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*\*"Jeweled Movement" features new in the low-priced field:* Seven-bearing, extra-size crankshaft, fully counterbalanced; complete forced-feed lubrication of engine with rifle-bored connecting rods; metered pressure-cooling of engine; Invar Struts in aluminum-alloy pistons; Nash precision machining—perfected in 18 years of building fine cars; automatic and thermo-static-control shock absorbers; steering road-shock eliminator; Seaman sound-proofed body.

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*LaFayette prices have not yet been advanced*

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Vintage Advertising

This ad ran in the Staten Island Advance back in 1934, promoting the Nash-built LaFayette. The two-door sedan, picked up at the factory in Wisconsin, cost \$595. For \$145 more, it was delivered to one of three Staten Island locations - the Amboy Garage in Great Kills, Nash Staten Island in New Brighton, or Nash Four Corners in West Brighton.

Nash absorbed LaFayette in 1924 and began manufacturing Ajax automobiles. LaFayette was reintroduced in 1934 as a low-priced companion to Nash. It stopped being its own marque in 1937.

So what became of those locations? Amboy Garage sat on Amboy Road between Giffords and Hillside and is now office space. Nash Four Corners on Victory near Manor is Victory Sports. Nash Staten Island on Castleton, near Brighton Avenue, is now a group of auto repair shops.

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Back to the Beach is July 14-15.

Cruise Nights return to Richmond Town.

Yes, we have trucks in the SIR-AACA Garage.

Trivia Question: What two car companies merged in January 1954 to form American Motors Corporation (also known as AMC)?

Answer: Nash acquired Hudson in that friendly merger. Nash and Hudson both ended production in 1957, leaving Rambler and Metropolitan as the only AMC offerings.

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# Minutes of the 517th Meeting

June 5, 2018

1. The 517th meeting of the Staten Island Region AACA was called to order at 7:25 by President Paul Jr.. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and offered a moment of silence before the minutes of the 516th meeting were accepted as read.
2. Paul Jr. welcomed all to our new meeting place and recounted the history of the Third County Courthouse.
3. The club provided cars for the grand opening of Egger's Ice Cream in Richmond Town. We hope this will form the basis for a return of weekly cruise nights on Center Street.
4. The raffle car took in \$311 at Uncorked! and \$140 at the New Dorp High School show.
5. Plans are in the works for a show on New Dorp Lane on September 30, and the club has been invited by the organizers to provide input.
6. The club made donations to the Children's Miracle Network on behalf of Miss Staten Island, and to further fund the restoration of the transportation building at Richmond Town.
7. Upcoming events include the Kiwanis show on June 10 and Back to the beach on July 14-15. Volunteers are needed for each event.
8. Club jackets were discussed. The club suggests that red is our club tradition and recommends that it will pay a portion of the cost for members that order red jackets. Members are free to purchase other colors as they please. More pricing details are forthcoming, with an update at the July meeting.
9. The club is actively searching for next year's raffle car now. The idea is to have it ready to go as soon as the fall show wraps up, with the possibility of unveiling it right after this year's winner is announced. That would give us additional selling time throughout the fall at events that we typically miss out on.
10. Phil Boffa's treasury report shows all is in order.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 9:26. The 50/50 collected \$32, with Mike Gorgia winning \$16.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tony DiAngelo, Secretary

## Wednesday Cruise Nights at Richmond Town

This summer marks the return of our weekly cruise nights along Center Street in Historic Richmond Town. Each Wednesday, beginning at 5:30, cars can enter from St. Patrick's Place. What's new for 2018? First, Egger's Ice Cream is now opened on site, meaning there is a good flow of foot traffic all night. Second, a food truck operator has agreed to attend as well, meaning you can get both dinner and dessert. Center Street hasn't looked this good in many years, with new paving and curbs, and new sidewalks with period-style lighting. It's 100x better than sitting in a parking lot. In addition, we're opening up Center Street to the newer cars as well, with plenty of room to accommodate those who like modern muscle and super sports cars. Members are encouraged to help make sure the flow of cars remains orderly to ensure the safety of all who are strolling through the village.

