



# The Bean Pot News

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## What's New

**General Membership Meeting** – Bickfords - Montvale Ave - Woburn MA – Sunday, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> at 6PM  
**Looking Forward to 2014**

**2014 Membership Dues**

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

## President's Message – 2013 Summary

Here we are going into the final Newsletter for 2013. It's amazing but this year fits the old cliché of "how fast time flies when you are having fun"! Can you believe it is November already? What a year we have had though. Recapping the year, our region went from 150+ "complimentary" members at start up to 100+ dues paying members. Obviously that gave the Managing Committee a great deal of satisfaction knowing that our message was solid and the meetings and events were interesting enough to carry forward a large and growing dues paying membership.

### Managing Committee

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### The Boston Northeast Region AACA



A Chapter of the Antique Automobile Club of America

Our first large event at the Larz Anderson Museum was nothing but spectacular. Even though we faced some disturbing developments at show time (like the half the show space we bargained for) we worked through it and as another cliché describes we put 10 pounds of unknown in to 5 pound bag. We expected 125 cars and had just under 200 showed up. While we received a great deal of accolades, we knew we had to change things if we were going to do this show again next year. Well, I am happy to announce that we are in fact going to do it again next year, we have confirmed our show sponsor (East Boston Savings Bank) and have contracted Larz Anderson Museum for maximum space. The space will now include all those empty fields we watched at our last show. Those fields actually belong to the City of Brookline and because they are "public parks" it takes permits (and money) to use them. The museum has assured us that that will happen for next year's show. Therefore, - we would recommend you reserve June 1, 2014 for a car show that will be super special.

Also in the past year we inducted a new Director into the Managing Committee. John Burns, our webmaster, is now Director of Communications. Through John's hard work our website and Newsletter has won National recognition and a Nationally sponsored award. John's contribution to our Region has been most appreciated.



After almost 2 years of being a formal AACA Region, the Managing Committee has elected to join with MAAC. The **Massachusetts Association of Auto Clubs** (MAAC) has since the 1970's worked behind the scenes to protect the interests of all antique and collector car hobbyists in varied interest areas including but not limited to: Agreed value Insurance, year of manufacture license plates, emission exemptions for antique autos and exemption for seatbelts for autos manufactured prior to 1966. They have quite a list of membership clubs. They were also well represented at our Dunstable meet.

For the first time this year, Bean Pot Region participated in and was represented at the Boston Cup event. This event, although not sponsored by our region, is an important vintage car event for New England. Judging by its growth and location, it promises to be a cornerstone show for the area. Our region will be one of the clubs contributing to its success. Again, we thank Rich Doucette and member Ken LeMoine for pushing us to get involved.

Although the Hershey fall show was not up to its usual mega activity because of the weather, we are proud to say that we had a very large Bean Pot attendance and a club membership table again this year. Unfortunately the weather cut the shows activities short but the value of being able to meet with other regions and National Directors was still very key to the growth and recognition of our own Region.

And then there was Dunstable. The Little Red School House Meet in Dunstable was an amazing success. It was a perfect example of great weather, great location, and great cooperation by the Historical Society and finally great collaboration with other car clubs. Everyone that attended will never forget the parade of cars coming to school - especially the long line of brass cars that came in together. Many people likened the Little Red School House meet to the old "Duster's Meet" that was held decades ago. I personally have received dozens of compliments on the show and requests to do it again. So be it. We have reserved the Little Red School House for the same weekend next year. We can look forward to the second annual to be even better than the first.

In closing, I personally would like to thank the Managing committee and membership for their support and endurance in keeping the Region moving forward. Fiscally we end up the year in a positive cash position, a very positive recognition by National, and a couple of very successful events. Not a bad record for a start-up. In this newsletter, we will be making a couple of announcement regarding a November membership meeting and setting next year's dues.

### ***Club Dues for 2014***

With 2014 just around the corner it's the time that most clubs start talking about next year dues. I don't think we have to emphasize how important club dues are in the planning and success of a club, especially a new club. After a long discussion in multiple meetings, the Managing Committee has established the dues for year 2014. Dues for the New Year have been set at \$30.00 per family. As always these dues are for Region membership and do not include membership for the National AACA club. The National AACA dues remain at \$35.00 per year. We can provide National membership forms if you need them.

Your regional membership gives you and your immediate family entitlement to participate in all Boston Northeast Region - AACA meetings and events. It will also allow member discounts or benefits at events as they are announced. This includes gate or participation discounts if offered. An example of this could be a discount or free admission for members to enter their show cars into a club sponsored event while non-member would pay a higher admission.

What this membership does not give you is membership entitlements to the National AACA organization including National events, judging, museum, library, magazine and other benefits. We encourage all members to belong to both organizations to receive maximum benefits.



Our plans for the Region for next year include at least 4 key events, a membership meeting every other month, a newsletter every other month and at least 3 collaborative events with other AACA regions and clubs. For example, we are looking forward to the Sentimental Tour the Granite State Region - AACA next year. I use this event as an example since our region is involved with that region by several members participating in the event AND also being involved in assisting them with the tour itself. Since it is a National AACA sponsored event participants in the tour will be required to be members of the National AACA. That event will include almost a full week of touring the New Hampshire area, vintage car discussions and of course vehicle judging.

