

Welcome to another *SHORT* Version MAAC Newsletter - the 2011 Spring Issue!!!

MAAC Officers and Board of Directors welcome you to the Spring 2011 newsletter... In an effort to get the message out to

member clubs (or not yet members) of this association, the decision was made to once again mail an abridged version of our newsletter... The goals are simple:

1. Announce our upcoming meeting – Wednesday April 20, 2011 at 7 PM
2. Notify all that the meeting will be held at Bass Pro Shops – Rte 1 in Foxboro.
3. Announce that the Slate of 2011 Officers remains the same as 2010
4. Remind all association members (or not...) that 2011 Dues are Due and still only \$20.00

The President's Message

The next meeting of the Massachusetts Association of Auto Clubs will be held April 20, 2011 *at the Bass Pro Shop, lower level conference room, Rte 1, Foxboro, MA.* The meeting *will start at 7 PM.* We will be voting for the officers for the 2011 season. Nominations are accepted from the floor.

At our last meeting in October, Stephen G. Regan of Regan Strategies spoke on the *Right to Repair bill* and what it means to automotive repair industry.

On a sad note, George Grew, long-time Board member of MAAC passed away in February.

At our most recent Board meeting, we discussed several issues that ultimately affect our "old car hobby" – come to our April meeting to hear about those issues as well as what's in the works on *Beacon Hill*. But before that, MAAC will host a booth at the **World of Wheels** April 1 to 3 (*new location - Boston Seaport World Trade Center-formerly Commonwealth Pier*). We will also have a spot at the *South Shore Antique Auto Club's Trading Bee, May 14th and 15th at the Comcast Center located in Mansfield, MA.*

Send in any information that we can use in the newsletter regarding matters that may affect our hobby and contact me at **MassAACpres@aol.com, or 508) 285-3211**, if you would like an item placed on the agenda of the April meeting.

Remember, the dues are only \$20.00 to SUPPORT this organization!

Dean Zwicker - President of MAAC

***Do not forget the
NEXT MEETING !!!***

***WED – 7PM
APRIL 20, 2011
Conservation Rm.
Lower Level
Bass Pro Shop
Rte 1
FOXBORO, MA***



Visit our website for map to meeting place and more info: www.massautoclubs.org

See you at the Boston World of Wheels - April 1 to 3, 2011

(new location - Boston Seaport World Trade Center- formerly Commonwealth Pier).

Why not ... Volunteer to

Assist us in manning the MAAC booth sometime Friday, Saturday or Sunday afternoon???

We usually have 2 members manning the booth and handing out information – but ...

We can always use some 'new' help to assist the regulars at the MAAC booth.

Contact Steve at sgp358@hotmail.com for more details and to sign-up for a 2, 3 or 4 hour time slot.

Friday, April 1: 3:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Saturday, April 2: 10:00 am – 10:00 pm

Sunday, April 3: 10:00 am – 7:00 pm

The Massachusetts Association of Auto Clubs

Protecting !!! M A A C

"~~promoting~~ the interests of the hobby"

Over the years, since 1970 actually, MAAC has worked behind the scenes to protect the interests of the hobbyists against legislation that could have had a negative impact on driving our collector vehicles. MAAC has also worked proactively to make changes the way we register our antiques or collector cars. Some of the areas MAAC has made specific impact on behalf of the entire hobby are:

- *Year of Manufacture Plate wording drafted, approved & implemented by RMV.*
- *Initiated Insurance Law changes to allow Specialty Insurance Carriers to write Agreed Value policies in Massachusetts.*
- *Seatbelt law that exempts vehicles manufactured before 1966 to be retro-fitted.*
- *Vehicle inspection program to exempt antique vehicles from any type of emission testing & waiver from annual inspection if vehicle is off road for an extended period.*
- *Assistance in changing town zoning ordinances impacting storage of antiques on private property.*
- *Joining forces with the SEMA Action Network, worked toward passage of the Street Rod and Custom Car Registration Bill in 2010.*
- *Fought against repeated attempts to ban after-market exhaust systems and unenforceable exhaust noise testing.*

Don't sit back and assume that somebody-else is 'looking out' for you and your automotive hobby in Massachusetts. *There are over 100 auto hobbyist clubs and many thousands of auto enthusiasts in our state of Massachusetts but ONLY ONE association* that is involved in the auto hobby with the only purpose to 'Protect our Interests'.

MAAC cannot stand still. To make all this happen, the association needs your support - attend our next meeting and learn how you can become involved. Please make sure "your club is a member" and the 2011 dues are paid !!!

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Massachusetts Association of Auto Clubs

at: William Bergstrom, Treas / 6 Old Church Street / Yarmouthport, MA. 02675

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