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# Ragtops & Rumbleseats

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• ***Plenty of Events to Enjoy in June***





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## Vintage Advertising

A mid-century modern view of a dad and his family helps us celebrate Fathers Day this month featuring a 1956 Dodge. Or is it a 1956 Plymouth wearing a Dodge front end? Actually it is, as this is a 1956 Dodge Mayfair, a Canadian model that continued Chrysler's approach to that market with cars featuring Plymouth bodies and Dodge front ends. The Mayfair came in a two door Club Sedan, this four door sedan, a two door hardtop and a convertible. All Mayfairs were equipped with Dodge's Hy-Fire V-8. They were built from 1953 through 1959.

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Hot Rods & Harleys nets us close to \$2500

A busy June for the raffle car, including a stop at the New Dorp High School Car Show

A former president, a former Miss Staten Island, and a former President's Cup Award winner in The SIRAACA Archive

The SIRAACA Time Machine fuels up with some Power-X on Atlantic Avenue

Did you know? Along with the Mayfair, the 1956 Canadian Dodge lineup included the Regent, the Crusader and Suburban station wagons.

*Trivia Question: GM offered certain makes of cars built in Canada primarily for sale in Canada. What was the brand offered from 1962 through 1971, sold thru Pontiac-Buick dealers?*

*Answer: Acadian. This introduced a compact car to sell since the Tempest wasn't available in Canada. It started as a retrimmed Chevy II with Pontiac styling.*



# Minutes of the 585th Meeting

## May 6, 2025

1. The 585th meeting of the Staten Island Region AACA was called to order at 7:12 pm on May 6 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. We recapped the recent Dust-Off. The chilly, windy day kept some revenue numbers down, yet we still had 241 vehicles on the show field. There were some areas discussed for possible improvements at future shows, but for the most part this was yet another successful effort.
3. The raffle car took in \$1,370 at the Dust-Off. That is almost the same amount we took in two years ago during the rain-delayed spring show. Next up is Hot Rods & Harleys.
4. The Hot Rods & Harleys show in Rahway is May 10. A sign-up sheet was circulated for volunteers to help sell raffles and judge at the show. Attendees will meet on Drumgoole Road near Maguire Avenue for the ride out to the Rahway Elks, which is our staging point.
5. It was decided that in an effort to be different, we will hand out ribbon awards instead of trophies at the cruise being held in conjunction with the food truck festival.
6. The New Dorp High School car show is being held on June 1. The raffle car will be on hand and we welcome members to join in to help sell, show your car, or help judge.
7. A new cruise night has appeared on Wednesday nights at Paradise Island on Ellis Street.
8. Our raffle car ad appeared in full color within the Verrazano Rotary Gala journal in return for our donation.
9. Dennis Dell'Angelo made a motion for the club to purchase a proper American flag and stand for our meetings. The motion was passed.
10. We will reconnect with The Esplanade on Richmond avenue to further discuss their interest in a cruise in for their residents.
11. Phil gave a treasury report with all in order.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30. The 50/50 collected \$44. Mike Signorile won \$43.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tony DiAngelo, Secretary



## Up Next for the Raffle Car

June remains our busiest month for events where our raffle car appears, and this year we are adding two new ones to the calendar. First up, it will be at the New Dorp High School show on June 1. It has now also been invited to attend the first ever West Brighton Fathers Day Cars & Coffee on June 16 at The Staaten. This event has been organized by Ben Corpus, youngest son of former member Doc Corpus. After that, it's a trip on June 22 to All American Ford in Old Bridge, NJ for the Fourth Annual Ford & Muscle Car Show hosted by Wild Stallions Mustang Club. We close out the month with the Food Truck Festival at the Mount on June 27, 28, and 29. Keep in mind our "food cruise" is set for that Saturday and Sunday and we'll need volunteers to help park cars, pick out some winners and sell raffles.

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Details and sign up sheets will be reviewed at the June meeting, and we hope to see many of you joining us for some fun and to ensure that we do well with these opportunities.

## SIRAACA Helps Hot Rods & Harleys

Despite gusting winds all day long, sunny skies drew more than 600 cars to the center of Rahway, NJ for its annual Hot Rods & Harleys event. SIRAACA was on hand in force to sell raffles on our 2007 Mustang as well as judge 36 classes of cars ranging from a 1908 Stanley Steamer (photo below) to brand new Corvettes. Attendees enjoyed live music across multiple stages throughout town, and countless options for food from local restaurants and food trucks. The organizers of the event donated \$1000 to our club in return for the help in judging, and the raffle car took in \$1,465 that day. Thanks to all who pitched in across all fronts.



Two vehicles that stood out among the hundreds of restomods were this 1908 Stanley Steamer (above) and beautifully restored 1978 Ford F-350 tow truck (below). (photos by Paul Jr.)





