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# The Bean Pot News

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## *What's New*

**General Membership Meeting** – Thursday, January 16, 2014 - 7PM - Knights of Columbus Hall, 304 Highland Avenue, South Attleboro, MA

## **2014 Membership Dues are due**

As always check the website for late breaking changes & additional details - [www.beanpotaaca.com](http://www.beanpotaaca.com)

## *President's Message*

With this issue of the newsletter, we start a New Year! Happy New Year to All from the Managing Committee! Although last year was a booming success, this year has the potential to eclipse last year by a mile. With our second year under our belt we are consistently getting better at putting together interesting meetings and events. From a National AACA perspective we are no longer a struggling new region. During our first year we had to remind them who we were and where we were from - this year

### Managing Committee

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### The Boston Northeast Region AACA



A Chapter of the Antique Automobile Club of America

we were being recognized as the start-up that not only made the grade but pulled off a couple of really great Region based events, and oh by the way they do have an award winning web site. It's easy and fun to look back at last year's experience including, some of the obstacles we overcame and the accomplishments we made. All I can say about that is "just wait till you see what happens next year"!

Now it's time to turn to a new page and start filling in the blanks for 2014. In my opinion, our biggest challenge is not events or meetings. Our biggest challenge is member participation and involvement. We have been very successful in maintaining a sizeable membership but real success and club growth will always depend on members that get involved and contribute. That contribution can range from technical expertise to supporting club events. That will be one of my main objectives this year. We must develop the resources to plan and execute club meetings and events that create interest levels that encourage members to "get involved". Another very important objective will be to develop the next group of club leaders that can take what we have started to the next levels. This would definitely include our members and prospective members that live in the more southern parts of the state. We have been given a very large geographic area to cover and with that we must be able to put together a club charter and organization to nurture and grow that opportunity. That will take a large amount of planning and



involvement of members. The result of succeeding with those plans could ultimately result in the Bean Pot Region being one of the most important regions to the National Organization.

The last two years have brought us into favorable contact with many different people and organizations that can become not only resources but also opportunities. With an expanded group of focused committees, we intend to develop these potential opportunities into real programs and events. This includes sponsors, fellow hobbyists, manufacturers of hobby related product, museums and of course community oriented groups. You can count on some of these activities being announced over the next two newsletters and meetings.

Although these plans are ambitious we, as the managing committee feel that this is imperative to keeping the club interesting and growing.

### ***General Membership Meeting Recap - November 16, 2013***

A general membership meeting was held November 16, 2013. The meeting was held at Bickford's Restaurant - Woburn, MA. Although the meeting was held on Sunday evening, the attendance was large enough to have a quorum. In addition to general business, the primary intent of the meeting was to outline and begin preliminary planning for next year's events

Sam Gagliano opened the meeting with confirmation that both the Larz Anderson Second Annual Meet, the Dunstable Fall Meet dates, and locations have been secured. That was followed with a recommendation by Sam to possibly hold a spring event that would include a car corral and possibly a



flea market. The general response was that because of the Larz Anderson event we should hold off on a spring event and substitute it with a Hospitality Tent at the Ford V8 Club show held in Fitchburg in April. That recommendation was well accepted and the planning for that will begin ASAP. The club will reserve a vendor spot and have a tent with snacks and drinks available for members and prospective members. We will also have a short membership meeting at that time as well. A rain date will also be set prior to the show.

A follow on discussion brought

up recommendations to hold the July Dual Region Meet at Lloyd Graves's place again. That was unanimously agreed upon and Bill Pappas will begin planning and coordination with Lloyd and the Granite State Region when he returns from Florida.

Next on the agenda was discussion about our region getting into the AACA National Show schedule for a possible National Meet in our Region. We all realize the amount of work and resources needed so we



will proceed slowly and with caution regarding committing to an event this large even though the first available dates are in 2016.

On the same subject Sam reminding everyone that the Granite State Region is holding a National Meet next Year - The Sentimental Tour. We are encouraging as many Bean Pot members to participate. Remember this is a National meet so you must also be a member of the AACA National Club as well as a member of either the Bean Pot or Granite State to participate. Our region will be involved in assisting several aspects of their event including judging and event work.

