

April 2011 – World of Wheels, Boston – MAAC was there!!!



We were there ...with members and volunteers to continue to spread the word that MAAC is "protecting the Interests..." of all the Auto Enthusiasts in Massachusetts !!!
 Why not help out at this year's 2012 World of Wheels - Friday March 30 to Sunday April 1st... ???

The President's Message

The next meeting of the **Massachusetts Association of Auto Clubs** will be held March 28, 2012 **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 2012 season. Nominations are accepted from the floor.

We may be able to have Terry Hayes from the Registry of Motor Vehicles at the meeting to speak about the new registration program for kit cars and street rods. More about that elsewhere in the newsletter.

MAAC will host a booth at the **World of Wheels Friday** March 30 to **Sunday April 1 (Boston Seaport World Trade Center - formerly Commonwealth Pier)**

We need volunteers to man the booth and spread the word about what MAAC does for the hobby. Please contact Steve Peluso at SGP358@hotmail.com, so he can add your name to

the list of helpers. There is free admission for the ones helping at the booth.

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 March meeting.

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

NEXT MEETING !!!
WED – 7PM
MARCH 28, 2012
Lower Level
Bass Pro Shop
Rte 1
FOXBORO, MA.

Dean Zwicker –
President of MAAC



MAAC Membership Meeting Minutes for Oct. 19, 2011

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Meeting held 7:06 p.m. in the "Conservation Room" of the Pro Bass Shop in Foxboro, MA..

The meeting was called to order by President Dean Zwicker

No secretary's report was available due to the absence of Secretary Dennis Newman.

The treasurer's report was given which stated the current balance in the checking account and the special projects' account. Also, there was a report on the amount of donations collected by South Shore Antique Auto Club Inc Trading Bee from last June from their vendors. President Zwicker extended a note of thanks to South Shore Antique Auto Club Inc for their soliciting these donations from the vendors at the Trading Bee and forwarding these donations to MAAC.

Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

John Buchanan provided information on the status of House and Senate bills: bill # H00238 relative to the registration of antique snow mobiles, bill #H00952 to further regulate motorcycle sound levels, bill #H00905 relative to motor vehicle registration plates (two plates vs. one plate), bill #H03242 relative to sales tax on motor vehicles, and, bill #S01719 relative to year of manufacture plates when used on antique motor vehicles.

John Buchanan also provided a question and answer sheet that he had previously submitted to Mr. Terry Hayes of the RMV. Mr. Hayes is the Quality Assurance Manager of the RMV.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the use of Antique and Year of Manufacture plates on hot rods, customs, and replica or kit cars, as a result of Mr. Hayes reply. "All custom vehicles, replica vehicles, specially-constructed vehicles, and street rod vehicles must comply with the new law". PAS/Antique plates and PAY/Year of

Manufacture plates are no longer allowed. All other passenger plate types will be acceptable.

Any questions relative to the new law which took effect on April 30, 2011, should be addressed to John Buchanan at newseditor@masscruisers.com

Questions were raised about various problems encountered when titling and registering when an engine has been replaced. Also, how does one register/title a vehicle if purchased from out of state, with a title from another jurisdiction with respect to the new law.

It was suggested that when problems such as those stated above, that one should address questions to the RMV legal department as opposed to the local RMV office.

A question regarding whether to upgrade the MAAC website was raised. It was presented to the members of the Board of Directors and was approved by the members of the Board present.

Treasurer Bill Bergstrom announced that he will be moving out of state in the near future and is thus resigning as MAAC's Treasurer. He expressed a desire to work with whoever takes over to ensure a smooth transition. President Zwicker asked for a volunteer to succeed Bill as Treasurer. There were no responses. That position as well as the location of the bank accounts will be addressed at a later date.

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Under Old Business: it was reported that there was positive feedback at this year's World of Wheels (WOW) Show. It was agreed that MAAC would participate in a similar manner next year. Again, a plea for volunteers to man the booth was put forth to the membership. Next year's WOW Show will be March 30 to April 1, 2012.

A discussion took place regarding various types of bank accounts as it pertains to MAAC's assets. The matter was referred to the Board of Directors for investigation.

