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• **Getting Ready for Spring**



Vintage Advertising

Winter scenery of a northeastern suburb in 1939 graces this ad for International trucks. The ground is blanketed with snow and the coal company is delivering another payload to keep this home warm. It's easy to see why this ad was picked for the February issue.

Yet we also picked it because of that bold headline - 'Stand the Gaff!' What does that mean? An older phrase that may not be as popular today as it was 70 years ago, it means to endure the strain. Try working it into your daily routine and see what sort of reaction you get.

IH began making high-wheeler Auto Wagons in 1907. Today, the surviving heavy truck division is known as Navistar, still building International Trucks.

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**It takes a TRUCK ENGINE
to Stand the Gaff!**

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A passenger car engine is called on to deliver from a fourth to a half of its full power most of the time. The average heavy-duty TRUCK engine delivers from three-fourths to all of its power practically all of its working time.

In terms of delivered energy the output of a TRUCK engine is perhaps four times as great per mile of travel. If the average car is disposed of at 50,000 miles, hundreds of hard-working trucks should be entitled to retirement in a few months' time. Nothing could be further from the minds of either the builder or the owner of the good truck. Thousands of International Trucks have traveled upwards of two or three hundred thousand miles, every mile a truck mile.

The automobile tests many a fine quality in an engine, but the TRUCK puts up with a great deal more! For more than a generation the builders of International Trucks have built ALL-TRUCK trucks—and TRUCKS ONLY. This will give you some idea as to why men buy more heavy-duty Internationals than any other three makes combined.

Remember that International sizes range from ½-ton to powerful 6-wheelers. See any International dealer or Company-owned branch.

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180 North Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois

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When ditches need digging no shovels need apply. It's a job for he-men, with seasoned heart and muscle and with callouses in the right places. The same goes for hauling!

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Trivia Question: When was the last time a Ford served as an Indy 500 pace car?

Answer: In 1994, when a Mustang Cobra driven by Parnelli Jones did the honors. Chevrolet has paced the Indy 500 every year since 2002, and will do so again in 2019.

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Minutes of the 524th Meeting

January 8, 2019

1. The 524th meeting of the Staten Island Region AACA was called to order at 7:35 by President Paul Jr. After reciting the pledge of allegiance and observing a moment of silence, the minutes of the 523rd meeting were accepted as read.
2. Happy new year means time to renew your local dues. They remain \$20, and can be paid in cash or check. See Jonathan Schulman to settle up for 2019. We trust everyone remembered to renew their national dues before the end of last year.
3. Our show fates are as follows - April 28 (rain date May 5) and September 15 (rain date September 22). We will explore a way to celebrate Collector Car Appreciation Day with a special cruise night.
4. Frank Nathanson suggests that we recognize 100 year old cars at our events with a special award or ribbon. The AACA does this on a national level, and we will do the same.
5. We are targeting a few special vehicles to attend our Spring Dust-Off, including the 1951 Mack fire truck owned by The FDNY Fire Family Transport Foundation.
6. The club is looking to get some trips on the calendar this year. Aside from many of us making the run up to Parsippany for the AACA Eastern Spring Meet, we'd like to consider a day trip up the Greenwich Concours or The Elegance at Hershey, both in early June. In addition, The Simeone Museum in Philadelphia runs many special demo days on Saturdays that are a fun attraction.
7. Get well wishes were extended to several members that are recovering from various ailments.
8. Automania in Allentown, PA is the weekend of January 19. See Jeff Tucker if you're planning to attend.
9. The New Dorp High School Show is scheduled for June 9. There is no word on a Kiwanis show this year.
10. Phil Boffa gave a treasury report with all in order.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00. The 50/50 collected \$22.00, with Artie Guarnieri winning \$11.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony DiAngelo, Secretary

Club Trip Ideas

The club is considering a trip to the Simeone Museum in Philadelphia to visit on one of their upcoming Demo Days. Demo Days are scheduled for certain Saturdays at noon. They each follow a specific theme, a brief discussion of the featured vehicles, and a spirited drive around the museum's track. Some dates include May 25 (LeMans of the 1920's-30's), June 8 (LeMans of the 1950's) and July 27 (1920's Speedsters).

