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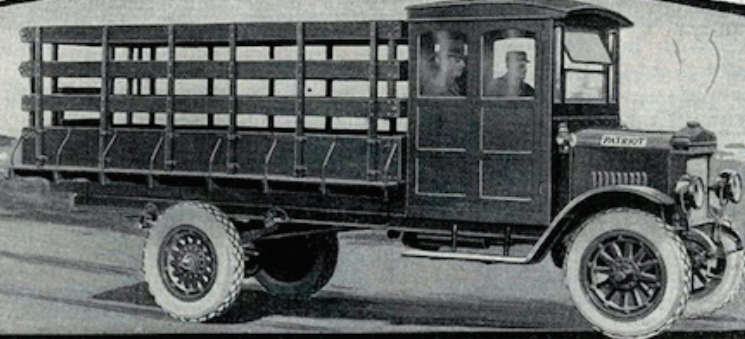
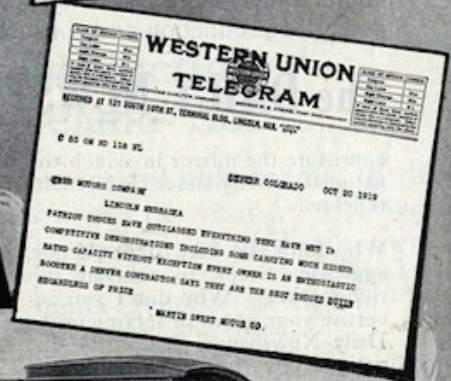
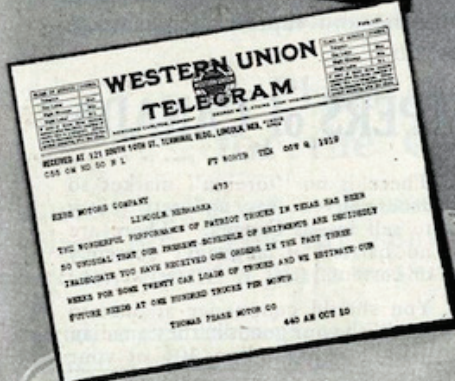
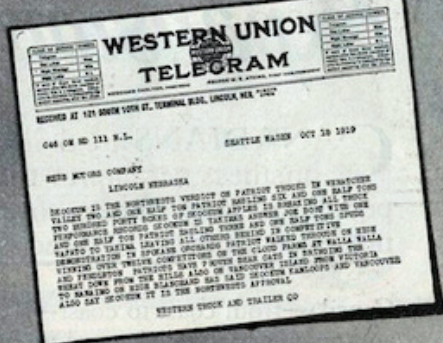
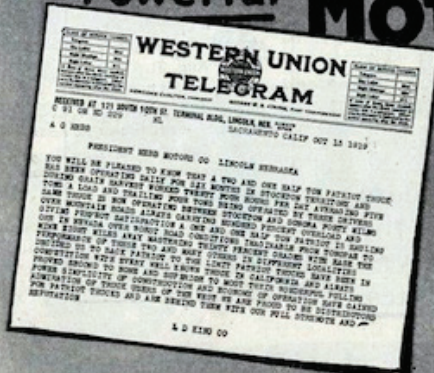


• **Happy Independence Day!**



# PATRIOT

## Powerful Motor Trucks



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1405 P Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

REVERE MODEL  
1500 to 2500 lbs.

LINCOLN MODEL  
3000 to 5000 lbs.

WASHINGTON MODEL  
5000 to 7500 lbs.

## Vintage Advertising

We celebrate Independence Day with this 1919 ad for Patriot Motor Trucks. These were built by Hebb Motors, first formed in 1913 as the A.G. Hebb Auto Co. as a builder of delivery bodies for other trucks. They began building Patriot trucks in 1918.

With models such as the Revere, the Lincoln and the Washington, Hebb was leaning heavily into the American patriot theme.

Through a series of reorganizations, they changed the name of their truck to Woods beginning in 1927. Bodies for other trucks were built as Patriot until 1948.

## In This Issue

SIRAACA runs its first car event at "The Mount"

A special cruise nite at The Esplanade on July 10

There's a new cat lurking in The SIRAACA Garage

The SIRAACA Time Machine makes two passes to a well known auto parts store that's since disappeared.

Did you know? A Washington auto was produced between 1921 and 1924. One of its slogans was "The Ideal of a Nation".

Trivia Question: In 1957, what car offered the most powerful V-8 in America since the supercharged Duesenberg SJ?

