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### NEXT MEETING

The June (766<sup>th</sup>) meeting of the  
New Jersey Region AACA will be held at  
**American Legion Post #279,**  
**133 Main Street, Lincoln Park, NJ**  
**7:30 PM July 6<sup>th</sup> 2023**

### Annual Membership Dues are seriously overdue!

If not paid soon, you will be  
dropped from the club Roster Any  
questions, contact Bill Pritchett 908-  
534-9069 or [njaaca@gmail.com](mailto:njaaca@gmail.com)

### Officers

President: . . . . . Paul Wolfmeyer  
Vice Pres: . . . . . Abe Platt  
Secretary: . . . . . Sarah Pritchett  
Treasurer: . . . . . Tim Schimmel  
Membership: . . . . . Bill Pritchett

### Watchung Mountain Chapter

President: . . . . . George Ernst  
Vice Pres: . . . . .  
Secretary: . . . . . Evelyn Ernst

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Greg Roser  
Art Briggs  
Jerry Peck  
Paul Wolfmeyer  
Abe Platt  
Tim Schimmel  
Bill Pritchett  
Sarah Pritchett

### Committees

50/50. . . . . Greg Roser  
AACA Liaison . . . . . Bob Hedderick  
Accessories & Clothing . . . . . Bobbi Bettie  
Annual Banquet . . . . . Betty Allen  
Archivist . . . . . Matt Verzi  
Awards . . . . . Jerry Peck  
By Laws . . . . . Art Briggs  
Celebrations . . . . . Brenda Zimmerman  
Chief Judge . . . . . Ed Geller  
Equipment . . . . . Art Briggs  
Parliamentarian . . . . . Greg Roser  
Participation Points. . . . . Vince DeLisi  
Refreshments . . . . . John Pieczynski  
Region Picnic . . . . . Peter Cullen Jr.  
Road Map Editor . . . . . Dick Bettie  
Sergeant At Arms. . . . . John Quattrocchi  
Social Media . . . . . Leif Mangulson  
Spring Fling . . . . . Bill Pritchett  
Spring Meet . . . . . Peter Cullen Jr.  
Sunshine . . . . . Sarah Pritchett  
Tour Fall Foliage . . . . . Peter Cullen Jr.  
Tour Fall Mystery. . . . . Bill Pritchett  
Welcoming . . . . . Denise Tuck

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### The Road Map

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## *A Message from the President*



What a great Spring Show! I'd attribute the success to the cars, the weather, the leaders, and the volunteers. (The food and music were great, too.)

The cars (140 of them) and the weather "speak" for themselves. I'd like to focus on the leaders and the volunteers...Planning and up-front work by leaders like Pete (overall), Jerry (awards), Bob (field coordination), Ed (judging), Vince (registration), Abe (publicity) and others are key. And a new location makes more work and planning... but it worked well.

And we had lots of fine volunteers working day-of-show from registration to parking to donation collection to judging and on and on...Thank you all for your work!

Your success at the show enabled the Board to approve donations to the Ayers Knuth Farm and the Mount Pleasant Animal Shelter (across the street from the Nielson Dodge dealership) and we expect to approve a donation to the AACA Library later this year.

With Constitution and By-Laws alterations ratified at our May meeting, the Board also wanted to "clean up" the General Information document. A few items were out of date (like the annual meeting being in Philadelphia and tour expense handling). Both documents—the 2023 Constitution and 2023 General Information appear in the "Members Only" section of our website. Also the current Roster is available on the website.

I enjoyed taking a car to the Autumn Lake Healthcare facility in Berkeley Heights May 17th. The residents and staff are so appreciative of our taking the time—so try to fit a visit in to one (or more) of these events.

And my DeSoto wasn't yet ready the Spring Show—but problems are being resolved—the latest a new radiator core that Ed Symonds masterfully matched to the tanks, etc.

Good motoring to you,

Paul 201-404-6914

## **Anniversaries/Birthdays**

With all the changes due to Covid and other interferences, I would like to update the records for all members who would like to have either their birthday and/or wedding anniversaries in the Road Map. I only need the date of the birthday, month and day. For the anniversary, please give me the date and year.

Thank you,

Bill Pritchett NJAACA #963 908-534-9069

njaaca@gmail.com



## **FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK**



The Spring Meet is in the history books. The day was beautiful, sunny and warm but not too warm. And the cars came in: everything from my Lotus to a 572 Cu In Chevelle, plus lots of other antiques all the way back to a car over 100 years old! It was a great day for all who attended. Take a look at the Road Map covers for an overview of the variety. My only complaint was that the Coffee Lady didn't have all the wonderful home-baked goodies this time, but she did have plenty of ice cream. Benito's Jersey Curbside Eats was also well supplied with a fantastic selection for lunch, and at the end of the day, was swapping food for ice cream. My suggestion is that we book both for next year.

I didn't sign up for a specific spot, so I bounced around helping out where ever I could: helping Jerry with setting up the membership booth and setting out trophies; checked in with Vince & Bob at registration, I want to thank Yvonne for saving my space when I ran home to make some NJ Region AACA Tri-folds There were many volunteers, making it a fun event for all. However, we do need more judges to get all the cars judged in time for the awards. Next time we have a "judging school" I hope to be able to attend. Come and join me, and we can learn together. It can't be that hard if Rich Reina can do it! Oops, did I say that in my "out loud" voice?

While my Lotus did make it to the Spring Show, It started to fall apart on the Covered Bridge Tour. With a light klunking in the rear becoming more apparent on the way home, some investigation showed that the key grove on the right axle had worn to about 10 times the original width. It's back running again but only in time for the Madison Memorial Day Parade.

Dick Bettel #1614





# upcoming EVENTS



## NJ AACAA EVENTS

### June

- 1 7:30 NJ Region AACAA 766<sup>th</sup> meeting American Legion Post #279, 133 Main Street (Rt 202), Lincoln Park, NJ
- 8 Lantern Hill Senior Living 533 – 603 Mountain Avenue, New Providence, NJ, Abe Platt, Chair  
Rain date 29
20. Boonton Care Center, 199 Powerville Road, Boonton Township, NJ - Abe Platt Rain date 27

### July

- 6 NJ Region AACAA 767<sup>th</sup> meeting American Legion Post #279, 133 Main St. (Rt 202), Lincoln Park, NJ
- 15 Ice Cream Social, Dairy Queen, 231 NJ Rte 31, Washington, NJ - Bill Pritchett and Marc Bernstein
- 16 Plaza Healthcare, 456 Rahway Ave., Elizabeth NJ

### August

- 4 Woodland Point Assisted Living at Lantern Hill, 537 Mountain Ave, New Providence, NJ Abe Platt
- 13 NJ Region AACAA 768<sup>th</sup> meeting and Picnic: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, VFW Post, 20 Fawn Rd, East Stroudsburg, PA - Paul Wolfmeyer and Peter Cullen
- 16 Plaza Healthcare, 456 Rahway Ave., Elizabeth NJ 07202 - Abe Platt - Rain Date: August 17, 2023
- 17-21 Summer Tour, Hartford CT - Pete Cullen & Bill Pritchett
- 27 Warren Haven Nursing Home, 350 Oxford Road, Oxford, NJ – Joe & Carole Durna

