

Welcome to the '17 SPRING Issue of the MAAC Newsletter !!!

**MAAC** Officers and Board of Directors welcome you to the Spring 2017 newsletter... If you have already received a copy of this MAAC Newsletter and, in an effort to get the message out to all member clubs (or not yet members) of this association, please pass this along to another interested Auto Enthusiast or Collector. Pls take note:

- The Slate of 2017 Officers remains the same as 2016.
- Reminder to all association members (or not...) - 2017 Dues are Due

**NEXT MEETING !!!**  
**THURS – 7PM Apr. 13, 2017**  
**Lower Level**  
**Bass Pro Shop Rte 1**  
**FOXBORO, MA.**

The President's Message

2017 is turning out to be a interesting year on many fronts, and most importantly - the State House has been busy with proposed bills. The 190<sup>th</sup> General Court has seen 22 bills proposed that MAAC feels the need to be watched. Several bills are newer examples of bills that did not make it through the 189<sup>th</sup> General Courts, but 14 are new. You will find a summary of the bills in this newsletter, and we will be talking about them at the Spring meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Bass Pro Shop, Lower level, Rte. 1, in Foxboro, MA.

Speaking of the Spring meeting, MAAC is doing something new! *In hopes of getting some "walk-ins" to the meeting, MAAC has selected the first day of the cruise at the Bass Pro Shops*

*to hold the general meeting.* (Note: The MASS Cruisers are collecting for local food pantries. Please consider bringing a nonperishable food item as or consider making a cash donation.) We will be voting for the 2017 Officers, as well as discussing our position on the proposed legislation.

**MAAC @ World of Wheels - The MAAC team will be at World of Wheels on March 31<sup>st</sup>.** I always enjoy this event because you hear what people think about the State of the Automobile Hobby, as well as the concerns people have related to legislation. MAAC is looking for volunteers to assist at the MAAC booth. If you are interested please let us know by email.

William spreading the word with his MAAC-mobile at a recent 2016 Cruise – JOIN US this Summer ..!!!



**There are some great organizations** out there in the commonwealth and this winter on behalf of MAAC, I had the pleasure of presenting and attending several car clubs meetings. I want to thank those clubs and say to others **"why not ask MAAC to talk at your meeting?"** I would also like to publicly thank the Cape Cod Classic Car Club for their generous donation to the MAAC Special Projects, a "Thank You" to the other clubs that have contributed. **MAAC special projects fund allow us to lobby the legislature,** and I hope other clubs will follow suit and make a donation. MAAC is always look for photos of car club meetings around the state. **Please fill the mail box [mass.assoc.auto.clubs@gmail.com](mailto:mass.assoc.auto.clubs@gmail.com) ! Remember, the dues are only \$20.00 to SUPPORT this organization!**

Lastly, remember that July 14<sup>th</sup> (Friday) is 2017 Car Collector Appreciation Day, and therefore is the most Important day of the year! So get out and drive something.

William Ellis ~ President of MAAC



# BEACON HILL WATCH 2017 (March 2017 update)

## 190<sup>th</sup> General Court (2017 - 2018)

MAAC is reviewing all the House and Senate Bills submitted to the 190<sup>th</sup> General Court which the Clerk's office began posting in late January, 2017. The March 13 Quarterly MAAC meeting will be used to identify which bills will be followed closely.

**Bill S. 96** By Michael Brady (second Plymouth & Bristol), an Act relative to the digital right to repair

SECTION 1-10 of Chapter 93L: Add DIGITAL PRODUCT REPAIR Chapter for independent repair facilities the same diagnostic and repair information provided to Manufacturer's authorized repair providers.

Referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional licensure on 1/23/2017

**Bill S.1549** By Bruce E. (1st Essex & Middlesex) an Act relative to sales of automobiles

SECTION 1. Section 4 of Chapter 64I: amended for the sales price of any motor vehicle, except registered vendors, shall be the actual amount paid by the purchaser to the vendor as documented by a notarized bill of sale or the sales price shall be determined by the clean trade-in value if a notarized bill of sale is not provided. Referred to Joint Committee on Revenue on 1/23/2017

**Bill S.1849** By James Eldridge (Middlesex & Worcester), an Act transitioning Mass. to 100% renewable energy

SECTION 1- 4 of Chapter 25D: Add to SECTION 1 of the General Laws to transition the commonwealth to 100% clean, renewable energy by 2050. SECTION 1 Section 9 (c) The DEP to achieve at least 80 % greenhouse gas emission reductions by 2050.

