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Club News

Greetings from Jesse,

Old Truck Hibernation—is the theme for my winter, I have to wait for Spring to arrive as I do not have a heated, or insulated garage, so some projects will wait for Spring weather and warmer days.

Hope everyone is surviving the winter snows and cold. We here on the Eastern shore have had lots of cold, but not a lot of snow to shovel, yet. With two four-wheel drive trucks I should be able to get out in the weather if I need to. I got by pretty well when I was an "essential employee" and didn't have 4x4 support.

I saw a note in the December Mason-Dixon newsletter about the tour of the Comer Museum. Jack Comer told Mark Vassallo that it was a go for January 26th, so 10 or so of our number showed up on a very cold day. Jack had the heat on and fed us lunch. Jack Comer has some very interesting stuff there. A great collection of road and construction toys; gas station, tin chip/pretzel can memorabilia, as well as a variety of rare Mack trucks.

The "sermon on the amount" regarding our budget and funds. Based on dues, we end up with about \$200 to \$300 a year to spend on Club activities. I did some estimates on our income vs. expenses last fall. We have 88 members, which gives us \$880 in dues income. We spend about \$150 on each issue of our DRIVELINE newsletter for printing and postage. We now print 5 issues of the newsletter per year for about \$750 in cost. We could greatly reduce this if more members would receive their newsletter by email. Postage just went up in January thus our cost goes up too! In 2013 we spent some money on bricks, and other activities. Our Treasurer Kathy Reeder warned us in January 2013 that continued brick-buying would be unsustainable. We used the "one-time-expense" logic and moved on. That logic over the past two years has started to eat into the "cushion" in our account.

One way the Chapter members can be more involved in helping the Club in a big way to save money would be if more of our membership would choose to have the DRIVELINE newsletter sent to them by email. The email newsletter would save about \$1.50 by elimination of printing and postage costs. You the member also gain in that all photos would be seen in color on your computer and it would arrive as soon as the editors have completed it. After you download the PDF you may just view it on your computer any time you want. All you need to do to help save money is send your email address to Dane's email: cranedane@aol.com Dane will then make a mass email of the newsletter to all members who wish to receive the DRIVELINE via their computer. Hard copies will still be available for those who don't have a computer and for mailing to prospective new ATHS National members who may want to join our B-W Chapter.

Ideas that may generate some much needed funds for the Chapter are always welcome. Do we want to have a table at this year's convention to sell the ATHS mudflaps? Think about it and let's discuss it at the April meeting.

Our Website: I have access, and have spent time trying to load information about B-W ATHS onto the site, however nothing has showed up. More attempts will be made.

Thoughts and prayers go out to all who are "under the weather" at this time.
See you soon, Jesse

B-W Chapter Website
www.stovebolt.com/ATHS

Come Join Us
B-W Chapter Meeting
Sun., April 27 at 1:00 PM
at
John Vannatta's Garage
41635 Fenwick Street
Leonardtown, MD 20650
Info: (301) 475-5479

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Club News *continued*

We're already two months into the new year so please remember to send your chapter dues payment \$10.00 for 2014 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 (two digit number behind name), if you get the newsletter by email you may verify your dues by calling club Treasurer Kathy Reeder. A reminder to all, you must be a member of National ATHS (\$45.00) in order to join a local chapter, the Baltimore-Washington chapter must send in an accounting of our membership to National and they have determined that five (5) of our chapter members have not paid their National dues in 2013 therefore they must be dropped from our roster. **We did have one new member join, Mel Fair our new Regional Vice President has joined our B-W ATHS chapter**, we welcome Mel as the new RVP taking over from Bruce Geil who officially departs the position in May. **The B-W chapter wishes to thank Bruce for his many years of service to our regional chapters and for his commitment to ATHS to represent us at the BOD meetings.**

Since no members have come forward to take on the position of Editor for the *DRIVELINE*, Dane & Frances have decided to stay on to keep this vital newsletter from extinction. With the chapter's decision to be involved in the 2015 National Convention, the editors will continue to provide the news to keep our members informed.

Three members of our Baltimore-Washington chapter journeyed up the "Golden Highway to Heaven" in last half of 2013, we remember Don Hurdle, John Pomeroy, Sr. and Ridgely "Willie" Axt. Our prayers and thoughts go out to their families. We also want to extend prayers and wishes for speedy recovery to Gary Callis and Joe Wilson who both spent some time in the hospital this winter. Hope to see them back on their feet soon and feeling better.

The ATHS Baltimore-Washington Chapter held a winter meeting on January 12, 2014 at the Country Pride Restaurant in Jessup, MD.

Minutes of the Baltimore-Washington Chapter Winter Meeting

The winter meeting of the Baltimore-Washington ATHS Chapter was held on January 12, 2014 at the Country Pride Restaurant in Jessup, MD.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by chapter President Jesse Walter, Jr. A motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Mark Powell and seconded by Gary Callis.