### September

- 4 64<sup>th</sup> Annual South Plainfield Labor Day Parade - South Plainfield P.A.L. Recreation Center, 1250 Maple Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 - Abe Platt
- 7 NJ Region AACAA 769<sup>th</sup> meeting American Legion Post #279, 133 Main Street (Rt 202), Lincoln Park, NJ
- 9 Brookdale Senior Living Solutions - 520 Prospect Ave, West Orange, NJ - Abe Platt –Rain date: Sep. 15, 2023
- 10 NJ Veterans Memorial Home, 132 Evergreen Road, Edison NJ 08837 – Abe Platt – Rain Date: TBD

*All Regional events are to be submitted to the VP for clearance.*

## NATIONAL AACAA EVENTS

### June

- 25-28 Eastern Divisional Tour, Denver (Hershey), PA, Sponsor: AACAA Library

### July

- 6-8 Central Spring Nationals, Auburn, IN Crossroads of America Region
- 17-18 Exposition of Elegance: Classic Cars at Cheekwood Estate and Gardens in Nashville, TN - Info: (615) 356-8000 or [info@cheekwood.org](mailto:info@cheekwood.org)
- 16-22 Founders Tour, Ontario & Quebec, Ontario Region
- 26-29 Special Eastern Summer Nationals, Norwich, NY, Rolling Antiquers Region/ Old Car Club Norwich Region

### August

- 10-12 Grand Nationals, Bettendorf, Iowa, Mississippi Valley Region
- 16-19 2023 AACAA Vintage Tour, Aroostook County, Maine, AACAA Maine Region

### September

- 14-16 Special Central Divisional Tour, Piqua, OH Southern Ohio Chapter
- 17 Anthracite Region AACAA 37 Annual Car Show Tri-County Little League Baseball Field, McAdoo, PA - Anthracite Region
- 25-29 2023 AACAA Western Divisional Tour. Location: California Central Coast, Santa Ynez Valley  
Sponsor: AACAA Santa Barbara Region

### October

- 3-6 Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA, Flea Market set-up is Monday; Show date is Friday.







# upcoming EVENTS



## OTHER AACAA EVENTS

### June

- 10 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Richmond Car Show and Swap Meet St. Joseph's Villa 8000 Brook Rd Richmond, VA Richmond Region AACAA
- 10 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Latimore Car Show, York Springs, PA Gettysburg Region Larry Rohrbach (717) 880-3058
- 11 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique Auto Show, Waterford, PA - Presque Isle Region
- 16 Friday Evening Cruise-ins TK's Ice Cream 331 Route 539 Cream Ridge, NJ Mid-Jersey Region Jimmy (609) 351-1827 or Bob (609) 206-7939
- 24 Pre-War at Historic Walnford, 10 am - 2 pm. Stock or modified pre-war vehicle 1946-48 vehicles included @ Historic Walnford, 62 Walnford Rd., Upper Freehold, NJ No Entry Fee; No Judging (Mid Jersey Region)

### July

- 9 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show/Summerfest, Arkport, NY – Chemung Valley Region – Contact: Jim Claire (607) 661-0289; Sean (607) 661-7994; Rocco (585) 409-3310
- 21 Friday Evening Cruise-ins TK's Ice Cream 331 Route 539 Cream Ridge, NJ Mid-Jersey Region Jimmy (609) 351-1827 or Bob (609) 206-7939
- 26-28 Studebaker Drivers Club - Keystone Region AACAA -Classic Auto Mall, 6180 Morgantown Road, Morgantown, PA 19543 – Contact: Mike Stewart (610) 334-3550
- 29 Prewar Car Show & Tour at the historic Stone Gables Estate in Elizabethtown, PA. AACAA Hershey Region.

### August

- 4-6 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Das Awkscht Fescht, Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA Ontelaunee Region AACAA – Registrations must be postmarked by July 1, 2023

## AREA EVENTS

Galloping Hill Cruisers, Aviation Plaza: Every Monday, May 15, through October 23, 2023. 5pm to 9pm. Food available at the restaurants in the Plaza. "Cadillac Night" is July 10 (rain date July 17) and "Corvette Night" is August 7 (rain date August 14).

### June

- 3 28<sup>th</sup> Red Mill British Car Day, Red Mill Museum Village, Clinton NJ. 10am - 3:00 pm (Rain Date: June 4)
- 4 Waldwick Community Alliance 15th Annual Car Show, Waldwick Railroad Station, 4 Hewson Ave, Waldwick, NJ - Rain Date: June 11, 2023
- 4 New Dorp High School Car Show - 465 New Dorp Lane, Staten Island, NY
- 4 51<sup>st</sup> Annual All American Car Show Whiskey Lounge, 403 Higgins Ave., Brielle, NJ Info: (609) 410-9902
- 10 Arbor Hose Co. #1 Benefit Car Show and Swap Meet, Arbor Hose Co. #1, 1780 West 7th St., Piscataway, NJ
- 10 North Star Athletic Club Summer Car Show, North Star Athletic Club, 95 North St., Madison, NJ
- 11 Spring Round Up All-Ford Car Show, Performance Ford, 906 Route 10 West, Randolph, NJ – (973) 927-6700
- 11 8<sup>th</sup> Annual New Dorp Car and Jeep Show and Food Truck Festival, New Dorp High School, 465 New Dorp Lane, SI, NY 10306 - Contact: Chris (646) 752-2501
- 11 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gallaway and Crane Funeral Home Car Show, 101 S. Finley Avenue, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 - Contact: Mike 201-486-8765 – Rain date: June 18, 2023



# upcoming EVENTS



## AREA EVENTS

- 11 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Summer Roundup Classic & Modern Ford Mustang & Muscle Car Charity Show - All American Ford of Old Bridge, 3698 US 9, Old Bridge, NJ - Info: Roy (347) 988-0184 (Rain Date: June 25)
- 11 Hackensack PBA Local 9 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Car Show - Hackensack Costco, 80 South River St., Hackensack, NJ - (Rain Date: July 9)
- 17 Tri-County Fair Classic & Custom Car Show, Christ Church, 140 Green Pond Rd., Rockaway, NJ
- 17 Califon's All MOPAR Show, Califon Island Park, 130 Bank St., Califon, NJ
- 17 Annual Summer Kickoff Car Show, Spotswood High School, 105 Summer Hill Rd., Spotswood NJ  
Rain Date: June 24, 2023
- 25 Tri-County Cruisers 30th Annual Car Show, Wayne Town Hall, 475 Valley Rd., Wayne, NJ -Rain Date: July 9
- 25 Bones, Bumpers & Bagels, 55 Madison, Ave., Morristown, NJ - Children's Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine - Music by Hot Rod Mike