SECTION 2 Chapter C Section 77 charges the Dept. of Transportation to identify pathways towards 100% renewable energy for the transportation sector with at least 50% renewable energy by 2030.

Referred to Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy on 1/23/2017



**Bill S.1911** By Viriato deMacedo (Plymouth & Barnstable) an Act relative to licensure

of MV inspection stations SECTION 1. Section 7W of Chapter 90: Amends the Section 7W to allow licensure upon request franchised dealerships that have invested \$7,500,000 or more to construct, reconstruct or rehab and equip an existing facility to inspect motorvehicles.

Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 1/23/2017

**Bill S.1920** By Anne M. Gobi (Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire & Middlesex) an Act relative to Year of Manufacture Registration Plates

SECTION 1. Section 6 of Chapter 90: amend 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."

Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 1/23/2017

**Bill S.1939** By Jason Lewis (5th Middlesex) an Act to authorize license plates to encourage safe streets for bicycles

SECTION 1. Section 2E of Chapter 90: Adds a new subsection to create distinctive registration plates to benefit the Complete Streets program created in Chapter 901

Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 1/23/2017

**Bill S.1975** By Michael Rodrigues (1st Bristol & Plymouth) an Act enabling innovation in the automotive industry

SECTION 1. Section 1, SECTION 2 Section 1 & SECTION 3 Section DD of Chapter 90: amended to allow "Aeropods", Enclosed 3 wheeled alternative fueled vehicles. Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 1/23/2017

**Bill H.1304** By Jeffrey N. Roy (10<sup>th</sup> Norfolk) an Act establishing a primary seat belt law

SECTION 1 Section 13A Chapter 90: amends 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph sets fines of \$50 for drivers over age 16 and for passengers ages 12-16.

Referred to Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security on 1/23/2017

**Bill H.1522** By Collen M. Garry (36<sup>th</sup> Middlesex) an Act relative to the automobile excise tax.

SECTION (Amend) 1 Chapter 60A replace the second sentence which contains the current table of values with "the value of the motor vehicle shall be the actual cost to the owner to purchase the vehicle and must be evidenced by a sworn written statement of the seller. Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 1/23/2017

**Bill H.1604** By W. Pignatelli (4th Berkshire) an Act relative to value of antique vehicles in calculating sales tax.

- 1) Would instruct the Commissioner of Revenue to establish new rules for assessing the values of cars over 25 years old.
- 2) May establish other rules & regulations for accepting values below these values for other motor vehicles based on the condition of the vehicle at the time of sale or other factors as may be appropriate.

Referred to Joint Committee on Revenue on 1/23/2017

**Bill H.1790** James Arciero (2<sup>nd</sup> Middlesex) an Act relative to temporary registration plates.

SECTION 1 Section 2D of Chapter 90: amend to authorize and direct the registrar to design, issue and regulate the use of temporary registration plates.

Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 1/23/2017

**Cont'd. - BEACON HILL WATCH 2017 (March 2017 update)**  
**190<sup>th</sup> General Court (2017 - 2018)**

**Bill H.1805** By Thomas J. Calter (12<sup>th</sup> Plymouth) an Act relative to antique boats, automobiles and motorcycles  
SECTION (Amend) 1 Chapter 90 by inserting after the word ambulance the following definitions: Antique motor car, Antique motor vehicle and Antique motorcycle.

SECTION (Add) 2J of Chapter90: (a) defining "owner" of antique motor vehicle or motorcycle. (b) "Certificate of ownership" where a certificate of title does not exist. (c) application of a "certificate of ownership"

SECTION (Add) 7A to Section 3: Establishing inspection standards and time periods for Antique Motor Vehicles and motorcycles.  
SECTION (Add)

**Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 1/23/2017**

**Bill H.1818** Michael S. Day (31<sup>st</sup> Middlesex) an Act relative to license plates.

SECTION (Amend) 6 of Chapter 90: to allow the display of temporary number plates when allowed by the registrar.

**Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 1/23/2017**

**Bill H.1832** William C. Galvin (5<sup>th</sup> Norfolk) an Act requiring license plates for bicycles

SECTION 11F of Chapter 85: amend by adding Section 11F requiring riders over age 21 that rides on a public way to affix a distinctive number prescribed by the registrar to said bicycle. **Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 1/23/2017**

**Bill H.1857** By Louis L. Kafka (8<sup>th</sup> Norfolk) an Act relative to the display of decorative number plates.

SECTION 1 Section 1 of Chapter 90: amend to allow attachment of a decorative plate to the front of a vehicle if two plates are issued by the Registrar. **Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 1/23/2017**

**Bill H.1870** By David K. Muradian Jr. (9<sup>th</sup> Worcester) an Act relative to the display of decorative number plates.