President's Report

President Jesse Walter, Jr. reported that the annual chapter report will be sent to National headquarters, it will include the membership report, list of chapter officers and a Treasurer's report. Discussion was held concerning the upcoming National Convention in Springfield, MO and whether we wanted to convoy as a group from Maryland.

Another discussion was held concerning Chapter dues collection and the fact that postal rates have increased again, thus raising the cost of mailing our chapter newsletter, dues may need to be increased. We have not increase chapter dues although the postal rates have increase over the years. It was suggested that we consider changing to an electronic or emailed newsletter. Action on this was tabled until the next chapter meeting in April.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was given by Kathy Reeder. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Mike Boteler and seconded by Gary Callis.

Club News *continued*

Membership Report

The membership report was sent in by Carolyn Vannatta, the following members have passed away in the last half of 2013, Ridgely "Willie" Axt, Don Hurdle, John Pomeroy. Five other members have been dropped from our roster due to non-payment of National dues. We had one new member join, our new RVP Mel Fair, Jr. Four new members of National in our regional area have been sent letters of welcome and chapter membership applications. Our membership stands at 84 current members.

Old Business

Our chapter website on National's homepage has been offline recently, due to the server for National being down for upgrades. Not too much on our site, list of Club officers, previous DRIVELINE newsletters, and our ATHS Mud Flap sales ad.

We recently sold six CD copies of the 1988 National show in Timonium, MD. These are made from photo archives of the B-W chapter and show the numerous trucks that were at the show. Copies are available from the chapter.

New Business

The chapter has a scheduled work day at The Baltimore Museum of Industry on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at 10:00 AM. There is also the possibility of our assistance being requested later in the year to help move the Esskay Mack truck in June or July.

Member Mark Powell has offered a Wheel Horse parts catalogue for anyone who wants it.

Upcoming Events

The following events are already scheduled for 2014.

Mason-Dixon Chapter "Festivus" at the Alexander's will be on January, 19, 2014 1:00 PM
The address is: 10884 Haughs Church Rd., Keymar, MD 21757.

The next B-W ATHS chapter meeting will be on April, 27, 2014, 1:00 PM at John Vannatta's Garage in Leonardtown, MD. The address is: 41635 Fenwick St, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

The Annual Apple Blossom Fireman's Parade will be held on May 2, 2014 in Winchester, VA.
Contact: John Vannatta for more information (301) 502-7694.

The next meeting of the Tri-State Truck Show committee will be held on May 3, 2014. Contact: Billy Marlow for further information (410) 531-1632.

The Mason-Dixon ATHS chapter will hold their 21st Annual show on May 3, 2014 at Central Maryland International Truck. Address is: 8425 Progress Ct., Frederick, MD (301) 689-3576.

The ATHS National Convention and Truck Show will be held on May 29-31, 2014 at Springfield, MO
The recommended hotel is the Ramada Oasis (417) 866-5253.

The ATCA Show in Macungie, PA will be held on June 12-14, 2014 Recommended hotel is the Comfort Inn Lehigh Valley West, 7625 Imperial Way, Allentown, PA (610) 391-0344.

The Tri-State Truck Show in Winchester, VA will be held on September 25-27, 2014 at the Frederick County (VA) Fair grounds. Recommended hotel is the Econo Lodge North, 1593 Martinsburg Pike, Winchester, VA 22603 (540) 662-4700
Fax (540) 662-1762

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM

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."

Shenandoah Valley Chapter ATHS...Members are looking forward to Spring and the snow melting away, show season will be here before you know it and it is time to make your list of "To Do" projects for the upcoming show season. With Daylight Savings Time on March 9th, the sun will be shining more each day. The chapter has set the date for their annual show at Bridgewater Lawn Party Grounds for May 17, 2014. As usual they can use all the volunteer help that makes for a successful show. Members will get their trucks ready as they usually show up in a convoy to the Mason-Dixon show, a good shake down after a winter's hibernation in the garage or barn. Members are reminded of the Tri-State meeting to be held at the Mason-Dixon show on May 3, 2014. The Chapter has decided to take charge of making wheel chocks for the 2015 National and will also oversee the camping parking area. The club is discussing the possibility of having chapter jackets made with ATHS Shenandoah Valley Chapter on the jacket.

Mason-Dixon Chapter ATHS...What can one say, this chapter knows how to party during the winter. The members and friends enjoyed another "Festivus" get together on January 19th with all the usual good home made food and burgers and of course Randy's home made ice cream. The members will now spend their time getting ready for their annual show at Central Maryland International Truck on May 3, 2014. Congratulations are in order to Mel Fair for being accepted as our next Regional Vice President to ATHS representing the Chapters in our region. Mel takes the reins in May at the annual National Convention & Truck show in Springfield, MO. Congratulations are also in order to Mason-Dixon chapter President Mark Vassallo who is nominated to become a Board Member at large to ATHS National. As usual volunteer help is always needed to make the Chapter's annual show a success.

