



The Bean Pot News

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What's New

Membership Event with the Cadillac LaSalle Club - Saturday September 13th 10 AM

Little Red School House Meet – Dunstable, MA – October, 18th 10 AM – 2 PM

New Members Joining after July 1st, 2014 – Your dues will cover through December 30th, 2015

As always check the website for late breaking changes & additional details -

www.beanpotaaca.com

President's Message

A managing committee meeting was held August 20th. The nominating committee is coming up with a slate of officers. At our November annual meeting the officers nominated will be voted on.

I have appointed several members to committee positions, which will also be announced at this meeting.

Keep an eye out for our next newsletter for details on the November annual meeting.

A big Thank You to Pat Gagnon who agreed to take over as membership secretary!

Managing Committee

President / Judging	Bill Pappas	781-799-9574
Past President	Sam Gagliano	978-273-9175
Treasurer	Dan Cullinane	781-248-7410
Events	Sam DeMarco	617-212-6708
Website & Communications	John Burns	978-692-2370
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Secretary	Rich Doucette	617-834-3937
Director	Doug Rheinbold	508- 272-4151
Director	Ken Lemoine	508-259-6314

The Boston Northeast Region AACA



A Chapter of the Antique Automobile Club of America

Sam DeMarco set up a get-together at the Haartz Manufacturing Plant in Acton. We invited other car clubs and had 30 guys show up eager to see how this 100-year-old company developed into the largest worldwide manufacturer of automotive material items. Eric Haartz gave a lecture on how the family business started and how it continues to grow. We also received a tour of the plant. The Haartz plant supplies large auto manufacturers all over the world as well as small restoration businesses. We also got a look at his family's personal auto collection on site. Don't miss this tour if we do it again in the future! I realize it takes a little extra effort to get there and it may be an inconvenient time of day for some, but it is well worth it. Thank you Eric Haartz for that wonderful experience.

Multi Car Club Events - There are fellow antique car enthusiasts who I use as point people from various area car clubs. When I ask them to join us, they should be willing to help by sharing expenses or other duties that are needed at the event. The purpose of doing this is that when we have an event we can



make a good event better. This helps increase participation and collaboration between clubs. I feel it's a win/win situation because they get advertising for their clubs and we get to meet new people. Any feedback would be appreciated on this issue.

On a personal note, I've discovered that Buick axles have a tendency to break. This is a proven fact. Some people refer to them as "butter knife" axles because they break behind the rear backing plate. When this happens the tire breaks the fender off, the car lands on the ground on the gas tank- with sparks and leaking gas, you can imagine what could happen. I was lucky I wasn't driving fast when the tire, wheel, brake drum, and axle broke off and the car skidded to a stop. I was also lucky to have help from a passerby who retrieved my tire after it rolled down the street. I want to thank Sam DeMarco for staying with Mikey and me until the ramp truck showed up.

Please check out the Bean Pot website, which is meticulously updated by John Burns. Our award winning website has links to our newsletter, upcoming events, photo galleries, and much, much more!

At our annual membership meeting in November 2014, elections will be held. I hope that you all will attend this important meeting. Location will be centrally located for our members and more information will be available soon.

Bill Pappas

Membership Event with the NE Cadillac LaSalle Club

166 Salem Street Wilmington, MA

Saturday, September 13 10 AM - 2 PM

We have scheduled a General Membership Meeting in conjunction with the New England Region Cadillac LaSalle Club at the home of CLC & Bean Pot member Peter Telis, 166 Salem Street, Wilmington, MA. It will consist of a garage tour, tech meet and lunch.

Please RSVP to Bill Pappas by email at vaselios@gmail.com or by phone at 781-799-9574, so that an accurate count can be made for the food purchases.

Directions - From I93 (North of Route 128)

- ❑ Take exit 41 for State Route 125 toward Andover/N Andover 0.4 mi
- ❑ Turn right onto Ballardvale St 0.3 mi
- ❑ Continue straight onto Salem St 0.2 mi
- ❑ Turn right to stay on Salem St to number 166
- ❑ Destination will be on the right 0.6 mi





Bean Pot Little Red School Yard Meet

Tyngsboro-Dunstable Historical Society

Route 113 - 64 Main Street, Dunstable, MA 01827

Saturday, October 18th, 2014 10 AM - 2 PM (Rain Date Sun, Oct 19th)

The Bean Pot AACA Region is announcing our 2nd Annual after Hershey get together. The intent of this event is to help us get over the fact that the seasons are changing, Hershey is over and maybe it's time to put the toys away for winter. On the bright side, it's a great time to be in New England and the foliage is probably near peak.

