

The Newsletter of

Spring

MAAC

2009

The Massachusetts Association of Auto Clubs

Welcome to the '09 Spring Issue of the MAAC Newsletter !!!

MAAC Officers and Board of Directors welcome you to the Spring 2009 quarterly newsletter... Without a doubt, all of us have a 'full plate' for the upcoming season but take a minute to (1) make sure that your club has joined /renewed with MAAC for this year and (2) mark your calendars and plan to attend the important April 29th MAAC meeting which will include our Annual Elections .

And - as we said in the last newsletter, with almost **50 member clubs**, MAAC continues on its course of "promoting the interests of the hobby". In this issue we will give you the Meeting Minutes from the last meeting, a snap shot of our upcoming activities as well as remind **ALL CLUBS - 2009 DUES ARE DUE !!!**

The President's Message

The next meeting of the Massachusetts Association of Auto Clubs will be held April 29, 2009 at the Endicott Estate, Dedham, MA. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM.

The weather is finally getting nice enough to take our cars out from hibernation. I want to thank Tom Yoder again for the wonderful job with the newsletter, and he is now in the process of revamping the web site! (I wonder what he does in his spare time?) Members, please step forward to help, as this is your organization. Please send in any information that we can use in the newsletter regarding matters that may affect our hobby.

On a sad note, I had mentioned at the last meeting that our Assistant Treasurer, John Cropley passed away. He had been the treasurer of MAAC for many of the early years.

The next meeting of the Massachusetts Association of Auto Clubs will be held Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at the Endicott Estate, Dedham, Mass. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM. Please contact me at MassAACpres@aol.com, or #508-285-3211, if you would like something placed on the agenda of the meeting. There is no meeting in July.

Paul Dias has offered space for MAAC representatives at the South Shore Antique Auto Club's Annual Flea Market at the Comcast Center, Mansfield, Mass. Please contact Steve Peluso, SGP358@hotmail.com, to sign up to work the booth. The dates are May 9 and May 10, 2009.

We are in the process of re-doing our mailing list, so please make sure that you get the updated addresses of your club representatives to us. We are attempting to use email to keep our costs down. Remember, we charge

only \$20.00 to be a member of the organization!

At the last meeting, we had the nominations of the slate of officers. They are as follows:

PRESIDENT	<i>Dean Zwicker</i>
VICE PRESIDENT	<i>Paul Dias</i>
SECRETARY	<i>Dennis Newman</i>
TREASURER	<i>William Bergstrom</i>

Please remember, that nominations can be presented at the next meeting, and we will vote for the slate of officers.

Dean Zwicker - President of MAAC



Membership Meeting Minutes for February 11, 2009

Meeting held 7:08PM, February 11, 2009 at the Endicott Estate, Dedham, MA.

OFFICERS PRESENT: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer

19 total members present.

Meeting called to order by the President and a moment of silence was held for the passing of John Cropley a former member and officer..

SECRETARY'S REPORT:
Given; motion made and seconded to accept without changes, Passed

TREASURER'S REPORT:
Given; Checking Account balance \$7,186.64, plus \$4.981.00 in the special projects account, motion made and seconded to accept without changes, Passed.

PRESIDENT REPORT:
Nomination Committee needs to be formed. Bruce Newcomb volunteered to assemble the committee and take necessary action.

CORRESPONDENCE:
None through the Secretary

OLD BUSINESS:

Lobbyist report : A placeholder bill was filed relating to the Street Rod-Car Registration Bill. For now it remains a wait and see as the Legislature is dealing with other items.

Motion Made and seconded to ask Lobbyist to supply a list bills that may be of interest to MAAC and to spend up to \$500.00 to accomplish this.

MAIA is looking for support to stop the loss of the insurance appeals board. No Action taken.

2009 Officers & Board of Directors

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John Weston noted that SEMA is working with California on revision to the CA Exhaust legislation. Most other states including Massachusetts are waiting to see how it shakes out.

NEW BUSINESS: The President will be looking into a questions related to certain insurance companies who claim to be writing polices in Massachusetts

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: There will be a gathering at Factory Five where at least one of the Representatives who supports our position will be there to receive input.

An appeal for volunteers was made to staff a MAAC booth at the Mansfield specifics to follow.

MAAC flyer holders are available for clubs and/or events.

Next Meeting scheduled for April 29, 2009 unless otherwise posted.



**Respectfully submitted by
Dennis Newman, Secretary**

Street Rod & Custom Registration and Inspection Bill – 2009 Redeaux...!!!

And ... the latest status on the MAAC supported House Bills

186th General Court placeholder bills for the pocket vetoed HB 5194 Street Rod & Custom Car Registration Bill were submitted by Representatives Brian Dempsey (HB 3199) & Carolyn Dykema (HB 3201)

- Both identical versions still contain one provision that was a distraction to the original bill's intent, that being SECTION 2, use of the blue dot tail lights.

