ATHS NUTMEG CHAPTER STEERING COLUMN

January – February 2020 – Our Thirty-Seventh Year

DON ARNAUCKAS, EDITOR 14 AVALON AVENUE OAKVILLE, CT 06779

Next Meeting:
JANUARY 12, 2020
Foskett Equipment
187 Peake Brook Road Route 171
Woodstock, CT 06281
Business Meeting at 2:00 PM



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to All



Photos from Haul of Fame Museum









Thanks-Giving Meeting - November 2019









PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE January-February 2020

It is hard to believe 2019 will soon be in our rear-view mirror. Where does the time go? I want to thank all those that attended our Thanks-Giving Dinner and Annual Meeting at the Haul of Fame Museum. Everyone enjoyed the dinner and I thought the meeting was very productive. The guys always enjoy touring around Denis Yaworski's place and seeing what "new" old stuff has appeared. The Haul of Fame Museum just seems to attract old vehicles that should be on their way to Heaven. Mrs. Yaworski doesn't know how they get there, they just seem to appear. Luckily the weather was nice for kicking tires and taking pictures.

I thought we accomplished much business at our annual meeting. When we came to "old business" and when I brought up the Scholarship one of our longtime members said "haven't we talked about that enough!" He was right, we have talked about it, researched it and talked some more and now the membership will vote on it. The membership voted not to have a scholarship. We also voted to establish our own website since National does not offer this to Chapters anymore. Tom Bachand and Harold Foskett explained their research on this and the vote was to move forward on establishing a Nutmeg website. Hopefully at our January meeting we will have a lap-top computer to show you what it will look like.

Our membership also voted on a list of charities that the Nutmeg Chapter will donate to in 2019. We had a very successful Truck Show this year and it reflects our donating \$7,000 dollars to twelve charities. This year we had members come forward and suggest charities and this is a good thing. While we won't be able to do all these charities every year, this was an exceptional year. We must thank our Show Chairman John Raymond, the volunteers, spectators and the over three hundred show trucks that came out on that beautiful day that we all prayed for.

We also selected our 2020 Show Truck. I believe we have the oldest "working" truck that I have seen at any of the shows I have been to. Maggie McCormick's 1934 GMC "Hot Dog" truck that works daily in East Hartford, CT will be our show Truck and it will be featured on our posters, dash plaques and tee shirts. This old truck is still working at 85!!!!

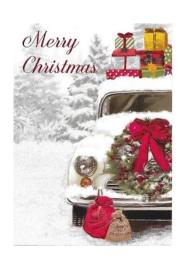
I think that at this time of the year we tend to look back and see there are many things that we are thankful for. On Veterans Day, we thanked our Veterans who sacrificed so we could vote on Election Day and attend the church of our choice on Christmas Day. On Thanksgiving Day we thank those pioneers who sacrificed to establish our great country. They set sail with dreams of a country where they would enjoy true freedom. On Christmas Day we are thankful to attend the church of our choice and thank our Creator for all we have.

I am thankful for all the members of our Nutmeg Chapter who make my job as President & Editor easier. Our Officers, Board Members, show volunteers, research volunteers, those who contribute to the newsletter, those who help set-up and clean-up at meetings and the ideas and suggestions you have to improve our Chapter. Thank You......

Thank you to Nutmeg member Mike Slebonick for his article on "Oversized Loads" in this newsletter. Mike works full-time and still found time to contribute to our newsletter.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Holidays.

See you in 2020...Hard to believe !!!!!!!!
Don Arnauckas, President



Minutes of Nutmeg Chapter Meeting November 10, 2019

Call to Order: Donald Arnauckas, Nutmeg Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM.

Opening:

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by the Chapter President. In observance of Veterans Day, Don asked all Veterans to stand and be recognized. Don reminded members to visit the American Heritage Museum in Hudson, MA for a great history lesson. Don thanked Denis Yaworski for his hospitality for hosting our annual Thanks-Giving meeting at the Haul of Fame Museum. There were 88 members, spouses and guests present.

Secretary's Report:

A motion was made to accept the Secretary's Minutes of the September 15, 2019 meeting as they appeared in the Newsletter. The motion was seconded and the members voted unanimously to approve the Minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Bachand Reporting period September 1, 2019 – October 31, 2019

1. Savings Account- No activity beside interest recorded

2. Regular Account

Income: 50/50 Raffle, Newsletter Ad, Dues, Meal Tickets & Woodstock Fair Donation

Expenses: BTS Graphics & Printing, Newsletter postage, Matthews Catering

3. Show Account Activity

Income: None

Expenses: Participation in Wishes on Wheels for 3 members

Tom stated that the Nutmeg Chapter is in good financial standing. The audit will be completed by January 31, 2020.