The inaugural Little Red School House meet in 2013 was a great success by just about any measure, from a large contingent of brass era autos from the Autoneers Region of the Horseless Carriage Club, to the Beans & Dogs served up by the Tyngsborough-Dunstable Historical Society. We tried to organize an old fashioned car meet like some of the barnyard meets held many years ago. Based on the feedback from many attendees, we think we succeed. We had more than a dozen brass era cars in attendance, a short foliage tour through parts of Dunstable and Tyngsboro, a raffle, door prizes and drawings. We even got an article about the meet in Antique Automobile magazine's June-July 2014 issue. (Go to our website to view photos and a recap of the 2013 event.)

Reserve October 18th (Saturday) to attend our "Little Red School House Meet" we have a great day planned at a great location. We again have arranged with the Tyngsborough - Dunstable, MA Historical Society to hold our car meet at the Little Red Schoolhouse in Dunstable, MA. This is an original, authentically restored 1798 one room school house that is complete with bench chairs, wood stove and of course "his and hers" outhouses placed on a very large beautiful location amid farms and country background. It is conveniently located off major highways and roads and can accommodate as many old cars, new cars, trailers or whatever you decide to bring or show.

We are inviting a bunch of other car clubs to join us in this Meet. **The meet is a No-Charge get together is for both members and non-members wishing to participate.** Plan to arrive at the School House at 10:00 AM for coffee and donuts. We are planning several activities at the schoolhouse including goodie bags, raffles, and special awards along with a foliage tour & quiz. Beans and Franks (of course) will be available for purchase around noon, prepared and served by the Historical Society Members. You can also bring along your own picnic lunch to tailgate if you prefer.

We are encouraging everyone to drive his or her old cars or trucks to the meet. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we have secured the location for the next day (Sunday) as a rain or bad weather date. If it is just cold we will still hold the meet on Saturday. The old school house is weather tight and does have a wood burning stove to keep everyone protected from bad weather. **We will be providing any updated and cancellation information on the website. For further information or questions email info@BeanPotAACA.com or call 978 692 9440 or 617 212 6708.**

Even though the Little Red School House does not have an official street address, for those using a mapping program or a GPS device, the address 64 Main Street, Dunstable, MA. 01827 will get you to the right location.

Directions - The Little Red School House is located on Route 113 in Dunstable, MA.

From Interstate 495 take Exit 35 for Route 3 North towards Nashua, NH

Travel 8.7 Miles on Route 3 North

Take Exit 35 for (Route 113) from Route 3 and head towards Dunstable, MA.

The Little Red School House will be 1.1 Miles on your left. Look for the sign.

Visit www.beanpotaaca.com for the Dunstable Meet Flyer that can be printed.



Haartz Corporation – Acton MA – August 7th Recap Factory Tour & Classic Car Collection Viewing

If there was ever a club meeting NOT to miss it definitely would have been our recent visit to the Haartz Manufacturing plant last month. Our great thanks to Eric Haartz and his staff for hosting a great afternoon of antique cars and tour of his manufacturing facility in Acton, MA. About 30 Bean Pot members gathered in Eric's "workshop/garage" annex of the plant. You could call it a workshop but it was really a museum of early automotive history. We were also very lucky to have Eric Haartz himself give a presentation about the history of the company and the amazing collection of cars and auto memorabilia we were seeing. It was evident his father's interest in brass era Buick's was passed down to Eric but that was just the tip of the iceberg. In the collection there was everything from Ford Model T's & Model A's to Buicks, Packards, Stanleys and even a giant Knox Touring car. I think you get the picture now. Even more fun to look at was the inventory of "work in progress" cars. They ranged from older to rarer than anything we've seen before. We could have spent all day in the "shop" but Eric had planned a factory tour for us as well.

Most people recognize Haartz Manufacturing for the canvas like tops that were found on older convertible cars. Before vinyl tops were adopted by car manufacturers, they were the premium materials that were not only good looking but durable as well. Although Haartz did not make the complete top mechanism, they did manufacture the material that went into the tops. As plastics and vinyl, came into the picture Haartz adapted their business to the newer materials and technologies. One of their many products includes a name that is widely recognized, "Stayfast" a very durable top material. Today they supply the material that goes into the interiors and exteriors of cars manufactured throughout the world. They are technology leaders in both laminated and extruded plastic and vinyl material.

