've made via our club. Thanks to Tony DiAngelo for coordinating the event, and to all of you for your toy donations. As you heard from the folks behind the Richard Gardner Memorial Toy Drive, this is their 30th year and it's time for them to pass the reigns over to another group of folks to keep the efforts going.

Spring Dust Off planning begins with the turn of the new year. We'll confirm the dates in the coming weeks, targeting April 27 and a rain date of May 4. Looking further out, we'll target September 14 for the fall show, with a rain date the following Sunday. In spring, we'll celebrate the Class of 1975 as well as the 100th Anniversary of Chrysler's founding. Hard to believe that all they make under that brand are the Pacifica and Voyager minivans. I'm hoping we see some real Chryslers (pre-Daimler) at the show.
- Paul Jr.



- NEXT MEETING - February 4

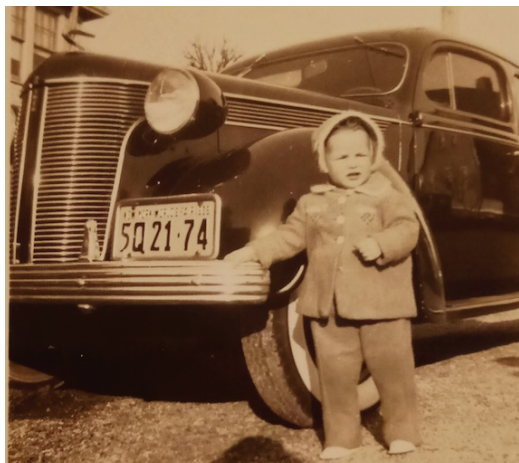
Our next monthly meeting is on Tuesday, February 4. Odds are we are returning to The Square on Annadale, and we will confirm that with all before that date.

Start time is typically around 7:00 PM.

The club will provide pizza and soda, and members can purchase additional or alternate items on their own.

Last Month's Mystery Car

The December issue featured this photo (below left) given to us by Bruce Campbell. We asked you to identify the car. How many of you correctly guessed it was a 1937 DeSoto?



A mirror image match showing the distinct features of a 1937 DeSoto



Inside the SIRAACA Garage

The ghosts of cars once owned by our members can be found within the walls of the SIRAACA Garage, and we just spotted this one. This was Tony DiAngelo's 1967 Chevrolet Nova SS. Tony owned this car during the 1980's, as evidenced by the second photo, which was taken during the Verrazano Bridge's 25th Anniversary parade across the span in 1989. Notice by then he'd removed the skirts seen in the top photo (a change your editor approves of).

Tony's was equipped with a six-cylinder, making it a fairly rare car. Per *Old Cars Weekly*, only 1,856 Nova SS models featured the six in 1967. Tony recalls using it as a daily driver back and forth to work in New Jersey, getting better gas mileage than his Road Runner's thirsty V-8 ever would.

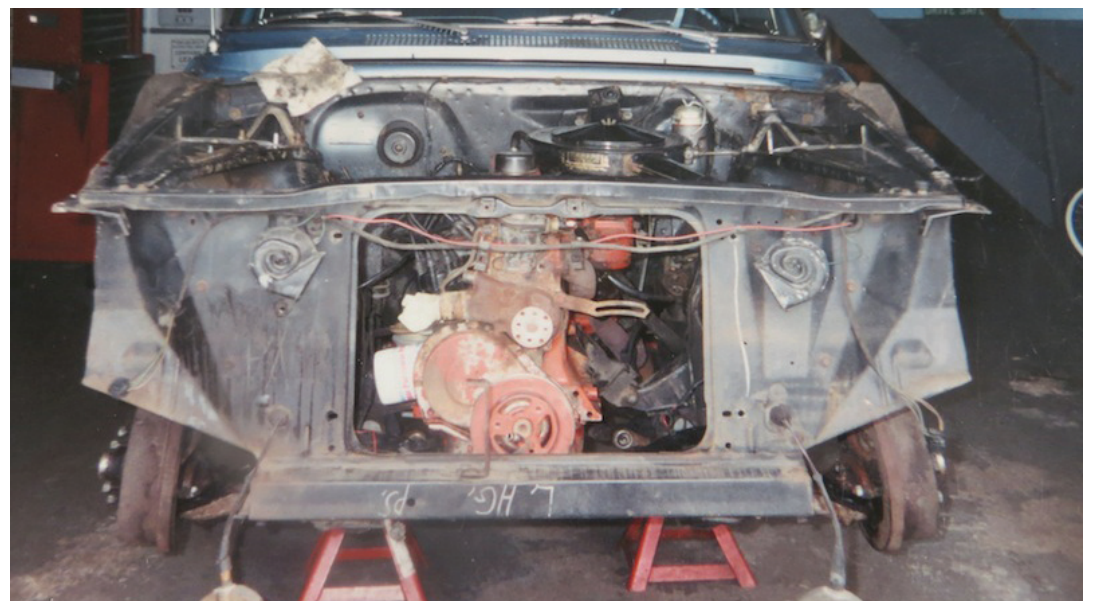
The old photos differ in color exposure, so we're not sure (nor is Tony) if his car was painted Grenada Gold or Sierra Fawn. Either way, it had a black interior.