## From the President

Thanks to all of you who have jumped in with efforts to sell raffles individually and at our recent events. Here are some figures as to where we stand this year. After three appearances, including our Dust-Off, Hot Rods & Harleys and New Dorp High, we have \$3,285 banked. That is \$835 off of last year at the same point, with weather being the key factor for the difference. On the member front, we've had \$2,575 turned in thus far. Members sold \$7,545 in total last year, so that's a great start. In terms of upcoming benchmarks, our last two food truck festivals took in \$2,425 and \$2,490. Let's hope for great weather and top \$2,500 this time around. On another note, thanks to Bobby Lombardi and Danny Venuto for donating a special award in memory of my father at the New Dorp High School show. It was presented to an outstanding vehicle from the 1960's, and I was asked to choose the winner. I was torn between a pair of Mustangs, and opted to award a 1967 coupe that was restored to a very high level of quality and accuracy, just like dad would have wanted it. - Paul Jr.

### Award of Excellence 2024



## - NEXT MEETING - June 3

Our next monthly meeting is on Tuesday, June 3. 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.

## New Dorp High School Show

SIRAACA members were out in support of the New Dorp High School Show to benefit the Centrals football team. Along with manning our tent and selling raffles, they helped select several special award winners and the Top 50 trophies. Close to 200 vehicles surrounded the school, along with many vendors and food offerings. The raffle car took in \$450.



Top photo, left to right, Mike Signorile, Artie Guarnieri, Bruce Campbell, Mike Gorgia, Frank Provenzano, Chris Campanelli and Paul Arena. (photo courtesy of NDHS Car Show).

At right, a 1981 Toyota Corolla SR-5, one of the more unique entries among the vehicles that attended the 10th Annual New Dorp High School car show on June 1. It was selected as one of the Top 50 Award winners by a team of SIRAACA judges (photo by Paul Jr.)





## From the SIRAACA Archive

Here's one of the many times our events were reported on within the AACA's national magazine, recently found within a collection in the SIRAACA Archive.

The accompanying paragraph reads: "Miss Staten Island and SIRAACA President Phil Boffa present the President's Cup to J. Gross for his 1961 Imperial. Approximately 325 vehicles and 50 flea market vendors participated in the 19th Annual SIRAACA show at the former Sunnyside campus of the College of Staten Island on October 1, 1995. Plaque awards were presented for 1st through 3rd place in 19 classes. The first 200 cars received dash plaques featuring SIRAACA member Louis Costanzo's 1913 Oakland."

These photos and write ups were typically submitted by former member Victor Losquadro. Our research notes that Miss Staten Island 1995 was Jennifer Hicks, so we assume this is her. Do any of our members know Jennifer or J. Gross? Please share additional information if you do.

The SIRAACA Archive is a treasure trove of old photos, articles and artifacts that represent our club's history dating back to our founding in 1974. These are not centrally collected, but in the hands of the many members past and present. If you have something from the past that you'd like to share here, let us know.



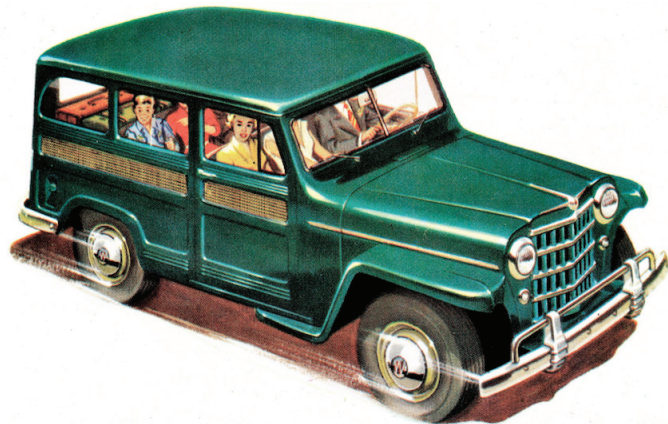
### AACA Staten Island Region 19th Annual Show



*A recent discovery of Antique Automobile magazines from the 1990's revealed plenty of regional coverage of SIRAACA events. We will revisit many of them in the coming months here in the SIRAACA Archive. (Photo by Victor Losquadro)*

## Upcoming Events

Grab your friends and family, load up your car, and head out to enjoy one of these upcoming events.



- 10th Annual New Dorp High School Car Show - June 1
- West Brighton Fathers Day Cars & Coffee, The Staaten - June 15
- 4th Annual Ford & Muscle Car Show, All American Ford, Old Bridge - June 22
- Food Truck Festival at the Mount, Mt. Loretto - June 27-29 (car show cruise on Saturday and Sunday)





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## The SIRAACA Time Machine

The SIRAACA Time Machine came across another address lost to time, 348 Atlantic Avenue. The property today is enveloped by the Mazda dealership on Hylan Boulevard. In 1940, however, it was home to this seemingly old and unnamed auto repair shop. We are a big fan of the hand-painted motto “One Quality: The Highest. One Price: The Lowest”. Other neat things we notice about this shop is the large sliding barn door that opens into the work area, the Kelly Springfield Tires sign (likely worth a good dollar today), and the obvious Power-X Gasoline ad painted across the building’s side. Power-X was the premium high-octane fuel produced by Sinclair Oil. That name was in use through 1961, at which time it was changed to Dino Supreme.



(Photo courtesy of NYC Municipal Archives)

Along with the shop, we’re obviously interested in the banged up sedan parked alongside the building. We ask our readers to take a stab at identifying this car. Certain features that can help them include the distinct louvers in the side of the hood and the embossed “speed lines” seen in the front fender trailing the wheel opening. One additional hint - this car would qualify for an Orphan Award at our Spring Dust-Off.



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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