### July

- 2 All American Corvette Club, 2023 Charitable Car Show, Panera Bread, 165 Route 4 West, Paramus, NJ - Rain Date: July 16, 2023
- 8 Don't Forget the Vets Car Show, Michael J Tighe Park, 65 Georgia Rd., Freehold, NJ 07728
- 8 New Jersey 2023 Trans Am-All Pontiac Run; McDonalds, 1075 Rt. 1 South, Edison, NJ - Rain Date: July 15, 2023 - Info: [bencar1976@outlook.com](mailto:bencar1976@outlook.com)
- 9 Fanwood 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Car Show - La Grande Park, 170-204 La Grande Ave, Fanwood, NJ 07023  
Info: "Hot Rod" Mike (908) 337-8050

## AREA EVENTS

- 9 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual River Edge Car Show - River Dell High School, Oradell, NJ -Info: (201) 634-0158
- 13-15 24<sup>th</sup> Camaro Nationals, Classic Auto Mall, 6180 Morgantown Road, Morgantown, PA 19543
- 15 Buick Club All Makes Car Show, Wall Township Municipal Complex, 2700 Allaire Road, Wall Township, NJ - Contact: Kevin (908) 461-8301
- 15 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Car Show & Vendor Fair - American Legion Post 851, 107 Ball Park Road (off of Wilson Hill Rd across from the ball fields), Dingmans Ferry, PA (Rain Date: July 16, 2023)
- 28 The Car, Truck & Bike Show (Drive-In Theater in the evening), Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2035 Rt. 27, Edison, NJ
- 30 Mountain Lake Fire Co., Boat, Car, Truck, Bike & Tractor Show, Mountain Lake Fire Co., 99 Tamarack Rd., Belvidere, NJ - Rain Date: August 6, 2023

### August

- 12 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Cops N Rodders Car Show, Lowes & Wendy's Shopping Center, 219 Mountain Ave., Hackettstown, NJ - Rain Date: August 13, 2023
- 13 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Metuchen Rescue Squad Benefit Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show; Metuchen High School, 400 Grove Ave, Metuchen, NJ 08840 - Rain date: August 20, 2023
- 19 Vintage Baseball Game & Car Show, Washington Borough Park & Pool, Broad St., Washington, NJ
- 27 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Salute to our Veterans Car Cruise, New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Vineland, 524 NW Blvd., Vineland, NJ 08360 - Contact: Ben: 856-305-5244 or Bill: 609-381-3249
- 31 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Dead Man's Curve Wild Hot Rod Weekend - Sheraton Mahwah Hotel, 1 Sept 3 International Blvd, Mahwah, NJ

# NJ REGION AACA

## Minutes May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, #765



The 765<sup>th</sup> Region Meeting was called to order at 7:37PM by President Paul Wolfmeyer.

All members present were asked to rise for recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Guests and new members:** None

**Member Concerns / Sunshine:** Sarah Pritchett No report

**Meeting Minutes:** The April minutes were published in the May Road Map. A motion to approve the report was made by Trisha Copley, seconded by Bob Kelly, and approved by all members present. There was no discussion. Paul thanked Greg for substituting as Secretary this month.

**Correspondence:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Tim Schimmel Tim was delayed and arrived at the end of the meeting. No report

**President's Report:** Paul Wolfmeyer

- 1) A Board of Directors meeting was held on April 20.
- 2) Spring Meet: The weather report looks promising. We need more volunteers. More details in the Spring Meet report.
- 3) The revised by laws certification will follow later in this meeting. Paul thanked the board and all members for the approval last month.
- 4) Trophy update: Thank you to Jerry Peck for selecting a new Editor's Trophy. The cost of the new trophy was donated by a region member. Jerry had one other permanent trophy professionally polished and it looks beautiful.
- 5) The next Board of Directors meeting is May 12th.

**Region Activities:** Abe Platt The chairs of the scheduled activities need participants. The Autumn Lake visit and the Covered Bridge Tour are in danger of being canceled due to a lack of registrants. However, our members always seem to come through at the last minute. This makes it difficult for the planners. The Dairy Queen event has been rescheduled to July 15. All other Regional and National events are displayed in The Road Map.

**Spring Meet update:** Pete Cullen and Bob Hudak Pete was not in attendance so Bob gave an update. To date we have 25 volunteers signed up and more are needed. A sign-up sheet is available. Our new host is excited and is offering support for the event.

There is a long driveway to get the registrants off of the highway. The field layout is being finalized. The entrance check is chaired by Bob Hedderick. All volunteers need

to arrive by 8AM. Pete will determine the final class layout the night before the show. Pre-registered vehicles stand at 67. Trailer parking is available, and all signage is ready. There will be two lines for registrations and the registration desk closes at 12 noon.

**Summer Tour update:** Bill Pritchett and Pete Cullen Bill reported that 25 people will be attending. The tour will be in Connecticut.

**Membership:** Bill Pritchett Bill reported that 2023 dues are overdue. The roster is complete and is ready for distribution.

**Road Map Editor:** Dick Bettie A cover car is needed for the June Road Map

**Welcoming Committee:** Denise Tuck – No report

**Webmaster / Social Media:** Leif Mangulson No report

**Participation Points:** Vince DeLisi Greg stated that the meeting sign-in sheet is available for those who need to sign in.

**Refreshments:** John Pieczynski John reported that the following members donated food: Gregory Roser, Dave Cavagnaro, Jan Eyerman, Sam James, Ann Platt, Bob Kelly, and Dick Bettie.

**Watchung Mountain Chapter:** George Ernst No report

**Government Liaison:** Bob Hedderick No report

**Archivist:** Matt Verzi No report.

**Properties:** Art Briggs No report

**Clothing and Accessories:** Bobbi Bettie No report

**Badge Fines:** John Quattrocchi No badge fines were collected.

**Ratification of proposed by law amendments:** The changes unanimously approved last month were again approved. The final revised by laws will be distributed to the membership.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**For Sale or Wanted:** None

**50/50:** Greg Roser "May Moolah" was presented to Patrick Dolan and Abe Platt.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24PM

The next meeting is Thursday June 1, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Roser #1398

Region Secretary – Pro Tem



## Lantern Hill Independent Senior Living Community

Thursday, June 8, 2023 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM

The Lantern Hill Independent Senior Living Community in New Providence requested that we present a Car Show for their residents, staff, and guests, with music and refreshment. The Lantern Hill facility will have music for the event and will provide our members with lunch. **Please note that Lantern Hill will provide a donation to the NJ Region for our participation.** Come join your friends, the residents and staff of this independent senior living community. Please RSVP by June 4<sup>th</sup> if you would like to attend so that we can provide the facility with an idea of how many people and cars we can expect.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (732) 752-6341 or via email [abeplatt@aol.com](mailto:abeplatt@aol.com).

RAIN? Call my mobile phone (732) 433-5319  
The rain date is Wednesday, June 29, 2023.