**The next regular MAAC meeting will be March 28, 2012.
The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce E. Newcomb, Secretary pro tem

The election of officers for 2012 was addressed. In order to comply with the by-laws, which state that a slate of officers be presented to the membership prior to February 1, it was agreed that President Zwicker would appoint a nominating committee.

President Zwicker asked for nominations for officers from the floor. None were forthcoming.

A motion was made and seconded that the nominating committee would present the same slate of officers as currently serving, for 2012, with the exception of the treasurer.



2011 Mansfield 52nd Ann. SSAAC Swap Meet May 14 & 15 – MAAC was there...

Thanks to Carl Weber who donated spaces (Lot 5 Row O 5-6) Saturday morning (5-14-2011) at the SSAAC Trading Bee at the Mansfield Comcast Center, a **MAAC Information booth**, was set up and manned by Volunteer Bruce Nichols (Plymouth Owners Club Rep.) and MAAC'S John Buchanan. This is just one of the ways that **MAAC - THE MASSACHUSETTS AUTO ENTHUSIASTS' VOICE** - is able to pass along information on the state and federal lawmakers' *activities that affect our auto hobby* – **THANKS guys...!!!**



Volunteer Bruce Nichols at the 2011 SSAAC Trading Bee at the Mansfield Comcast Center with interested MASS Auto Enthusiasts

Questions posed by MAAC re: STREET RODS & KIT CARS...

From: Hayes, Terence (DOT) [<mailto:terence.hayes@state.ma.us>]

Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2011 1:13 PM

Subject: RE: STREET RODS, KIT CARS, ETC.



Attached are answers to the questions you presented.

Terry Hayes / Registry of Motor Vehicles / QA Manager / 617-351-9363

- What are the specific referenced Chapter 90 provisions detailing the changes in law affecting the hot rods, customs, replica & kit cars? **ANS - Chapter 90 Sections 2H and 2I.**
- What are the important milestone dates for grand fathering and when the new rules take place? **ANS - See the attached document. The act takes affect on April 30, 2011. Replica Vehicle and Specially- Constructed Vehicles that have complied with registration requirements prior to and including April 30, 2012 will be exempt from emissions.**
- Will previously titled hot rods, customs, replica or kit cars under the new definitions registered as AN (antique) or PAN, PAR, PAV, PAY or PAS (passenger Normal, Reserved, Vanity, Year of Mfg, or Special) be able to continue registering them that way after April 2012? **ANS - All Custom Vehicles Replica Vehicles, Specially- Constructed Vehicles and Street Rod Vehicles must comply with the new law. PAS/antique plates and PAY/ year of manufacture are no longer allowed. All other passenger plate types will be acceptable.**
- During the grand fathering period there have been reports of RMV offices that will not handle registering of kit cars or the transfer of titles for previously registered collector vehicles and the word has been getting around as to which offices are friendly and which are not (see my 8-22-2011 email to Dean Zwicker). What recourse does someone have who has followed the current procedures and runs into this problem? **ANS - Request to speak to the branch manager.**
- If I am building a hot rod or custom car today from an antique vehicle with a VIN and using a pre-1997 donor engine that will not be ready for registration and inspection until well after April 2012, what are the options for registering it? Do I have to use the new Hot Rod or Custom classification or can I still opt to register it as AN (antique) for limited road use or PAN (passenger Normal) for regular daily use? **ANS - All Custom Vehicles, Replica Vehicles, Specially- Constructed Vehicles and Street Rod Vehicles must comply with the new law. PAS/antique plates and PAY/year of manufacture are no longer allowed. All other passenger plate types will be acceptable.**
- If I have an existing 8 cylinder engine that is blown in my previously registered hot rod or custom vehicle that requires a replacement engine of equal or larger displacement, again pre-1997 and not a long block crate engine but possibly a short block replacement, would there be any recertification required for the next inspection period? **ANS - Street Rod and Custom Vehicles are not subject to emissions testing.**
- What are the rules about re-titling, registering and inspecting in Massachusetts a previously titled and registered vehicle purchased from outside Massachusetts, e.g. an eBay, Mecum, Barrett Jackson auctions; out-of-state licensed dealers or private individual sales? **ANS - Must have the previous title. All Custom Vehicles, Replica Vehicles, Specially- Constructed Vehicles and Street Rod Vehicles must comply with the new law, including having an assigned a state vehicle identification number.**
- Are there any changes in inspection criteria being considered for hot rods and customs that are different from today? As an example, a rumor going around that open wheeled hot rods will no longer be allowed in the future in MA when these changes go into effect. **ANS - There are no changes being considered at this time. Street Rods (model year 1949 or older) are the only vehicles that will be allowed without fenders.**

This information compiled from e-mails and his notes by John Buchanan / usjhb@comcast.net

MAAC Board of Directors Meeting

7:00 PM, February 9, 2012, Bass Pro Shop, Foxborough, MA.

