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• ***Rare, Collectible Blank Variant Cover***



Vintage Advertising

The technicolor dream comes from the 1970 Plymouth brochure, highlighting their "Rapid Transit System". Plymouth was all about performance, and their system was pumping out sleeper Dusters with 340's under their hoods, to giant 440 cu. in. Sport Fury GTs, Hemi 'Cudas, and six-pack Road Runners.

Performance aside, look at the range of colors they were offering - 25 "West Coast" flavors in all. These included the basic Black Velvet and Alpine White as well as screamers such as Lime Light, Frosted Teal Metallic, and Vitamin C.

And check out what they called the 'Cuda hood scoop in the box labeled "E". It's an I.Q.E.C.A.G., short for the Incredible Quivering Exposed Cold Air Grabber. An inspired name, for sure, but by what?

Oh, and will someone please recreate this psychedelic striped 'Cuda? It's too cool to only live in print.

In This Issue

National Awards all around.

It's time to play "what am I?".



Options and Interiors. Performance alone does not a Supercar make.

A. Dust Trails. An extra touch of whimsy for the well-equipped Road Runner.
B. Air Grabber. Available on Road Runner and GTX. Flip a switch, the trap door on the hood opens, and the engine breathes cool, oxygen-charged air. It's good for about a tenth of a second in the quarter. Note the flat-black hood striping, also available on either car.
C. Shifters. On 4-speed cars, our Pistol Grip shift handle allows you to really put the arm to the ol' Hurst. On auto 'Cudas, our Slap Stik shifter lets you shift manually, 1-2-3, without overshooting

"2" range. The result in either case is fewer missed shifts, lower e'ts. Besides, they look tough and the girls dig 'em.
D. Tachometers. No 4-speed car should be without one of our big, readable, dash-mounted tachs. They're handy on automatic cars, too.
E. I.Q.E.C.A.G. Otherwise known as Incredible Quivering Exposed Cold Air Grabber, which is the through-hood induction system that's standard on Hemi 'Cudas, available on 440 6-bbl. 'Cudas. Because it's attached directly to the engine, it shakes and quakes with every lobe of the cam. Rumpa rumpa rumpa

F. Wheels and Wheel Covers.
 1. Fury Road Wheel. Standard on all Sport Fury GTs. 15" x 6".
 2. Wire Wheel Cover. Available on 'Cudas, Road Runners and GTXs with 14" wheels; all Dusters.
 3. Rallye Wheel. Available in 14" x 5 1/2" lstd. on Duster 340l and 15" x 7" on 'Cuda, Road Runner and GTX.
 4. Deluxe Road Wheel. Available in 14" x 5 1/2" on 'Cuda 383 and 440, Road Runner and GTX.
G. Colors. Latest West Coast flavors. See chart at right for availability.

Trivia Question: What famous car, driven by Ray Harroun to the first-ever Indianapolis 500 win in 1911, was just added to the National Historic Vehicle Register?

Answer: The Marmon Wasp.

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Minutes of the 492nd Meeting May 3, 2016