- A redrafted version of these bills was reviewed with Joe Leone, Methuen City Councilman who has been working closely with Rep. Brian Dempsey's office, and will be presented to the Joint Transportation Committee at the public hearing when the bills are scheduled for its public hearing.

- Meetings with several Representatives have also been held to garner support to move this bill along as quickly as possible and also gain additional co-sponsorship.

- MassDEP presented 11th hour objections to HB 5194 leading to the Governor's pocket veto so an effort is being made to meet with them in advance of the next public hearing.

- John Weston will get copies of similar Street Rod Bills passed in other states so that we have an idea of what differences there might be between theirs and ours.

- There was no refiling of the bill that would ban aftermarket mufflers for the 186th General Court, however, in anticipation of any problems with continued harassment of hobbyists by law enforcement or rejections of reasonably applied aftermarket exhaust systems by inspection stations, John Weston has identified legislators willing to submit the SEMA Exhaust Noise Model Bill on our behalf should we need to take action.



Stay tuned to see where this goes in 2009 ...

Submitted by - John Buchanan



Tweeter Center – Comcast Center – Mansfield 50th Anniversary Swap Meet...

Same place – only the name has changed... We need volunteers to man a booth, the weekend of May 9 & 10. If you're getting tired of seeing these same 'old pictures' come to the next MAAC Meeting and help us out !!! Volunteer for a couple hour stint to pass the word that **MAAC IS THE MASS. HOBBYISTS' VOICE** to the state and federal lawmakers. *Maybe you'll get your picture into the next newsletter instead of these guys ...!!!*



Carl Weber, and other MAAC-ers talk 'shop' at the MAAC Booth - Tweeter Center - 2007



Steve Peluso, a Director of MAAC, welcomes 'everyone' to our MAAC Booth - 2007

Board Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM, March 11, 2009 West-Side Grille, Northborough, MA.

11 members present - Present: *B. Bergstrom, J. Buchanan, P. Dias, J. Freeman, D. Linden, D. Newman, S. Peluso, T. Yoder, C. Weber, J. Weston, and D. Zwicker*

Meeting called to order by Pres. Zwicker:

General discussion followed about how to best up date and maintain the Association's growing list of members, currently at 111 entries. This number includes Clubs and individual enthusiasts.

It was agreed that the Secretary would take the additional data that was brought in tonight add it to what was already assembled and then email it out to the members of the Board for their review and comment. In this way we hope to correct as many errors and or omissions as possible. This will also allow us to find and contact those who have not yet renewed their membership fro 2009.

Old Business:

It appears that the Exhaust bill was not refilled and is therefore dead. This appears to be with the blessing of the sponsors of the previous poorly configured bill. Both sides are waiting to see how California handles various concerns that have developed since they adopted legislation that has support from SEMA and MAAC. We have no control or input into these discussions so it would appear

Good of the Association:

*The next MAAC meetings at the Endicott Estate were noted as being:
April 29, 2009, October 28, 2009 and January 27, 2010
unless otherwise posted.*

that this issue will stay down for at least another two years.

The Street Rod bill however, was refilled and will hopefully be passed within this two year legislative session. It is our understanding that the section related to blue-dot tail lights has been removed removing concerns from some at the State level and meetings are being scheduled with DEP to address their concerns. As progress is made members will be appraised and at the appropriate time member clubs will be asked to garner support from their Representatives and Senators.

New Business:

Some discussion was had on a booth at the Comcast Center Swap Meet. There was consensus on having something present that would cause passers by to stop and ask questions. One thought that will be looked into was obtaining a crushed-cubed car. This would be used to bring attention to the Scrapage Bills that are beginning to spring up around the country and has been adopted in Japan.



***Respectfully submitted by
Dennis Newman, Secretary MAAC***

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Report of the MAAC 2009 Nominations Committee

During the February 2009 meeting, the **MAAC Nominating Committee** was formed with Bruce Newcomb as chairperson. See proposed slate of officers for 2009. At that meeting, it was *also voted to accept this slate for presentation to the membership for a final vote* at the April membership meeting, they are as follows:

<i>Dean Zwicker</i>	<i>President.</i>
<i>Paul J. Dias</i>	<i>Vice-President.</i>
<i>Dennis Newman</i>	<i>Secretary.</i>
<i>William Bergstrom</i>	<i>Treasurer.</i>



What's Happening On The Left Coast – Affects Us On The Right Coast ...

There is no new info out of **California** on the exhaust issue. The focus of SEMA and most car groups around the country is preparing to once again to fight the next **SCRAPPAGE BILL** attempt, but in California and nationally.

