

**Vol. 24, No. 4**

# **Ragtops & Rumbleseats**



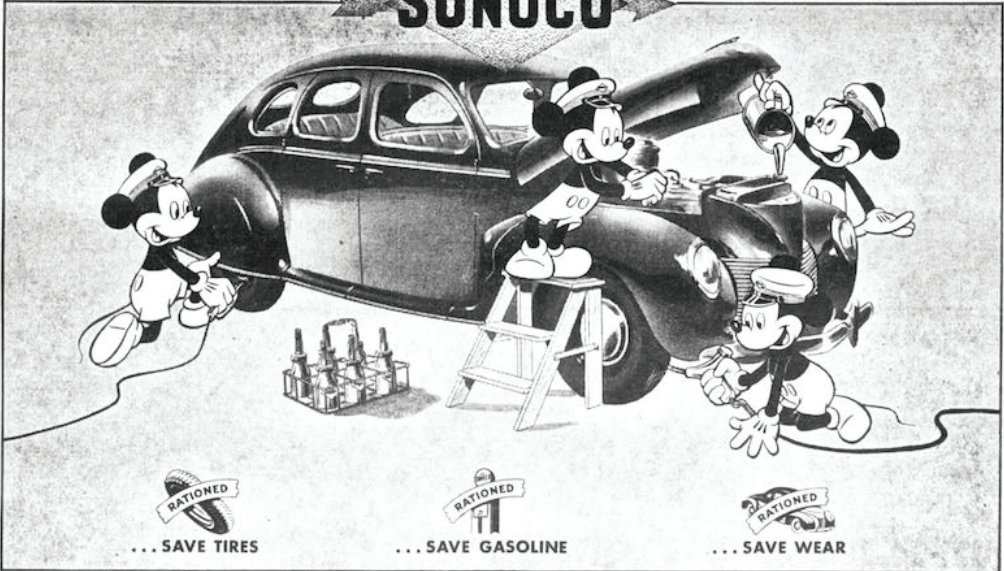
**Apr 2017**



Rationed driving is hard on your car!

Get it back in condition now with a

# SPRING CAR SAVER SPECIAL



**RATIONED**  
... SAVE TIRES

**RATIONED**  
... SAVE GASOLINE

**RATIONED**  
... SAVE WEAR

*Your Sunoco dealer offers all these services  
AT A SPECIAL PRICE*

During the winter you've been driving less—slower speeds—shorter trips.  
That's why . . .

- YOUR BATTERY NEEDS ATTENTION
- HARMFUL DEPOSITS FORM IN YOUR MOTOR
- SPARK PLUGS GET DIRTY—WASTE GASOLINE
- TIRES DETERIORATE—SHOULD BE CHECKED

Play safe—Protect your car now with a Sunoco Spring Special!

- 1 WHIRLFOAM "MOTOR CLEAN-OUT"**  
Our exclusive process cleans out the inside of your motor—for longer, safer service.
- 2 CHANGE TO SUMMER OIL**  
Drain out old oil—refill with 5 qts. \* Sunoco Motor Oil—now reinforced for rationed driving.
- 3 CHANGE TO SUMMER TYPE GEAR LUBRICANTS**  
Drain Transmission and Rear—Refill with 5 lbs. \* Summer type Gear Lubricant—for safe protection of gear teeth.
- 4 CHASSIS LUBRICATION**  
Special Lubricants used to help keep out squeaks and assure minimum friction—maximum gas mileage.
- 5 DRAIN ANTI-FREEZE: CHECK HOSE CONNECTIONS**  
Save your anti-freeze mixture for next winter. Bring your own container.
- 6 BATTERY SERVICED**  
Check battery strength—clean terminals—add distilled water to help prolong life.
- 7 CLEAN AND ADJUST SPARKPLUGS**  
Accurate instruments used for correct setting of points. This helps gas mileage; insures better performance.
- 8 CHECK OIL FILTER**  
Inspect filter cartridge and check for leaks.
- 9 CLEAN AIR FILTER**  
Insures cleaner air-gas mixture. Keeps out dirt.
- 10 CHECK UP OF TIRES**  
Check for leaks, cuts, stones. Inflate to proper pressure.
- 11 CHECK ALL LIGHTS, ALSO WINDSHIELD WIPER**