Our club New Year starts January 1<sup>st</sup> so we urge you to not let your membership expire. We hope we can win your continued support. This year, in addition to an official membership card, we will be providing each member with a high-quality window plaque with the club logo included with your membership. Additional plaques can be purchased for \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00. We hope you will wear your plaque on your old car with pride.

## ***General Membership Meeting***

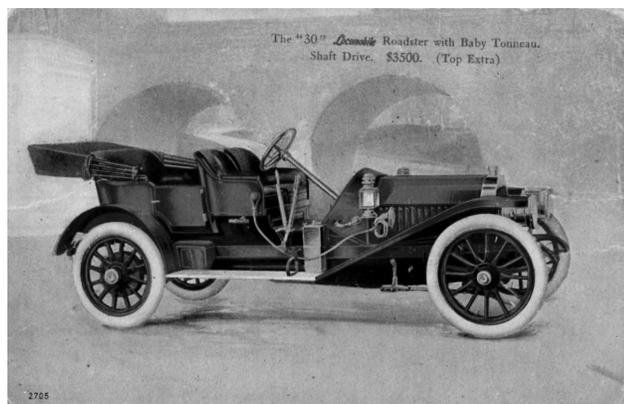
***Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM***

***325 Montvale Avenue, Woburn, MA, 01801 - 781-938-6068***

There will be a general membership meeting Sunday, November 17th, 2013. The location for the meeting is Bickfords Restaurant, 325 Montvale Avenue, Woburn, MA, 01801 - (781-938-6068). The meeting will begin promptly at 6 PM. Bickfords' has offered us a private room at no charge and with no requirements for food purchase. Members attending will have their choice of ordering food or not. Members can order from the regular menu and will receive individual checks. This is an extremely important meeting as there are several subjects that will have impact on the club in the coming months.

### **Subjects that will be covered include:**

- ❑ Presidents report - Sam Gagliano
- ❑ Fiscal report - Dan Cullinane
- ❑ 2014 Events announcements - Sam DeMarco
  - Second annual Larz Anderson Meet
  - Fall Dunstable Schoolhouse Meet
  - Second annual Dual Meet
  - Granite Region AACA Sentimental Tour
  - Possible spring flea market meet in Dunstable
- ❑ 2014 dues - Dan Cullinane/ Sam Gagliano
- ❑ Future club plans - Managing Committee
- ❑ Open Forum on club direction - Managing Committee.



We urge you to attend since this is the last meeting of the calendar year. We expect the meeting to be about 2 hours. We need your involvement.

## ***Early Car Identified***

Bean Pot member Farish Hemeon correctly identified the car that Susan Gilroy's grandfather was chauffeuring as a 1909 Locomobile Model 30 Baby Tonneau.



## *Looking Forward to 2014*

Keep tuned in for coming events in 2014. The first major thing you will see is that we are seeking additional sponsors for key 2014 events. East Boston Savings Bank has committed to sponsor our second annual Larz Anderson Museum event again. Since there will more events like the Museum show, we need additional sponsors. While membership dues go a long way to keeping the club financially stable, special events like the museum show carry with them much larger expenses - more than our dues base could handle. Sponsors offer the solid backing required to the quality events we are looking for.

We are currently firming up our membership meeting schedule for 2014. Our plans include a general membership meeting every other month and a Bean Pot Newsletter every month in between the membership meetings. In that way, all members will have the latest club information available even if they do not or cannot get on the website. Since Newsletters are expensive to produce and mail, our guidelines are three double-sided pages of information. This allows us to send the newsletter for the lowest first class mail rate. Unfortunately, it prohibits a lot of pictures or non-essential club information in its contents.

Membership meetings in 2014 will be different from this past year. For 2014, we are attempting to hold as many meetings as possible at locations that would have high interest to hobbyist members. This would include private and public collections, restoration shops, manufacturing companies, Museums etc. We have already lined up a few of these meetings for early in the calendar year. We urge you to keep tuned into either the Newsletter or the website for the latest and greatest on these meetings. We are confident you will enjoy these meetings a lot more than the usual classic "talking heads" meetings.

Another area that will be a departure from last year is that our club, with one year plus of club experience and decades of individual member experience, has begun to forge some very interesting and positive alliances with other AACA Regions and many local and national organizations. Members can look forward to activities, events and valuable information from these groups and organizations. For example over the past year we have become more involved in a few large and important local shows including the Boston Cup and the Misselwood Concours d'Elegance.

From a different perspective, we have joined MAAC (The Massachusetts Association of Auto Clubs). This group is basically a Lobby Group whose primary mission is protect the interests of our hobby. We will be getting involved in their activities through the appointment of two delegates from our club to represent us at their regularly scheduled meetings.

