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Club News

Bill's Log Book

Greetings to all my fellow B-W Chapter members, and a Happy New Year. So far Mother Nature has taken it easy on us this winter here in the Mid-Atlantic area. Hopefully this will give us the opportunity to get a few more things done on our projects that we might not have been able to accomplish with frigid temperatures and many inches of snow. There isn't much time left before Spring and the truck show season will be upon us! I am looking forward to a great year with many fun antique truck events to participate in and getting to know all of our members.

Our chapter has 90 registered truck enthusiasts and I would encourage you all to come out and participate in our chapter events and the many truck shows this hobby has to offer throughout the coming year. Shows are a great place to meet and greet one another and show off your truck. Learn from others the tips and secrets of restoring and preservation of antique trucks and the history of these vehicles.

Our next chapter meeting will be held in Leonardtown, Maryland at John Vannatta's garage. The main event that day is the car show that takes place in the town square and then our business meeting at 1 o'clock. If you have a truck or even a car feel free to bring it to display at the show. We have a lot to discuss at the meeting as there are some big events coming up like, the Annual Winchester, Virginia Apple Blossom Fire Truck Parade, the ATHS Mason-Dixon Chapter show in Frederick, Maryland and of course the ATHS National Convention and Show in West Springfield, Massachusetts. Hopefully we will also be able to confirm some good news about the legislation for antique truck license registration in Maryland. Things have been moving in a positive direction thanks to some very hard work by Mel Fair, John Vannatta, Dick Schaffer and Dale Croston just to name a few. Thank you all for your efforts and dedication on this important matter.

As many of you may already know, chapter member John Vannatta will succeed James H. Suttles as President of ATHS National at this years convention in Massachusetts. I would encourage as many of our regional chapter members to attend this years show. John has been a club member for more years than I can remember. He's held B-W chapter officer positions of Vice President & President and as a Regional Vice President he represented our area at National BOD meetings. John has also served in the Third, Second and First Vice President positions at National. This is a well deserved honor for John who has represented the members of our hobby at the Chapter and National level for many years. Past Presidents from our region of the country include Richard Schaffer, William Semple, and Roy Steward all who have served to further the preservation and history of antique trucks. May the Society prosper under John's leadership as he "takes the wheel" from ATHS President James Suttles at the Convention.

Hope to see you soon,
Bill

Club News *continued*

A few weeks into the start of the 2012 new year, Baltimore-Washington Chapter members gathered at the Country Pride Restaurant in Jessup, MD to enjoy lunch and hold a Club meeting. The following minutes were recorded by Vice President/Acting Secretary, Jesse W. Walter, Jr.

CHAPTER MEETING

January 15, 2012

Called to order at 1:00 P.M. Welcome remarks by President Bill Marlow.

The minutes of the October 16th, 2011 meeting were approved as published in the November-December newsletter. Motion to accept by Mel Thomas and Seconded by George Hamlin.

Treasurer's Report—Treasurer Kathy Reeder reported that the Club received \$172.00 income from dues payments and paid a total of \$491.00 for newsletter printing and postage expenses for the 2011 year. Our account has a good current balance over \$3,500 coming into the new year.

Membership Report—Carolyn Vannatta reports that the chapter's calendar year ended with 90 chapter members. Updated rosters will be sent out via email in March. Written membership rosters will be available at the April 29th meeting at John Vannatta's garage in Leonardtown. Please forward email address updates and home address changes to Carolyn Vannatta. Use the most recent mailing from John when you want to send out an email broadcast to assure reaching everyone at their current email addresses.

We welcomed 12 new members from the mass mailing that was sent out in 2011. Kathy Reeder has volunteered to send out another mass mailing to all older non-chapter ATHS members in our area. This will be done after our next newsletter goes out. Each month National sends me a list of new members in our area.. These new members receive a welcome letter, membership application and our most recent newsletter. This new member mailing is done on a monthly basis.

January is dues month so remember to send your dues payment for 2012 to Kathy Reeder or pay at one of our chapter meetings. The year your dues are paid up thru is marked on your newsletter address label, if you get the newsletter by email you may verify your dues by calling club Treasurer Kathy Reeder.

Antique Truck Legislative Activity in Maryland—President Bill Marlow read a brief summary of John Vannatta's report on legislative activity to include antique truck tractors within the scope of the antique motor vehicles in the Maryland Motor Vehicle Code, Article 66 1/2. The objective is to include all categories of antique trucks, including antique truck tractors. John will keep us updated on the progress in this pursuit.

