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Newsletter Editor's Message

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! Winter has come and 2019 is over. What a year! We had a number of successful events this year and are in the planning stages for 2020.

Do you have an idea for or have you wanted to organize an event? Looking for additional events other than our traditional schedule? Well, 2020 is now your year to get off the couch and get something organized! The Minuteman wants your help! Big or small. Perhaps a Benz and Coffee type event, or go bigger, like organizing a rallye or even a caravan to a local restaurant or another type of venue. Perhaps a WWII Museum or an F1 race in Montreal, or even an event at an F1 GoCart track. Time to think out-of-the-box and get it done. The Club can help subsidize costs if you think that people may not want to shell out the funds to do it. Give it a shot!

IMPORTANT - Our first event in 2020 is the Annual Theatre Dinner Event. Specific Details are located on Page 4 - Tickets are very limited, so sign up now before all the tickets are gone!

Next, let's talk about newsletter content. Your help is needed. Seriously. We have a very very limited number of contributors to this newsletter. Content is therefore pretty sparse.

Do you have a road trip story you want to share? Perhaps some expertise or a car blog you've written? Send it in to the editor.

If you organize an event for the club, please send in a summary and pictures of your event to the editor in order to share with the other members of our section. This is a great way to promote your event or other events to the Minuteman Section to garner interest.

Thank you and look forward to your submissions.

- Courtland Brannen - Newsletter Editor



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**MINUTEMAN SECTION - MBCA
ANNUAL DINNER, THEATRE EVENT & MEETING**

DATE: *Sunday, March 22, 2020*

PLACE: *Theatre Event: "THE TREASURER"
The Lyric Stage Company of Boston, - 140 Clarendon Street, Boston, MA
Cocktails & Dinner: BASILE- FINE ITALIAN KITCHEN – 162 Columbus Ave., Boston, MA*

TIME: *Theatre: 3:00PM.
Cocktails & Dinner: Immediately following the show.*

"THE TREASURER"

THE TREASURER STORY: *Ida Armstrong is broke, lonely and fading fast. And she's spending all of her children's money, forcing her son to assume the unwanted role of "The Treasurer", an arrangement that becomes untenable the more he questions his devotions to her. This darkly funny, sharply intimate celebrated new work chronicles the strained ties between a son and his aging mother, and the hell of a guilty conscience.*

*Immediately following the show we will enjoy cocktails and a superb dinner at **BASILE – FINE ITALIAN KITCHEN** featuring modern and classic Italian cuisine, just a few blocks away from the theatre.*

COST: *A ridiculously super value at only **\$62.50** per person (thanks to a huge contribution from the MBCA-MINUTEMAN SECTION). There is limited seating for only 50 people and reservations will be on a first-come first-served basis. Hurry, this event annually sells out quickly, so send in your reservations now! (Preference will be given to Club Member and one guest only). Theatre tickets and directions will be mailed out in early March, but please include an **E-MAIL** address in your reply for confirmation and a **Self Addressed Stamped Envelope** for mailing the tickets.*

(This will be the only notice of the event; do not delay your reservation)

Cut and mail **RESERVATION FORM** with a **CHECK** by **February 28, 2020** to:
Rich Garick, 19 Gordon Mountain Road, Windham, NH 03087 rgarick@comcast.net (603-898-3980)

2020 MINUTEMAN SECTION-MBCA ANNUAL DINNER EVENT RESERVATION FORM

NAMES: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

_____ **Total Guests X \$62.50 = \$** _____

Make check payable to: **MINUTEMAN SECTION-MBCA**

Send **Reservation Form, Check & a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope** for posting tickets to:

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Questions? (603-898-3980) rgarick@comcast.net

MINUTEMAN SECTION'S 2019 YEAR OF EVENTS IN REVIEW

[Tentatively Scheduled 2020 Events also noted](#)

MARCH 2019

Minuteman Section 2019 Annual Theatre Event, Dinner & Meeting

Held: Sunday, March 31, 2019

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, MA

This year's event was unique and extraordinary. Featuring Virtuoso Harpist Bridget Kibbey with a French Chamber Music Ensemble performing in The Weekend Concert Series at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

[\(For 2020's Event, see page 4\)](#)

APRIL 2019

11th Annual Minuteman Section Open House - European Auto Solutions Tech Session

Hosted by [European Auto Solutions](#)

Celebrate the arrival of Spring at European Auto Solutions' 11th Annual MBCA Minuteman Section Open House, 9:00am to 1:00pm Held on April 20th, 2019.