Present: B. Bergstrom, J. Buchanan, J. Freeman, D. Linden, D. Newman, T. Yoder, C. Weber, and D. Zwicker

Meeting called to order by President Zwicker:

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- Dean reported that he had received the Tax ID number for the Special Projects account.
- Tom noted that the web site will be located at Go-Daddy.com
- John distributed updates on the current legislation affecting the hobby. He noted that nothing is currently happening at the State House. He will try to have a speaker at our March meeting to answer any question on the Street Rod Bill implementation.
- With Bill moving south President Zwicker has appointed Doug Linden to assume the Treasurer's responsibilities subject to an election by the membership, per our by-laws.
- Dean will contact Bruce Nichols about the Banner, Stands, and support system.
- A brief discussion was held on the need to review and update the by-laws. This will be brought up at the next meeting to recruit volunteers.

Good of the Association:

The next MAAC meeting will be at the Bass Pro Shop March 28, 2012

The minutes above are the best recollection and notes of the writer and are not approved until so moved by the MAAC Board of Directors at their next meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Dennis Newman, Secretary MAAC



Report of the MAAC 2012 Nominating Committee

During the October 2011 meeting, the MAAC Nominating Committee proposed a slate of officers for 2012. At that meeting, it was also voted to accept this slate for presentation to the membership for a final vote at the next 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>

William Bergstrom declined the Treasurer nomination as he is planning to move out of the area in the near future. At a subsequent Executive Board meeting in February 2012, **President Zwicker appointed Doug Linden to assume the Treasurer's responsibilities** subject to the annual election at the March 28 General Membership meeting. Nomination are will be accepted from the floor .

MORE pix of 2011 World of Wheels Boston - April 2011



Thanks to the Thursday Nite set-up gang and Steve P. for bringing his "eye candy" 1957 Metropolitan!!!

MAAC is watching the 'BILLS on the HILL' - 2012

antique snowmobiles

Bill H00238 By Mr. Stephen Kulik of Worthington, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 00238) of William "Smitty" Pignatelli and Anne M. Gobi relative to the registration of antique snowmobiles. **Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.**

A state resident or non resident who owns a snowmobile that is more than 25 years old and that is substantially maintained in original or restored condition may register that snowmobile under this subsection as a vintage snowmobile. Vintage snowmobiles must meet the sound and emission specifications in place at the time of their manufacture. A vintage snowmobile registration authorizes that snowmobile to be operated only for the purpose of traveling to, returning from and participating in an exhibition, parade or other event of interest to the public or for occasional personal use. The fee for a vintage snowmobile registration is \$40. A vintage snowmobile registration is valid until the ownership of that vintage snowmobile is transferred to another person. Upon the transfer of ownership, the new owner may register that snowmobile as a vintage snowmobile by paying the current vintage snowmobile registration fee.

Definition:

A "Vintage Snowmobile" means a snowmobile more than 25 years old that is registered as a vintage snowmobile under the snowmobile registration section.

1/18/2011	House	Bill Filed.
1/24/2011	House	Referred to Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.
1/24/2011	Senate	Senate concurred.
6/3/2011	Joint	Hearing scheduled for 06/14/2011 from 10:00 AM-03:00 PM in Quaboag Regional High School
10/24/2011	House	Bill reported favorably by committee and referred to the House committee on Ways and Means

motorcycle sound levels

Bill H00952 By Mr. Theodore C. Speliotis of Danvers, to further regulate motorcycle sound levels.. **Joint Committee on Transportation.**

SECTION 7U of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence: - "The use and sale of any exhaust pipe that increases the sound emission of any vehicle including motorcycles shall be prohibited. All motorcycle exhaust pipes must conform to 82dBA maximum noise level measured directly to the rear exhaust outlet at a distance of 12 inches. The angle of measurement shall not exceed 30 degrees. Sound measurements taken beyond 12 inches that exceed the requirements are not acceptable. Violation of said decibel level, or illegal retrofitting, will result in a license suspension for six (6) months and/or a fine not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250)."