Sam reported that 2014 dues renewals have been coming in at a very good rate. If you haven't sent them in we will again put a reminder in the January Newsletter. Dues for 2014 are \$30.00 per family for the year. Please note that there was some membership applications that had errors regarding dates for next year. The membership year begins on January 1 and ends on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

At that point Sam turned the meeting over Dan Cullinane - treasurer and Dan reported that the club is a solid financially and that we have no outstanding debt or liabilities. He also reinforced the need to keep dues coming and recruitment of new membership. There was a follow on discussion on the importance of sponsors. A good example of this is the Larz Anderson event where the sponsor 's contribution offset much of the cost to hold the event. Members should be developing these relationships with businesses or organizations to help with making our events successful. Sponsor's contributions can range from cash investment all the way to gift cards.

The last subject discussed was the dates and locations for our every other month membership meetings. We have agreements with several local businesses and hobbyists for meetings and tours. We will be finalizing this schedule over the next few weeks. Our members should look forward to the next meeting being announced to take place in later January and in the southern part of the state. A meeting schedule will be released in early January.

At that point, a call for any other discussion or new business was made. There was none. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

### ***Announcing the Next General Membership Meeting***

***Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 - 7 PM***

***Knights of Columbus Hall,***

***304 Highland Avenue,***

***South Attleboro, MA.***

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM and will probably run to 8:00 - 8:30 PM. This meeting is being planned and hosted by member Doug Reinbold. This is the first of a series of membership meetings that will hopefully attract many of the members of the now dissolved Southeastern Massachusetts AACA region. Our region will be inviting many of the previous membership and prominent hobbyists on a personal basis to attend this meeting. We are working to the goal of having a unified AACA Region that geographically covers from the New Hampshire State line to the Rhode Island State line and covers as far west as Springfield,



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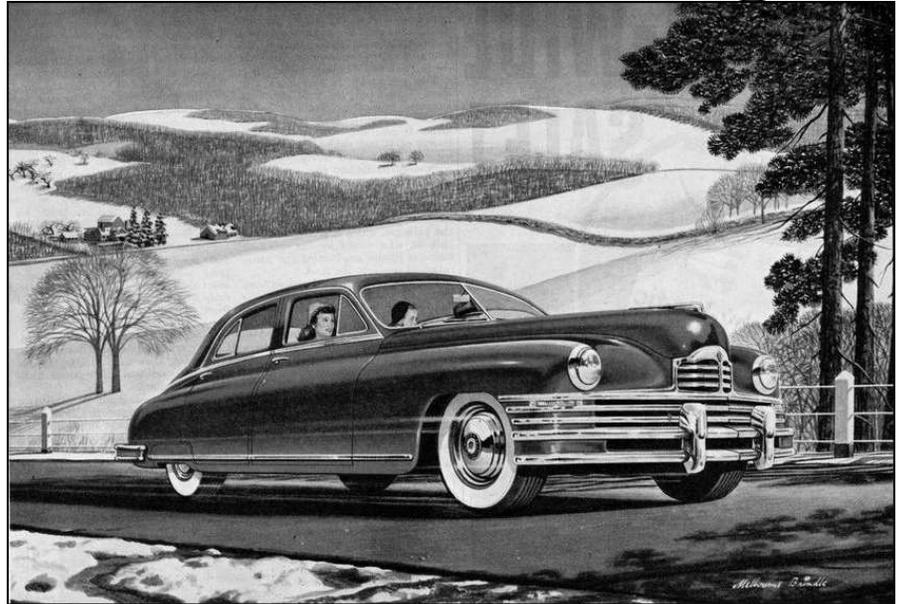
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MA. Having that territory would give us unlimited opportunities for interesting meetings and events. Included in this meeting's agenda would be follow up issues from the November meeting including:

- ❑ The upcoming Ford V8 Club Show Hospitality Tent and membership meeting
- ❑ Discussion and location of the March and May Membership meetings (at hobby locations)
- ❑ Planning Activities for the Larz Anderson Museum Show
- ❑ National AACA Meeting February in Philadelphia.
- ❑ Possible relationship and show opportunity with Heritage Museum



We hope many members in our current organization would be able to come to this important meeting. We recognize it is quite a distance for many members and the weather can be "iffy" at best this time of year. Obviously, this meeting is being planned with weather in mind. If you would like to attend but don't want to drive just contact any one of the Managing Committee and we will arrange a ride to the meeting for you. We will announce a backup date in the near future just in case the weather does not cooperate. Hope to see you there!