Each attendee was given 15 minutes of lift time for personal inspection of their Mercedes-Benz with one of our technicians to both learn more about the vehicle and to have it checked for the upcoming open road season.

[\(Tentatively Scheduled for April 2020\)](#)

JUNE 2019

Mercedes, Coffee, Croissants, and Pretzels

Sunday June 30th 2019

About 30 members of the Minuteman Section came together at Swissbäkers in Allston, MA on Sunday June 30th for a Mercedes, Coffee, Croissants, and Pretzel event.

Members enjoyed an abundance of world-class coffee, pastries, and croissants while admiring each other's Mercedes-Benz automobiles. We then moved inside and learned how to make pretzels! In the end, we had a lot of fun, made pretzels, and took home a nice recipe to try on our own. It was a unique, but fun event.

JULY 2019

Minuteman Section Attends Newport International Polo

Saturday, July 27, 2019

Portsmouth, Rhode Island

The Minuteman Section had about 20 - 30 members who attended a match on July 27th at the Newport International Polo Grounds. The gates opened at 1 PM and the match started at 5 PM. Food was catered and members enjoyed nice weather and a great match out on the field!

[\(Scheduled for July 2020\)](#)

AUGUST 2019

Mercedes & Friends at Thompson Motor Speedway

August 24 - 26

On August 24-26, 2019, the Mercedes Benz Club of America in concert with the Lotus Club Inc. held a driving weekend event at Thompson Motor Speedway Park in Thompson CT that offered all that and more. There were a number of non-driving local touring opportunities, and even a visit to a unique automobile restoration shop working on all marques including classic and brass era automobiles, as well as Bugattis, Mercedes, Bentleys, and other exotic cars. But there was also the renowned MBCA Safe Drivers/Safe Families driver training and workshop, and track time on the Speedway and the race course as well.

SEPTEMBER 2019

Wine Dinner at the Wayside Inn

Sunday, September 8, 2019 - 4:00pm to 8:00pm
72 Wayside Inn Road
Sudbury, Massachusetts

About 25 members enjoyed a fun evening of dining with wine pairing in the Ford Room of the Wayside Inn. On Sunday September 8th.

Here was the Schedule and we look forward to another event like this next year!

- 4:00 - Self Guided Tour of the Gristmill
- 4:15 - History Narration at the Gristmill
- 5:00 - Dinner in the Ford Room of the INN

Tentatively Scheduled for September 2020

Germanfest/Mercedes Day

Sunday September 15th, 2019
10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Larz Anderson Auto Museum, Brookline, MA

<https://larzanderson.org/2019lawnevents/mercedes19/>

Tentatively Scheduled for September 2020

OCTOBER 2019

42nd Annual Farberallye

OCTOBER 4-6, 2019 IN LAKE GEORGE, NY

This year's Farberallye was held in a new driving area- the mountains of New York State. Based out of historic and scenic Lake George, this year's rallye was an unforgettable weekend of color, scenery, and fun!

Our group stayed at the Fort William Henry Hotel and Conference Center on the lakefront, with the weekend kicking off on Friday evening. A welcome reception was held in the Veranda Room, with appetizers, cocktails and great company.

On Saturday, members competed (either against themselves, or other members) in a rally driving event- not a speed event, but a contest with clues to find to answers to questions about the pre-planned route, or alternatively, a time and distance precision driving rally contest. Most took the option of the Questions portion, with a number of others participating in the time-distance. Out of the 3 Sections that attended Farberallye, the Minuteman Section represented well by taking a number of the rewards. The Newsletter Editor and his father, who is a member of the NE Stars took first in the Time-Distance portion of course!