1/14/2011	House	Bill Filed.
1/24/2011	House	Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation.
1/24/2011	Senate	Senate concurred.
11/23/2011	Joint	Hearing scheduled for 11/30/2011 from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM in A-1



one license plate

Bill H00905 By Mr. Brownsberger of Belmont, petition relative to motor vehicle registration plates. **Joint Committee on Transportation.**

Section 1. Section 2 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2008 official edition is hereby amended in the seventh paragraph, line 2, by striking the words "two number plates of suitable design" and inserting the words "one number plate of suitable design to be placed at the rear of the vehicle",.....

Section 2. Section 6 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2008 official edition is hereby amended in line 6 by striking the following words: "at the front and".

1/11/2011	House	Bill Filed.
1/24/2011	House	Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation.
1/24/2011	Senate	Senate concurred.
10/24/2011	Joint	Hearing Scheduled for 10/19/2011 from 10 am – 1 PM in A-1
11/7/2011	House	Committee recommended ought NOT to pass and referred to the House committee on Steering & Policy
11/21/2011	House	Committee reported that the matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being on acceptance
11/21/2011	House	Rules suspended
11/21/2011	House	Report accepted

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.

MORE 'BILLS on the HILL' - 2012

Bill H03242

By Mr. Webster of Pembroke (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3242) of [petitioners] relative to the sales tax on motor vehicles Joint Committee on Revenue.

SECTION 1. Section 25 of chapter 64H of the general laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "commission", in line 12, the following words: - ; provided however, that for a motor vehicle sold for more than 10 per cent below the wholesale or trade-in value which corresponds to a particular make, model, type, and year of a motor vehicle, as listed in the most recent edition of the applicable National Automobile Dealers Association used vehicle pricing guide, the tax due shall be calculated on the lower value.

SECTION 2. Section 26 of chapter 64I of the general laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "commissioner", in line 13, the following words: - ; provided however, that for a motor vehicle sold for more than 10 per cent below the wholesale or trade-in value which corresponds to a particular make, model, type, and year of a motor vehicle, as listed in the most recent edition of the applicable National Automobile Dealers Association used vehicle pricing guide, the tax due shall be calculated on the lower value.

1/21/2011	House	Bill Filed.
3/7/2011	House	Referred to Joint Committee on Revenue.
5/3/2011	Joint	Hearing scheduled for 05/12/2011 from 10:30 AM-02:30 PM in A-1



motor vehicle sales tax

Bill S01719

By Mr. Brewer, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1719) of Gobi and Brewer for legislation relative to year of manufacture registration plates [Joint Committee on Transportation].

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law or regulation to the contrary, section 6 of chapter 90 of the general laws, as appearing in the 2008 official edition, shall be amended by inserting after the word "section" in line 40 the following: - **"However, the restoration of year of manufacture registration plates, painted and restored to their original year of manufacture colors and design, will not be considered altering such registration plates when used on antique automobiles."**

1/18/2011	Senate	Bill Filed.
1/24/2011	Senate	Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation.

allowing the restoration of year of manufacture plates

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Massachusetts Association of Auto Clubs**

attn: Doug Linden, Treas. / 60 Parkerville Road / Southborough, MA 01772

2012 Dues Payment : ___ Renewal or ___ New Member

Car Club _____

Delegate _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **zip** _____

Phone () _____ **Email** _____

I prefer contact by (check one) E-mail _____ **or Pony Express- US Mail** _____

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.* *MAAC cannot stand still...*

Please make sure that your auto club is a "member club" and that your 2012 Dues are paid !!!

Massachusetts Association of Auto Clubs

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Spring 2012 Newsletter is here ... !!!



**Next Meeting
Wednesday, March 28, 2012
at Bass Pro Shops, Foxboro, MA**

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c/o Tom Y - Editor

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