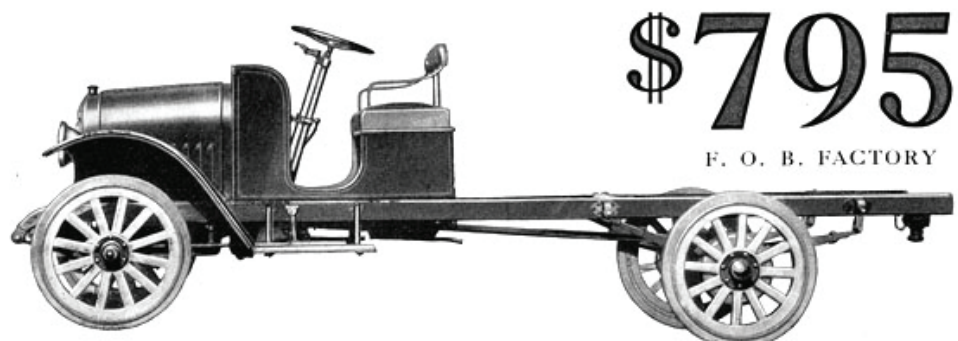
1. The 492nd meeting of the Staten Island Region AACA was called to order by President Paul Jr. at 7:27 pm. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, the minutes of the 491st meeting were accepted as read.
2. The 10th Annual Spring Dust-Off made its debut at the Commons Cafe to great reviews. We had 291 vehicles on the show field and the raffle car took in \$803. Our donation back from the Cafe came to \$622. We agreed that there will be some improvements required to handle the larger fall show, but all in all, this move appears to be the right one.
3. The raffle car appeared all three days at Spring Englishtown and took in \$1,192. Thank you to everyone who donated their time to attend and help sell tickets.
4. The raffle car plans to be at the Straub Buick show in Hazlet on May 7. As usual, members are encouraged to attend.
5. There are a few shows and events not on this year's calendar that were good raffle car events in the past. Please be on the lookout for new ones to make up some of the lost opportunities.
6. The club welcomed new member Mike DiPilato. Good luck to Mike as he heads out to the Spring National Meet for his First Junior Award with his 1967 Firebird.
7. Phil Boffa gave a treasury report, with all in order.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm. The 50/50 collected \$18.00, with Mike Signorile winning \$9.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony DiAngelo, Secretary



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A Trio of National Winners

Three of our members rolled the dice on a rainy drive down to Vineland, New Jersey last month to attend the AACA Spring National Meet. All three were rewarded for their efforts, with each of them taking home the top award they were eligible for.

Andrew Napoli won a National Senior Award with his 1985 Buick Riviera (top right). Paul Arena won his 31st Repeat Preservation with his 1964 Buick Riviera (middle right), and Mike DiPilato winning a National First Junior Award with his 1967 Pontiac Firebird (bottom right).

Congratulations to all three on their wins. They represent the continuing excellence of AACA recognized winners within our ranks.



(photos by Ann Goldman)



Raffle Car Update

The raffle season is in full swing, so make sure you have your salesman hat on. If you need raffle books, see Paul Arena (Sr.) at the next meeting. In the meantime, we have a small black & white ad in the Mustang section of the July issue of Hemmings Motor News as well as a larger, full-color ad in the front section of the August issue. Beyond that, weather permitting, the car is at the EZ Pass office each week, usually mid-day on Tuesday (we may try Monday for comparison's sake in June). Coordinate with Paul if you want to join in any week and help out.

In addition, we are working with ProSho Sound to have the car at this year's Back to the Beach weekend on July 16-17. This is a great event to help us make up for some of the other events that we relied on in the past which are no longer being held.

As for the charitable support we'll provide from this year's sales, we are looking to focus on the very visible problem of heroin addiction on Staten Island and connect with Carl's House, an effort driven by the Carl V. Bini Foundation, who also promotes Bikers for Bini to be held in the fall.

From the President

Who won? The back page story has the details. Congrats!

- Paul Jr.



From the Editor

Relax, folks. Your eyes have not failed you, not has your computer, nor has our printer. This issue's cover is indeed blank. Why, you ask? The cover photo, to fit properly, is shot vertically as a portrait instead of horizontally as a landscape. Typically, I load up on shots at key events where I'm just a spectator, like the Fall Meet in Hershey. The problem is that I've missed several of these events recently, and have run out of suitable cover shots. So I opted to take a cue from the comic book industry. In recent years, to boost sales, comic book publishers will release multiple editions of the same book with variant covers. Typically, these variants feature alternate artwork, but some are blank. Consider this issue the rare, variant cover to be worth big bucks someday. - Paul Jr.

- NEXT MEETING - June 7

Our June meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7 at 7:00 pm, and will be held at the Staff House at Seaview Home & Hospital, located at 460 Brielle Avenue. Each member is asked to contribute \$3.00 towards the purchase of coffee and doughnuts.

