

Welcome to the 2019 SPRING Issue of the MAAC Newsletter !!!

MAAC Officers and Board of Directors welcome you to the Spring 2019 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 2019 Officers remains the same as 2018.
• Reminder to all association members - 2019 Dues are Due

The President's Message

Well, another General Court has started and with it the flood of new bills. One of the things that make the Commonwealth unique is that our legislature process "reboots" every other year. At the end of the second year, bills not signed by the Governor expire. This cycle, we saw 2500 bills suddenly show up the third Friday in January. Many more were released, as late bills. MAAC goes through the every bills and reviews the wording. Each bill, the same question was asked: "is this good for the hobby?" Some were, some were not, and some we were not sure. In the newsletter, you will see what we found and we would love to hear your thoughts.

When I am asked to talk to car clubs (yes, we are willing to come and speak), I am often asked: "how is the state of the hobby?" There is not a clean answer. The monthly registration report tells us that there are 100,000 more cars registered in 2018 than in 2017, so that is good. But three car clubs closed in 2018, which is bad (Please check out the MAAC website and see if we are missing your club.)

I like to use another measuring stick for my assessment - The Gathering of the Clubs. MAAC attended the annual gathering, and it was bigger and better than last year's. More clubs, more people, more food, more jokes, and more comradery. It was clear that the health of the club culture is active (over 50 shows, cruises, and events), friendly and generous. While no official number was given, we heard well over \$100,000 was given to local charities by car clubs in Massachusetts. If you can spare the time, please come out to the Gathering of the Clubs next year (February 22nd, 2020) and see for yourself how the hobby is doing. I promise you will not regret it. Enough talk, get out there and drive something!



2019 - Gathering of the Clubs

Lastly the Spring Meeting of the Association will be April 11th at 6PM, 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



Report for the 2019 MAAC Officer Nominations

During the Feb. 15, 2019 BoD meeting, the slate of MAAC Officers for 2019 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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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 11th 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 2019. WE will be holding our Annual 2019 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 11th Spring MAAC Meeting

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

In Memoriam MAAC Founder
Paul J. Dias 1938 - 2012

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

Couple more from the Gathering of the Clubs - 2019 Edition



Info table at 2019 Gathering of the Clubs



Gathering of the clubs - Show your Colours

BEACON HILL WATCH 2019 (March 2019 update)

191st General Court (2019 - 2020) 1st Annual Session

✓ - Support ✗ - NOT Supported ↔ - MAAC watching

MAAC reviews proposed bills as they are submitted and categorizes them based on their impact to the car hobby. Bills that promote or improve the car hobby are denoted as “supported.” Bills that will have a detrimental impact on the hobby are denoted as “not supported.” Bills which do not directly affect the hobby but are important for the public to be aware of, are denoted as “Watching”

✓ S.2093 ([SD.959](#))

An Act relative to year of manufacture registration plates

Allowing for Year of Manufacture Plates to be restored.

[Anne M. Gobi](#) - Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex (Senate)

Status: [Joint Committee on Transportation](#) - No hearing scheduled

✓ S.2084 ([SD.947](#))

An Act relative to street rods and custom vehicles
Commonly referred to as the “Hot rod” bill.

[Anne M. Gobi](#) - Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex (Senate)

Status: [Joint Committee on Transportation](#) - No hearing scheduled

✓ S.2080 ([SD.1312](#))

An Act relative to historic route designations
Rt3, Rt6, and Rt20 would become historic routes.

[Paul R. Feeney](#) - Bristol and Norfolk (Senate)

Status: [Joint Committee on Transportation](#) - No hearing scheduled

✓ H.3140 ([HD.1222](#))

An Act relative to antique motor vehicle inspections
Exemption for vehicles 75 years and older with YOM or Antique plates from yearly inspection

[William M. Straus](#) - 10th Bristol (House)

Status: [Joint Committee on Transportation](#) - No hearing scheduled

✓ H.2591 ([HD.803](#))

An Act relative to the sales tax of motor vehicles
Sales tax based on Condition of Vehicle rather than blue book value

[Smitty Pignatelli](#) - 4th Berkshire (House)

Status: [Joint Committee on Revenue](#) - No hearing scheduled

✓ S.2041 ([SD.436](#))

An Act relative to motor vehicle registration plates
Single Plate on the rear of the vehicle

[William N. Brownsberger](#) - Second Suffolk and Middlesex (Senate)

Status: [Joint Committee on Transportation](#) - No hearing scheduled

✓ S.1752

([SD.1129](#))

An Act eliminating the excise tax on automobiles

Removing the excise tax on Automobiles

[Patrick M. O'Connor](#) - Plymouth and Norfolk (Senate)

Status: [Joint Committee on Revenue](#) - No hearing scheduled

✓ S.2133 ([SD.832](#))

An Act relative to temporary registration plates
Temporary plates when purchasing a outside of the Commonwealth

[Michael F. Rush](#) - Norfolk and Suffolk (Senate)

Status: [Joint Committee on Transportation](#) - No hearing scheduled

✓ S.2143 ([SD.638](#))

An Act establishing the Blue Star Family license plate

License plate indicating an officer killed in the line of duty's family

[Bruce E. Tarr](#) - First Essex and Middlesex (Senate)

Status: [Joint Committee on Transportation](#) - No hearing scheduled

✓ [H.3002](#) & [S.2044](#)

An Act relative to autocycle motor vehicle definition & operating

“Autocycle”, a three-wheel motor vehicle that has a steering wheel

[William J. Driscoll, Jr.](#) - 7th Norfolk (House)

[Nick Collins](#) - First Suffolk (Senate)

Status: [Joint Committee on Transportation](#) - No hearing scheduled

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BEACON HILL WATCH 2019 (March 2019 update) - Cont'd.