The Lantern Hill complex is located at 533 – 603 Mountain Avenue, New Providence, NJ 07974, east of Diamond Hill Road, at the northwest corner of Mountain

Abe Platt, Event Chair Member #1524

## Woodland Pointe Assisted Living Community at Lantern Hill

Friday, August 4, 2023 - 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM

The Woodland Pointe Assisted Living Community has requested that the NJ Region AACCA conduct our Second Annual Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event, for the residents, staff, and families on Friday, August 4, 2023. We are scheduled to arrive at 11:00 AM and assemble in the parking area located at the main entrance to the facility. The car display is from 11:30 AM until 2:30 PM. The Woodland Pointe Community will have music for the event and will provide our members with lunch, music, and refreshments. There is a courtyard area adjacent to the display area for all to enjoy. Please RSVP by July 28<sup>th</sup> if you would like to attend so that we can provide the facility with an idea of how many people and cars we can expect. If you have any

## Boonton Care Center

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM



Our Second Annual Antique/Classic Car Display at Boonton Care Center is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 11:30 AM in the parking area located at the front of the facility. The car display is from 12:00 noon until 3:00 PM. The Lantern Hill facility will have music for the event and will provide our members with a BBQ lunch at Noon as the residents have their lunch. Please RSVP by Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> if you are planning to attend so that we can provide the facility with an idea of how many people and cars we can expect. **The Boonton Care Center will provide a donation to the NJ Region for our participation.** This event is not open to the general public and face masks may be required for all participants.

Come join your friends, and the residents and staff of this nursing and rehabilitation facility. If you have any questions, please contact me at (732) 752-6341 or [abeplatt@aol.com](mailto:abeplatt@aol.com).

RAIN? Call my mobile phone (732) 433-5319

Submitted by: Abe Platt, Event Chair Member #1524

### DIRECTIONS:

The facility is located at 199 Powerville Road, Boonton Township, NJ 07005. It is on the west side of Powerville Road halfway between the Boonton Municipal Building and the Boonton Township Fire Department. Look for the sign at the edge of the driveway and you will see the facility behind a large white historic building.

questions, please contact me at (732) 752-6341 or email [abeplatt@aol.com](mailto:abeplatt@aol.com).

**Please note that Lantern Hill will provide a donation to the NJ Region for our participation.** Come join your friends, and the residents and staff of this senior living community.

RAIN? Call my mobile phone (732) 433-5319

The rain date has yet to be determined.

Abe Platt, Event Chair Member #1524

**DIRECTIONS:** The Lantern Hill complex is located at 533 – 603 Mountain Avenue, New Providence, NJ 07974, east of Diamond Hill Road, at the northwest corner of Mountain Avenue and South Street / Glenside Road. Enter the driveway and proceed to the right to the portico and look for us.



## Plaza Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center

Wednesday, August 16, 2023 - 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM

We have been invited to conduct our Second Annual Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event for the Residents of the Plaza Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center, 456 Rahway Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07202, (908-354-1300). Our arrival/assembly time is scheduled for 12:30 PM and we will assemble in the parking area at the rear of the facility. The car display is from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM, so that both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> shifts can view our vehicles. A Luau with musicians is planned for this event and our Region members will be participating. Face masks may be required for all participants and must be worn at all times if required except when eating lunch.

Come join your friends, the residents and staff of this facility. If you have any questions, please contact Abe

Platt (732) 752-6341 or via email abeplatt@aol.com.

RAIN? Call my mobile phone (732) 433-5319.

The rain date is Thursday, August 17, 2023.

Please RSVP by August 12<sup>th</sup> if you would like to attend so that we can provide an idea of how many people and cars we can expect. Please note that this event is not open to the general public. Thank you for your participation.

Submitted by: Abe Platt, Event Chair Member #1524

### DIRECTIONS:

From Westfield Avenue in Elizabeth: At the traffic light at the intersection of Westfield Avenue and Elmora Ave., turn south onto Elmora Ave. and proceed until you reach Rahway Avenue. Turn left onto Rahway Ave. and the facility will be on your right after you cross Hayes Ave.

## First Meeting program

I'm pleased to advise that we will have our first program at our next meeting, June 1. It will feature an interview of Wayne Tuck, longtime NJ Region member and immediate past President of the AACA Board of Directors. We will discuss his journey with AACA, as well as his experiences on the AACA Board of Directors, especially as President of the organization.

Our program for our July gathering (July 6) will feature a discussion with Bob Abbott. We will discuss some of the issues surrounding the preparation for the "Singe Auction". I promised to respect Bob's confidentiality concerns so we will not be "talking numbers". For anyone that cares, they are on the internet. However, more interesting (to me) will be learning how you prepare something as eclectic as the "Singe collection" for auction.

We will also have programs in September, October, and November. A careful review of our membership list suggests that the following individuals would likely be fascinating subjects for this initiative (note – some I've talked to – some will be seeing their names associated with programs for the first time):

- **Jerry Peck** – It would be great to hear from Jerry about the Navy and the conference he just attended on "military readiness".
- **Sarah Pritchett** – It would be interesting to interview her concerning the penal system.
- **Rich Reina** – has approached me about making a presentation.
- **Betty Allen** was volunteered by Bill Pritchett. She was the executive secretary to Mayor Koch. A discussion about Mayor Koch would be very

interesting, informative and entertaining!

- **Alex Soultanis** does an outstanding job talking about his Volkswagen restoration story.
- **Duane Copley** who is now President of VMCCA is willing to discuss his experiences with VMCCA.
- **Pete Cullen** just received his 75th judging credit – he must have some very interesting stories to tell! There are others that have "many" of judging credits, including but not limited to Brenda, Wayne, Ray and Art. I believe that each has his own specialty. Eventually, I'd like to hear from all of them to get a fuller understanding of the judging system.
- **Gup Gascoigne** specializes in "flipping" cars. Would be fun to learn more about how he does it.
- **Paul Wolfmeyer** has a passion for amateur radios. It would be really interesting to learn more about his other "disease".
- **Leif Mangulson** – would be interesting to learn more about how emergency dispatch works – hopefully to include tips on how to make it work better for our members.
- **John Quattrocchi** – it should be really interesting to get an inside look at how the NJ Legislature functions.

While these 11 potential topics will take us through 2024, please let me know if you would like to make a presentation to our membership. Ground rules are that a program will run for no more than 20 minutes, be light, airy, fun, and not be a "commercial". While the first two programs will feature an interview format, we could make provisions to allow for PowerPoint presentations. My hope is to schedule the rest of 2023 by our July meeting.

Vince DeLisi, Program Chairman.

## Appeal for the whereabouts of NJ Region AACA Equipment

If anyone is in possession of any NJ Region Equipment, please either respond to this message to inform me of the equipment you are in possession of or return the equipment to me at the March 2nd Region Meeting at the Lincoln Park American Legion.

Rich Reina and I will be attempting to create a written inventory of the equipment that he passed to me when I took over as Equipment Chairman from him last year.

Thank you for your cooperation!  
Art Briggs #1469 (973) 493-6973 or  
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By Brenda Zimmerman, #1238

## Birthdays



6	Dan Pritchett
8	Joanna Hedderick
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## NJ Region Summer Tour August 17-21, 2023

Peter Cullen and I are planning the tour to Connecticut. We will be staying in the Hartford area at a Hampton Inn. Among things we plan on doing are visiting a private car collection, the submarine museum, a native American museum, and a Civil War museum. If you are thinking about going, please make sure to let either Pete or me know. See below for hotel information. More details will be forthcoming the closer we get.

