

2012 World of Wheels Boston – MAAC was there!!!



Mass Cruisers member Bob Lepore explains the benefits of joining MAAC to 2012 W.O.W. attendee Jonathan D.

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 2013 World of Wheels - Friday to Sunday March 22-24???

The President’s Message

The next meeting of the Massachusetts Association of Auto Clubs will be held April 17, 2013 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 upcoming season. Nominations are accepted from the floor.

We have had some very interesting meetings recently, with a great turnout from the street rod group! During our last two special meetings there was a lot of discussion regarding the recent Street Rod law, and how it affects the hobbyist.

Let’s see if we can get new faces at the show, with help from the membership, to distribute the information regarding the recent laws that are

affecting us. 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

April meeting.

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

Dean Zwicker – President of MAAC

NEXT MEETING !!!

WED – 7PM April 17, 2013

Lower Level Bass Pro Shop Rte 1 FOXBORO, MA.

MAAC will host a booth at the World of Wheels Friday March 22 to March 24 (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.



Minutes-Board of Directors Meeting

7:00 PM, February 6, 2013, Bass Pro Shop, Foxborough, MA.

Meeting called to order by President Zwicker :

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

There was a general discussion on various issues related to the Street Rod Bill. Although not at this meeting, it was noted that Dave Robson was doing a good job of carrying this forward.

Consensus was reached that it would be worth the effort to man a booth at the March 22-24, 2013 World of Wheels, especially with the efforts regarding the Street Rod Bill. Volunteers are needed and entrance would be free for booth personnel.

Members present were asked to forward any formal letters, notices, etc. to the BOD telling anyone to turn in their YOM plates. This would help in addressing the issue. Note that as the law is currently written only pure antiques can use these plates.

New Business:

Motion made and 2nd to spend up to \$75.00 to cover T. Yoder's signage expenses. Passed.

Bruce Newcomb's selection committee recommendations for the MAAC's 2013 officers were presented . This will be voted on at the next annual meeting subject to any nominations from the floor.

Good of the Association:

The next MAAC general membership meeting will be at the Bass Pro Shop - April 17, 2013

Meeting Adjourned 8:15 PM

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 2013 Nominating Committee

During the February 2013 Board Meeting, the *MAAC Nominating Committee* proposed a slate of officers for 2013 as follows:

President - William Ellis
Vice President - Dean Zwicker
Treasurer - Douglas Linden
Secretary - Dennis Newman



As chairman of the nominating committee I want to thank Sterling Kelley, John Schnyer and Tom Yoder for being part of the nominating process.

Respectfully submitted, Bruce Newcomb, Chair 2013 Nominating Committee

The annual election of 2013 Officers will be held at the April 17th General Membership meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor before the election proceeds .

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In Memoriam ~ MAAC Founder
Paul J. Dias 1938 - 2012

MAAC - SORTING OUT THE NEW STREET ROD BILL ISSUES

In the past 6 months, MAAC has held two Emergency Board meetings that resulted in street rod owners posing their concerns with the new Street Rod bill. Various representatives from the DOT / RMV were in attendance and answered questions and concerns.

Additionally, a productive discussion was held with the RMV in Boston on Jan. 14 by Dave Robson where signed petitions were shown to indicate strong support for making corrective changes to the street rod and custom car Chapter 90 law, either by internal RMV administrative action or by legislative change with a sponsored bill to be submitted by Rep. James Miceli to meet those goals.



MAAC is watching the 'BILLS on the HILL' - 2013

BEACON HILL WATCH 2013

Bill H.3149 By Mr. Theodore C. Speliotis of Danvers, to further regulate motorcycle sound levels.

SECTION 7U of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 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)."

MAAC
Beacon Hill Watch

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| 1/22/2013 | House | Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation |
| 1/22/2013 | Senate | Senate concurred. |

Bill S.1637 By Mr. Brownsberger of Belmont, petition relative to motor vehicle registration plates.