### **Directions to the Membership Meeting from Route 495 in the Boston metro area**

From Route 495 in the Boston metro area

- Head south on 495
- Take exit 13B to merge onto I-95 S toward Providence RI - 7.2 mi
- Take exit 3B to merge onto MA-123 W/South Ave toward S Attleboro. Continue to follow MA-123 W. Destination will be on the left - 3.0 mi

### ***Breaking News! - New Things to Plan For in 2014***

Our search for interesting locations for meetings and car meets is beginning to pay off. We are starting to fill out the calendar with several new membership meetings and show events.

The success and positive feedback of the Museum Meet, Dual Meet and Little Red School House Meet automatically puts them on our rescheduling list for 2014. So here are the dates for these:

- Larz Anderson Meet - Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup> 2014. We will now begin the marketing for this show.
- Annual Lloyd Graves Meet - Hampton NH - Multi club gathering - July 5<sup>th</sup> 2014.
- Little Red School House - Dunstable MA. The exact date on this will be announced but plan for it to be held AFTER Hershey (late October).

A new event is the Bean Pot Hospitality Tent - Ford V8 Show - Fitchburg MA - April 27th, 2014



We are also firming up dates and locations for general membership meetings. The nearest one on the schedule is the Attleboro MA meeting to be held January 16<sup>th</sup> 2014 at the K of C Hall. Full details are of the meeting are featured in this Newsletter. We will be greeting many new prospective members from the southern and Cape areas of the state.

We also want to preview a NEW upscale show that will debut this year. It will be presented by the same people who are responsible for the Boston Cup Show. As you know, Ken LeMoine (Bean Pot Member) is part of that team. Bill Pappas from our Managing Committee will be on the planning committee as well. The show is called "Concours on the Hill" and will be held at the

Aldrich Mansion in Warwick, RI. It is an invitational meet and we encourage our members to support this show. Our Region will be represented with a hospitality reception table.

Another preview of a coming new event is the strong possibility of a car show being sponsored by the Town of Amesbury, MA. This show would be sponsored by the town and is being aggressively supported by the Mayor. They have contacted our Region and the discussion of our participation and involvement has begun. That event is currently scheduled to take place July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014. More info to come on this in the next newsletter and on the web site.



And there is more! Early on this year we stated that we are working on making the membership meetings more interesting and that they would be scheduled to take place every other month. We have been making some very good progress on this and planning has begun to fill out the schedule for the year. We will be announcing the meeting schedule and locations in the next issue of the Newsletter.

We can preview that the membership meeting for May is being planned to take place at the Larz Anderson Directors Meeting Room. That will give us a great place for a meeting and also be at the location of the car show to be held on the 1st of June. Most of that agenda will be devoted to the June 1 show.

We hope to be announcing that the March membership meeting will be held at a local manufacturer that specializes in antique car restoration items. As manufacturers and car collectors, they will be offering a tour of the manufacturing plant as well their antique vehicle collection. Times, Names and Dates will be announced in the next newsletter and on the website.

In addition, there is even more coming! We urge you to keep tuned into the web site and the newsletters.

### ***Club Secretary***

We are still looking for a club secretary. If any member or spouse is interested in taking on an interesting and gratifying position with the club please contact us. The position will include generating and maintaining the club meeting notes, maintaining the membership roster and contributing to the creation of the club newsletter. Contact Sam Gagliano for further information.



# Antique Automobile Club of America

## Boston Northeast Region

### 2014 - 2015 Membership Application

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Membership:      New: \_\_\_\_\_      Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Last \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

First / Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Street and/or PO Box \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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AACA National Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_      AACA Judging Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Antique Vehicle Interests:    Automobiles \_\_\_\_\_      Trucks \_\_\_\_\_      Motorcycles \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Dues: Half-Year Membership dues are \$30.00 per immediate family.** The dues cover from January 1, 2014 to January 1, 2015. This membership entitles you to participate in all Boston Northeast Region - AACA events, activities and meetings. This entitlement does not include activities sponsored by the AACA National organization or other AACA Regions or Chapters unless the member is a member in good standing in those organizations. Additional copies of this form can be found and printed from our web site. Please complete this form and return it to:

**Boston Northeast Region – AACA  
 Membership Chairman  
 PO Box 304  
 West Boxford, MA 01885**

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