ATHS National—The 2012 National Convention and Show will be held in West Springfield, MA. The distance is almost 500 miles from Southern Maryland to the convention. That route is going up I-81 through Pennsylvania to avoid the East Coast I-95 corridor traffic and tolls. There was much discussion regarding routes and general consensus was that we should convoy to avoid the I-95 routing. There will be further updates at our next meeting.

Billy encouraged us all to attend the convention since this is the year that John Vannatta will become ATHS National President.

Carolyn Vannatta is the volunteer coordinator. While she knows from past shows which club members will help her with the volunteer jobs, she still needs more help at every convention. Once she sees how many volunteers there are for this year's show, Carolyn will contact our active members. If you are going to the convention, please send her a copy of the volunteer sign up form (see insert page), and provide her with your contact information, including

Club News *continued*

your cell phone number. Mail or email to: vannatta@md.metrocast.net. Carolyn will be able to use all the help she can get, volunteers from B-W ATHS are an important asset of our Club, which has helped to keep these national conventions and shows a fun event to attend.

Campers attending the convention should reserve their spaces early. There is limited on-site camping, about 100 sites are available May 28 through June 3, 2012. RV sites have water and sewer hookups, and 20 amp electric service. See the convention registration in WOT magazine for further information.

As John Vannatta reported at our October meeting, you will need to make reservations early at the hotels at the ATHS Convention as they tend to fill up quickly. **The convention hotels are listed in the 2011 Nov-Dec. WOT magazine Convention guide, it is best to make reservations by calling to the hotel directly.** John Vannatta will be staying at the host hotel, however the hotel has limited (Pay \$\$) parking, and probably no space for larger vehicles, so members with trucks would have to ride the shuttles to and from the Eastern States Exposition (ESE). Mike Boteler and a number of other members are staying at the Hampton Inn, one of the other convention hotels-parking is free and room rates are less. George Hamlin encouraged those who can to stay at the host hotel to make sure the ATHS meets its minimum room commitment to the hotel.

This year's post-convention cruise will go to visit George Tackaberry's Museum at Athens, Ontario, Canada. It will be a two-day trip. A few members have expressed interest, but many said that the extra three or four days for the trip would cut into their work days, and most were not likely to make the convention and the cruise. Gary Callis said that he had been there and that the Tackaberry's have quite a large collection of restored trucks. We have seen some of their trucks at the Macungie ATCA shows and other East Coast shows. The details and cost of the trip is with the Convention information in the current issue of *Wheels of Time*—price includes overnight accommodations in Plattsburg, NY. Cost is \$210 per person single occupancy, \$150 per person double occupancy. Breakfast and lunch on Sunday and Monday are included.

The Route 66 Truck Cruise is still being planned for the Fall of 2012. The cruise will travel Route 66 from Chicago to San Bernadino, CA. Basically it is a cruise to a stopping point, unload, show-trucks, stay overnight, load up, repeat till reaching destination in about six or seven days.

The ATHS website will be updated in the near future. The site will probably come "in-house" and have a provision for chapter links and websites.

Consolidated Freightways Sign. The Consolidated Freightways sign that was dismantled and shipped from York, PA has now arrived at ATHS headquarters. The recent issue of *Wheels of Time* indicates that an independent fund is being set up to restore the sign and have it placed adjacent to the headquarters building.

Next B-W Chapter Meeting. Mike Boteler reported that he is trying to schedule a work day at the BMI for late February or early March. The museum would like to get the Ford truck running. They want someone to learn how to keep the solar electric car, which is suspended in the gallery, operational, a condition of the bequest to the museum. B-W Member Joe Brame encouraged those of us who can to attend the annual Bull & Oyster Roast, Saturday, March 3, 2012 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50.00 per person for museum members. It is BMI's single big fundraising event for the year. The museums website is: <http://www.thebmi.org> the address is 1415 Key Highway, Baltimore, MD 21230. Phone (410) 727-4808 for information email them at: info@thebmi.org

There was discussion about having another show at the museum. B-W member George Hamlin said that the local chapter of the Professional Car Society may be interested in participating. There was room enough for more cars and trucks at our past event in October.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Gary Callis, seconded by Mike Boteler, meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Regional Chapter News

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Commentary on ATHS Chapters is from Dane Badman, editor of Baltimore-Washington *DRIVELINE*.

The news is usually gleaned from the newsletters of the other chapters in our region, such as Susquehanna Valley's "Roughrider," or Mason-Dixon's "Hood Scoop," DELMARVA chapter puts out "The DELMARVA DISTRIBUTOR."