*\*Special prices also available if different quantity required.*

**GET YOUR CAR READY NOW  
FOR WARMER WEATHER**

<b>CONCORD</b> Gibson's Battery Service 754 Targee Street	<b>GREAT KILLS</b> Barbour's Service Station 4419 Hylan Blvd.	<b>PORT RICHMOND</b> Center Service Station 791 Richmond Avenue	<b>TOMPKINSVILLE</b> Wil-Mac Service Bay and Hannah Streets
<b>ELTINGVILLE</b> Eltingville Service Station 4385 Amboy Road	<b>NEW BRIGHTON</b> B & S Service Station 30 Brighton Avenue	<b>H &amp; L Service Station</b> 15 Grove Avenue	<b>TOTTENVILLE</b> Koenig's Service Station 7086 Amboy Road
<b>GRANT CITY</b> Midland Motor Company 3062 Richmond Road	<b>NEW SPRINGVILLE</b> Klein's Service 2129 Richmond Avenue	<b>STAPLETON</b> Kettner's Garage 558 Van Duzer Street	<b>WEST NEW BRIGHTON</b> A & S Service Station 758 Clove Road Schumacher Auto Service 1315 Victory Blvd.

## Vintage Advertising

This ad ran in The Staten Island Advance on May 12, 1943. A crew of Mickey Mouse mechanics were ready to prep your car for spring with all kinds of service at your participating Sunoco stations.

Most are fairly standard, like an oil change or a chassis lubrication. How many have heard of a "Whirlfoam Motor Clean-Out"?

What's neat here is the list of dealers across Staten island noted at the bottom. We ran a few of the legible addresses through a web search and found some are still service stations, while others have been built over. Koenig's in Tottenville is now Zaino's. Klein's on Richmond Avenue and Travis Avenue is a T-Mobile store. Barbour's Service on Hylan Boulevard near Richmond Avenue looks like it's a bunch of houses now.

## In This Issue

A Thunderbird roosts in the SIR-AACA Garage.

The Nicotra Group accepts honorary membership.

A new mobile app for swap meet match-ups.

Dust-Off poster and plaque previews, plus pics from Amelia.

*Trivia Question: In 1927, John Willys dropped the Overland model name, which originated in 1902. What new nameplate was introduced to replace it?*

*Answer: The Whippet. In 1931, the ailing Whippet line was dropped.*

**EDITOR -**

**Paul Arena, Jr.**

parena2@verizon.net

**PRESIDENT -**

**Paul Arena, Jr.**

parena2@verizon.net

**VICE PRESIDENT -**

**Mike Signorile**

onehot51@aol.com

**SECRETARY -**

**Tony DiAngelo**

**TREASURER -**

**Phil Boffa**

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY -**

**Jonathan Schulman**

jns@jonathanschulman.com

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS -**

**Jeff Tucker**

**WEBMASTER - siraaca@yahoo.com**

**Frank Nathanson**

**www.siraaca.aaca.com**

# Minutes of the 502nd Meeting

March 7, 2017

1. The 502nd meeting of the Staten Island Region AACA was called to order at 7:25 pm by President Paul Jr. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and offered a moment of silence before the minutes of the 501st meeting were accepted as read.
2. The club has a raffle car for 2017. It is a 1996 Camaro convertible, white with black top and graphite interior. The club paid \$4,000 for the car, which needs nothing major. We are strongly considering a pair of racing stripes on the hood for added punch.
3. Spring Dust-Off support materials include flyers, which are ready now, and posters, which are being printed. The dash plaque will feature Bob Columbia's 1968 Mustang instead of the raffle car, since we no longer run a plaque for the fall. Once again calendars are being printed for the September show giveaway.
4. Our grinding truck has been repaired and will be at the Dust-Off.
5. Our website was honored with a national award from the AACA. Congratulations and thanks to Frank Nathanson for his web work.
6. Ken Haase renewed his local membership despite living in Florida now. He sends his best to all, and is looking to plan a local show there to support a failing church.
7. The Straub Buick/GMC car show in Hazlet is set for May 6.
8. New member Tom La Guidice was introduced. He has an all-original 1982 Datsun 280ZX with 28,000 miles, owned since new.
9. Phil Boffa presented the owners of The Nicotra Group with honorary club shirts and memberships.
10. Phil Boffa gave a treasury report, with all in order.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm. The 50/50 collected \$42, with Bob Columbia winning \$21. Bob Ferone won the second prize, a hardcover edition of the Ultimate History of American Cars.