2018 Durant Annual Meet & Tour

The Durant Motors Automobile Club represents the cars that made up Billy Durant's second empire, following his creation and ouster of GM. They include Durant, Star, Rugby, Flint, Frontenac, DeVaux, Dort, certain Locomobiles and Continental. SIRAACA member Ed Vomero, with his three 1923 Star Touring cars, informs us that plans are underway to bring their annual meet to Staten Island in 2018. It will coincide with our 42nd Annual Fall Show that September (date to be confirmed). Ed is also making plans for the Durant folks to tour Historic Richmond Town with their cars, and show them some real New York hospitality. Our club is excited to extend a welcome to the Durant Motors Automobile Club to our island and have them share their wonderful and unknown cars with us.

Auction Action

While we do not know if the new owner of Tucker #1049 will keep the car in Europe or is an American buyer bringing it home, we do know that it sold for 1.344 million Euros at RM Auction's sale in Monaco last month. That's \$1.52 million for those of you playing at home.

Closer to home, the Elegance at Hershey will add an auction to its schedule of events this year, to be held on June 11 under the banner of newcomer The Finest Automobile Auctions. In keeping with the Beetle-mania that this year's auction action has seen, they are teeing up one of the rarest of all Beetles. It's a 1943 KdF Type 60 Beetle. The KdF-Wagen was the first example of the car we know as the VW Bug. A small number were built between 1937 and 1944 and supplied to minor government officials. The one being sold was destined for the Red Cross Chief in Berlin in 1943. It was discovered and identified in Poland in 2000, and underwent a painstaking restoration by the leading expert on such cars in Frankfurt. The car has no brightwork and is completely finished in matte grey, including wheel covers, bumpers and headlight rings. The estimated selling price is \$275,000 to \$350,000. For an extensive gallery of photos, visit www.thefinest.com/hershey-2016.

Time to Play “What Am I?”

We are taking a break from exploring the SIRAACA Garage this month. Have we found every vehicle in here yet? I don't think so, as this building seems to keep growing each time we think we've seen it all. Remember, we can't reveal every car and truck in here without our members showing us the way.

In the meantime, let's take a look at a picture that previews some of the coverage we'll have next month of The Elegance at Hershey. It's of the newest car on the field this year, notable for its scarcity. We've never heard of one before, never mind saw one.

It's not a unknown brand, however. Some of you may have owned one or still do today.

Based on this interior shot, can you guess what it is? Eagle-eyed readers will have to work off of the steering-wheel logo or the script name above the glove box. Right-hand drive tells you it's not made for America's shores, which is why it's so uncommon to see one. There may be only a dozen or so in total in this country today.

Soon we'll return to the SIRAACA Garage, which is home to all of our members' vehicles. 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.



Upcoming Events

Grab your friends, load up your car, and head out to one of these events:



- The Elegance at Hershey, The Hotel Hershey - June 10-12
- New Dorp High School Car Show, Staten Island - June 11
- Ramapo Concours d'Elegance, Mahwah, NJ - June 11
- Sacred Heart 8th Annual Auto Show, Staten Island - June 12
- GM Nationals, Carlisle, PA - June 17-19
- SIRAACA 3rd Annual Community Day, Commons Cafe - July 9
- Raceway Park Old Time Drags and Rod Run, Englishtown, NY - July 26
- 59th Annual New Hope Auto Show, New Hope, PA - August 13-14



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A Pair Of Grand National Winners

The AACA Annual Grand National Meet was held on the first weekend of June in Williamsport, PA and broke a AGNM record for the number of vehicles in attendance with 634 on the field. Grand National Meets are reserved for AACA Senior Award winners only, with tighter scoring criteria to determine winners. To be awarded a Grand National Award, a car must score a minimum of 380 out of 400 points AND be within 5 points of the highest scoring car in its class. 394 points won't cut it if there's a 400-pointer in your midst.

Taking home that award was Ed Vomero with his 1923 Star touring car.

Kevin Keenan competed with his low-mileage, unrestored 1979 Buick LeSabre and was also awarded a First Grand National Award after proving that his all-original, factory hose clamps were indeed correct for his car.

Congratulations to both Ed and Kevin for coping with less than ideal weather conditions and a long drive to take awards among AACA's best of the best.



Ed Vomero gives his 1923 Star touring car a final inspection ahead of the judges arrival at the AACA Grand National Meet. (photo by Don Bosco)



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