ANYONE can go onto the **SEMA website** and get this info so they can stay up on this. And / Or become a **SAN member for free** and get these updates emailed to you as they come out.

Submitted by - John Weston.

See More 'Scrappage Info' at www.SEMA.org ... check it out TODAY !!!

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MAAC MEMBERS - 2009 DUES PAID

(Clubs & Individuals – dues paid as of April 6...)

Mass Region AACA ♦ New England Speed Society ♦ Big M Mercury Club ♦ Dominators ♦ Eastern Mass. GMO Chapter ♦ Maynard Area Auto Club ♦ Connecticut Valley Region AACA, VMCCA ♦ Colonial Region Plymouth Club ♦ Klaxon Antique Auto Club ♦ Mass. Cruisers Auto Club ♦ North Shore Corvettes of Mass., Inc. ♦ The Autoneers ♦ Mike Chelinski ♦ Cape Cod Early V8 Regional Group ♦ Minuteman Chapter Buick Club of America ♦ James M. DeChambeau ♦ Wheels of Time of Mass. ♦ Sham Rods ♦ Cape Cod British Car Club ♦ John Freeman ♦ Model A Restorers Club of Mass., Inc. ♦ Steve Peluso ♦ Paul J. Dias ♦ South Shore Antique Auto Club ♦ Hudson Essex Terraplane Club ♦ Yankee Chapter POCI ♦ Ocean Bay Chapter, Studebaker Drivers Club ♦ Old Colony Model T Club, Inc. ♦ Yankee Chapter, National Woodie Club ♦ Yankee IngenuiT's ♦ Cape Cod Corvette Club, Inc. ♦ Bay State Antique Auto ♦ Cadillac/LaSalle Club ♦ Mid-State Antique Auto Club ♦ Lang's Old Car Parts

There is enough space to list EVERYONE !!!

IS YOUR CLUB on this list ???

JOIN-UP or ...

Check to see if your Officers paid 2009 Dues !!!

The Massachusetts Association of Auto Clubs ... an organization to support ALL Auto Clubs
Does YOUR Club belong ??? JOIN today !!!



Maybe this car is one of many that outlived its useful life and ...



Needs to be 'recycled' - But maybe ...



This is a 'hobbyist's car' that gets caught up in the Scrappage Hysteria ????



Help MAAC work with our State & Federal lawmakers ...

Tail Fins ...

And parting thoughts !!!

MAAC - the Massachusetts Association of Auto Clubs - is our voice at the state level, in Boston. If and when, legislative activity at either the national or state level affects our hobby, we must respond in a timely manner to make our views known. *Sitting back and doing nothing is the 'easy way out' but that will probably result in laws and regulations that hurt our hobby.*

Promoting the interests of the hobby...

Since 1970, the Massachusetts Association of Auto Clubs (MAAC) has worked behind the scenes to protect the interests of ALL antique & collector car hobbyists in areas such as: Agreed value insurance; Year of manufacture license plates; Exempting antiques from emissions testing; and exempting vehicles built before 1966 from requiring seat belts.

MAAC cannot stand... !!!

If we, the hobbyists, want to continue to enjoy our vehicles it will only be through a strong unified effort. Clunker laws, Zero Emission vehicles and Clean Air Acts will all take their toll if we don't make our lawmakers aware of our side of the issues.

Remember, MAAC needs your support to carry out the programs that we have set for ourselves. If your club already is a member club – **2009 Dues are Due** and, if your club is not a member, talk to your Officers and Directors to **JOIN UP FOR 2009 ...!!!**

“Our hobby needs a unified voice to represent our interests at the state and national levels”.



So that “our cars” don't end up - HERE !!!

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**MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF AUTO CLUBS
(M.A.A.C.)
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Car Club _____
Delegate _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ **State** _____ **zip** _____
Phone () _____ **Email** _____
Fax / Cell _____

- **WHAT CAN YOU (YOUR CLUB) CONTRIBUTE THIS YEAR TO OUR ORGANIZATION?**

- **Number of members in club** _____

- **Club website :** _____

- **Club email address :** _____

- **Club alternate (if you cannot attend a meeting) :**

- **Type of club:**

Hot rod _____
Street Rod _____
Antique/Traditional/Classic _____
Import _____
Low rider _____
Other _____ (please explain)

- **Other Organization Affiliations :**

PLEASE RETURN WITH CHECK / M.O. for \$20.00

**TO: MAAC 2009 DUES
William Bergstrom
6 Old Church Street
Yarmouthport, MA. 02675**

Please Check One:

- New membership**
- Renewal**

Signature _____ **Date** _____

**Massachusetts Association of Auto Clubs
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Spring 2009 Newsletter is here ... !!!



**Next Meeting
Wednesday, April 29, 2009
at Endicott Estates, Dedham, MA**

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c/o Dean Zwicker

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