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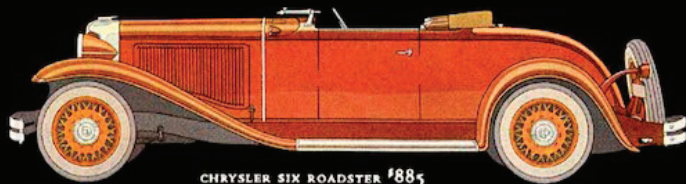
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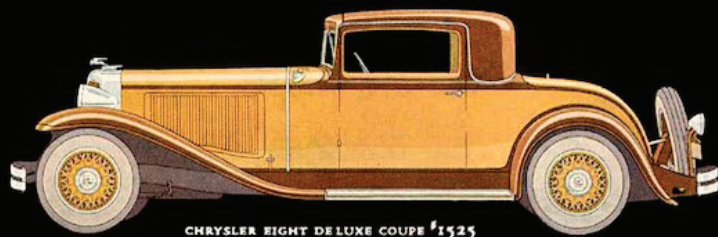
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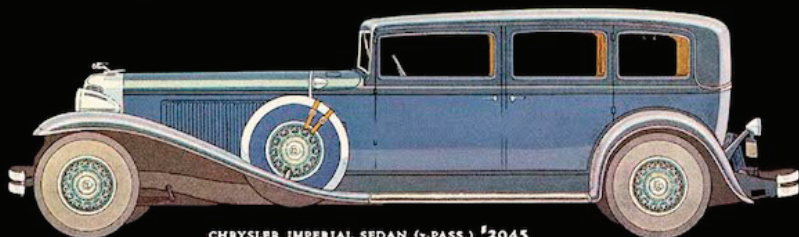
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Vintage Advertising

1930's era cars were commonplace at our early shows, and not just Model A Fords. We routinely saw bigger models like Lincoln, Packard, and Buick as well as forgotten makes like Whippet. Time marched on, these cars got older and fell out of favor with the majority of a new generation, and their appearance on the local circuit (at least around here) is rare.

Here's a look at what Chrysler was offering 90 years ago, highlighting three lines - the Chrysler Six, Eight DeLuxe and Imperial Eight. Three price points to fit any budget, but all providing value for the money. Any one rolling in to a local show today would certainly earn attention.

In This Issue

It's showtime once again - our fall show is Sunday, September 12.

What does it take to win a national award?

The latest GTO to call the SIR-AACA Garage home.

The SIRAACA Time Machine visits Schick's Garage in Stapleton.

Did you know? Walter P. Chrysler started as a production chief at Buick in 1911, eventually becoming president of the division until he left in 1919.

Trivia Question: Alice Huyler Ramsey was the first woman to drive an automobile across the U.S. from coast to coast in 1909. What kind of car did she make the trip in?

Answer: Alice drove a Maxwell Model DA touring car. She left NYC on June 9 and reached San Francisco on August 7. Reportedly, only 152 miles of the trip were paved.

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Minutes of the 549th Meeting

August 3, 2021

1. The 549th meeting of The Staten Island Region AACA was called to order at 7:15 on August 3 at Pro Sho Sound. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and offering a moment of silence, the minutes of the 548th meeting were accepted as read.
2. We recapped the Special Summer Show, which turned out 236 paid vehicles and more than 400 spectators. The raffle car did well also, with \$1086 in ticket sales.
3. With the fall show coming up quickly, we reviewed the trophy donation campaign and encouraged members to all try and get at least one.
4. We will not be at Richmond Town for the County Fair this year.
5. There is a planned car display at Delicious Orchards on Saturday, August 28. We can bring the raffle car and members interested in showing their car should sign up, as space is limited.
6. Artie Guarnieri wants to see the club do more things together as a group, and we will look to suggest trips with and without our cars to build that up.
7. Members that attended the fundraiser at Art Sommers' farm spoke about his vast collection of autos, carriages, and plenty of other stuff.
8. Upcoming events include Macungie from August 6-8 and New Hope on August 14-15. There are still plans to hold the New Dorp Lane show sometime in October.
9. We were introduced to and welcomed prospective new member Anthony Rocco, who owns a "Bandit" Trans-Am.
10. Members were reminded that there is one meeting ahead of our car show, and they should return all monies collected through trophy donations and raffle sales that night. Make sure to turn in all of the filled in raffle stubs as well.
11. Phil Boffa gave an updated treasury report, showing all in order.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35. The 50/50 collected \$36. Dennis Dell'Angelo won \$18.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony DiAngelo, Secretary

Important! What's Required Ahead of the Fall Show?

