

Welcome to the '18 SPRING Issue of the MAAC Newsletter !!!

MAAC Officers and Board of Directors welcome you to the Spring 2018 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 2018 Officers remains the same as 2017.
- Reminder to all association members - 2018 Dues are Due

The President's Message

It is hard to believe that spring is around the corner as another snow storm is approaching. I'm looking forward to the nice weather and getting back on the road in my "good weather" car to attend some of the car events this year. If you are looking for an event, here are two great sources - The Maynard Area Auto Club has a master list of events that happen in New England and across the country on their website - The web site MotionU provides a listing of events based on your location and interest. You can also register your events!

A new event for me was the "Gathering of the Clubs" in February. It is a meeting of Automobile clubs in New England, hosted by the Road Devils of Boston. The purpose of the meeting is to enter club show/road/cruises into a group calendar as well as socialize with other club members. There were about 25 clubs, most from New England, but one from Ireland (Goonz Nomads) and another from Montreal Canada (Torquers Car Club.) Everyone was invited to speak about their club and the events they host. Many of the clubs talked about the charities that they support with the proceeds from their events. It was impressive to hear that these clubs gave away over \$100,000 to charity. It was a nice reminder that Auto clubs are more than just a reason to drive our cars. Once every one had spoken and before the social festivities (dancing and revelry), there was a ceremony to announce the host for the 2019 meeting. A gavel made of recycled pistons and other engine parts was presented to the Red Devils of Norfolk County. The gavel is a real piece of art. If your club was not present at the "gathering," I would suggest you attend next year.

Lastly the Spring Meeting of the Association will be April 12th at 7PM, the same night of the opening of the Mass Cruisers' Bi-weekly Cruise Nights at Bass Pro Shop. We will have the latest news on Legislation and will be having the election of the officers of the association. Please attend and / or send your club representative to hear the latest.

William Ellis ~ President of MAAC

NEXT MEETING !!!

THURS - 7PM Apr. 12, 2018 - Lower Level Bass Pro Shop Rte 1/ FOXBORO, MA.

SAME NIGHT AS First 2018 Mass Cruisers' Bi-weekly Cruise Night at Bass Pro Shop



William & Jon Rabin present M.A.A.C.'s position at JTC Hearing on 'YOM Plate Restoration' Bill



Report for the 2018 MAAC Officer Nominations

During the Feb. 15, 2018 BoD meeting, the slate of MAAC Officers for 2018 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:

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| <i>William Ellis</i> | <i>President</i> |
| <i>Dean Zwicker</i> | <i>Vice-President</i> |
| <i>Dennis Newman</i> | <i>Secretary</i> |
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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 automotive enthusiasts, antique & collector car hobbyists in areas such as: 1) Agreed value insurance; 2) Year of manufacture license plates; 3) Exempting antiques from emissions testing; and 4) Exempting vehicles built before 1966 from requiring seat belts.



What's 'On the Agenda' for Our April 12th 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 2018. WE will be holding our Annual 2018 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 12th 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...!!!

In Memoriam MAAC Founder
Paul J. Dias 1938 - 2012

MAAC Represents MASS Auto Enthusiasts at Recent JTC Hearings



In addition to William Ellis & Jon Rabin, Rep. Keiko Orrall, shown here, also testified before the Joint Transportation Committee public hearing in support of HB 1872 allowing restoration of YOM plates



S-2149 Sarah & Dave Robson presented their position paper supporting passage of Senate Bill 2148, to allow vehicles registered as hot rods and customs to retain their original VIN rather than be assigned Mass VIN under current law.

CARL WEBER long-time M.A.A.C. Director retires ...

The Officers and Directors of the Massachusetts Association of Auto Clubs announce the recent retirement of Carl Weber, a long-time Director and one of the key players in the Association...