Awards, recognition, and stories from the contests and drive completed the day at the Saturday evening awards banquet.

The Minuteman Section would like to thank the Hudson Mohawk Section for taking on the challenge of organizing such a wonderful weekend! Thank you!

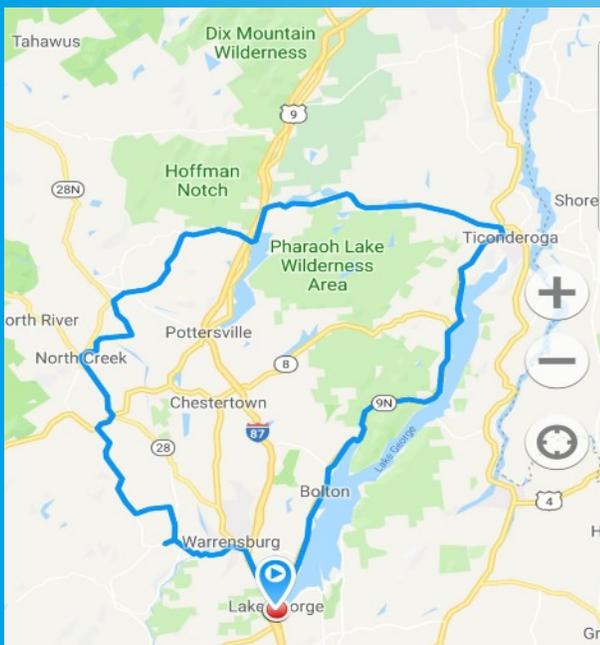


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OCTOBER 4-6, 2019 IN LAKE GEORGE, NY

Cont.

MBCA Member Rallye Cars Lining Up at the Starting Line



Farberallye Route - Mostly....



Winning Trophy - Court Brannen and Richard Brannen

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Logging in to the MBCA.org Website for Access to More MBCA “Stuff.”

Have you ever gone to the MBCA.org website or the Minuteman section webpage and wondered why there is limited information, or difficult to find events? Most likely it's because you need to log into your “account.” Once you do, you have access to more information, broader content, as well as links to be able to contact other members, the Minuteman Board of Directors, or your section's President. Additionally, you'll gain access to both local and national events that you in many cases, can't see if you aren't logged into your account.

So what other content can you see and access? Well, that's up to you to take the next steps and log in and find out. But, I will cover a few basics shortly.

Why do you have to do this? Well many reasons, but one of them is for the safety of information. Have you ever received a phishing email from what you thought was someone you knew, but find out it wasn't?

Recently I received an email addressed directly to me, using my full first name from Ed Owen, the Minuteman Section's President, asking for my help since he was tied up in meetings and didn't have access to call me. Even though people rarely use my first full name, I didn't think much of it in the way he addressed me. So, without looking at the actual email address it was sent from, and being the nice guy that I am, I replied with a “Sure, how can I help?”