Our member group was taken in three groups through the manufacturing plant by Eric's plant managers. We were able to go through the plant during work hours so we could see the various manufacturing lines producing the material. The plant managers gave us some hints as to where each of their products was being used by specific manufacturers. Auto manufacturers like GM, Ford, BMW, Nissan and many others are big, big users of Haartz's products. The tour was in itself an experience that very few people would ever get to see. Probably most evident though was the excitement and motivation of the tour guides (plant managers) and employees working at Haartz. They were proud and of what they were doing and valued their jobs working for the Haartz family. It was mentioned that in many cases at least two generations of family were working there.

At the end of the tour we had another opportunity to visit with Eric in the "shop" and gave our extreme thanks for a great meeting and get together. We have invited Eric to be part of our upcoming Dunstable meet. His response was that schedule and weather permitting he would be there with one of his cars.

Our many thanks to Eric Haartz and Staff for a great day!





Highlights of the Managing Committee Meeting August 20th, 2014

- ❑ We will have an Annual Membership Meeting in November 2014 (date and location to be announced). The nominating committee will have a slate of candidates for 2015 & 2016. The nominating committee is made up of Dan Cullinane, Sam DeMarco, Sandy Angus and John Burns. Please contact any one of them to volunteer as a candidate or nominate other candidates.
- ❑ Pat Gagnon was appointed Membership Chairperson – Thank You, Pat for undertaking this important position.
- ❑ Doug Rheinbold has agreed to be Director of our southern area and we have asked Don Goddard to be Doug's assistant or co-chair.
- ❑ Willy Carlson has been approved for the position of liaison between the Bean Pot Region and the Granite State Region.
- ❑ Peter Telis has been voted Technical Director for the Bean Pot Region as well as providing an assist to Sam DeMarco the events chairperson on events.
- ❑ The committee voted to accept the invitation from the Heritage Museum to join in their Saturday, June 13, 2015 car show. Doug Rheinbold to chair and set up a meeting with the museum and to include our multiple car club affiliates. The Heritage Museum will be doing all the set up and awards. It was decided that this would be a meeting for all car club friends. Members can attend the event individually or in groups. There will be a \$20 per vehicle charge.
- ❑ January we will mail a newsletter with the latest happenings and the schedule of events for 2015
- ❑ During the last week of April 2015 we will have a general membership meeting. Sam DeMarco will chose a location and time where we can get the best crowd. As always, we try to make the meeting sites interesting and varied.
- ❑ Rick Beecoff has agreed to be the Bean Pot Region's appraisal & insurance advisor.





Hershey Room Reservations Available

Reservations available for two rooms at Best Western Inn Hershey 10/8-13. Each has two double beds. Hotel is on AACAA shuttle route. Nightly rates are \$128.79 10/8-11 and \$95.19 on 10/12 (plus 6% state and 5% local taxes). If interested, then please contact Howard Loree: by telephone at 617-780-6334 or email at howard.lore@alum.mit.edu



Granite Region Sentimental Tour (www.NHAACA.com)

For those of you that planning to do the Granite State's Sentimental Tour September 9-12, we were recently informed that the tour has been sold out. It was limited to 100 cars from years 1928 through 1958 and according to Shirley Cossar, their tour manager, they have reached 100 confirmations. She suggests that anyone wishing to sign up for a standby list - fill out the tour registration form and send it in without remittance. You can find full details on www.NHaaca.com . They will be staying in Portsmouth, NH at the Hampton Inn for those who might be interested in stopping by to see the vehicles.

Bean Pot Region Membership Application/Renewal Form

Membership & Dues for 2014 - 2015 New Renewal

Name Last _____

First / Middle Initial _____

Spouse _____

Street and/or PO Box _____

Town/City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (____) _____ Cell (____) _____

Email Address _____

AACA National Member Number: _____ AACA Judging Level: _____

Antique Vehicle Interests: Automobiles _____ Trucks _____ Motorcycles _____
 Vintage Race Cars _____ Steam _____ Other _____

Membership dues are \$30.00 per immediate family. The dues cover from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2015. This membership entitles you to participate in all Boston Northeast Region - AACAA events, activities and meetings. This entitlement does not include activities sponsored by the AACAA National organization or other AACAA 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:

Bean Pot AACAA – c/o Dan Cullinane - 100 Ferncroft Rd (unit 207) - Danvers MA 01923

Date received by Membership Chairman: _____