*Buick, Oldsmobile and Chevrolet are among the cars at the soft launch of weekly cruise nights on Center Street. (photo by Paul Jr.)*



## Summer Sunday Mornings "Down the Beach"

The Sunday morning cruise at Gateway National Park in Great Kills remains as popular as ever, drawing many familiar faces and their cars and plenty of new ones, too. There seem to be plenty of folks with old cars that never bother with formal car shows but will spend a couple of hours "down the beach". Take for example this 1972 Jaguar E-type, a clear contender for a red carpet appearance at one of our shows, yet it's never attended one.

### Back to the Beach

Speaking about the beach, we are invited once again to have our raffle car at Back to the Beach on July 14 and 15. Volunteers are needed both days, in shifts, to help sell tickets. The event is run by the Bini Foundation and will feature live music, fireworks, food vendors and much more.



## From the President

July marks the height of summer for many of us, with school out and vacation time planned. Yet it also means we're another month closer to our fall show, and work is needed now to ensure all's ready by then. Please make an effort to sell raffle tickets to your friends and family, and ask for trophy donations or sponsorships from your neighborhood merchants. Every sale and donation counts, so don't shy away from trying. If you need tips, ask some of the members who've been successful each year. I know "sales" isn't for everyone, but a warm lead is surprisingly easy to convert. Good luck! - Paul Jr.

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## Spring Meet News

We have just learned that the 2019 AACA Eastern Spring National Meet will be hosted by the New Jersey Region in Parsippany from June 26-29. No additional details have been released yet, so mark your calendars and stay tuned. This is a great opportunity for members looking to climb the national awards ladder while remaining close to home. If they play their cards right, they can win a First Junior at Hershey in 2018, a Senior in Parsippany, and compete for a Grand National in 2020 in Allentown, PA. It's also a great opportunity for members who have yet to experience an AACA National Meet, as it's a simple day trip from Staten Island. Consider registering your local show cars for the Driver's Participation Class or possibly an HPOF certification.

## - NEXT MEETING - July 10

Our July meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 10 at 7:00 PM at the Courthouse at Richmond Town. Members should park in the lot on Clarke Ave., and enter the courthouse from that entrance. We will be upstairs. As usual, each member is asked to contribute \$3.00 for coffee & donuts.

## Upcoming Club Trip to Classic Auto Mall

The NJ North Shore Antique Automobile Club is running a bus trip and has invited SIRAACA to come along. The trip is scheduled for Monday, August 20. The bus will leave Delicious Orchards at 9:00 am. Parking is available in the employee lot. Delicious Orchards will provide free donuts and pastries for the trip. There will be a 50/50 on the ride down, half to the winner, half to the bus driver. The bus will go to Classic Auto Mall in Morgantown, PA. The Auto Mall is nearly 8 acres under one roof, with over 1,000 cars on display or for sale on consignment. Included in the trip is a buffet lunch. The Auto Mall can provide carts for those who have difficulty walking. The cost is \$45 per person. A deposit is required to reserve your seat on the bus. To sign up, see Kevin Keenan at our meeting or contact him on 908-461-8301, or by email on kevinjkeenan@aol.com

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## Famous Hudson Collection For Sale

Possibly the world's best collection of Hudsons ever assembled will be dispersed to collectors via auction this August. Known as Hostletter's Hudson Auto Museum, this collection spans Hudson autos from 1909 through 1956. Those familiar with Hudson will recognize this collection as showcasing the very finest designs offered through the years. Those unfamiliar with Hudson will find themselves in awe of the styling that set Hudson apart from the Big 3. The entire catalog of cars can be viewed online on the Worldwide Auctioneers website. Marvel at the 1952 NASCAR "Fabulous Hudson Hornet" raced by Herb Thomas. See the Model 20 Open Roadster that launched the company, and plenty of rare surviving models like boattail speedsters and town cars. Admire their Art Deco designs of the mid-thirties and the leading edge of post-war innovation in their "Step Down" line. The collection also includes a 1955 Hudson Italia, one of just 26 custom built by Carrozzeria Touring. The auction takes place on August 4 in Shipshewana, Indiana.

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## Inside the SIRAACA Garage

This month, we are back inside the SIRAACA Garage for a closer look at Artie Guarnieri's 1950 Ford F1. Ford's F1 series was introduced in 1948 as their first pick-up built on a dedicated platform. It sports a 239 cubic inch flathead V8 with a three speed. Ford offered three options on the F1 that year: directional signals, AM radio and heater. Artie's only has the heater.