Finally. Barring any unforeseen obstacles, we will be hosting our first fall show since September 2019. Here's what our members need to know as we get ready to do so.

We still have our monthly meeting scheduled ahead of the show. Members are asked to bring in all money collected through the sales of raffle tickets or trophy donations. In addition, please bring back any unsold raffle books, and all of the filled in ticket stubs on those you sold.

Details on what's required leading up to and on the day of the show will be reviewed at the meeting. We're a small group of people responsible for a lot of tasks to ensure things go smoothly. Hopefully everyone is on board and ready to contribute.



Hemmings to Cover Show?

At a recent Studebaker meet in Vermont, Ron Victorio had the opportunity to speak with a couple of jouranalists with Hemmings, who wanted to know more about Staten Island. He invited them to cover our fall show, and they were eager to fit it in to their schedule when they heard how many cars we get each year. We hope to hear from them with a confirmation and look forward to some well-deserved coverage.

The Family Tree of National Awards

October means one thing in the AACA, and that's the Eastern Fall Meet in Hershey. The largest of its kind, Hershey remains the main show where AACA members in our region compete for national awards. Our club has a long track record of winning awards at Hershey, and with newer members joining our ranks, we thought it would be helpful to explain what it takes to win at the national level.

Minimum Points	Nationals			Grand National	
	Junior Category	Senior Category	Preservation Category	Participant Category**	Senior*** Category
390					Senior
380				1st	
375		Senior			
370				2nd	
365	1st				
360				3rd	
350			Preservation		
330	2nd				
295	3rd				
Point Spread for Ties*	10 pts.	10 pts.	N/A	5 pts.	N/A

* Tying Points must be above the respective minimum required.

** All participating vehicles at a Grand National are eligible to receive a Preservation Award if they score 350 points or above.

*** A Grand National Senior competitor is a vehicle which has previously won a Grand National First Prize. A Senior Award is won if the vehicle scores 390 points or above. The G.N. Senior can be won repeatedly.

All vehicles begin with 400 points, and deductions are made against a detailed judging sheet specific to ensuring the vehicle looks just as it did when delivered new. That's a combination of both condition and authenticity. There is a minimum point total required to win, and your car must score within the agreed spread of the highest scoring car in your class and award category. What does that mean? If you are going for a 1st Junior and score 380, you've met the minimum point total to win. If the top car in your class going for the same award scores 395, you end up with a 2nd Junior because you weren't within ten points of it. The chart above shows the points, spreads and hierarchy of awards to win at the national level. There are other paths to take as well, including Driver Participation and Historical Preservation. There is something for everyone, and we encourage all to experience the thrill of competing.

From the President

We typically breathe a sigh of relief once our fall show is in the books, we've given away our raffle car, and we coast into the cooler months. This year, I'd like to keep the action going by trying to find a raffle car for next year. We have a few large opportunities to sell tickets on the next raffle car after our show. These include the Festa Italiana at Mt. Loretto, the returning New Dorp Lane Car Show, and the big show at Aviation Plaza in Linden. What makes a good raffle car? We typically favor late model "pony cars" like Camaro, Mustang and Trans Am, but we are not limited to those types of cars. Convertibles are a plus, but t-tops work well, too. Automatic transmission is a must, and the car should be clean, well-presented and safe. We're open to some work, but aren't looking to restore something. Price should remain at or around \$6,000, but less is always better! Please keep your eyes open for appealing candidates and let us know what's out there. It would be a great jump start to 2022 if we can take advantage of it. In the meantime, sell whatever tickets you have on this year's car, which we'll finally give away at our upcoming show.

- Paul Jr.

- NEXT MEETING - September 7

Our September meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 7 at 6:30 PM, to be held at Pro Sho Sound's warehouse at 4401 Arthur Kill Road. Thank you to Frank Provenzano and son Frank Jr. for providing the space. Food will be served.

Victory Boulevard Merchants Car Show

The Victory Boulevard Merchants Association is hosting a Vintage Car Show and Art Festival on Sunday, September 26, from 11:00 to 2:00. Parking for cars will be available in the Citibank parking lot across from Alfonso's Pastry Shoppe as well as curbside along Victory between Manor and Jewett. Victory will be open to traffic. They should be able to hold 80-100 cars. Trophies will be awarded. More details to follow.