Membership Report: Thomas Bachand

Tom reported that we have 173 members. Dues are now payable for 2020. There is a reminder to all Nutmeg Chapter members that in addition to paying Chapter dues, it is required that we also pay the dues to National ATHS. All members who have paid both dues are eligible to vote on Chapter business.

Newsletter: Donald Arnauckas

The deadline for submissions to the Newsletter will be November 26, 2019 to allow us time to get the newsletter out before the Christmas rush. He reminded members to please let him know when and if they sell any of their items.

OLD BUSINESS:

Proposed Nutmeg Chapter Scholarship

Don gave a recap of the previous action taken by the Board of Directors regarding the proposal of a Nutmeg Chapter Scholarship as detailed in the November-December Newsletter. Charles Dainton made a motion to vote on establishing an ATHS Nutmeg Chapter Scholarship. The motion was seconded. Don asked for any discussion or questions either for or against the proposal and several members asked questions concerning where funds would come from and when. If passed, the first scholarship would come from the show profits of the June 2020 show. Don stated that a club member would need to oversee the scholarship. He also stated that because this was a scholarship associated with National ATHS, that those voting must be in good standing with National. He asked those not in good standing to refrain from voting on this issue. Paper ballots were passed out to those eligible to vote. Charles Dainton and Cynthia Foskett counted the ballots. The results of the 35 ballots cast were 16 Yes; 19 No.

<u>ACTION</u>: There will be no further action taken on the ATHS Nutmeg Scholarship. Don thanked all those who worked on this project.

Website and Social Media:

As reported in past minutes, National ATHS is no longer supporting Chapter websites within the ATHS website. National suggested that local Chapters rely on social media (Facebook) or established their own website. Harold Foskett and Tom Bachand have met with the company that maintains Harold's website and they will be able to set up the Nutmeg Chapter at a reduced rate of \$200 (usually \$450) with a monthly maintenance fee of \$45. Members asked questions of Harold and Tom, as well as commented on the benefits of having our own website along with Facebook. Tom noted that the increased interest

in our tuck show was a direct benefit of social media. While some members do not use the computer, many do and potential new members who visit the website could increase membership and interest in antique trucks.

A motion was made and seconded to vote on establishing a Nutmeg Chapter website for one year. Don noted that all members in good standing with the Nutmeg Chapter could vote on this issue. A paper ballot was taken. Charles Dainton and Cynthia Foskett tallied the vote. The results of 41 ballots cast were 36 Yes; 5 No.

ACTION: Harold & Tom will work with the webmaster and hope to have a tentative website up on a laptop at our January meeting. Don extended his thanks to Harold and Tom for researching this issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nomination of Show Truck for the Brooklyn 2020 Show

Don went over the requirements to be met to nominate a truck for the show truck; truck must be owned by a Nutmeg member; must be over 25 years old (1994 or older); owner must provide photos by January 1, 2020 to John Raymond; Truck must be complete and able to be displayed at the Brooklyn Show in Brooklyn, CT. Several members wanted to nominate the Wellington truck, however it is not owned by a Nutmeg member. Nominations were then taken. Daisy Miller nominated Maggie McCormack's 1934 GMC and John O'Connor nominated Chico Aragi's Ford. A hand vote was taken and Maggie McCormack was the winner with 25 votes. Congratulations Maggie!

Charity Donations for 2019:

Don stated that this was the first time in many years that members have come forward with suggestions for our Charity Donations. Tom Bachand announced the Charities for the Chapter's approval totaling \$7,000.

Haul of Fame Museum - \$1,500; Pomfret Boy Scouts - \$750; TEEG (Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group) - \$500; ARC of Danielson - \$500; ARC of Enfield - \$500; American Red Cross - \$500; Salvation Army - \$500; CT Lions Eye Research \$500; ATHS National Library - \$500: Mack Museum, Allentown - \$500 Willimantic Interfaith Ministry - \$500; Woodstock Cornet Band \$250. Don cautioned that future donations will be determined on the success of our show.

A motion was made and seconded to vote on the charities listed. The members present unanimously voted to approve the selection of charities for 2019.

Next November will be an election of officers, Don Arnauckas stated that he will fulfill his term as president but will not seek the office of president in 2020.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Future meetings:

January 12, 2020 Foskett Equipment, Woodstock, CT

March 15, 2020 Matt Pfahl's, Bethlehem, CT

Anyone who has suggestions for other meeting locations, please get in touch with Don.