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## Use Your Newsletter as a Marketing/Membership Tool

By Phillip Cole, Vice President - Publications

Traveling to Nationals and other events across the country, I have noticed some of our chapters and regions are passing out their newsletters to potential new members and spectators. Have you ever thought about using your newsletter as a marketing/membership tool? Here are some examples: One chapter sets up a tent at the local Cars & Coffee and passes out copies of Antique Automobile and their newsletter along with the AACA brochure and their local brochure. All of these have a contact website printed on them. Last year at one of our Nationals, the sponsoring region printed up a brief magazine about the event, AACA, their region and local area. Strategically placed, there was a membership application in it. I took a picture of the show field; and when I looked at it, I saw one of those magazines in the hands of virtually every spectator. Now, that's a great example of good marketing! Okay, I know our editors are mentally estimating the cost, but how much would you be willing to

pay for an influx of new members, great public relations in your area and the spreading of the mission of AACA?

As the Vice President of Publications, I read dozens of newsletters each month. All of them are interesting and well worth reading. And yes, a primary purpose of your newsletter is to inform and motivate your current local membership. Of course, it is! Most of us seem to have our in-reach down pat. But now take another look at your newsletter. How could you add some out-reach? What could you add to make it more interesting to potential new members and spectators at your events? Where could you add some information about the mission of AACA? Come to think of it, since you are reading this article from the Rummage Box, how about one or two of our National Directors' articles and the calendar of national events for a start!?!

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# The “Secret City” Tour- Oak Ridge, TN

April 30- May 3, 2023

Brian and I ventured down to Tennessee for the Southeastern Divisional Tour with Pete Cullen and his sister, Barbara, hosted by the Eastern Tennessee Region AACA (ETR as referred here on out). While they arrived on



Saturday, April 29th, we arrived the late afternoon of Sunday, April 30th. Our tour car was supposed to be the 1994 Pontiac Trans Am; however, the fuel pump died in



York, PA after a beautiful day tour with brother Dan and niece Olivia Pritchett and the Gettysburg Region. We made it home very late (with many, many thanks to Dan and Olivia Pritchett and dear friend Larry Solomayer), went to bed for a few hours, and awoke to get on the road to Tennessee instead in our (very loud) 1999 Pontiac Firebird Formula. We arrived in time to check-in, pick up our tour registration packet, say hello to a few old friends, and mosey into the opening event/driver's meeting where we learned about how this tour finally came to fruition, after years of planning (and a COVID derail).



Because we were such a large group, we were split up into even and odd cars for a few of the tours. Brian and I didn't get to spend a lot of time with some of the friends we made on last year's Founder's Tour to Mobile. We were Car #54, and the classic, "Car 54, Where Are You?" sitcom popped into my head (I watched some Nick at Nite, as a kid), but it brought new meaning because the car we registered was MIA.





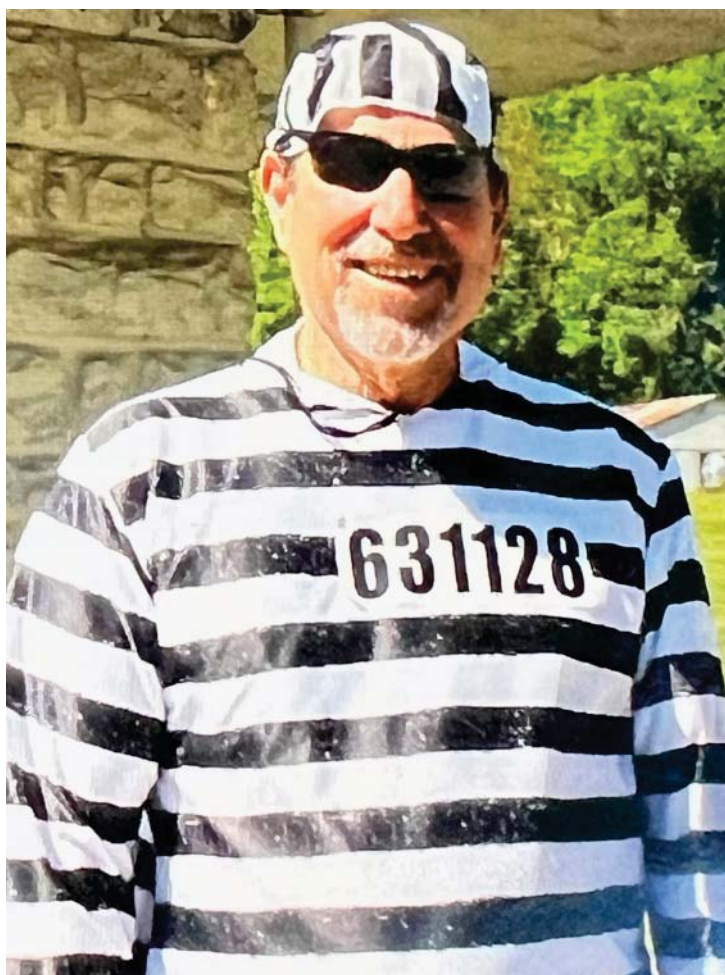
# The “Secret City” Tour



Day one of the tours took the even-numbered cars to the Oak Ridge History Museum, Museum of Appalachia, and the Norris Dam Powerhouse, with a coffee stop at the Melton Lake Pavilion. The History museum gave us a glimpse into “...the human side of the Manhattan Project, focusing on history and people’s day-to-day lives during World War II in Oak Ridge...” (description taken from our tour book). We truly learned why Oak Ridge is called “The Secret City.” It was fascinating to learn that no one knew anything of what was happening - what they were working on; they only knew about their specific job, and they weren’t allowed to talk to anyone else about their work, including their own spouses and children. The Museum of Appalachia is a living history museum, complete with miniature horses, peacocks, chickens, and hogs! We had a delicious lunch, with a choice of pulled pork or pulled chicken and sides. We also got to wander around the farm and go inside the cabins and learn about day-to-day life. Pete, Barbara, Brian, and I spent a very long time here, and missed the photo op set up by ETR at the Norris Dam (oops, we didn’t realize this was happening). The Norris Dam was massive; we went in the info center and found one of the guys used to live in Bound Brook! After a long day of traveling and learning, the four of us decided to try a local

spot for BBQ as recommended by one of the Chamber of Commerce ladies. It was delicious!

Day two in our tour book was titled, “Poking the Bear!” This was the longest day of the tour. Our first stop was the K-25 History Center. This center is “...the exact spot where uranium was enriched for use in the first atomic bomb!” (from the tour book description), and it honors those individuals who helped construct and operate the complex; post WWII it was used to meet the needs of the nation’s security and energy (paraphrased from the tour book). The men and women who worked here did not know anything more than their assigned job (as stated before), and once they discovered what they were doing, it left them with a bittersweet feeling. This was a sobering experience for me, and I wasn’t even born yet - my parents weren’t even born yet, so I can’t imagine how these people felt at this time! We drove to the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center where we learned about the Native American inhabitants and pioneers and residents of the Appalachia community. We were given a boxed lunch and listened to a presentation about a local bear rescue that specializes in rescuing and rehabbing orphaned bear cubs up to two years of age; there is very little human contact to keep the





# The “Secret City” Tour



cubs as wild as possible so when they are returned to the wild, they have a better chance of survival. We perused the attached museum and drove off to Fort Loudin State Historic Park where we had a coffee stop and got to tour the grounds. This was one of the earliest British fortifications on the western frontier (1756); the British Colony of South Carolina felt threatened by French activities in the Mississippi Valley, so they built this fort



during the French and Indian War to protect the Overhill Cherokee Nation against the French (paraphrased from the tour book).