From another approach, we have established more formal relationships with Larz Anderson Museum in Brookline and also The Heritage Museum on Cape Cod. Both of these organizations offer us great opportunities for membership meetings and/or special show events because of their locations and complimentary involvement in our hobby.

For our club members that enjoy and participate in AACA's National Tours and meets, the Granite State Region's Sentimental Tour is happening next year right in our back yard. Our club has already accepted the responsibility to plan and support one of their tour stops. There will many of our members participating in the actual tour. Anyone is interested in being a part of the support team please contact us.

And then, there are our events and shows. Members can look forward to a couple of new additions in the show lineup for 2014. Member should also reserve June first for our Second Annual Larz Anderson Meet and of course our Second Annual Dual Region Meet in July. There should be more surprises coming along for the middle of summer but again remember to schedule yourself for Dunstable in October 2014. The recent success of that meet has us already planning for it this year. We have a great AACA year coming!



## *Little Red School House Meet*

***Held on Saturday, October 19, 2013 from 10 AM - 2 PM***

Autumn in New England - For most New England auto enthusiasts October usually means that the Hershey Meet will come and go and now hibernation season for the old cars begins. Rain, sleet, snow and salt are just around the corner so it's time to put the toys away. That's a tradition that's been here for years and years. The Nor'easter in October 2011 that packed six inches of snow and left large parts of New England without power for a week reinforced that. So this year The Bean Pot AACA Region decided to break tradition and schedule a car meet after Hershey to help ease into hibernation rather than face the inevitable "Turn the switch off" because Hershey's over syndrome.

On Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> the Bean Pot Region held their first annual Little Red School House Meet. The little red school house is located in Dunstable Massachusetts and like our collector cars it is truly vintage and authentic. Built in

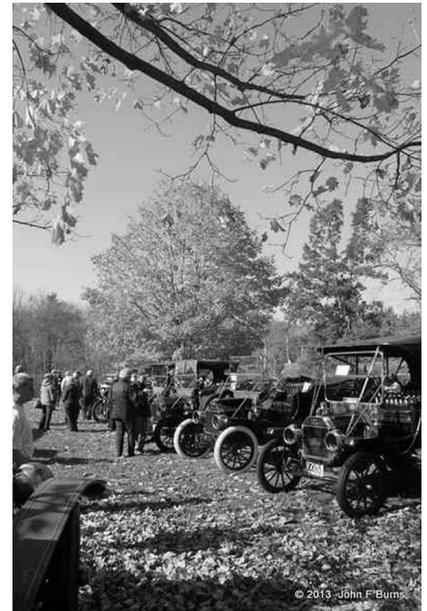


1798, it is owned and maintained by the Tyngsborough - Dunstable Historical Society. With its single room classroom, wood stove, hand water pump, dual out houses and treed five plus acres, it was the perfect setting for a car meet - especially during peak foliage season. Needless to say, the Historical Society was delighted to have us conduct the show and showcase their little gem.

The intent was for the meet to echo the feeling of some of the old time car meets that were held in New England from the late 1930's through the

1960's, by having a very low-key event. The show was advertised as free of charge and open to the public for both antique cars and spectators. We extended invitations to abutting AACA Regions and several other local and national car clubs. We had hoped that the meet would generate a large amount of goodwill and publicity for the AACA and our region, and that it would increase our opportunity to recruit new members. By the afternoon of the show, we know we had accomplished all of that.

The meet, based on feedback from the show's participants, spectators and the Historical Society was a complete success. Although most people would judge the success of a show by the show car count, our show attracted dozens of cars that hadn't been publicly seen in years. The spectators and other show car attendees were absolutely blown away when 15 Brass era cars paraded through our gates and onto the show field in one group. That has probably not happened at a local show here in New England since probably the 1980's or 90's. It was shades of the Old Dusters Meet we once had decades ago in New England. We must thank the Autoneers (the New England Region of the Horseless Carriage Club) for that. We also had a very strong showing from several other clubs including the Bay State Auto Club, North Shore Old Car Club, The Ford V8 club, NEMAC (North East Mass Antique Car Club) and many others.





Through the day attendees had the option to take a self paced Foliage tour of the area that highlighted farms and the beautiful country setting of the Dunstable and Tyngsborough landscape. At lunch the Historical Society catered a great lunch of Hotdogs and Boston Baked Beans (what else?) while the Sunshine Club had hot coffee and an amazing spread of baked goods available. Prizes and awards were given out to 20 of the attendees and spectators at 1:30. At the show's end with the help of the local police, the cars paraded out of the field and headed home. Another great autumn day and car show in New England! For more details and photographs of the meet, visit the club's website.

### *Club Event Planning and Managing Committee*

Want to get involved in your club's planning and events? The Managing Committee is looking to add two new committee members to get involved in special club events and programs. We are looking specifically for one person who would be able to plan and coordinate meetings and events in the clubs southern area cover south of Boston to the Cape.

### *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.

### **Membership & Dues for 2014    New \_\_\_    Renewal \_\_\_\_\_**

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

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

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

Town \_\_\_\_\_ 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 June 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**

Date received by Membership Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_