Answer: The Chrysler 300C featured the twin four barrel FirePower 392 cu. in. Hemi good for 375 hp in standard form, and 390 hp in competition form.

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# Minutes of the 586th Meeting

## June 3, 2025

1. The 586th meeting of the Staten Island Region AACA was called to order at 7:05 pm on June 3 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 club is purchasing an American flag and stand to use for our meetings.
3. The raffle car took in \$1,465 at Hot Rods & Harleys, and we received a \$1,000 donation in return for judging close to 600 cars. Our judges took a no-nonsense approach, passing over cars that failed to follow explicit instructions provided by the show organizers, such as filling out their judging sheets. Thanks to all who volunteered.
4. We also helped judge about 200 cars at the New Dorp High School, and the raffle car took in \$450 that day.
5. Upcoming events include a Fathers Day Cars & Coffee display at The Staaten on June 15 from 9:00 to 12:00 noon, as well a car show at All-American Ford in New Jersey on June 22. We will bring the raffle car to All-American Ford.
6. The Food Truck Festival at Mt. Loretto is June 27, 28, and 29. Volunteers signed up to help with the raffle car all three days as well as the car show we have added for Saturday and Sunday.
7. Mike Gorgia presented an opportunity for the club to donate towards the restoration of a 1987 Caprice NYPD patrol car in honor of fallen policeman Eddie Byrne. The club voted to donate \$1,000 to their cause. The restored car will be then be displayed at the NYPD Academy.
8. Members are encouraged to attend the street naming ceremony for Frank Provenzano Jr. on Tuesday, July 8.
9. Congrats to Bob Columbia for picking up a 1977 Grand Prix.
10. Paul encouraged members to make use of the AACA Forums when seeking help with their cars.
11. Phil was not available to gave a treasury report this month.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17. The 50/50 collected \$70. Bob Ferone won \$35.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tony DiAngelo, Secretary



## Mt. Loretto Food Truck Festival Adds Car Show

This year we returned to Mount Loretto for their annual Food Truck Festival, with the added attraction of a "car show" in place for Saturday and Sunday. Leading up to the event, it was hard to tell what logistical issues would pop up during this new event. Would too many cars show up unannounced and overwhelm us? Would the weather cooperate? We shifted our approach in the final week as the expected number of participants was small, targeting an adjacent play area for the show's new location. Saturday began with the threat of lingering rain from the overnight hours, with approximately two dozen cars coming out. Club members added another nine or so cars to the display, giving the area a sense of fullness. By 3:30, award ribbons were given to ten cars as inaugural award winners. Sunday's turnout was better, with about 35 cars on display, allowing members to show their cars on a grassy area along the spectator walkway, which drew their attention to the other car area. Again, ten ribbons were presented that afternoon. The crowds seemed a little smaller than usual, although many in attendance chose to sit under the giant tent at the far side of the field to escape the blistering sun on Sunday. The raffle car performed well, taking in \$2385 over the weekend, just \$105 less than last year. We hope to gather as much feedback from everyone about this effort, so we encourage members to ask those who they know were there to give us their thoughts, good or bad, as we look to improve and grow next year.



*Above: This 1940 Chevy pickup owned by John Gialorenzo was one of ten inaugural winners on Saturday.*

*Below: A right-hand drive 1998 Toyota Levin, one of Japan's domestic Corolla models. Collectively known as Japanese Domestic Market vehicles ("JDM"), these now have their own judging class at the AACA National Meets, as long as they are 25 years old and unmodified. This one won a ribbon on Sunday for owner Gerald Obermeyer*

*(photos by Paul Jr.)*





## From the President

Once again, a great deal of thanks is due to all of you who helped out and attended the Food Truck Festival at Mount Loretto. The weather was scorching hot, and a shady spot was tough to find. We avoided any calamity and put together a small display of cars each day, serving as a nice, new feature for the festival as well as a test bed for new ideas for the club in the years to come. Let's now turn our attention to some fun for our members. Soon, we will hear from Bob Ferone on a planned excursion that includes a visit to an auto museum and a nice meal together (and whatever shenanigans on the bus trip up and back). We put in a lot of work throughout the year, and we deserve to enjoy some of the spoils.

July also means our fall show is not too far away, and we will have show posters ready as soon as our July meeting. These can help with your efforts to sign up your existing and new trophy donors. We'll remind all who donated last year as a way to try and top our record this year. Most importantly, stay cool! - Paul Jr.



## - NEXT MEETING - July 8

Our next monthly meeting is on Tuesday, July 8. 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.

