

Long Island Classic Cars Vendor Spotlight

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In this, another of our Vendor Spotlights, we are pleased to present a facility that has been serving the Long Island Car Enthusiast Community for decades. Best known for top notch radiator repair and custom fabrication, they also perform classic car general repairs, service, and restorations! And – transmissions!

Cap-A-Radiator & Star Transmissions

Cap-A-Radiator was first established in Farmingdale in 1982 as a traditional radiator shop. They specialized in servicing and rebuilding radiators, heaters and air-conditioning. Beginning in 2000, fueled by their love of old cars, Cap-A-Radiator became more involved in classic car radiator, heater core, gas tank and vehicle restorations. They also stock over one hundred new radiators for classic American cars & trucks from the 1930's to the 1980's!



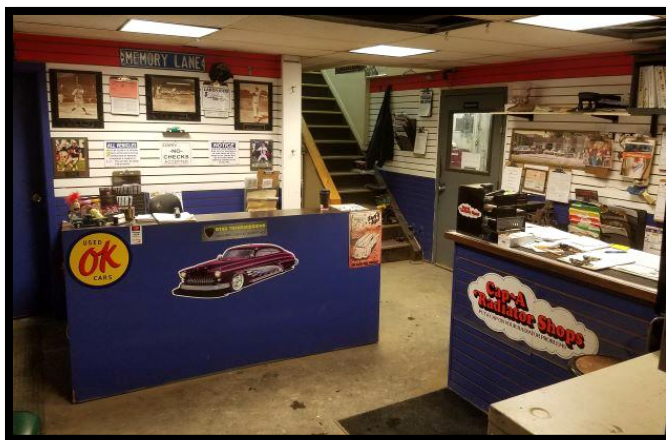
They offer a full line of repairs, maintenance, and upgrades on classic cars and trucks. This includes brakes, suspension, drive-line, and electrical work. Naturally, this transition from a traditional radiator shop to a specialty shop required far more space. After over thirty-one years in a three-bay gas station, Cap-A-Radiator has recently moved to a larger building right down the block that more than doubles their previous indoor vehicle capacity! Couple that with the service and sales of transmissions – and you have a virtual one stop center!



Owner Bill Carberry is known to many in the car community on Long Island and beyond. In addition to his professional services, Bill helps out with the LI Car Club Presidents Council, volunteers much of his time to help the local clubs, and attends many regional car shows. Bill has stated this long dreamed of move to a larger facility, can now help service classic car enthusiasts in a more effective and timely way. There is now a staff of six at Cap-A-Radiator, and four in the transmission shop area. "We have gone from 1,800 to 6,000 square feet!".



Another major improvement over the old shop was the design and building of a dedicated radiator repair section. It would allow for more efficient radiator servicing and keep it separated from the vehicle repair area. "We had to install all new air lines throughout the shop and had two new lifts installed and re-located another one from the old shop. Major lighting and electrical upgrades were done to make the entire shop more productive. Now there is more room to safely and efficiently work and move around the cars. Office space has been effectively quadrupled, and the customers can feel more comfortable too."



In this new building, Cap-A-Radiator has room to continue working on general repairs for everyday cars as well as antique cars and trucks while staying true to its roots of being a long-established radiator shop. They will soon be a registered NYS Inspection Station to serve as a one stop shop for customers to have everything they need done and quickly get back on the road. Stop in and say hi, they'll give you a tour of the facility. As car guys themselves, you can be assured they will take great care with your vehicle and respect your time and wishes. **994 Fulton St. Farmingdale. 516-293-9026 www.caparadiator.com**