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# Ragtops & Rumbleseats

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• **Raffle Car Hunt**





# HERE'S WHAT MAKES THE SCAT PACK RUN.



## 426

### HEMI DUAL 4-BBL. V8

Horsepower... 425 @ 5000 rpm  
 Torque (lbs.-ft.) 490 @ 4000 rpm  
 Compression Ratio... 10.25  
 Recommended Fuel... Premium  
 Exhaust Type... Dual  
 Optional for Charger R/T, Coronet R/T.



## 440

### MAGNUM 4-BBL. V8

Horsepower... 375 @ 4600 rpm  
 Torque (lbs.-ft.) 480 @ 3200 rpm  
 Compression Ratio... 10.1  
 Recommended Fuel... Premium  
 Exhaust Type... Dual  
 Standard for Charger R/T, Coronet R/T.



## 340

### 4-BBL. V8

Horsepower... 275 @ 5000 rpm  
 Torque (lbs.-ft.) 340 @ 3200 rpm  
 Compression Ratio... 10.5  
 Recommended Fuel... Premium  
 Exhaust Type... Dual  
 Standard for Dart GTSport.

## Vintage Advertising

1968, smack dab in the middle of the muscle car era, when Dodge was offering their go-mobiles, group-named "Scat Pack". These performance cars, identified by the bumblebee stripes around their tails, included the Dart GTS, the Coronet R/T and the Charger R/T.

These are the engines that made them go. 440's were standard on both the Charger and Coronet, and the 340 was stuffed into the Dart. The 426 Hemi could be ordered on the larger cars, and we know what that small investment made back then ends up paying out today.

If you are tempted to cut out and mail in that coupon for your free Scat Pack swag, consider upping the postage and handling fee from \$0.25.

# Dodge



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CAR OWNED: MAKE \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

## In This Issue

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A craftsman's take on your collector vehicle.

\$100,000 to spend, but on what?

One of our former raffle cars surfaces from the SIRAACA Archives.

*Trivia Question: What car company was the first to offer push button transmission controls in the U.S.?*

*Answer: Chrysler Corp., the last American car maker to offer a fully automatic transmission in 1953, introduced push-button controls in 1956.*

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# Minutes of the 513th Meeting

February 6, 2018

1. The 513th meeting of the Staten Island Region AACA was called to order at 7:25 by President Paul Arena. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and offered a moment of silence before the minutes of the 512th meeting were accepted as read.
2. Paul Jr. met with a buildings and grounds committee at Richmond Town to learn more about the plans for renovating and reopening the transportation building. They are hoping we can provide manpower through volunteers for the first year's goal of repainting the building and boxing off a temporary display area for two vehicles before the interior work planned for year two begins. The anticipated ribbon cutting is set for June 2.
3. The auction in Atlantic City is this coming weekend. The club did not buy discounted tickets this year, and not many members indicated they will be heading down there.
4. The club is unsure what Spring Englishtown's Swap Meet will look like this year after the track announced that they will no longer host drag racing events. We have reached out to track manager Paul Bailey to learn if we're able to return with a raffle car this year, and if so, are there any changes in location.
5. The Commons Cafe is open to the idea of trying a cruise night, but we'd have to plan out all of the logistics. The club thinks Tuesdays or Thursdays might work best, and will need to consult a full list of neighboring events to be sure.
6. The 40th Annual North Jersey Auto Show is being held at Bergen Community College in Paramus on May 20. This show is presented by the Restored Rusty Relics Antique Automobile Club.
7. Flyers for the Spring Dust-Off were printed and given out to members.
8. Phil Boffa provided a treasury report, with all in order.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45. The 50/50 collected \$26, with Paul Arena winning \$13.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tony DiAngelo, Secretary



## “Wooden” You Like a Plaque of Your Vehicle?

Fellow member Artie Guarnieri revisited his show and tell days from grammar school and displayed these wooden, hand-cut profiles of his vehicles. Artie found the artist responsible for these on eBay, under the seller name denys\_woodcraft. The artist offers many common models of vehicles like Chevy Bel Airs and Ford Mustangs already crafted, but will also make up whatever you wish based on your input. For custom work, he sends you a drawing to approve before moving ahead with the plaque. All cost \$19.50 with free shipping.



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## Is This Our Raffle Car?

This is a photo of the 1989 Mustang LX convertible that we have first dibs on, so long as we can get out to its winter home in Lake Ariel, PA. We were making an attempt to drive up there last weekend but learned from the owner that the garage was still “snowed in” and we’d have to wait a bit longer. In the meantime, we have chased up a few local leads to no avail, getting misled or ignored in our attempts to find a suitable alternative. All legitimate contenders will be considered in the \$5,500 range, which is the asking price for this Mustang. Please keep your eyes and ears open for new leads.