Other trips worth considering are the Greenwich Concours on Saturday, May 31, and the Elegance at Hershey on Sunday, June 10. Ideally, we'd get interest in more than one, but we'll need to gauge availability to determine transportation options and booking opportunities. Please take a chance to look ahead on your personal calendars to see if these might work for you.

AACA Spring Meet Registration

The 2019 AACA Eastern National Spring Meet will be held in Parsippany, NJ from June 26-29. This show gives our entire club an opportunity to experience a national meet, and we hope all of our members register their cars and attend. The national show field has classes for everyone, so take advantage of the Driver's Participation and Historical Preservation of Original Features classes. All AACA meets are pre-registration only, so here are your options. One way is to look for the insert that comes inside the plastic sleeve that your AACA national magazine arrives in. There is a meet request card that you can fill out and mail in. In return, you will receive the meet registration card, which you then fill out and mail in with your fee. Alternatively, you can print out the proper registration card online by going to members.aaca.org. All this step does is skip the need to mail in the meet request card. You still have to fill it out and send it in with your payment.

**save the date for
the staten island region antique automobile club of america's
43rd annual car show & flea market
sunday, september 15th, 2019
(rain date september 22nd)**



From the President

Hopefully many of you read the latest national magazine from the AACA, specifically the column penned by Executive Director Steve Moskowitz. It's a reply to a letter printed in the previous issue from an AACA member who pointed out some unacceptable behavior on the regional level that really hurts the AACA image. Please take the time to look back and read both items. It's incredible to think that such snobbery would exist in a hobby that's so welcoming to all types of people and all types of cars. I'm happy that our region tries its best to include and respect many types of collectors and their cars. We can't be everything to everyone, but we still respect the idea that an antique car is an antique car, be it a four door sedan or a top of the line convertible. Mass produced, limited production, economy, luxury, coachbuilt, whatever. We like them all and want to see them all out together. In the end, we all just want to have fun enjoying our rides and giving a thumbs up to other folks doing the exact same thing - *Paul Jr.*

- NEXT MEETING - February 5

Our February meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 5 at 7:00 PM at the Courthouse at Richmond Town. We meet upstairs and can enter from the parking lot on Clarke Avenue. As usual, each member is asked to contribute \$3.00 for coffee & donuts.

Curious Model A Spotted in Manhattan



Local Dues Due

By now, all members should have renewed their national dues with the AACA and can renew their local dues beginning at the January meeting. They remain \$20 for the year, and can be paid in cash or check made out to SIRAACA. See our membership secretary Jon Schulman at the meeting to renew.

This Ford Model A Tudor sedan was recently spotted in NYC promoting a tour company. Naturally, we asked the driver for details. Not only was this car promoting the tour, it's the actual tour vehicle. Tourists get driven around for one hour in the customized Model A, supposedly following a 1920's theme throughout the tour. The route runs along Park Avenue from near the Flatiron Building, past Grand Central and up to The Plaza. It runs along Central Park South to Columbus Circle, down through Times Square, Herald Square and past Madison Square Garden. No word if you get shortchanged on the sights if the traffic holds you up beyond the allotted hour. It's a bit of a mixed bag, as car guys would say the car gives off more of 1960's hot rod vibe, but what do tourists supposedly know?

Inside the SIRAACA Garage

It's been a while since we've seen this long-time resident of the SIRAACA Garage. This is Ed Vomero's 1930 Ford Model A coupe.

Is it a Deluxe or Standard model? Cowl lights typically denote the Deluxe, but we didn't have time to verify this with Ed. Other features unique to the Deluxe were on the inside, such as a dome light and scrolled interior door and window hardware. If it's a Deluxe it's one of 28,937 built that year, just a fraction of the 226,027 Standard coupes that rolled off the line in 1930.