Artie picked up the pick-up in 2016 and spent 9 months with his son Michael performing a mostly cosmetic restoration. They changed all the chrome trim and emblems, door handles and tailgate. They added chrome bumpers, new head and tail lights, running boards, tires and a re-finished wood bed floor. They tuned it up, replaced the battery and hoses, and are now ready to tackle the interior and the engine compartment.

Artie says the best part of this truck is the shared experience of working on it with his son. They laughed, argued, and cooled down over beers. Seeing Michael's excitement grow as they got closer to putting it on the road is something Artie will always remember and cherish.

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.

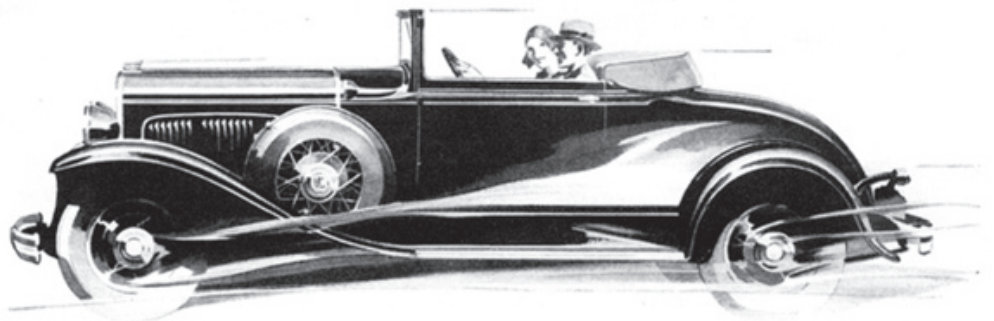


*In 1950, the standard three-speed shift was relocated from the floor to the column mid-year. The 1950 F1 was the last year of this initial style. In 1951, a fully redesigned nose and grill debuted. You might remember the 1951 model as the truck that belonged to Sanford and Son. (photo by Paul Jr.)*

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## Upcoming Events

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



- AACA Eastern Spring Meet, Gettysburg, PA - July 11-14
- Carlisle Chrysler Nationals, Carlisle, PA - July 13-15
- Back to the Beach, Staten Island - July 14-15
- The New Hope Automobile Show, New Hope, PA - August 12
- Classic Auto Mall bus trip, Morgantown, PA - August 20
- Corvettes at Carlisle, Carlisle, PA - August 23-26
- 42nd Annual SIRAACA Car Show, Commons Cafe - September 16





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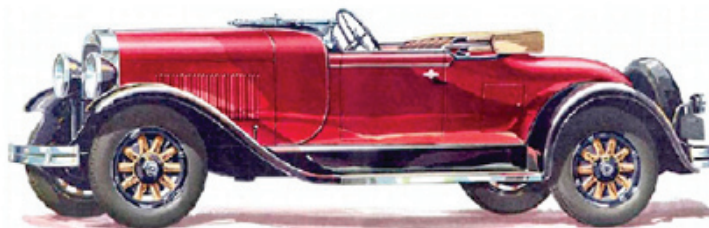
## Surprise Show Car

Our upcoming fall show is planning to feature a famous TV show car from the 1960's. This car was recently acquired by Big Daddy George here on Staten Island, who tells us he will display it alongside his refurbished Cinderella Coach hot rod. We won't spoil the surprise just yet, but plans are to include this car on the fall poster. As for the fall flyer, at left, copies have been e-mailed to most of you and paper copies are always available at our meetings or from the trunk of the raffle car.

## Who's Up For the Next Dash Plaque?

The fans have spoken, and we have listened. Car owners prefer dash plaques to calendars, so we're bringing them back for the fall show. Traditionally, we feature a member's car on the plaque, working on seniority from those who have yet to have a car appear on one. As best as we can tell, we're up to Joe Rego and Frank Provenzano, with remaining members such as Don Bosco, Tony Ventrice, Mike DiPila-to, Mike Gorgia, Bruce Campbell, Bob Ferone, Jimmy Orlando, Tom LaGuidice still up for future plaques. Have we missed anybody?

The Staten Island Region AACA presents its  
42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Antique Car Show & Flea Market  
Sunday, September 16, 2018  
Commons Cafe at The Teleport  
2 Teleport Drive off of South Avenue  
Gates Open at 8:00 AM • Rain Date: September 23



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