Cares & Concerns:

Don noted that JD- Jim Dowd is not feeling well.

Don also told those present of an accident involving one of Matt Pfahl's trucks. While on their way to the Hershey show a driver passed in front of the truck pulling the camper. The car had missed their exit and slammed on the brakes wanting to reverse back to that exit. When the car hit the front of the truck that caused the driver of the truck to veer into the Jersey barriers. The truck was driven by Matt's good friend Bob Grandpre. Bob's Dad was riding in the passenger's seat and both were severely injured and the truck totaled. The truck was a Mack R-model day cab that was orange/yellow and recently restored. Matt wanted to remind members that these old vehicles do not have the safety features that we have today, nothing but hard metal in front of you. He also advised members to be sure to have proper insurance. Thankfully both men on healing well.

The 50/50 Raffle was held and the winning number (a guest) received \$154. The large jack-pot was because of the high pressure sales of the two young ladies selling the tickets. Thanks Carolyn O'Connor & Joanne Rooney!

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm and members enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving Dinner.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Arnauckas





NUTMEG CHAPTER NEWS

Nutmeg Chapter Membership Position Open. In order to fill all the positions for 2019, it was necessary to combine positions. Tom Bachand offered to continue being our Treasurer and take on the additional Membership position. It really needs to be two positions. Therefore, the Membership position is available and we hope that another member will step up and take on this role for the Chapter. Tom has done a superb job in both areas, but they are <u>two separate positions</u>. Speak to Tom and he can give you all the details of what the membership duties are.

Keep in mind that at the 2020 Annual Meeting in November, the office of President will be open. In 2019 we combined the two positions of President and Editor. In order to do a quality job in both positions, they need to revert back to two separate positions.

ATHS NATIONAL NEWS

At the National Board of Directors Meeting held in October, the Board voted to increase Dues effective May 2020. Quoting from the November Issue of The Dispatch:

In order to maintain our current service levels and allow for planned growth, a small increase in membership dues was approved. Even with a small increase of just \$7 per member per year, ATHS membership and *Wheels of Time* are still the best value for old truck enthusiasts. With a growing list of benefits like the discounted insurance from Hagerty, along with building friendships with like-minded people from around the world, our dues are still comparatively low and generally affordable. (ED Note: Therefore the General Membership will go from \$45 to \$52 per year).

Directions to January 12, 2020 meeting at Foskett Equipment--187 Peake Brook Road, Woodstock, CT 06281

<u>From the Brooklyn Fairgrounds</u>: Take Route 169 to Woodstock, turn right onto Route 171. Foskett Equipment is one mile on the right.

<u>From Route I-84:</u> Exit 69 (Route 74 East) to Route 44 East to Junction of Routes 44 and 169 North. Continue on Route 171. One mile on the right is Foskett Equipment.

<u>From Route I-395</u>: Exit 47 (Route 44 West) toward Putman. One mile to Route 171 West (traffic light). Two miles on the left is Foskett Equipment.

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Oversized Loads On Connecticut Highways

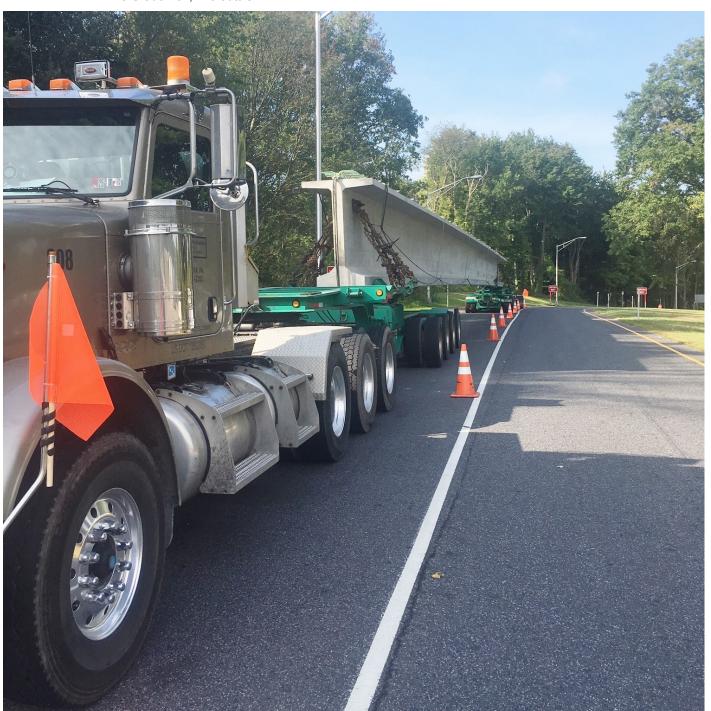
I am Mike Slebonick, an ATHS member from Wolcott, CT and a UPS feeder driver (tractor trailer driver.)
My current nightly run takes me from UPS Waterbury CT terminal (actually Watertown CT) to Willow Grove, PA located on the southeastern side of Pennsylvania.