“Bombs, bars, and cars” was the theme for the final day of the tour; this was my personal favorite day of the tour where I think I had the most fun. Our first stop of the tour was to the American Museum of Science & Energy; it “...was designed to teach children and adults about energy, especially nuclear power, and to document the role Oak Ridge played in the Manhattan Project...”



(taken from the tour book). We could interact with just about EVERYTHING in this museum! It was fun to see everyone, old and young, playing with the different displays. I tried many of the activities as well, especially one of my childhood favorites, “Simon.” It turns out I’m not as good at it as I once was! I almost didn’t want to leave, but our next stop was the one I was most excited about (and the reason I told Brian this tour was a must): the Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary! Upon arrival, we were greeted by quite the shady character, an inmate of the Penn, only to see that it was really current AACA National President Fred Trusty. We got to tour the prison before a delicious lunch at The Captain’s Table, a



restaurant on the grounds of the prison (former building purpose unknown to me). I could go on and on about this stop, but I'll attempt to keep it short. This massive penitentiary was in operation from 1896 to 2008, and reopened in 2018 as a museum; the original structure was made of wood by prisoner labor and had burned down. The current standing structure was built in 1920. The most famous escapee from this prison is James Earl Ray, who assassinated Martin Luther King, Jr. Pete, Brian, and I were stuck "behind bars" so Barbara could get our mugshots. We got to view a video of the history of the museum. Another fun fact of this prison is that it was referred to in "The Silence of the Lambs" when Dr. Lecter wanted to be put there for his cooperation in the hunt for "Buffalo Bill." Okay, okay, moving on. We got to go through some of the prison (the gallery levels above the second floor were closed, but once you've seen one cell, you've seen them all). Some tourists thought that this stop was "creepy" (a direct quote from AACA First Lady Marcia Trusty). After eating and shopping (and some moonshine tasting at the distillery attached to the restaurant) we traveled to a beautiful park where members of ETN brought out their beautiful cars for a giant car show and had some yummy ice cream. We were able to ring the International Friendship Bell (a bell given by the Japanese as a token of forgiveness after WWII). The Closing banquet was filled with photos and videos of



the tour, delicious food, and entertainment by Author and Humorist Sam Venable, who taught us how to speak Southern; Brian and I bought a few of his books, which he autographed for us. If you've never done a national tour, you should! They're a great way to get out and see things you might not ever get to and meet some fantastic fellow AACA members along the way!

Submitted by: Sarah Pritchett #1404S

(Photos courtesy of Sarah Pritchett, Pete Cullen, Barbara Cullen, & ETR members)





## Spring Meet Results

Class 1	Donald Davidson 1913 Ford model A Manny Rein 1905 Reo	1 <sup>st</sup> place 2 <sup>nd</sup> place
Class 2	Rich Scerbo 1932 Ford Francisco Zarate 1929 Ford	1 <sup>st</sup> place 2 <sup>nd</sup> place
Class 3	Kevin B Peach 1937 Packard Mark Brady 1937 Ford 2 door coupe Dave Shapiro 1940 Ford deluxe	1 <sup>st</sup> place 2 <sup>nd</sup> place 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Class 4	Jess Zigarello 1948 Pontiac Silverstreak	1 <sup>st</sup> place
Class 5	S. Ucci 1950 Ford Paul Wolfmeyer 1954 Chrysler Imperial Richard Emerson 1958 Cadillac	1 <sup>st</sup> place 2 <sup>nd</sup> place 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Class 6	Roman Artymyshyu 1964 Avanti Patrick Masucci 1963 Ford Thunderbird	1 <sup>st</sup> place 2 <sup>nd</sup> place
Class 7	Ed Rowe 1967 Pontiac GTO Robert Kapral 1969 Plymouth GTX Patrick J. Urciuoli 1967 Chevrolet Camaro	1 <sup>st</sup> place 2 <sup>nd</sup> place 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Class 8	JP Price 1977 Chevrolet Monte Carlo Frank Ruvo 1976 Cadillac Coupe Deville Jack Thomson 1970 Dodge Challenger	1 <sup>st</sup> place 2 <sup>nd</sup> place 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Class 9	Bill Ritchick 1988 Ford Bronco Joe Danon 1991 Oldsmobile 442 Paul Kowalczyk 1987 Buick Grand National	1 <sup>st</sup> place 2 <sup>nd</sup> place 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Class 10	Barbara Pfunke 1929 Packard	1 <sup>st</sup> place
Class 11	Gerald Pagano Jr. 1937 Buick Special Barry Rosenberg 1967 Crown Sedan Tom Whitmore 1956 Ford Victoria	1 <sup>st</sup> place 2 <sup>nd</sup> place 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Class 12	Bernard Davis 1993 GMC Typhoon Dom Speronza 1954 Chevrolet pickup Bill Stroh 1972 Dodge	1 <sup>st</sup> place 2 <sup>nd</sup> place 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Class 13	Vince Bassani 1954 Chevrolet Corvette Miles Yengst 1957 Ford Thunderbird John Griffith Jr. 1967 Chevrolet Corvette	1 <sup>st</sup> place 2 <sup>nd</sup> place 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Class 14	Joan & Greg 1965 Ford Mustang Suds Reddy 1970 Ford Mustang Goerge Smith 1967 Shelby Gt500	1 <sup>st</sup> place 2 <sup>nd</sup> place 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Class 16	Mark O'dell 1967 Chevrolet Chevelle SS Ros Ferrone 1965 Super Performance Ron Marciano 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air	1 <sup>st</sup> place 2 <sup>nd</sup> place 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Class 17	William Chermid 2012 Mustang Boss 302 Tom Pace 2023 Chevrolet Corvette Mathew Scrivano 2023 Dodge Challenger	1 <sup>st</sup> place 2 <sup>nd</sup> place 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
50 Year old car	Michael Casiello 1973 Chevrolet Monte Carlo	



## Autumn Lake Healthcare at Berkeley Heights



Wednesday, May 17, 2023, started out as a beautifully sunny but breezy day with temperatures just reaching the low to mid 60's. Ann and I were joined by Roy Hardgrove and Bob Rankin on our drive over to the Autumn Lake Healthcare facility in Berkely Heights, NJ. We caravanned to the Autumn Lake facility giving others around us a moving antique car show as we drove by. When we arrived, we were greeted by Ms. Lisa Washington, who is the facility's activities director. Also present and setting up his equipment was Phil Prasser, the DJ for this event, with his new assistant Jackie. This was Phil's third time as the DJ and he provided a great mix of very popular vocals and instrumentals from the 50's through the 80's. This was also our third time displaying

Eleven members of the NJ Region AACA and one guest, who has joined us in the past, displayed ten beautiful antique automobiles spanning the decades from the 40's through the 80's. The car hobbyists included: John Cirrito with his 1948 Pontiac Silver Streak; Paul Wolfmeyer with his 1954 Chrysler Imperial; Bill and Gayle Stroh with their 1956 Oldsmobile Holiday 88; Bob Rankin with his 1963 Cadillac Series 62; Anthony Gervasio with his 1965 Chevrolet Corvair; Cliff Stern with his 1974 Triumph TR6; Mickey Easse with his 1975



Pontiac Catalina; Roy Hardgrove with his 1976 Lincoln Town Car; Chet Przybylko with his 1988 Mercury Sable; and Ann and Abraham Platt with Ann's 1988 Mercury Cougar LS Special Edition. A help yourself lunch was provided for the car hobbyists which included a variety of wraps; soft drinks; bagged snacks; mixed berry tarts, and chocolate chip cookies. As in past years, the wraps







were really delicious as many of us had more than one.