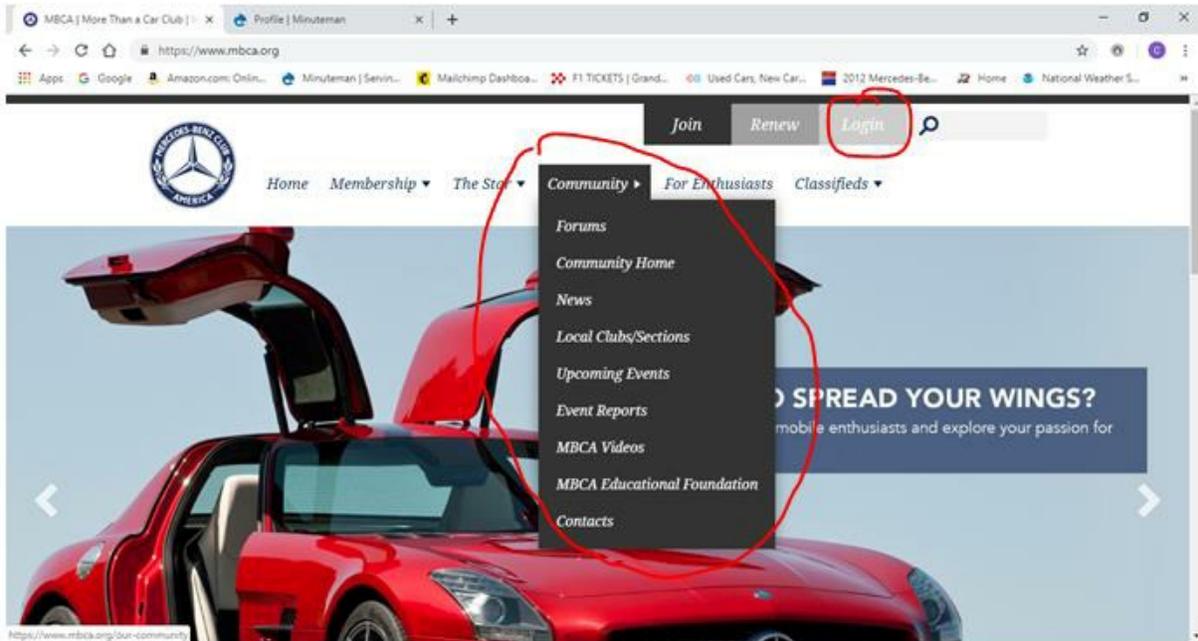
I then received a response back from “Ed” asking me to buy gift cards for some charities that the MBCA was supporting and that he would then reimburse me for them. Hmmm, yeah, that's when I realized something was a bit phishy. First, Ed's never that quick with an email response, (just kidding Ed) and this is a request he would never ask of me. I then checked the actual email address “Ed Owen” was emailing me from. It wasn't his and his email was being spoofed in a “phishing scheme.”

Somehow, a person had gone on the MBCA Minuteman Section's webpage, saw that Ed was the president and that I was listed as a Board Member as well as the Newsletter editor and emailed me trying to get money out of me. Nice try.

I reported this incident and we then limited access to the section's leadership contact info by only allowing members who are logged in to be able to have access.

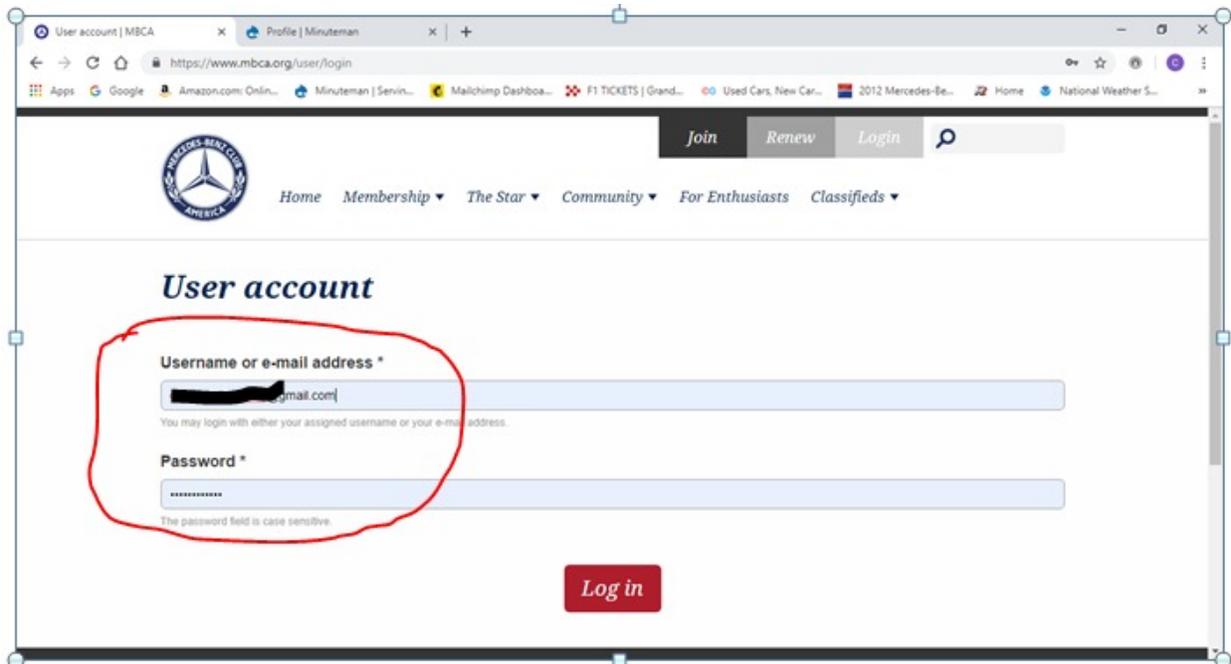
So how do you log in and what else can you see? Let's take a look.