SECTION 1 Section 7N ¾ of Chapter 90: amend to have the registrar create and maintain an approved bill of sale form that sellers will use for private vehicle sales over \$700. **Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 1/23/2017**

**Bill S.1872** By Keiko M. Orrall (12<sup>th</sup> Bristol) an Act relative to Year of Manufacture Registration Plates

SECTION 1. Section 6 of Chapter 90: amend to allow restoration of Year of Manufacture plates when used on antique automobiles.

**Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 1/23/2017**

**Bill H.1888** By Jeffrey N. Roy (10<sup>th</sup> Norfolk) an Act to further regulate motorcycle noise

Using ANSI S1.4-1971 or any successor sound level meter specifications and measured in accordance with the provisions of the SAE International Recommended Practice SAE J2825 for On-Highway Motorcycles; 92 dBA at idle, 96 dBA @ 2000 rpm or 75% maximum engine speed whichever is less (3 or 4 or more cylinders); 100 dBA @ 5000 rpm or 75% maximum engine speed whichever is less.

**Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 1/23/2017**

**Bill H.1890** By Todd M. Smola (1<sup>st</sup> Hampden) establish a special historic Massachusetts highway commission

SECTION 1: An Act to establish a special commission to identify, preserve and commemorate historic roadways in Massachusetts.  
SECTION 2: The commission shall identify historic roadways in Massachusetts as well as means for preserving and commemorating said roadways. **Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 1/23/2017**

**Bill H.1899** By William M. Strauss (10<sup>th</sup> Bristol) an Act relative to antique motor vehicle inspections

SECTION 1. Section 7A of Chapter 90: amended to exempt antique automobiles that are 75 years old or older, whose owners are members of a recognized automobile club, from the annual vehicle safety inspection program and a vehicle exempt under this section that changes ownership shall be required to have a vehicle safety inspection performed within 7 days of being registered by the new owner. **Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 1/23/2017**

**LATE FILED BILLS:**

**By Anne M. Gobi of Spencer, an Act relative to street rods and custom vehicles**

SECTION 1. Section 2H of Chapter 90: Amends the following Sections 2H, 7DD and 33 to address the issue of the original VIN being replaced with a MA VIN and other problems associated with registering and titling street rods and customs.

**By Steven S. Howitt (4<sup>th</sup> Bristol) an Act relative to historic route designation for U.S. Rtes. 1, 6 & 20**

SECTION 1: An Act to designate U.S. Routes 1, 6 & 20 as historic United States Routes. MassDOT shall erect and maintain suitable markers bearing that designation in compliance with the standards of the department.



# Report for the 2017 MAAC Officer Nominations

During the Feb. 16, 2017 BoD meeting, the slate of MAAC Officers for 2017 was proposed. 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:

William Ellis  
Dean Zwicker  
Dennis Newman  
Doug Linden

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

## 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 automotive enthusiasts, 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.

## What's 'On the Agenda' for Our April 13<sup>th</sup> Spring Meeting... ???

Update on the bills up on Beacon Hill, a critique on how MAAC can continue to get the word out as we head into the Summer 2017. WE will be holding our Annual 2017 Elections (see above Nomination Committee report); also New Member - MAAC Membership Application Forms will be available ...

Various House Bills that may affect our hobby will be discussed at the upcoming April 13<sup>th</sup> Spring MAAC Meeting



MAAC would like to see all MAAC car club representatives and other interested auto enthusiasts attend this meeting.

**DO NOT MISS this meeting ...!!! Mark your calendar and come to this important meeting...!!!**

## 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. Please make sure that your auto club is a "member club" and that your 2017 Dues are paid !!!*

**MAAC cannot stand still... JOIN US ...!!!**



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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

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Club Delegate #2 - \_\_\_\_\_

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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**

*Mass Association of Auto Clubs is on-line at [www.MassAutoClubs.org](http://www.MassAutoClubs.org)*

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**AND - Remember ...!!! Friday JULY 14 is ... >>>**

**National Collector Car Appreciation Day ... DRIVE SOMETHING !!!**

***SPRING 2017 Newsletter is here ... !!!***



***Next Meeting  
Thursday, APRIL 13, 2017  
at Bass Pro Shops, Foxboro, MA***

**MAAC**

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