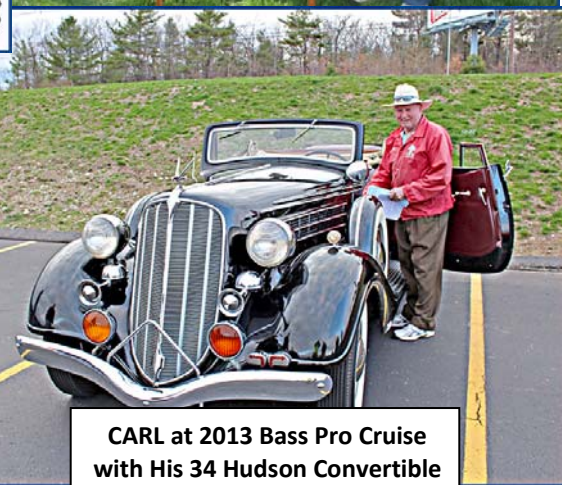
Dean Zwicker, current Vice President and Past President of M.A.A.C. can tell Carl's story like no one else ... "Carl Weber grew up in Mansfield, MA. and is known as Mr. Hudson, for his love of the Hudson family of automobiles. When I was a youngster in the early 1960's, Carl, and his friend would stop at our home every Sunday evening for my mother's home baked cakes and brownies. *Carl is a true car enthusiast who would help anyone in the old car hobby.*

I do not recall when Carl became a Board member of MAAC, but I would believe that it was sometime in the late 1970's. *When we were attempting to change the Insurance law for Antique Autos in Massachusetts, Carl was one of the ones that traveled to car meets and clubs to get the financial support to assist in getting this law changed.* Carl has been a member of the South Shore Antique Auto Club since 1958, serving as President and ran the Trading Bee for many years for both the SSAAC, and the SSAAC Trading Bee Inc.

Carl has belonged to the National Hudson Essex Terraplane Club since 1961, and served as President for four years, and Vice President for eleven years. He has also held a yearly Regional Meet at his home for many years, and still travels countrywide to attend the HET National meets. " - Dean



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You . will . be . missed, CARL... but Good Luck in all your future endeavors ...!!!

BEACON HILL WATCH 2017 (March 2018 update)

190th General Court (2017 - 2018) 2nd Annual Session

MAAC has reviewed all the House and Senate Bills submitted to the 190th General Court that impacts our hobby interests. Of the 23 Bills of interest that MAAC originally posted in 2017 and were followed closely by our BOD and lobbyist, only a handful warranted testifying at the public hearings. The good news is that bills of interest that MAAC testified at these public hearings were moved out of committee and into the ongoing process toward being voted upon. The not-so-good news is the



formal sessions end early this year, Tuesday, July 31 and, 2018 being a mid-term election year, legislators will then be concentrating on getting reelected in November. If these bills are not voted upon before August this could negatively impact moving bills for a floor vote during the remaining informal session that ends on Tuesday January 1, 2019.

The April 12 MAAC meeting will be used to identify the bills we are following closely:

Bill S.1920 By Anne M. Gobi (Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire & Middlesex) an Act relative to Year of Manufacture Registration Plates
Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 1/23/2017 Hearing was held 12/06/2017 and was reported favorably by committee on 02/12/2018 then referred to Committee on Rules.

Bill H.1872 By Keiko M. Orrall (12th Bristol) an Act relative to Year of Manufacture Registration Plates
Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 1/23/2017 Hearing was held 01/24/2018 and was reported favorably by committee on 02/12/2018 then referred to House Steering, Policy & Scheduling

The following bills of interest that MAAC also follows but is not actively lobbying:

Bill S.1911 By Viriato deMacedo (Plymouth & Barnstable) an Act relative to licensure of MV inspection stations
Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 1/23/2017 Hearing was held 07/25/2017 and was reported favorably by committee 8/3/2017 and referred to the committee on Senate Ways and Means

Bill H.4022 By Tricia Farley-Bouvier(4Pittsfield) an Act relative to historic route designation for U.S. Rtes. 20
Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 12/06/2017 Hearing was held 07/25/2017 and was reported favorably by committee and referred to the committee on House Steering, Policy & Scheduling on 01/16/2018 read second and ordered for a third reading on 01/18/2018