Even though this is a small venue with a modest number of antique vehicles displayed, the responses from the residents and the staff were very heartwarming with many smiles and reminiscent of past owned or favorite vehicles. One of the residents opened her i-Phone to show me a picture of a custom hot rod that she loves that was built by her friend's husband, I looked at the picture and said, so you know Jimmy and Lucille, she smiled, and we talked about her younger days palling around with Lucille. Many of the conversations were about common interests shared by the residents and our car hobbyists as several of the residents enjoyed their



own old rides. Last year we met a gentleman who was waiting for a prosthetic for his lower left leg so he could drive his hot rod. Today I asked him about the prosthetic and found out that with it he could now drive his 1957 Chevy BelAir Hot Rod with standard transmission. As always, the residents and the staff commented on the beautiful condition of our vehicles.

Ms. Washington was very active with residents throughout the afternoon and collected votes from the residents and staff members for their favorite car or cars. From the comments made by some of the residents as we spoke, I could tell there seemed to be a favorite car. It seems that the voting, not like in past years, was pretty

much going to one car. John Cirrito's 1948 Pontiac was that car as John was presented with a gift basket with two bottles of wine and other goodies inside. Several of the car club members mentioned how nice this experience was, as did several staff and a number of residents. DJ



Phil, who is a friend of Lisa's, came up to me as we were preparing ourselves for the trip home and told me how very much this event means to the residents. As Phil and I were talking, I could see Lisa going around to most of our members to thank them for being here today with their cars. The sentiments conveyed to me were re-enforced earlier in the afternoon as the facility's Administrator, Mr. Ely Neuman joined us several times during this event and thanked me and others in our group for giving our time and bring our cars for the residents to enjoy. The joy on residents' faces is why I chair these events.

Please go to the News & Photos section of the NJ Region's website to see additional pictures of this event: <https://njregionaaca.com/photo-galleries/>. Or go to my photo album of this event by clicking on the following link: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/NHjxPZsEH921Bm7Z8>

Article and Photographs respectfully submitted by:  
Abe Platt, Event Chair NJ Region Member #1524







## Polishing vs Waxing: They're not the same!

When I was a teenager not yet in possession of a driver's license, my desire to be around automobiles knew no bounds. Sometime after my Aunt Rita took delivery of her gorgeous new 1968 Olds Cutlass S 2-door hardtop, I offered to wax it for her. At my request, my dad bought a \$5 can of Classic Car Wax, which was heavily advertised in *Car & Driver* magazine at the time ("the best wax job ever, or your money back"). It was my first time using the stuff, and I don't think I had ever waxed a car before. It was hard work just to dig the material out of the can, much less spread it on the paint and buff it off. At the end of a laborious 3 or 4 hours, my young teenage self was exhausted. After that, I didn't wax another car for several years.

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At that time, I knew nothing about paint treatment, and I believed that the harder the wax, and the more pressure that was applied during application, the better. I could not have been more wrong. Yes, the main ingredient in that can of Classic Car Wax was carnauba, a hard wax. However, the application of wax is intended

only to provide a protective outer coating... But we're getting a little ahead of ourselves. In last month's Ramblings, we detailed the proper way to wash your car. Presuming that your jalopy is now clean, you are ready to treat its paint, which could be a year old or decades old, depending on its state of preservation or restoration. I am not a "body and paint man" by any means, so any significant damage to a car's topcoat is beyond the scope of my capabilities. But I have learned a lot in recent years about the plethora of consumer-grade paint treatments available from name-brand suppliers.

Bear in mind that all my recommendations below involve HAND application only. The use of a random-orbital or rotary buffer can potentially provide faster and better results, if used properly. They can also ruin your paint if used without care. I have limited experience with such machines, and when dealing with older cars, I prefer to err on the side of caution and apply these paint treatments by hand.

When starting the process of "shining up" one of your prized AACA-eligible possessions, perhaps the most important step is evaluating the condition of the paint. How old is the paint job? If it's an HPOF car then it's likely to be the original factory finish. Remember that older cars did not use a top clearcoat, which was not introduced until sometime in the late '70s - early '80s. Also, some manufacturers used clearcoat on some colors and not on others. My 1993 Mazda Miata is a prime example, as Mazda's metallic colors got a clear coat while solid colors, such as my black car, did not. When your trophy-winner was repainted it may or may not have had two-stage, or basecoat/clearcoat, paint applied. Ideally, you have that information at hand.

The point is this: cars WITHOUT a clear topcoat should be treated differently than those with it. Both my cars, the '67 Alfa and the Miata, are single-stage, that is, non-clearcoat paint. When I wax those cars, some of the color is removed and shows up on the cloth I'm using, so I need to use extra care. If I'm treating a modern car with a harder clearcoat on top, I can be a little more aggressive in my approach.

During your evaluation, examine the paint for swirls, water marks, and similar "effects" in the paint itself. Your choices come down to using one or more of the following products: clay bar; rubbing compound; polish; and wax. The clay bar is a cleaning step that takes you above and beyond what a washing can remove. I have successfully used a clay bar to remove contaminants that the eye can't see. Clay bars should be used with a quick cleaner with high lubricity, like Meguiar's Final Inspection, and after its use, the surface should feel very smooth if not necessarily shiny.

For your next step, always start with the least aggressive method, and remember that an overall goal is to not harm the paint. You can always go back and apply



A clay bar is used on a freshly-washed car to remove small contaminants. It should be used with a quick-clean product like this Final Inspection from Meguiar's.



something stronger, but if you start with something that is too aggressive, you could end up damaging the paint. After the clay bar treatment, a rubbing compound would be most aggressive. I could only recommend it if there are significant defects in the finish, but on a single-stage paint job, one should exercise caution. For minor defects like dullness and oxidation, a polish is less aggressive and serves two purposes: it treats small problems while also nourishing the paint and restoring some color and depth. In recent years, I have become a fan of Meguiar's #7 Show Car Glaze, which is designed for hand-application only, and is promoted as a pure polish to bring back luster to dull or faded paint. A little bit of elbow grease may be called for when using a rubbing compound or a polish, as you are working the product into the surface. When finished, the color should be as bright and shiny as you would like, but that is the job of the final step, which is the wax.