On many mornings when reentering CT via I-84 East bound, many of us truckers are extended a friendly welcome from the CT DOT. While passing through the scale house, hopefully getting my usual wave to keep moving from the officer at the window, I've noticed many oversized loads parked there.

I have taken pictures of these loads and equipment used to transport them to their destination. Although not antique in nature, they are still interesting to see and appreciate what moves over the roadways.

I am a novice in the antique truck hobby but well aware of how the equipment in the industry has changed. The degree of difficulty just getting in and out of the older trucks, along with manual steering, multi-sticks and gear transmissions amazes me. All of those tasks must have taken much skill and expertise to master. For me, all I shift during my nightly run is my body in the seat.

Mike Slebonick, Wolcott CT



















NUTMEG FOR SALE SECTION

FOR SALE



1996 GREAT DANE 48' x 13.6" Roll Door and Side Door, Heavy Duty, 9" on Center Cross Members. Excellent Tires and Brakes. Needs Nothing, Ready to Work. Located in Suffield, CT \$6,500. Contact Jim at 860-930-8538

FOR SALE



International Flat-Bed Dump located in Oakville, CT Contact Ray at 475-235-7886 for details.

FOR SALE



1985 MACK SUPERLINER galvanize cab. Nice Solid Cab with NO rot. Interior in Rough Shape. Reduced - asking \$1,500 OBO. Located in CT; Pick Up only. Contact Jon at 860-709-3322

FOR SALE



1948 FRUEHAUF DUMP TRAILER Cam & Roller Hoist. 20" Tires \$1,000 OBO. Located in Springfield, MA. Call Jay or Tim at 413-737-3114

FOR SALE

1942-1945 WILLY JEEP PARTS. Fenders, Hoods, Windshield, Radiator and some Engine Parts. Located in Chapin, CT. Call Lee at 860-617-6445

FOR SALE

1973 FORD F-700 DUMP TRUCK, V-8 with 5-Speed Trans and 2-Speed Rear End. Needs restoration. Reduced to \$400. Contact Ray at 860-712-4602.

FOR SALE



1970 CHEVY C-10 PICK-UP Long Bed 283 V-8 with 4-Speed on the Floor. New Paint and Brakes. No Rot. 128K Miles Located in Waterbury, CT - \$16,500 Call 203-808-9059

FOR SALE

VARIOUS PARTS FOR A 1947-1953 CHEVY PICK-UP.

Radiator, Rear End Gears, One Rim, Exhaust System, Rear Window, Chrome Air Cleaner, One White Wall Tire, Rebuilt Rochester Carburetor. Best Offers. Located in Lebanon, CT. Call Tom McGuire at 860-642-4688

FOR SALE



VINTAGE MACK B & R Models 4" Chrome Exhaust Pipes 3' Tall with Bell. Brand New Never Been on a Truck. 4 Available \$350 each includes shipping in USA. Call Jon at 860-709-3322

FOR SALE



1967 DODGE WRECKER- 413 V-8 Engine, 5 speed Trans with 2 Speed Rear End. Holmes 600 Wrecker Body. Needs Restoration. Make an Offer. Call Dave at 860-205-9761

FOR SALE

1964 CHEVY C-50 DUMP TRUCK, 283 V-8 with 4-Speed Trans and 2-Speed Rear End. Needs restoration.

1965 CHEVY C-60 DUMP TRUCK, 283 V-8 with 4-Speed Trans and 2-Speed Rear End. Needs restoration. **\$450 for the pair**. Contact Ray at 860-712-4602.

FOR SALE



MACK B773 335 Cummins needs a cab. Everything else is nice \$3,500. Call Earl at 203-410-7048- Bethlehem, CT

FOR SALE (representative photo)



Les Paul Model Trucks, Mack AC Bulldogs and others from Denis Yaworski's collection. Museum quality metal trucks. Contact Denis at 860-884-1171. Christmas gift for the serious collector!