DELMARVA Chapter ATHS...By the time you read this the members of the DELMARVA Chapter ATHS will be getting into action for the upcoming show season over on the Eastern Shore. A scheduled All Clubs Breakfast Buffet will have been held on March 8th at the Millsboro Fire Co. in Millsboro, DE. All car club, VFC, Church, School, American Legion is having a car show for 2014 this was a must attend event. All clubs should have brought in their flyers and details of their upcoming events for this year. Admission/Breakfast is \$10 with proceeds to benefit the Millsboro Vol. Fire Co. This year promises to be another great show season with events almost every weekend somewhere on the Delmarva Peninsula and any one of them has something for every type of vehicle in attendance.

Susquehanna Valley Chapter ATHS...President Drew Kauffman has returned home safely from his trip to Thailand, he said it was a wonderful experience and given the opportunity he would do it again. He said that trucks in Thailand are mostly cabover types and not as big as American trucks, he is glad to be back home in the land of Peterbilts, Kenworths, and the antique trucks. The chapter welcomed two new members, David Mohn of Denver, PA, and Michael Hubert of Chicopee, MA. The chapter's Roughrider newsletter always has some very interesting member profiles and photos, and funny cartoons are good for a chuckle. The chapter noted that long time member Harry Harsh, 87 passed away on Sept. 28, 2013. Harry was a recipient of the Golden Achievement Award. Chapter member David A. Margeson has received the Golden Achievement Award. He was nominated by Sheldon Kinney who presented him the award at the club's January meeting. Members are reminded that the chapter will need help at the 2015 National Convention in York, anyone interested in helping can contact Marlin Ruhl at (717)665-4621. As the Home Depot saying goes "Let's Do This"!!

All Chapter's in the Mid-Atlantic area have by now been informed that there is a "Planning Meeting" scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 2014, time 8-10 AM at Lee's Diner, 4320 W. Market Street, York, PA 17408 Phone (717) 792-1300. Each chapter should have representatives at this meeting/breakfast. ATHS President, John Vannatta will be picking up the National HQ staff on Friday afternoon and return them to the airport on Saturday afternoon for their flight back to KC. There is a show at the York Fairgrounds on this day and a "walk thru tour" is planned which may require a paid admission to the show. Be prepared to ask questions and take on various responsibilities for the Convention. A successful show depends on Volunteers!

News from National Headquarters

John Vannatta— ATHS President
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Spring 2014

The regular Spring Board meeting was held a little early this year on January 24th in Kansas City. This meeting was held primarily to accommodate board member training day by our Strategic Planner, Dr. Tom Ezell. Tom is a member from North Carolina who has volunteered his services to assist the society in establishing programs associated with successful non-profits. We have made great strides in the last year restructuring the society to hopefully ensure its' long term survival.

One aspect of this program is the Annual Giving Program you have probably noticed. We have always had a giving program but it has been tied to specific projects. This program is correctly structured to place us in a position to apply for outside funding through grants. Self help is a large part of the requirement to be eligible. This is all part of a well structured Advancement Program.

A few fun plans were also discussed. We will hold a dedication ceremony on April 5th for the old C-F sign that is now complete. We plan to invite press, C-F employees, KC & York PA newspapers, ATA and OOIDA officials and hopefully create some exposure for the society. This has been a fun project and could stand as a symbol of the ATHS. It is already becoming a landmark in KC. The other thing we discussed is the planned trip to Australia to support Australian members at their huge Alice Springs show in September 2015. This trip will be a complete tour of Australia along with numerous ATHS activities interspersed. Details will be forthcoming but a refundable deposit of \$600/person holds a spot. This trip will have a limit based on accommodations.

Our library project is coming along nicely with a promise of an online card catalog available if it isn't already by press time. Two college interns have been selected to assist the program. We will be re-introducing charges for research that takes a significant period of time, early next year. These funds will assist the ongoing project. This had been the rule but not enforced in the recent past.

Some chapters are creating Facebook pages. We have created a Social Media Policy to guide those chapters who are interested. We will also be introducing a new ATHS credit card program that has an interesting aspect to it. We will be a designated vendor which will allow members to use the points accumulated to pay their annual dues, buy society logo products, pay their registration fees for conventions, etc. We probably all have "points cards" but this is one you can actually use.

There will be a York show chapters meeting on April 12, 2014 in York, PA. The meeting location will be announced shortly. The next board meetings will be during the convention in Springfield and on October 11, 2014 in York.