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## Welcome, New Antiques

A new calendar year means another model year of vehicles that have turned 25 and become eligible for AACA shows and judging. This year welcomes the class of 1993. What may we see on the showfield for the first time in 2018? Perhaps the first model Lexus GS300 or a Ford SVT Mustang Cobra? If trucks are your thing, perhaps a Ford SVT Lightning pickup? You also have the Chrysler Concorde and Dodge Intrepid, the Jeep Grand Cherokee, the Lincoln Mark VIII, the Nissan Altima and the Mercury Villager minivan all debuting with 1993 models.

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## Have You Forgotten to Renew?

In the rare instance where members have yet to renew their local dues, please do not forget the chance to finally do so at the March meeting. Local dues are just \$20 and can be paid in cash or by check made out to SIRAACA. Jonathan Schulman is the membership secretary who can assist you at the meeting, so be sure to step up and get it done. Jonathan needs to submit our roster for 2018 to the AACA as soon as possible if he has not done so already, so don't miss out! Of course, all of this is dependant on you already renewing your national AACA membership, which would have expired at the end of 2017.

## From the President

Are you itching for old man winter to pack his bags and head below the equator to torment our southern hemisphere? Is your collector car or truck yearning to feel you sit inside and take it for a spin? Local forecasts are saying we're getting significant snowfall later this week, so the itch will remain with us a bit longer. But we also set our clocks ahead an hour on March 10 and are holding Staten Island Chuck to his Groundhog Day predictions, so perhaps spring is not too far away.

Club outings without our cars have dwindled over the years, so what's your interest in returning to the road for something other than a local car show? We can consider a club trip to a car museum such as The Simeone in Philadelphia or a special event like The Elegance at Hershey in June. Give me ideas, and we'll get folks working on plans right away.

How many of you take the time to browse the AACA Forums found on AACA.org? Aside from a great collection of cars for sale, there are wonderful running stories on restoration projects across the world, info on AACA meets and tours, photo collections, and a whole host of member-supplied content to help you whittle away the remaining weeks of winter. They are free for all to read, not password protected for AACA members alone, so encourage others to take a look, too. They might learn how great it is to be an AACA member and join our ranks. - Paul Jr.

## - NEXT MEETING - March 6

Our March meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 6 at 7:00 PM at the Staff House at Sea View Home and Hospital at 460 Brielle Avenue. Members are asked to contribute \$3.00 towards coffee and donuts.

## \$100,000 to Spend, But on What?

Here's the deal. You have \$100,000 to spend at an RM Sotheby's auction. You can spend less if you find the right car, or buy two or more, but you can't go over. Based on the results of their auction in Arizona two months ago, here are some of your choices. What do you buy?

1924 Buick Touring Car (\$20,000). 1932 Ford Roadster Street Rod (\$28,000). 1936 Austin Taxi (\$40,000). 1937 Buick Special convertible, customized (\$46,000). 1941 Packard Super Eight 160 Sedan (\$34,000). 1946 Ford Super Deluxe Woodie Wagon (\$63,000). 1951 Rolls Royce Silver Wraith Saloon (\$56,000). 1948 Packard Woodie Wagon (\$47,000). 1953 Chevy 210 Deluxe 2 door (\$18,000). 1930 LaSalle Phaeton (\$65,000). 1960 Nash Metropolitan convertible (\$36,000). 1960 Jaguar XK 150 roadster (\$95,000). 1952 Jaguar XK 120 coupe (\$84,000). 1949 Chrysler Town & Country convertible (\$58,000). 1978 Corvette (\$25,000). 1962 Impala SS convertible (\$50,000). 1979 Toyota FJ Land Cruiser (\$73,000). 1957 Bel Air coupe (\$56,000). 1999 Ferrari F355 GTS (\$95,000). 1968 Shelby GT500 (\$95,000). 1966 Austin-Healy 3000 (\$78,000). 1958 Olds Dynamic 88 convertible (\$62,000). 2006 Pontiac Solstice convertible (\$27,000). 1934 Ford Brewster convertible sedan (\$90,000). 1960 Porsche farm tractor (\$45,000).

There are some obvious combos here. The hot-rodded '32 Ford roadster goes nicely with the '57 Bel Air for \$84,000 combined. A 1970's collector might pair the '78 Corvette with the '79 Toyota with \$2,000 left over. A David & Goliath pairing of the '58 Olds and '60 Metropolitan ragtops also runs \$98,000. Maximizing the number of vehicles nets you four at most, like the '53 Chevy, the '24 Buick, and the '78 Corvette, along with the '06 Solstice or '32 Ford. Or maybe one and done is your goal, with \$50,000 in cash tucked inside the glovebox of your '62 Impala.