On the MBCA.org page, you'll see a tab in the upper right corner of the webpage that has three options; Join, Renew, and Login. Before you log in, you'll only see limited options when hovering your cursor over the “Community” link in the screen shot below circled in red. Click on the “Login” tab circled in red.



If you've never logged in, use your member ID to create an account and password using an email address.

If you have an account or have just created one, login by typing your email and password and click the red **Log in** button as in the screen shot below:



Once logged in, you can edit or add items to your profile as in the screen shot below:



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 My Membership
 My Content

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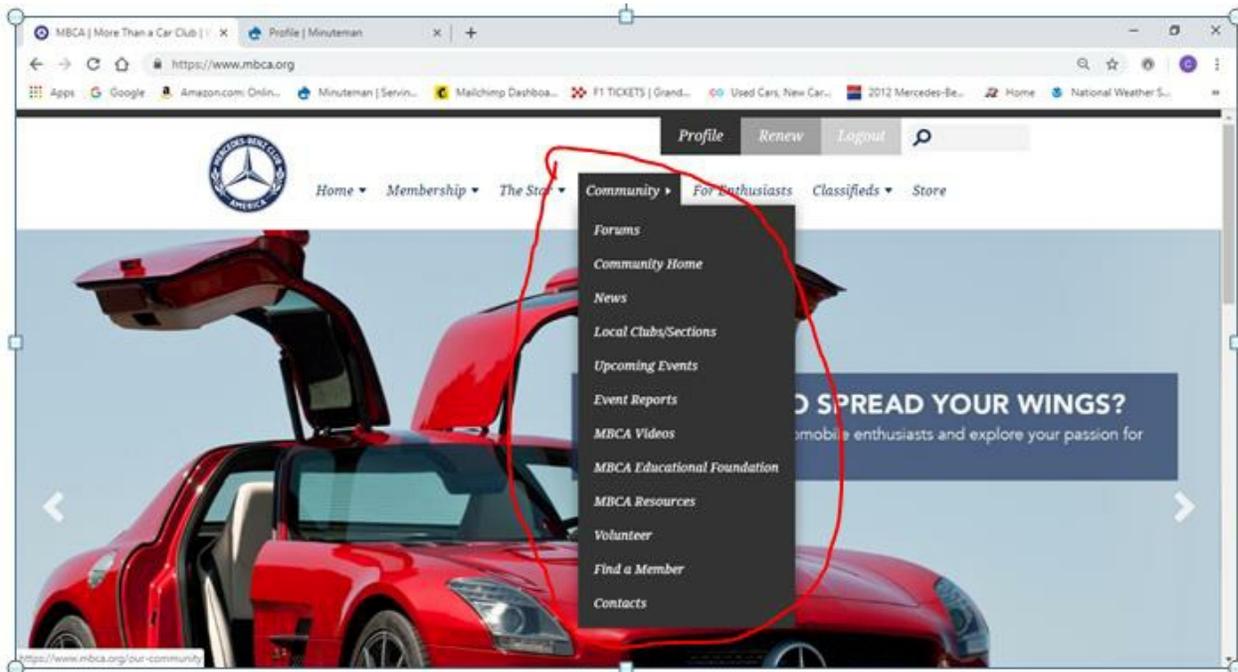
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Member ID	[redacted]
Member Since	December 21st, 2010
Membership Expires	March 22nd, 2020
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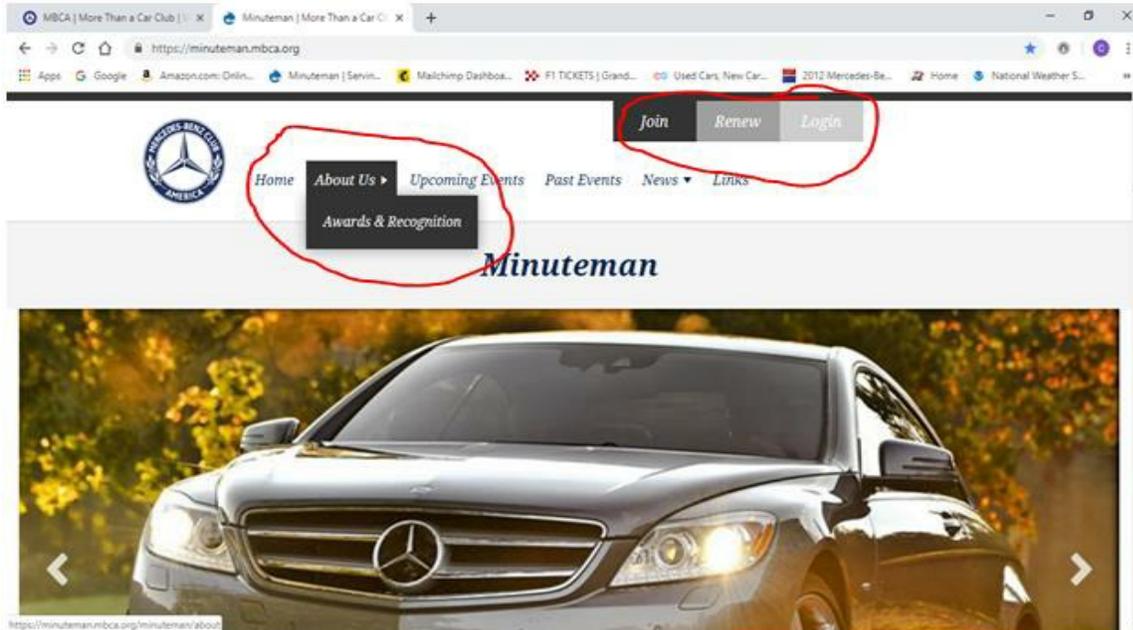
Once you edit your profile or if you just want to go to the MBCA home page, click on the “Home” link and you will be directed to the home page.

If you hover over the “Community” tab once again, you will see additional options for content available for logged in members only. Circled in red below in the screen shot.



When visiting the Minuteman Section's home page, you will also encounter limited content if you are not logged into your account. If you already logged into the MBCA.org home page, you shouldn't have to log into the Minuteman Section's page again or vice versa.

At www.minuteman.mbc.org, you'll see a tab in the upper right corner of the webpage that has three options; Join, Renew, and Login. Before you log in, you'll only see limited options when hovering your cursor over the "About Us" link in the screen shot below circled in red. IN the screenshot below, you'll only see an option to click on "Awards & Recognition." To log in, click on the "Login" tab circled in red below.