Susquehanna Valley Chapter ATHS...has reported they have 112 members and are continuing to grow, also members who renew their dues before January 31, 2012 only pay \$5.00 after that dues are \$10.00 per year. Recent new members welcomed into the chapter are Simon Johnson and Ken Johnson of Quarryville and Jim Couch of Mechanicsburg. All members are reminded that meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM unless otherwise noted. If canceled due to bad weather the meeting will be held the following Sunday. Ron Adams new book "Kenworth Trucks of the 1950's" has received great reviews and is available at Barnes & Noble book stores. Condolences were sent out to the family of chapter member Bob Stimely who recently passed away.

Mason-Dixon Chapter ATHS...B-W ATHS Editor Dane Badman sends apologies to Rod Berkley and members of the Mason-Dixon chapter for his error in the November-December issue of the DRIVELINE newsletter. I had the wrong name for their Chapter Vice President, it should have read Doug Jones. The chapter enjoyed their Annual "Festivus Pot-Luck" on January 15th hosted by Dave and Jim Alexander, hope they had a good turnout of members and guests. In December, thirty members of the chapter enjoyed a tour of the Hagerstown, Maryland Volvo/Mack Powertrain plant (during working hours). New Chapter President Mark Vassallo thanked incoming M-D Vice President Doug Jones for having arranged the tour. Mel Fair stated that good progress is being made on getting "old trucks" properly registered with the MVA. We are receiving support from Louis Campion, President of Maryland Motor Truck along with Del Wood and Del Schultz in Annapolis helping us to draft the proposed legislation for the Maryland General Assembly. John Vannatta, along with support from ATHS, is working to define the various classifications of our antique trucks so that we are careful not to exclude fire trucks and truck tractors, etc. Hopefully this will change the MVA registration procedures for our hobby and give us the support we need to avoid the licensing issues for the Class F & E vehicles. Mel will keep us posted.

DELMARVA Chapter ATHS...held their annual dinner on Saturday, January 14th at the Knight's of Columbus Building in Salisbury, MD. Club Officers for the 2012-2013 year are President-Herb Sanders, Vice President-Bill Brown, Secretary-Tom Wainright, and Treasurer/Newsletter Editor-Buck Burton.



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The 2012 ATHS Convention Speakers Program Schedule will showcase programs about these four marques of the trucking industry.

Regional and National

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John Vannatta sent information concerning drivers who hold a Maryland Commercial Drivers License. Effective January 30, 2012 the MVA requires drivers to update their medical qualifications with the agency every time they are renewed (typically every two years). Therefore, CDL holders will need to submit their updated medical qualifications to the MVA even if their drivers' licenses are not yet expiring. If the MVA does not have proof of the CDL holder's updated medical qualifications on file, the driver will be required to downgrade to a noncommercial license, or they have their entire driving privilege cancelled. CDL applicants will still be required to provide a copy of their DOT Card when renewing a CDL or when applying for a new, duplicate, or corrected CDL. John acquired this information from the Maryland Motor Truck Association's MMTA E-News, October 14th, 2011 edition. The MMTA website is: www.mmtanet.com

UPDATED News

As of the end of January 2012, the MMTA website contained a notice that there was some confusion about the **CDL Medical Certificate** requirements. This statement essentially stated that Drivers DO NOT need to submit their medical certifications to the MVA at this time, unless they are directly contacted by the agency (MVA). However, drivers who are renewing or obtaining a duplicate, corrected or new CDL, will be required to present medical certification at that time. Details of how to submit that information will be provided by MVA. If the updated medical certification is not submitted when requested, a driver's license will be downgraded to noncommercial. Please make sure your address is current with MVA so you do not miss these important notices. For more information, go to: www.mvmaryland.gov/Driver-Services/CDL/default.htm.