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".

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| 1/22/2013 | Senate | Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation |
| 1/22/2013 | House | House concurred. |



The Beacon Hill Watch information is compiled by John Buchanan / usjbh@comcast.net

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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.

Used Automotive User (sales) Tax Sticker Shock

MAAC is interested in gathering detailed examples of egregious Book Values being assessed on non-dealer private sales for determining the 0.0625% use tax (a.k.a. MA Sales Tax) when titling the vehicle at the RMV.

There was a change in Title IX Chapter 64I Section 4 in 2009 which “*For purposes of such determination (use Tax), the sales price of any motor vehicle, except a motor vehicle purchased from a vendor registered under this chapter who is regularly engaged in the business of making sales at retail of such motor vehicles, shall be the actual amount paid by the purchaser to the vendor for the motor vehicle or the clean trade-in value of the motor vehicle, whichever is greater, regardless of the actual condition of the vehicle. “Clean trade-in value” for a motor vehicle shall mean the clean trade-in value or equivalent or successor values listed in the National Automobile Dealers Association used car guide or other value guides, whether published in print or electronically, or default values as determined jointly by the commissioner and registrar. The commissioner may establish rules and regulations for accepting values below these values based on the condition of the vehicle at the time of sale or other factors as may be appropriate.*”

See website: <http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleIX/Chapter64I/Section4>

There have been reports of a number of wildly exaggerated values being established for setting the Book Value which can only be resolved at this time by using the abatement procedure. This may be one of the major factors that full restoration shops have not been seeing an upswing in business from Massachusetts hobbyists during this economic recovery. The only way to avoid sticker shock is to purchase the vehicle through a licensed dealer rather than a private sale.

If you have, or know of someone who has experienced an exaggerated value being assessed on non-dealer private auto sales in Massachusetts – please contact *John Buchanan* / usjhb@comcast.net

SPECIAL CONTACT INFO -

- VOLUNTEER to man the MAAC Booth at World of Wheels - Steve Peluso sgp358@hotmail.com
- FOLLOW-UP and Sign Petition on the Street Rod Bill issues - contact Dave Robson drobson6221@gmail.com 22 Carleton Rd. Tewksbury MA 01876



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 2013 Dues are paid !!!

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Returning members in good standing – Complete Info in Boxed Area, Sign and mail with \$20.00 Check to MAAC Treasurer - address as shown on bottom

CONTACT INFO: NEW– Please complete / RENEW – show changes

Club or Individual - _____

Mailing Address - _____

City/State/Zip - _____

Phone - (____) _____ Email - _____

Website - _____ Do you want to have it linked from MAAC

USE FOR CONTACT INFO – Leave BLANK if INDIVIDUAL

Club Delegate - _____

Mailing Address - _____

City/State/Zip - _____

Phone - _____

Email - _____

Check mark for CONTACT Method: ___ US MAIL or ___ Email

USE FOR CONTACT INFO – Leave BLANK if INDIVIDUAL

Club Delegate #2 - _____

Mailing Address - _____

City/State/Zip - _____

Phone - _____

Email - _____

Check mark for CONTACT Method: ___ US MAIL or ___ Email

Type of club (you represent or belong to): Hot Rod Street Rod Antique/Traditional/Classic

Import Low Rider Off-Road 4 x 4/Marque and Truck/Tractor

Other (please explain) _____

Other Organization Affiliations: _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Please return with check / M.O for \$20.00

TO:

MAAC Dues for Year(s) _____

Doug Linden, Treasurer

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Please check one:

- New Membership
- Renewal

Massachusetts Association of Auto Clubs

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Dues Renewal & Membership Form



Spring 2013 Newsletter is here ... !!!



**Next Membership Meeting...
Wednesday, April 17, 2013
at Bass Pro Shops, Foxboro**

MAAC

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103 Washington St.

c/o Tom Y - Editor

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