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To log into your account or if you have just created one, login by typing your email and password and click the red **Log in** button as in the screen shot below:



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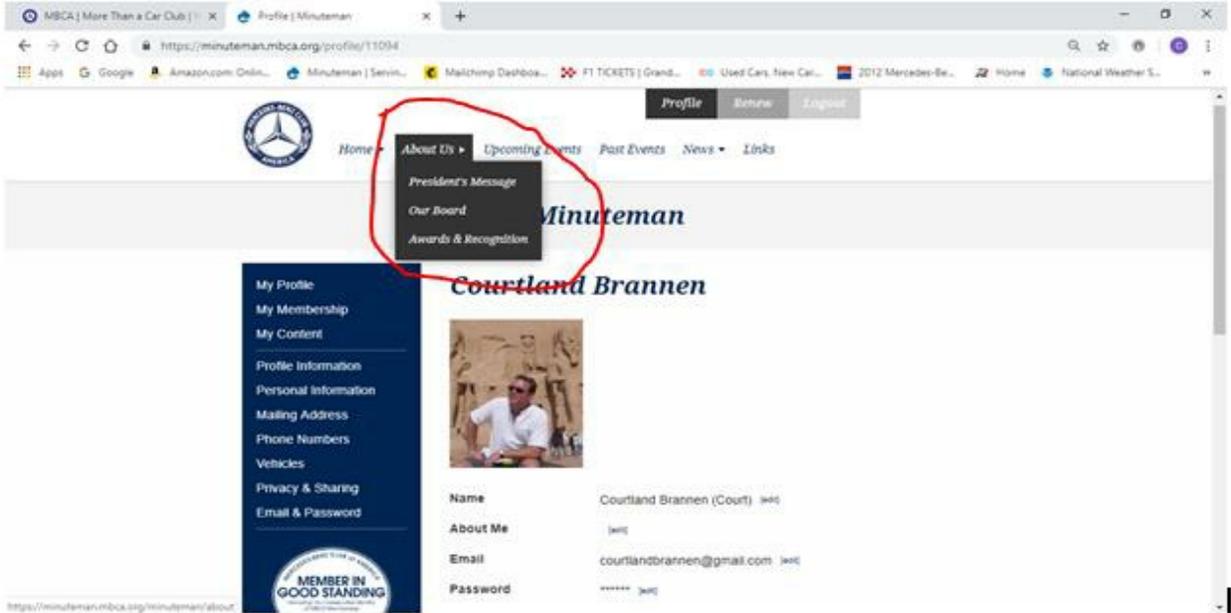
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[Log in](#)

Once logged in, you can edit or add items to your profile as in the screen shot below. You can then hover over the “About Us” link and you will have options to now select the “President’s Message” and “Our Board.” Click on “Our Board.”



After clicking on “Our Board,” you will be directed to the following landing page listing the Minuteman Section’s leadership board as in the screen shot below.

The screenshot shows the website for the Minuteman MBCA. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a logo on the left and links for 'Profile', 'Renew', and 'Logout' on the right. Below this is a main menu with 'Home', 'About Us', 'Upcoming Events', 'Past Events', 'News', and 'Links'. The main heading is 'Minuteman'. The primary content area is titled 'Section Leadership' and contains a table with columns for 'Leadership Position', 'Name', and 'Email'. The 'Email' column for all entries contains the word 'contact'. A red circle highlights the 'contact' link for the 'Section President' position, which is held by Edward Owen. To the right of this table are two red buttons: 'President's Message' and 'MBCA Awards'. Below these is a section for 'Past Presidents' with a table listing names and their respective years. At the bottom, there is a section for 'Additional Leadership Contacts' with a table that has columns for 'Title', 'Contact Name', 'Phone', and 'Email'. The URL in the browser's address bar is 'https://minuteman.mbc.org/section-contact'.

Leadership Position	Name	Email
Section Membership	Dean Coclin	contact
Section Newsletter	Courtland Brannen	contact
Section President	Edward Owen	contact
Section Secretary	Stephen Coulter	contact
Section Treasurer	Mark Fancy	contact
Section Vice President	Barry O'Neill	contact

Years	Name
1973-1977	Ike Klayko
1977-1978	John Attaya
1978-1980	George Grasseier

Title	Contact Name	Phone	Email

Hopefully this guide will be helpful to you and provide additional content for your MBCA.org user experience.