Antique Vehicle Laws News Update

John Vannatta states that the State of Maryland has decided to reemphasize an old interpretation of the Antique Vehicle Laws that excluded truck tractors. Some of us have known that the interpretation existed but it was seldom enforced. Actually it excluded tractors, tow trucks, and recreational vehicles. I have received numerous calls about it in the last year as the MVA started turning people away. Luckily our relationship with the Maryland Motor Truck Association and Past President, Mel Fair in the Mason-Dixon Chapter gave us an avenue to attempt to correct this legislatively. A meeting with MD Delegate Johnny Woods of Southern MD and Louis Campion of MMTA yielded good results with his willingness to sponsor a bill to correct these problems. MMTA has used its expertise to craft the bill and has since found two other state representatives who had contact with other constituents to co-sponsor the effort. A recent exploratory meeting with MVA and Maryland State Police personnel highlighted areas of concern that will be addressed in the bill when it is introduced in January. Although this is not a "done deal" as they say, it does look promising. Should it pass during this session, it would become law in October 2012. Standby to contact your representative for support once we have more information. The success of this effort so far, is a result of the network of capable and influential members we have in our midst. We offer special thanks to Mel Fair for his work to fold the MMTAA into this effort and Louis Campion of MMTA for his willingness to help and appreciation of our contribution to trucking industry history.

For Your Calendar



February

- 18-19 Central Maryland Antique Tractor Club Toy Auction & Show
Frederick Fairgrounds, East Patrick St., Frederick, MD
Sat. Auction 11 a.m., Sun. Show from 9 a.m. -3 p.m.
Info call: (717) 552-7691

March

- 22-24 Mid-America Trucking Show, Kentucky Exposition Center
Louisville, KY Info: (800) 626-2370 ATHS Booth # 40569
- 24-25 Shenandoah Valley Steam & Gas Engine Association
Spring Toy Show and Swap Meet, Clarke County-Ruitan Fairgrounds
890 West Main Street, Berryville, VA 22611 Info: www.svsgea.com

April

- 25-29 Spring Carlisle, Carlisle Fairgrounds
- 28-30 Spring Auction at Carlisle Auctions of America by RM
- 29 Leonardtown Rod & Custom Car Show 8 AM -3 PM, Leonardtown, MD
ATHS Baltimore-Washington members invited to display trucks.
Club meeting at 1:00 PM at John Vannatta's Shop in Leonardtown
Directions & Info: Call John (301) 475-5479

May

- 4 Winchester, VA Apple Blossom Fireman's Parade (evening). B-W Members
with Fire Engines will convoy on Friday morning from Southern Maryland.
Departure time 7:30 AM Friday Info: John Vannatta (301) 475-5479
- 5 **ATHS Mason-Dixon Chapter Antique Truck Show**
Central Maryland International Trucks
8425 Progress Court, Frederick, MD
- 10-11 National Pike Steam, Gas & Horse Show Info: www.nationalpike.com
- 31-June 2 **ATHS National Convention & Antique Truck Show**
West Springfield, MA Eastern States Exposition
Info: (816) 891-9900, membership@aths.org
Volunteers Needed (sign-up sheet enclosed)

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE . .

- 1953 *Fruehauf Trailer 30' long, single axle w/Dayton Hubs and 20" wheels, Side Dump Grain Body or Flat Bed, landing gear has steel wheels, clear title. Asking \$500.00* 1-12
Contact: Mike with questions or for pictures (301) 717-2022 or boteler77@gmail.com
- ???? *Roadranger Transmission R96, 10 Speed, Clutch 14" 2 Plate organic pull type, 1 3/4" spline* 1-12
Contact: Glenn Martin Ph. (540) 292-1058
- 1925 Ford TT Stake Bed/Dump, Ruxtell 2-speed, elec. Start, Extra engine and trans., misc. parts 11-11
 Restored \$13,500...Contact: Ron & Frieda Wolfe, Herndon, VA (703) 437-4722
- 1931 Ford Model A Pick-up, Excellent shape 11-11
 1932 Ford Model A Roadster, Good shape
 1986 Cadillac Brougham, 4 door sedan, clean
 Further information on these vehicles Contact: J. Chenowith (410) 592-6308 B-W ATHS
- ???? Low Boy Trailer for single axle tractor, has 16' deck (needs restore), 8 tires across back 11-11
 PA title asking \$2,200 /OBO
 Complete Backup cab for R Mack \$1,100
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 Contact: Doug Jones (301) 223-6898 M-D ATHS

Wanted...

5 bolt Budd wheels to replace existing split-rims on '53 C-600 Ford to mount 800x22.5 radials. 1-12
Would prefer good used but will consider NOS. Any combo for full (front & rear) set.
Contact: Ed Johnson (410) 394-3166

New...ATHS Truck Mud Flaps —See our Ad in WOT Magazine

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(S&H for zip codes starting with 0-4 will be \$25 for 1 set, \$35 for 2 sets, \$45 for 3 sets)
 (S&H for zip codes starting with 5-9 will be \$35 for 1 set, \$45 for 2 sets, \$55 for 3 sets)

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