This is not the only Nova ghost within the walls of our garage. Next month we'll report on another one, with a sneak peek seen at the photo at the bottom right.

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 skirts on this car seem out of place, especially in how they disrupt the flow of the lower body moulding. (photos courtesy of Tony DiAngelo)





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The SIRAACA Time Machine

An early player on the automobile scene on Staten Island was Interborough Garage on the corner of Elm and the Terrace. This ad from 1909 advertises a pair of used cars for sale. Bargain No. 1 is a 1909 REO, which originally sold for \$1,275 and was not yet a full year old. Offered at \$800, and it came with extra "shoes" (tires). More interesting is bargain No. 2, a 1907 Grout 7-passenger touring, which originally cost \$3,000 and could be had for \$650. We cannot find any record of Grout making a long wheelbase 7-passenger touring that year, so the year could be wrong or the car was super-rare. Grout started as a steam car, turning to gasoline in 1907. The Time Machine made a pass by the building in 1940, but it was empty or unmarked at the time. Here's what those cars looked like:

Second-Hand Cars

WE have a register for parties desiring to sell their cars and will be pleased to enter your car if requested to do so. Opportunities will present from now on for people to buy good second hand cars. At present we have two that we could recommend highly. Last week we sold the Haynes that we have been advertising and the purchaser is well satisfied with the bargain he secured.

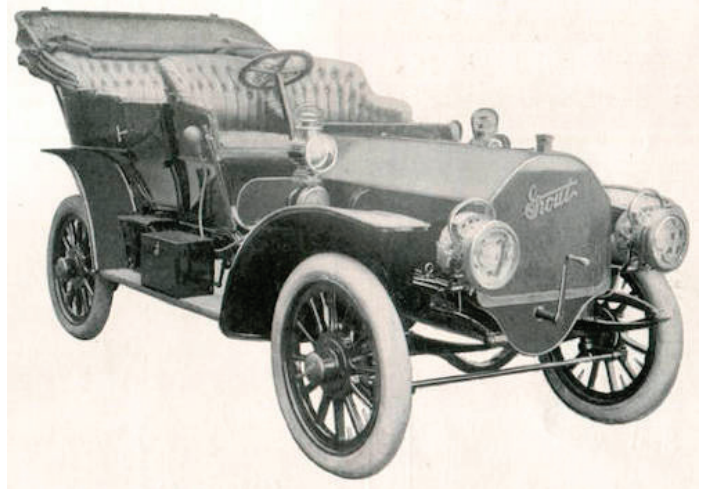
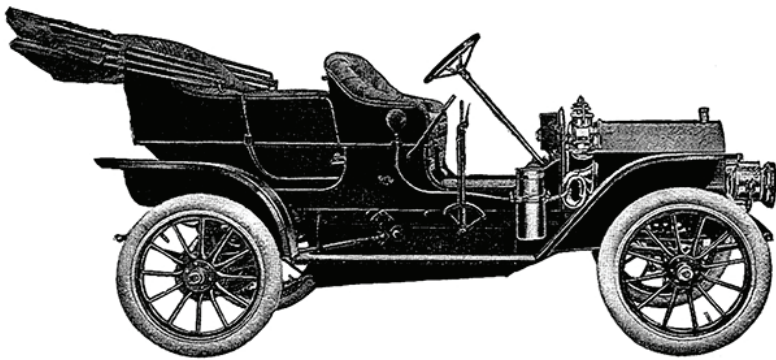
BARGAIN No. 1—REO 5-passenger Touring Car—1909 model—in absolutely first-class condition. We sold this car to owner last June and he paid us \$1,275 for car and equipment complete. The paint looks as good as when car was first received, fully equipped with speedometer, shoe holder, extra shoes, and tubes. For a quick sale price will be, . . . **\$800**

BARGAIN No. 2—GROUT—1907 model—7-passenger car; long wheel-base, shoes good and car in excellent condition. A fine renting car or for family use. Originally cost \$3,000. Our price is . . . **\$650**

Come in and look them over, or ask for a demonstration.

Interborough Garage

Elm Court and Terrace, West New Brighton, S. I.



REO (above) and Grout (right)

This monthly feature began in 2020 as temporary filler for missing content due to government lockdowns in response to Covid. It's turned into a regular feature still going strong as we head into 2025 and we hope that you are enjoying these trips back in time. Feel free to send in your comments, requests or additional information.

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