191st General Court (2019 - 2020) 1st Annual Session

✓ - Support ✗ - NOT Supported ↔ - MAAC watching

↔ S.1376 ([SD.1461](#))

An Act relative to automated enforcement
Legalizing speed cameras based on town/city approval

[William N. Brownsberger](#) - Second Suffolk and Middlesex (Senate)

Note: MAAC believes that this will not pass but is important to watch

Status: [Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security](#) - No hearing scheduled

↔ S.1642 ([SD.281](#))

An Act relative to the motor vehicle sales tax
Sales tax based on date of registration.

[Diana DiZoglio](#) - First Essex (Senate)

Status: [Joint Committee on Revenue](#) - No hearing scheduled

↔ H.3095 ([HD.2312](#))

An Act relative to motor vehicle emission and safety inspection

Staggered inspection of motor vehicles

[Mathew J. Muratore](#) - 1st Plymouth (House)

Status: [Joint Committee on Transportation](#) - No hearing scheduled

↔ S.110 ([SD.697](#))

An Act relative to vehicle recalls
Requiring dealers to tell owns of recall on their vehicle

[William N. Brownsberger](#) - Second Suffolk and Middlesex (Senate)

Status: [Joint Committee on Consumer Protection](#) - No hearing scheduled

↔ H.2058 ([HD.1543](#))

An Act relative to combustible gas detectors
Requiring flammable detectors in houses and garages

[Shawn Dooley](#) - 9th Norfolk (House)

Status: [Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security](#) - No hearing scheduled

↔ S.2116 ([SD.1530](#))

An Act relative to a clean transportation future
Requiring Commonwealth to move to clean energy

[Jason M. Lewis](#) - Fifth Middlesex (Senate)

Status: [Joint Committee on Transportation](#) - No hearing scheduled

↔ S.638 ([SD.701](#))

An Act relative to the compulsory automobile insurance limits -

Setting higher minimums on insurance.

[Michael J. Rodrigues](#) - First Bristol and Plymouth (Senate)

Status: [Joint Committee on Financial Services](#) - No hearing scheduled

↔ H.3036 ([HD.652](#))

An Act to regulate license plate tracking -

Defining the use of plate information to protect privacy

Jonathan Hecht Democrat - 29th Middlesex (house)

Status: [Joint Committee on Transportation](#) - No hearing scheduled

↔ S.1459 ([SD.815](#))

An Act relative to safety of officers

Requiring interior lights in automobiles to be on during stops

Bruce E. Tarr - First Essex and Middlesex (Senate)

Status: [Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security](#) - No hearing scheduled

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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 2019 Dues are paid !!!***

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

MORE from the Gathering of the Clubs - 2019

Here is an the article and pics from the recent *Mass Cruisers Newsletter* about the '2019 Gathering of the Clubs' held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel. As some may already know - William Ellis was the spokesperson for MAAC & John Buchanan, writer of this article, was representing the Mass Cruisers Auto Club.



The Red Devils Rod & Custom Car Club were Hosts for the 4th Annual Gathering of the Clubs held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel for the Feb. 22-24 weekend event. Members from 27 car clubs from all over New England and beyond showed up for the Saturday afternoon introduction of clubs that meet to enjoy a winter weekend together and have some fun that begins on Friday afternoon and doesn't end until sometime on Sunday.

There are clubs, like our own Mass Cruisers, that just show up for the Saturday afternoon festivities to broadcast our 2019 Bass Pro Shops cruise dates and others like the Goonz Car Clube from Ireland www.goonz.cc and the Torquers Montreal Car Club from Canada that make this an annual reunion vacation trip to party and bench race with fellow New England car club members. see ... <https://www.facebook.com/torquersmtlcc/?rc=p>

Of course the primary intent is for the New England clubs to broadcast their 2019 car show event schedule plans to minimize event date conflicts and hopefully invite other clubs in attendance to attend their shows. After all the clubs get their 15 minutes of mike time and the buffet food is consumed the passing of the gavel to the 2020 event host takes place, in this case it will be the Bay State Rattlers, host for their Hot Rod Reunion #X on the 3rd Saturday August 17, 2019 at the Eagles Club in Leominster. The 2019 host club the Red Devil's were also promoting their Fall Throw Down #4 at the Rte. 1A American Legion in Wrentham on Saturday September 21 with a Sunday 9/22 Rain Date. - John Buchanan



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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 - _____

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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 - _____

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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) _____

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New Membership

Renewal

Mass Association of Auto Clubs is on-line at www.MassAutoClubs.org