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Inside the SIRAACA Garage

Here's another car that recently rolled in to the SIRAACA Garage, and it sure looked good doing so. This is Pat Colabella's 1967 Pontiac GTO.

Pat's car brings together the classic styling of one of the most popular muscle cars with modern upgrades. You quickly notice the 17" Foose wheels, and wonder what else has been done. Looking closer, you realize that it's riding on a new chassis, with four-wheel disc brakes.

Inside, you spot AC, power seats, locks and windows. The dash and console are customized, as is the sound system.

The drip rail has been shaved off and the body is finished in a Dark Cherry Pearl.

Stick shift, headers and dual exhaust play a muscle car soundtrack to complete the experience.

Pat recently scored 370 out of 400 points at a Pontiac national meet, and knows his dirty valve covers were mostly to blame for not scoring higher. Nonetheless, it's a great looking, driving and sounding addition to our Garage.

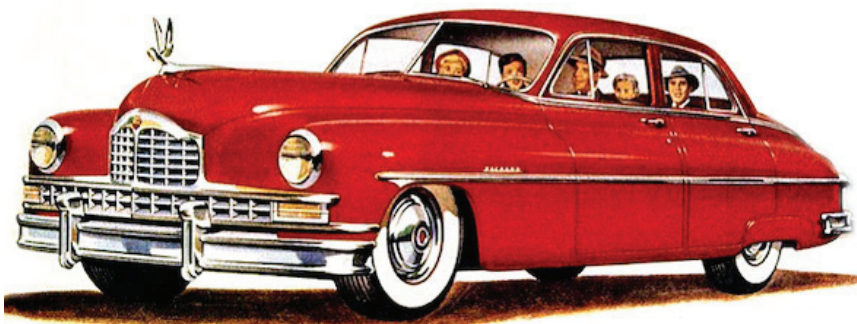
The SIRAACA Garage is home to all of our members' cars, past and present. Has your car been featured yet? Make sure you get the details to Paul Jr. if you want to share your car with us all.



In conjunction with the launch of the GTO for 1964, Pontiac tasked its ad agency to sell their new factory hot rod to the world. That job was led by Jim Wangers, an accomplished drag racer who happened to work at the agency. His ideas included the famous GTO vs GTO (Ferrari) cover story for "Car & Driver", and the formation of a singing group called Ronny & The Daytonas to record the single "G.T.O." He also created a wildly popular GTO give-away through Thom McAn shoe stores in 1966, and was responsible for Dean Jeffries modifying a GTO for use as the Monkeemobile. With so much support, the GTO has become the quintessential American muscle car, and its lasting popularity among Pat and others is why Jim Wangers is known as the Godfather of the GTO. (Photo by of Paul Jr.)

Upcoming Events

Load up your car and head out to these local and national events:



- SIRAACA 44th Annual Car Show, Staten Island, NY - September 12
- Hot Rods & Harleys, Rahway, NJ - September 18
- 44th Annual Fall Swap Meet & Show, Englishtown, NJ - September 24-26
- Victory Boulevard Merchants Assoc. Car Show - September 26
- AACA Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, PA - October 6-9
- New Dorp Lane Car Show, Staten Island, NY - October 17
- 8th Annual Car, Truck & Bike Show, Linden, NJ - October 24



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The SIRAACA Time Machine



We fired up the SIRAACA Time Machine for two passes by Schick's Garage, a large Dodge & Plymouth operation located where Bay Street meets Edgewater. The first pass in 1940 gave us the glimpse seen above. It looks like a 1936 Dodge facing us on the left. When we passed by ten years later, there were a number of changes that we noticed. All of the signage looks new, including a large billboard on the side of the building behind the garage. Sometime in between, Schick's stopped pumping Gulf in favor of Mobilgas. Lastly, it looks like their truck business had picked up after the war, which isn't surprising considering their well-earned reputation on the battlefield and the continuation of their "Job-Rated" offerings.

We have found local advertising from the 1920's showing that Schick's was dealing in the Overland and Willys Knight family of autos, including Whippet. The most recent Dodge ad we found for them was dated 1952. Do any of our readers know more?

For those identifying the cars in last month's photo, they were a '48 Nash and '50 Buick Super.



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