## Cruise the Esplanade

On Thursday, July 10 beginning at 5:00 pm we will be hosting a cruise nite at The Esplanade Senior Residences at 1415 Richmond Avenue. For those who wonder where that is, it's the old Holiday Inn and/or Staten Island Hotel near the Staten Island Expressway.

**The Staten Island Region AACA invites you**

**CRUISE to the ESPLANADE**  
**July 10, 2025**  
**5:00 PM**



**A special cruise nite for the benefit of the senior residents of The Esplanade**

**The Esplanade Senior Residences**  
**1415 Richmond Avenue**

**All collector vehicles welcome**



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## Inside the SIRAACA Garage

We know of a number of birds that roost in the SIRAACA Garage, like Thunderbirds and Firebirds. They'll need to stay alert, because there is a cat calling the garage home as well. It's Bob Ferone's 1994 Mercury Cougar XR-7.

Bob just acquired this 7th generation Cougar, with a body style that debuted with the 1989 model. The 1994 model features a number of refreshed details, like a new grille, new wrap-around interior design, and free floating side moulding. This year was the first for an optional 4.6L SOHC V-8, yet Bob's is equipped with the standard 3.8L V-6.

A total of 71,026 Cougars were built that year, and although we remember them as a popular car, we hardly see them any more.

1994 Cougars came in a choice of ten colors, and Bob's is painted Vibrant White, with blue interior and matching blue vinyl landau top. At summer's end, Bob will move the Cougar upstate, where it will be free to chase as many birds as it can spot in and around the Finger Lakes.

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.

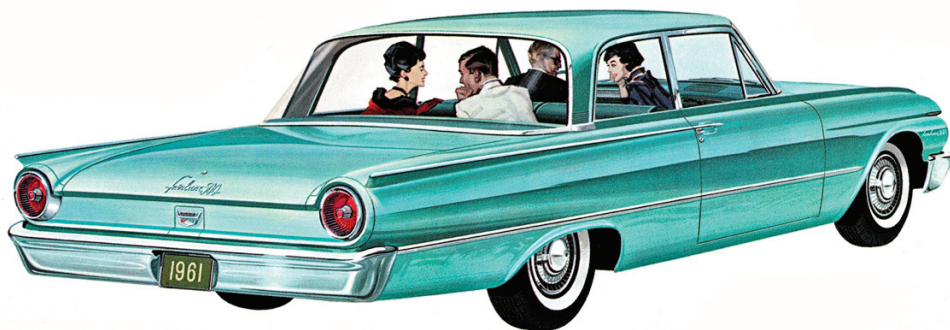


*Mercury produced Cougars for 34 years across eight generations of styling, making it the second-longest lived car for the brand behind the Grand Marquis. The initial 1967 model was a continuation of Mercury's initial submission for the Mustang. (Photo by Bob Ferone)*

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## Upcoming Events

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



- Cruise to The Esplanade, Richmond Avenue - July 10
- AACA Grand Nationals, Dayton, OH - July 24-26
- 62nd Annual Das Awkscht Fescht, Macungie, PA - August 1-3
- Cruise Night at Sunrise Senior Living, New Dorp Lane - August 16
- 48th Annual SIRAACA Fall Show, Commons Cafe - September 14
- AACA Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey PA - October 7-10







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# The SIRAACA Time Machine

Before we fire up the SIRAACA Time Machine to travel somewhere and when in the past this month, how many of you were able to identify the 1933 Pontiac that was spotted in last month's trip? Not too hard, right? Here's another one for you as we head back about 85 years to 145 Arthur Kill Road, then home to Richmond Auto Parts. There are two identifiable cars parked here. The one in the background should be easy. The car in the foreground is still a brand today, even if its name appears on only two vehicles in 2025. Distinct features include the louver doors on the side of the hood, the rear bumper/spare, and the way the running board cover rolls up slightly into the front fender. On our way to the present day, We paused about halfway back time-wise for this alternate view facing Arthur Kill Road. Feel free to identify the pickup truck while you're at it. The site is now where Historic Richmond Town has its storage buildings, across from the United Hebrew Cemetery. A rumored slogan, based on an online discussion about the newer photo, was "If you don't buy auto parts from this side of the road, you may end up on the other side of the road." Who has more details to share?



(Top photo courtesy of NYC Municipal Archives. Bottom photo taken by Doug Hilbert, a machinist at the shop. It was recently posted to the Facebook Group called "Staten Island NY in Days Gone By" )



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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