Bill H.4155 By Steven S. Howitt (4th Bristol) an Act relative to historic route designation for U.S. Rtes. 1, 6 & 20
Referred to Joint Committee on Rules on 1/29/2018

The following bills of interest that MAAC originally identified appear to be stalled and are noted for reference:

Bill S. 96 By Michael Brady (second Plymouth & Bristol), an Act relative to the digital right to repair
Referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional licensure on 1/23/2017
STATUS: Reporting date extended to Monday April 9, 2018

Bill S.1649 By Bruce E. Tarr (1st Essex & Middlesex) an Act relative to sales of automobiles
Referred to Joint Committee on Revenue on 1/23/2017 Hearing was held 07/18/2017

Bill S.1849 By James Eldridge (Middlesex & Worcester), an Act transitioning Mass. to 100% renewable energy
Referred to Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy on 1/23/2017 Hearing was held 09/19/2017

Bill S.1939 By Jason Lewis (5th Middlesex) an Act to authorize license plates to encourage safe streets for bicycles
Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 1/23/2017 Hearing was held 01/24/2018

Bill S.1975 By Michael Rodrigues (1st Bristol & Plymouth) an Act enabling innovation in the automotive industry
Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 1/23/2017 Hearing was held 07/13/2017

Bill S.2148 By Anne M. Gobi & James R. Miceli; an Act relative to Street Rods and Custom Vehicles
Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 7/31/2017 Hearing was held 12/06/2017

Bill H.1304 By Jeffery N. Roy (10th Norfolk) an Act establishing a primary seat belt law.
Referred to Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security on 1/23/2017 Hearing was held 10/10/2017



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Bill H.1522 By Collen M. Garry (36th Middlesex) an Act relative to the automobile excise tax
Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 1/23/2017 Hearing was held 06/20/2017 and sent to study order H4244

Bill H.1604 By W. Pignatelli (4th Berkshire) an Act relative to value of antique vehicles in calculating sales tax
Referred to Joint Committee on Revenue on 1/23/2017 Hearing was held 04/03/2017 and was reported favorably by committee and referred to the committee on House Ways and Means on 5/4/2017

Bill H.1790 James Arciero (2nd Middlesex) an Act relative to temporary registration plates. (see H.1818)
Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 1/23/2017 Hearing was held 12/06/2017

Bill H.1805 By Thomas J. Calter (12th Plymouth) an Act relative to antique boats, automobiles and motorcycles
Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 1/23/2017 Hearing was held 12/06/2017

Bill H.1818 Michael S. Day (31st Middlesex) an Act relative to license plates. (see H1790)
Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 1/23/2017 Hearing was held 12/06/2017

Bill H.1832 William C. Galvin (5th Norfolk) an Act requiring license plates for bicycles
Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 1/23/2017 Hearing was held 06/13/2017

Bill H.1857 By Louis L. Kafka (8th Norfolk) an Act relative to the display of decorative number plates.
Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 1/23/2017 Hearing was held 01/24/2018

Bill H.1870 By David K. Muradian Jr. (9th Worcester) an Act relative to private sale requirements or used vehicles.
Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 1/23/2017 Hearing was held 07/25/2017

Bill H.1888 By Jeffrey N. Roy (10th Norfolk) an Act to further regulate motorcycle noise
Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 1/23/2017 Hearing was held 11/13/2017

Bill H.1890 By Todd M. Smola (1st Hampden) establish a special historic Massachusetts highway commission
Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 1/23/2017 Hearing was held 07/25/2017 and was reported favorably by committee and referred to the committee on Rules on 8/24/2017

Bill H.1899 By William M. Strauss (10th Bristol) an Act relative to antique motor vehicle inspections
Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation on 1/23/2017 Hearing was held 12/17/2018 and was reported favorably by committee and referred to the committee on Ways & Means on 12/26/2017

MAAC
Beacon Hill Watch



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



<<< - - Remember ...!!! Friday JULY 13
National Collector Car Appreciation Day ...
DRIVE SOMETHING !!!

... 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 2018 Dues are paid !!!*

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

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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

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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 - _____

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Email - _____

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