There was just one color brown offered that year, known as Throne Brown, which would sport a factory pinstripe in Tacoma Cream (per the Model A Restorer's Club).

Whatever the case, Ed's Ford is handsome example of what dominated the roads of America in the early 1930's. Ford reportedly cranked out over 1.14 million Model A's in 1930, topping Chevrolet's 640,980 units in second place. Let's hope Ed gets this one back on the road soon.

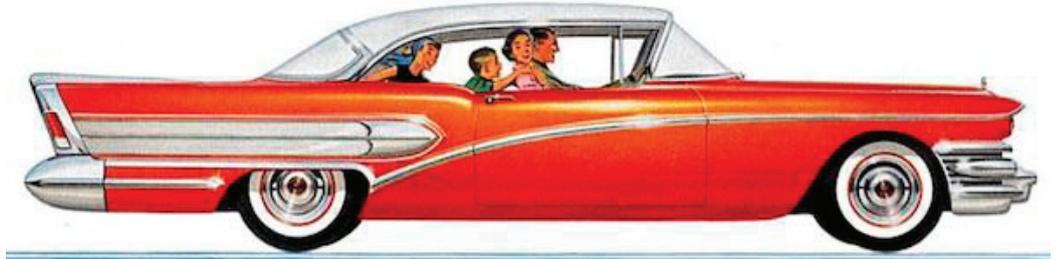
The SIRAACA Garage is home to all of our members' cars, past and present. Has your car been featured yet? Make sure you get the details to Paul Jr. if you want to share your car with us all.



The 1930 Deluxe Coupe cost \$545 if the buyer picked it up at the factory. (photo by Paul Jr.)

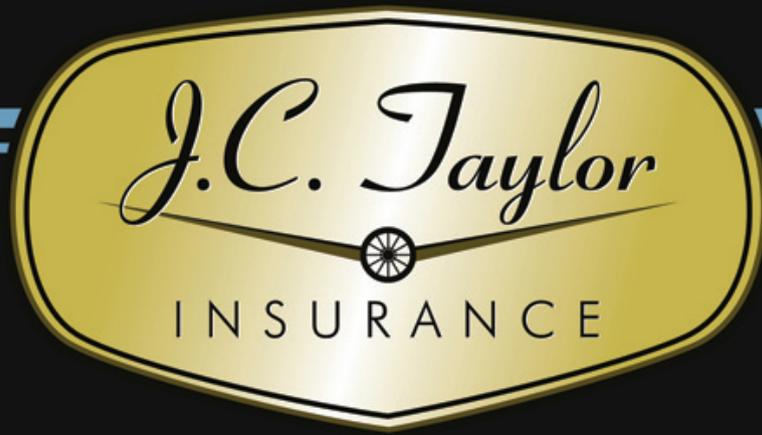
Upcoming Events

Load up the car with friends and family en route to one of these events.



- AACA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia - February 7-9
- 37th Annual Spring Englishtown, Raceway Park - April 12-14
- SIRAACA 13th Annual Spring Dust-Off, Commons Cafe - April 28





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Spring Dust-Off Confirmed for April 28

The folks at the Commons Cafe have confirmed all of our requested show dates for 2019. At that time, we produced a save the date flyer (below) and posted it on our Facebook page and our website. The show flyer (right) soon followed. Copies will be available soon so we're ready once we come out of our winter hibernation. Production on a spring poster has begun as well.

The Staten Island Region AACA presents its 13th Annual Spring Dust-Off Car Show & Flea Market April 28, 2019



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

- \$20 vehicle entry fee • no classes • no cut-off year • rain date May 5 •
- 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 •
- info: call 917-626-0233 or e-mail siraaca@yahoo.com •
- visit us on www.siraaca.aaca.com or [facebook.com/siraaca](https://www.facebook.com/siraaca) •



Save the date for
The Staten Island Region
Antique Automobile Club of America's
13th Annual Spring Dust-Off
Sunday, April 28, 2019
(rain date: May 5)



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