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EVERYONE'S IRISH ON ST. PAT'S: AMCOMC FILLS SPOTS AT SHOWS

THE St. Patrick's Day events that were held around our area were all well-attended, especially by AMCOMC members. A special shout out goes to our club members who attended and those who welcomed us. At the Belmar show, it was a wee bit cold, but the activities (and a touch of Jameson whiskey) helped keep our spirited group warm!

Special thanks to Mark Halsband, Rick McKenna, Frank Barone, Ralph Garguilo, Ray Slocum, Ken O'Day, Harry Dunn, J.J. Murphy, Charlie Wines, and the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh.

The Rumson St. Patrick's Day Parade came next and we couldn't have asked for a better day! Some say it was a magical day – perhaps the *luck o' the Irish* had something to do with it! Members participating were Jack Torres, Sandy and Jim Cattelona, Rick McKenna, and Lynn and Charlie Jackson.

JAY-BEE'S CAR TRUCK & BIKE SHOW SCHEDULED FOR JULY 28

ONE of the area's biggest cash-awarding car shows around, Jay-Bee Entertainment's Car Truck & Bike Show has been scheduled for July 28, 2018 at 5000 Hadley Road in South Plainfield, NJ (formerly Everest Institute). Registration will begin at 8:00am and the show time is 12:00pm to 5:30pm. The show will be giving away three cash prizes totaling \$1,000 for the 'Most Represented Car Clubs', with prizes of \$600, \$250, and \$150 for first, second, and third place, respectively.

This event is definitely something we should consider attending in large numbers, as last year's first place winners won the prize with only 34 club members present – and we're hovering well over 200 members ourselves! If you attend, please make sure you register your vehicle AND display your AMCOMC laminated placard in the window. If you need an additional placard, please see Vice President Charlie Wines.

NJ INTRODUCES NEW BILL TO EXPAND USE OF ANTIQUE CARS

NEW Jersey Assembly Bill 3123 was introduced on February 8, 2018 and has since been referred to the Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee as of the date of this publication.

Please note that the following summary was extracted directly from the summary document provided by the New Jersey General Assembly website, located at <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/>:

“Under current law, owners of properly registered historic motor vehicles are permitted to operate them solely for exhibition and educational purposes. This bill permits the use of these vehicles also for occasional travel or pleasure driving, which is defined as not more than one day per week. In order to be designated as an historic motor vehicle, a vehicle must be at least 25 years old and owned as a collector's item.”

We will be keeping a close eye on this bill and the potential ramifications it may have on antique owners.

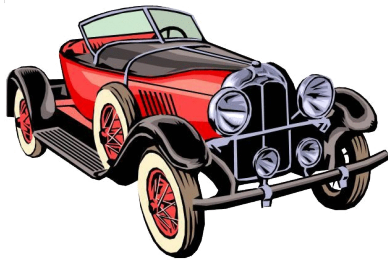
FLAG SHIRTS HAVE ARRIVED AFTER DELAYS DUE TO FLOODS

OUR orders for our new American flag club polo shirts have finally begun to arrive after an issue with flooding at the distributor who makes the shirts. Please be sure to see Apparel Officer Mike Cannizzaro at one of our upcoming meetings. AMCOMC would also like to wish a speedy recovery to member sponsor Mario Lubrano of the Imprint Shoppe who had been hospitalized. *We're thinking about you, Mario!*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Updated events info is always available on our site!

- March 21** AMCOMC Club Meeting, Little Silver, 7:30p
- March 24** St. Patrick's Day Parade, Highlands, 2:00pm
- March 24** St. Patrick's Day Parade, Keansburg, 1:30pm
- March 24** St. Patrick's Day Parade, Keyport, 1:00pm
- April 07** RS Private Garage Tour, Shrewsbury, 9:00am
- April 08** Car Show, All American Ford, OB, 7:30am
- April 13** Raceway Park Swap Meet/Show, Englishtown
- April 14** Cars & Coffee, Grove at Shrewsbury, 8:30a
- April 18** AMCOMC Club Meeting, Little Silver, 7:30p



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FROM THE GAVEL



AN observation that I have had for some time as a car enthusiast recently surfaced again, so I figured this would be a great platform to share my thoughts with you. I have been fortunate in my lifetime to have seen some beautiful cars. Looking back at some of the vintage, brass era cars with majestic grills, giant crystal headlights, and horns that loop around fenders made me think of what a display of power and wealth those vehicles possessed. Those were times when cars made a statement.

Looking at the evolution of the automobile over the last 100 years, much has changed. The old horse-and-buggy was scrapped for a more modern and economical way to travel. One thing has changed in a fun way that is often overlooked by many car enthusiasts and non-car junkies alike. The next time you're driving, take a look at any of the cars that are traveling in the opposite direction of you. Those cars in oncoming traffic are looking back at you! Many manufacturers are putting faces on their models.

Toyota, Mazda, and Nissan are just a few of the examples where the vehicles look like they have smiley faces on them, where some domestic car manufacturers like Jeep have angry expressions in the forms of mechanical eyes and eyebrows. The devilish-looking Dodge Hell Cat has red headlights, resembling fire-burning eyes. Some motorcycles even look like bugs, crickets, and bees – that's what I'm talking about!


The children's cartoon series 'Cars' and even the more adult-driven 'Transformers' series all have cars and trucks with actual faces and personalities. I recently heard a broadcast from WCBS news commentator Dave Ross where he made the same observation that I mentioned above regarding the happy or angry faces on the car. Take a look next time you're driving – those cars (and their drivers) may be looking back at you and you may start to recognize different makes and models by their "facial" expression.

*Wishing you endless
miles and memories,*

AMCOMC VISITS LONG BRANCH SCHOOL TO AID WITH PROJECT

ON Wednesday, March 28, several members of the AMCOMC family visited George L. Catrambone Elementary School in Long Branch, NJ for a 'Cardboard-Car Show'. Students created their cardboard cars out of recycled materials and then pulled them into the "drive-in" to enjoy a movie!

AMCOMC brought actual antique vehicles as well so that the students could view some of the cars that they were modeling their projects after first-hand. Special thanks go out to all of our members who donated their time for this very special event. If you have a community event where AMCOMC could participate, please email events@amcomc.org with details of your request.

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