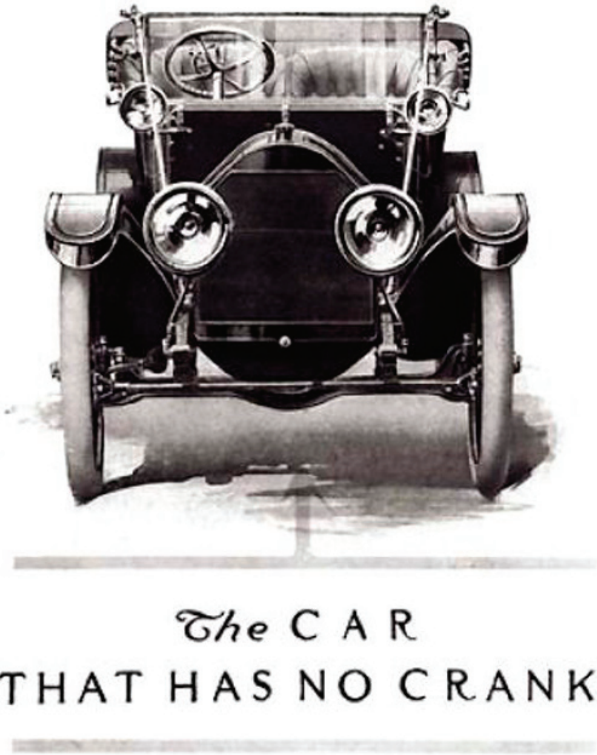
Respectfully submitted,

Tony DiAngelo, Secretary





## I'm a 1912 Cadillac



## MatchMyStuff Goes Live

Some of you may remember Andy Cannizzo from his time with our region, first as a Model A expert and more recently as a well-known Corvette expert. His son David has launched, in conjunction with Carlisle Events, a new mobile phone app called MatchMyStuff. According to their press release, the app helps auto enthusiasts create an inventory list of needed items as well as items on offer. The app connects users whenever there is a match, enabling the two to contact each other privately and negotiate a deal.

David spent many weekends over many years going to Carlisle events with his dad. He believes the technical aspect of the app is the perfect complement to the current way business is typically done at swap meets. The app is scheduled to go live on April 1, and is available for both iOS and Android devices, free to download. More details on the app can be found at [www.MatchMyStuff.com](http://www.MatchMyStuff.com).

## Sign Up for Englishtown

Plans are underway to return to Spring Englishtown over the final weekend of April (28th - 30th) with our raffle car. As always, we need volunteers for all three days to help with selling tickets and manning the table. We will pass around a volunteer sign-up sheet at the April meeting. Ideal coverage is 5 or 6 people to allow for breaks. Even if you can only give a half-day, we'll take it.

The raffle car is ready for its close-up in the coming days, as we've gotten it back from New Auto Bodies R Us after adding two black racing stripes down the hood. Next stop is a short trip to Brimar Upholstery to repair a small tear in the driver's seat bolster, and we are good to go. Note that both these shops are regular trophy donors.

Raffle tickets have also been ordered and we will have photos of the car for all of you to help with your sales efforts. Nothing has changed in terms of pricing - we are still selling tickets in books of eight for \$5,00 (or single tickets for \$2.00).

## Honorary Members



Club Treasurer Phil Boffa bestows club shirts to Richard and Lois Nicotra (center) and Kristine Garlisi (right) during a meeting at The Nicotra Group. We know we'll see these honorary members on site at our Dust-Off on April 23.



## From the President

Some of you may have heard the news that Ed Wiseman is no longer executive director at Historic Richmond Town. While an interim director steps in and the search for a new replacement begins, it's business as usual for the living history village. That means the NYC BBQ Cook-Off gets the spring season started on Saturday, April 8. Board members Ed Vomero and Don Bosco ask if fellow SIRAACA members can volunteer to help cover admission gates that day, where the event runs from 12 PM - 4 PM. We'll hear from them at the meeting on Tuesday to find out what we can do to help.

If you are reading this from back-to-front, you've already learned that the raffle car now has a pair of black racing stripes across its hood. Before any official pictures come out, here is an "unofficial" picture showing its new nose, courtesy of Tony DiAngelo.

April is a big month for us, and I'm looking forward to a great start to the 2017 season.

- Paul Jr.



- NEXT MEETING - April 4

Our March meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 PM at The Staff House at Sea View Hospital and Home, located at 460 Brielle Avenue. As usual, each member is asked to contribute \$3.00 for coffee and donuts.

## Spring Dash Plaque Has Club Car Again



2017 Spring Dust-Off plaque produced by Daytona Trophy.

For many years, the Spring Dust-Off dash plaque has featured the raffle car, while the fall plaques have featured members' cars. Since the fall show has turned to calendar giveaways, we have moved our member cars over to the spring offering this year. This way, we can continue to showcase the cars owned by members who have joined recently or have yet to have a car on the plaque. This year, it's Bob Columbia's 1968 Ford Mustang. Bob was between cars when his original turn came up, so he passed it to the next in line. Now that he has gotten his car on a plaque, we'll continue with selections based on the remaining members according to how long they're in the club. With so many new and interesting cars yet to pick from, we can expect some unique plaques in the years to come.