RM Sotheby's returns to hammer the gavel at Amelia Island on March 10 with a great mix of cars for sale, ranging from brass-era behemoths and coachbuilt classics to modern day supercars. From the looks of the catalogue, we don't think your hypothetical \$100,000 will go far there.



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## From the SIRAACA Archives

We remain inside the SIRAACA Garage, delving into the archives to help identify some of the ghosts that still reside there. This is the club's raffle car from 1985, a 1956 Plymouth Belvedere.

This car was purchased from member Ron D'Ambra, if memory serves us right. The '56 Plymouth had sprouted tail fins as Virgil Exner's Forward Look began evolving from the previous year. Belvedere remained the top line in a four car lineup that also included the Savoy, the Plaza and the Suburban wagons.

Odds are this car had the Hy-Fire V-8, coupled with Push-Button Power Flight automatic transmission.

This car was 29 years old at the time we raffled it off, and hopefully is enjoying its 62nd birthday safe and sound in someone's warm garage. Does any member recall who won this car or where it ended up?

The club continues to raffle off cars, and a 29 year old car today would be a lovely 1989 model, but would a four door sedan from '89 have the same appeal as this '56?

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.

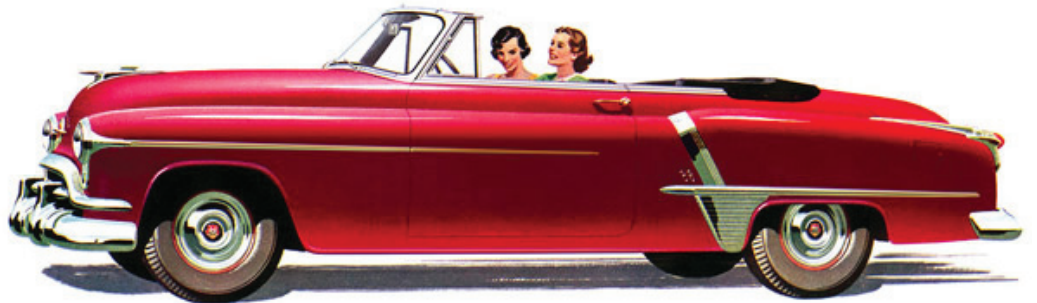


*The Belvedere name originated as the designation of a two door hardtop on the Plymouth Cranbrook in 1951. In 1954, it replaced the Cranbrook as the top of the line Plymouth. (photo by Paul Jr.)*

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## Upcoming Events

Load up the car and head out to one of these upcoming events.



- NYC BBQ Cook-Off, Historic Richmond Town - April 7
- 36th Annual Spring Englishtown, Raceway Park - April 13-15
- Spring Carlisle Swap Meet, Carlisle, PA - April 18-22
- NYC Chili Cook-Off, Historic Richmond Town - April 21
- SIRAACA 12th Annual Spring Dust-Off, Commons Cafe - April 22
- NJRAACA 67th Annual Car Show, Mennen Arena, Morristown - May 6





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## Spring Dust-Off is April 22

Flyers for the Spring Dust-Off have been mailed and e-mailed out and copies are available for those who wish to hand any out or leave any behind. The Dust-Off poster is already designed and being put together. We have a neat theme this spring that provides a pretty recognizable design that coincides with a 50th anniversary of something car related. Stay tuned for more details.

# The Staten Island Region AACA presents its 12th Annual Spring Dust-Off Car Show & Flea Market April 22, 2018

**Commons Cafe at the Teleport**  
**2 Teleport Drive, off of South Avenue**

- \$20 vehicle entry fee • no classes • no cut-off year • rain date April 29 •
- no points judging • red carpet awards in select categories •
- gates open at 8:00 am • dash plaques to first 200 vehicles •
- spectator entry fee: adults \$5, children \$2 • \$40 vendor fee •
- food & drinks • music • 50/50 drawings • raffle car •
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## National Awards

A list of AACA National Award winners originally announced at the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia revealed a few names some of us may know. Phil Farese of New Jersey, who owns a 1957 Eldorado Biarritz convertible, won The Chocolate Town Trophy for most outstanding Senior Car at the Fall Meet at Hershey. Manny Konstantinidis, also of New Jersey, won The Joseph Parkin Award for outstanding Packard with his 1941 Packard 120. Most of us have also heard of Nicola Bulgari, who won the Walter P. Chrysler Award with his 1942 DeSoto. Congratulations to them and all the big winners across the AACA. Photos will appear in the national magazine.



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