I said at the top of this article that I was exhausted after that first application of hard wax. And this brings me to a major point: waxing a car should not require a lot of muscular effort! The effort comes earlier when removing defects. Wax is nothing more than a protective coat on top of the paint, applied after any previous treatments. Whether you use a paste, lotion, or liquid is up to you.

Some are easier to apply than others, and some last longer than others, but none should be laborious to apply if you've properly prepared the surface.

My final suggestion is: if this is all new to you, try practicing on a non-collector car first. Maybe there is an older vehicle in the family fleet with a neglected finish which you could tackle. If something goes awry while polishing a 15-year-old Ford (no offense to Ford fans!), it becomes a learning lesson. You can also use this approach to try products from different manufacturers to see which ones you prefer. Above all, have fun with it, and enjoy your shiny car!

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## Staten Island Region AACA 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Dust-off Car Show And Flea Market

For several years, I have been trying to get to the Staten Island Region AACA's (SIRAACA's) Spring Dust-Off. With weather reports mostly favorable and not having anything else planned (on purpose), I was all set to go out to Staten Island. When I woke up on Sunday morning, April 23, 2023, it was raining very steadily, so I checked the weather report again and saw that it was supposed to clear up. At around 9:15 AM I called Mike Signorile, SIRAACA's coordinator for this event, to find out what the weather in Staten Island was like, he said it was still



raining, but was clearing up. Shortly after 10 AM, I called Mike again as it stopped raining in Middlesex and the roads were starting to dry out. Mike indicated it had also stopped in Staten Island and more cars were starting to arrive. I grabbed my keys, hopped into Ann's 1988 Mercury Cougar LS Special Edition, and headed for the Common Café parking lot. I arrived approximately 40 minutes later and was greeted by several of the SIRAACA members I have befriended over the past five or six years and was guided to a prime parking space by their Vice President and friend Artie Guarnieri. Artie mentioned to me that with all of the commitments and costs incurred, they were committed to having the show. Once I had settled in, I grabbed my camera and proceeded to check



out the beautiful cars and trucks that were already on display as more and more vehicles keep coming in through the registration area. As I walked around, I noticed many beautiful and interesting vehicles and another plus was that I kept bumping into members of the AACA and other local clubs that I have befriended over the past several years. These clubs include but are not limited to the following: the Verrazano Cadillac Club, Staten Island Kar Klub, Legendary Muscle Car Club, and the Staten Island Pontiac Club. By the end of the show, it turned out that SIRAACA's Spring Dust-Off only had 160 vehicles competing for the 26 special awards unique to this spring event. The Spring Dust-Off usually has double that number of vehicles.



SIRAACA show coordinators decided to leave their red carpet in their 1963 Chevrolet Step-Van to stay dry, however; they still paraded the award winners up to the trophy table as the awards were announced by Staten Island Region President Paul Arena, Jr. This procedure gives us photographers an opportunity to take pictures of all of the winners, or at least your favorite vehicles as they drove by with trophy in hand. The 26 special awards included the following: Decade Awards for the 1950's through the 2020's; marques or vehicle types including Best Corvette, Best Cadillac, Best Ford, Best Mopar, Best GM, Best Orphan, Best Truck, Best Foreign, and Best



Survivor. Other Awards included: Favorite Custom, Future Collectible, the Class of 1973 Award, and the Buick 120 Award. Two Best in Show Awards went to a pre-war and a post-war vehicle.



My favorite vehicles were the 1924 Ford Model T Touring which was displayed by the NY City Fire Department, a 1929 Ford Model A roadster, the 1959 Fiat 1200 Spider (Roma) with body by Pininfarina that took one of the two Best in Show Trophies, a 1957 Mack truck resto-mod driven by a very interesting young couple, a 1968 Chevy Camaro, Steve's 1973 Pontiac Catalina (AACA HPOF) that took the 50-year award, the Cadillac limo ordered by Jackie Gleason, Sal's 1972 Cadillac Coupe DeVille (Best Survivor award), and William's 1964 Galaxie 500XL (Best Ford and a NJ car). William's last name is Ungar but is not related to the Ungar Family that were/are members of the NJ Region according to NJ Region Member Dan Ungar.



The Staten Island Region raffles off a car each year and for the past 5 or 6 years I have always purchased a book of tickets as the cars were at least 25 years old, but this year the raffle car was an early 2000's vehicle that I would not have wanted, but I purchased raffle tickets anyway to support their Region. I was told that approximately \$1,500 in raffle tickets were sold this day.



It seems that everyone was willing to spend a few dollars today as the winning share on the 50/50 was \$510 and the food take-out from the Common Café, which donates all of its profits to charity, was non-stop. Despite the early rain and late start, today was a remarkably successful day for all that participated. I am looking forward to SIRAACA's 46th Annual Fall Show on September 17th. Hope to see more New Jersey folks there.

When I look at my pictures, I reflect on the fact that



this was the best display of cars and trucks, pre-war to present day, that I have seen so far this year other than for our Spring Meet in May. The other thing I reflect on when I think about this gathering is, why don't the local AACA Regions get together more often, and why don't more of the NJ Region members show off their cars to the rest of the NJ Region membership? Thank you reading my article and I hope to see more NJ Region members and their beautiful antiques at local car shows, displays, and cruise-ins. Please note that, as I always say, this is your club, and your participation is what it takes to make it successful.

To see more of my pictures, visit my picture album of this event by clicking on the following link:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/zqopaG9uCCwYDAhx5>

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## Bucks County Covered Bridge Tour



As Saturday was dark, dreary, and raining, the Bucks County Covered Bridge Tour was postponed to Sunday. Clear skies and some sun, yeah! We had two starting points: the Clinton Diner off 78 west, where we met Kathy



& Roger Bagley (1982 Buick Riviera), June & Greg Roser (1976 Cadillac), Bob & Pat Kapral (Modern), Gayle & Bill Stroh (2013 Mercedes), and Brian & Sarah Pritchett (1968 Fastback Mustang); and drove to Tinicum Park to



pick up Ken & Sharon Dulio (1940 Pontiac), Bob & Kathy Kelly (1986 Camaro IROC), Duane Copley (1991 Chrysler LeBaron Conv), and Vince DeLisi (66 Pontiac GTO).



From Tinicum Park we drove through the Erwinna, Frankenfield, Cabin Run, Loux and Pine Valley covered bridges, stopping at Peace Valley Park for a "Bring Your Own" picnic lunch along the scenic Lake Galena. The Moods, Sheards Mill and Knecht's bridges brought us to Nockamixon State Park at the Marina for Italian Ice, and a great view of the sailboats on the lake.



It was a 70 mile trip over some very interesting back roads, through 8 covered bridges, and we all had a great time.

Dick Bettel #1614, Event Chair





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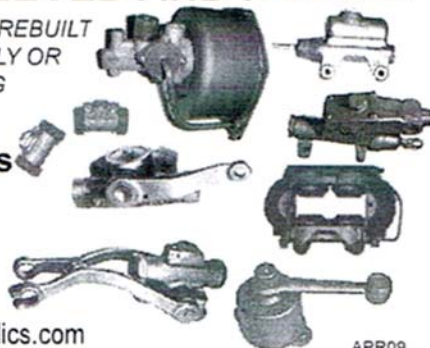
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