---

## Inside the SIRAACA Garage

Hard to believe this car was not billed as full-sized by Ford when new. This is Artie Guarnieri's 1979 Thunderbird.

It is an unrestored original car with 54,000 miles on its optional 351 (Windsor) V-8. It came with A/C and nearly all power options, except for the door locks. The interior is finished in cloth and vinyl and still sports the factory AM/FM stereo and carpeted floor mats. The original spare sits in the massive trunk.

Artie bought this car in 2009 from the original owner's family. Although it was a New Jersey car, it remained rust free. The clincher for Artie was a glovebox full of original paperwork and service records, including the warranty ID card and owner's manual. All it needed was new tires, brakes, a fresh battery and a tune-up. Everything else remains as it was, because we all know that they are only original once.

Ford built 284,141 of this popular personal luxury car in 1979, down from 352,751 the year before, as it said goodbye to the T-Bird's seventh generation.

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.



*Artie's Thunderbird is factory finished in Light Wedgewood Blue. (photo by Paul Jr.)*

---

## Upcoming Events

Gather up the troops and hit the road for these upcoming events:



- Long Island Cars Car Show, Belmont Racetrack - April 9
- Spring Carlisle Swap Meet - April 19-23
- SIRAACA 11th Annual Spring Dust-Off, Commons Cafe - April 23
- 35th Annual Spring Englishtown, Raceway Park, NJ - April 28-30
- 2nd Annual Zion Preschool Car Show, Watchogue Road - April 29
- New Jersey BCA Annual Car Show, Straub Buick, Keyport, NJ - May 6
- NJRAACA 66th Annual Spring Meet, Mennen Arena - May 7
- 22nd Annual Greenwich Concours - June 3-4
- 4th Annual New Dorp High School Car Show - June 4
- 8th Annual Troop 74, Sacred Heart Auto Show - June 4
- North Central Kiwanis Car Show, The Teleport - June 11





# J.C. TAYLOR

INSURANCE

---

JCTAYLOR.COM

1-888-ANTIQUE





## Staten Islanders on Amelia Island

We hear that Don Bosco and Ed Vomero made the trip to Amelia Island in Florida for their Concours, but have yet to get any rip-roaring tales of their adventures. Don did send us a few pictures, including the ones seen here.



The car above is Ralph Marano's 1930 Minerva by Hibbard & Darrin. It is a one of kind, original survivor recently liberated from storage in the Adirondacks. Check out this season's opener of Chasing Classic Cars for a full-hour on this car. Below, Ed poses with a massive Pierce-Arrow.



## Spring Dust-Off Poster

STATEN ISLAND REGION RACA

11TH ANNUAL SPRING DUST-OFF

# CAR SHOW

AND FLEA MARKET

**APRIL 23, 2017**

COMMONS CAFE AT THE TELEPORT  
2 TELEPORT DRIVE  
OFF OF SOUTH AVENUE  
RAIN DATE: MAY 7TH

**COMMONScafe**  
100% PROFITS TO CHARITY

- Spectator Entry Fees \$5 Adult, \$2 Child • \$20 Vehicle Entry Fee •
- \$40 Vendor Fee • Red Carpet Awards in Select Categories •
- No Points Judging • No Classes • No Cut Off Year •
- Food • Drinks • 50/50 • Music •

SHOW INFO: SIRAACA/TRADE.COM OR 917-626-0233

SIRAACA.RACA.COM  
www.facebook.com/siraaca

POSTER DESIGNER AND ILLUSTRATOR  
BY DENNIS SIMONE STUDIOS  
917-668-5400 WWW.DENNISSIMONE.COM

DENNIS SIMONE STUDIOS

Once again, our show poster is courtesy of our friend Dennis Simone and the aptly named Dennis Simone Studios



43 Hillel Place  
Brooklyn, NY 11210

Tel 718.859.3137  
Fax 718.421.4761

sales@farbetterprinting.com  
www.printingservicebrooklyn.com

Joseph Portagallo

M - Th 8 AM - 6:30 PM  
Fri 8 AM - 5 PM  
Sat 10 AM - 3 PM

WANTED:  
DONATED VEHICLES.  
Any make, model,  
year and condition.  
Tax deductible.  
Call 917-626-0233

SIRAACA