John Vannatta

For Your Calendar



March

- 15 B-W ATHS work day at The Baltimore Museum of Industry, gather at 10 AM. Help clean up the trucks maybe a small project for the Museum. 1415 Key Highway, Baltimore, MD 21230 Ph. (410) 727-4808.
- 27-29 Mid America Truck Show, Louisville, KY Info: www.truckingshow.com

April

- 5-6 Old National Pike Chapter ATCA 1st Annual Antique Truck Show, Heritage Village at the Agricultural Education Center, 7313 Sharpsburg, Pike (Rt. 65), Boonsboro, MD 21713 April 5th (9 am-4pm), April 6th (10 am-4pm) Info Contact: Doug Jones (301) 573-4693 or Chris Collins (304) 839-7011 or oldnationalpike@aol.com
- 12 **ATHS Chapters Meeting for Mid-Atlantic– Planning meeting for York 2015 National Convention & Show Saturday April 12, 2014 at Lee’s Diner, 4230 W. Market St., York, PA 17408 (717) 792-1300 A breakfast meeting 8 AM-10 AM , afterwards we will go to the fairgrounds for a tour of the facilities for those interested. A show is going on at the fairgrounds so we may have to pay admission.**
- 12 2nd Annual “Touch A Truck” Event sponsored by Severna Park Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 110 Ritchie Highway, Maryland 21122 Time: 11 AM—4 PM (Rain or Shine) all trucks asked to arrive by 10AM Free Admission to Public, donations of non-perishable food will be accepted to support Community Food Pantry.
- 27 **Sunday, April 27, 2014 ATHS B-W Chapter** invited to participate in Leonardtown, MD Custom & Classic Car show, followed by B-W Chapter meeting 1 PM at John Vannatta’s garage located at: 41635 Fenwick St., Leonardtown, MD 20650 Bring stuff for lunch and your chairs. Info (301) 475-5479

May

- 2 Annual Apple Blossom Fireman’s Parade, Winchester, VA Info: John Vannatta (301) 502-7694
- 3 **21st Annual ATHS Mason-Dixon Chapter Truck Show** 8 AM-3 PM at Central Maryland International Truck 8425 Progress Ct., Frederick, MD Info: (301) 689– 3576 All trucks welcome, free registration, door prizes. The Tri-State Show Chapters will hold a committee meeting at this show.
- 17 **ATHS Shenandoah Valley Chapter annual Antique Truck & Tractor Show at Lawn Party Grounds, Green Street I-81 exit 240, Bridgewater, VA**
- 27-31 **ATHS National Convention and Antique Truck Show, Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, Springfield, Missouri Info: www.athis.org The Ramada Oasis still had rooms on February 10. Call them direct and tell them you are part of the ATHS. Ph. (417) 866-5253**

June

- 5 CAFAA 44th Annual Muster & Parade, Carroll County Farm Museum, Westminster, MD
- 12-14 Annual ATCA National Show, Macungie, PA B-W ATHS will do usual convoy on Thursday, June 12, 2014 and a block of rooms has been arranged under ATCA at The Comfort Inn, Lehigh Valley West (PA 140) Call them direct at (610) 391-0344 Best to call early!
- 29 ATHS Mason-Dixon Chapter Picnic, Doug Jones’ garage

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE . .

1956 Ford F-600, 46 K miles, shed kept, asking \$1500. This truck is in very good condition and has been stored inside for many years (540) 888-3206 3/14

1956 Ford F600 Dump

1958 Ford F-350 C&C

1960 Ford F-350 Dump

Contact: Bill Bell (301) 695-4061 for questions on any of these trucks. 3/14

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

Pair 3/8" Black Rubber (Limited quantity of white sets available)

24" - \$25.00 + shipping & handling; 30" - \$27.00 + shipping & handling;

36" - \$29.00 + shipping & handling

Baltimore-Washington Chapter (301) 884-4203

28201 Old Village Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659

(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)

(S&H for more than 3 sets please inquire at time of order)



Baltimore-Washington ATHS members are likely to move around from time to time, please remember to keep your Chapter Treasurer Kathy Reeder (410) 918-9409 and Membership Carolyn Vannatta (301) 475-5479 informed of your change of address, email & phone number. We would like to keep your DRIVELINE newsletter coming to you to keep you informed of any upcoming chapter events, shows and news.

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ATHS B-W CHAPTER WEB
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Dues Renewal

We Don't Want to Lose You!

Has your membership expired? 2014 Chapter dues are
\$10.00

Make checks payable to:

B-W Chapter ATHS

Mail to:

Kathy Reeder

7924 Oakdale Avenue, Rosedale, MD 21237-2712

Reminder, you must be a member of ATHS National, ATHS

Annual dues are \$45.00

Not sure if you are a current National member?

Contact: American Truck Historical Society