WANTED:

COMMERCIAL CAR JOURNALS FROM 1945 to 1957

Will Buy or Trade Duplicate Copies for Same Years. John Montville at (845) 462-6469 Noon & Evenings

WANTED: LEFT-SIDE WOODEN DOOR FRAME for a 1946 Autocar. Please contact Tom Holcombe @ 860-673-1936

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Left Side Door for 1986 AUTOCAR DK64FT Call Lance Violette 680-676-0411- Farmington, CT

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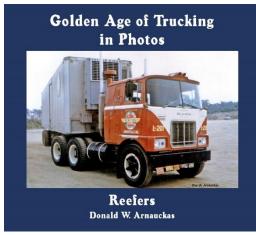
Looking to BUY a **MARTIN ROCKING Fifth Wheel**. Contact Jay at 413-737-3114

Please NOTE: If you are running a FREE AD in this section, it would be appreciated if you notify me as to the status of your ad.....Thank You—Don

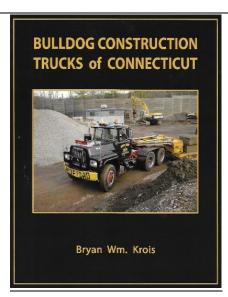


Christmas

Gift Ideas



REEFERS is the latest in the series of Golden Age of Trucking in Photos by Don Arnauckas featuring 82 Color and Black & White photos from the 1950s thru 1990s from all over the USA. Many Owner/Operators and Company Trucks that will be remembered by drivers who were part of the Golden Age of Trucking. Send check or money order for \$35 plus \$5 postage for each book ordered to: Golden Age of Trucking Publishing, 14 Avalon Ave., Oakville, CT 06779-2002. Other books in the Golden Age of Trucking in Photos series are available. Contact Don Arnauckas at 860-274-4758 or dwatrans@sbcglobal.net for more information.



Bulldog Construction Trucks of Connecticut by Bryan Wm. Krois is a collection of over 350 color photos of construction trucks from Connecticut. Vintage & Modern Dump Trucks & Low Beds. All of these trucks have one thing in common-there is a Bulldog on the hood. To purchase one of these books, mail a check for \$45 to Bryan Krois, 57 Pole Bridge Rd., Sandy Hook, CT 06482.













More Photos from the Haul of Fame Museum









Trucks owned by Denis Yaworski & Pat Camputaro









FROM THE EDITOR'S LOG BOOK

CARES & CONCERNS

We send caring wishes to **Jim "JD" Dowd** and **Denis Yaworski.** We hope to see you at the January meeting. If any member knows of any other member who should be in the Cares & Concerns section, please notify Don as soon as possible so they can be included.....Thanks, Don

2020 ATHS NUTMEG CHAPTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 12 ATHS Nutmeg Chapter Meeting at Foskett Equipment, 187 Peake Brook Rd, Woodstock CT 06281 Business meeting at 2:00 PM - Contact Harold at 860-465-7503. Bring a snack or dessert to share. For Florida Travelers: ATCA 4th Annual Winter National Truck Show & 7th Annual Vintage Trucks of Feb 14-16 Florida Truck show, held at Paquette's Historical Farmall Museum, 615 Whitney Road, Leesburg, FL 34748 www.Vintagetrucksfl.com or email Jerry.Grizzell@vintageTrucksFL.com or call 352-457-1557 March 15 ATHS Nutmeg Chapter Meeting at Pfahl's Antique Truck Restorations, 73 East St – Route 132, Bethlehem, CT 06751. Meeting at 2:00 PM. Contact Matt at 203-266-6455. See Details in March-April Newsletter for an "Indoor Toy Truck Show." ATHS Nutmeg Chapter Meeting, Looking for a location, Call Don if you have a suggestion! May TBA June 28 ATHS Nutmeg Chapter Annual Truck Show & Flea Market (always the Sunday after Father's Day) Brooklyn Fairgrounds, Brooklyn, CT. Contact John Raymond at 860-608-5033 (cell)

We strongly suggest that you verify information is current before traveling to a listed event.

Refer to "WHEELS OF TIME- THE ROUTE GUIDE" for all other ATHS events.

WELCOME TO NEW NUTMEG MEMBER

Henry Hopkins, East Killingly, CT

Nutmeg Chapter of the American Truck Historical Society Membership Application ***2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES are payable NOW ***

\$15 per Year - Mail to Membership Chairperson, Thomas Bachand, Nutmeg Chapter-ATHS, 108 Harrisville Rd.,
Woodstock, CT 06281 Phone: 774-230-3553 or E-mail Tom at tbachand@charter.net
Make check or money order payable to "Nutmeg Chapter ATHS"

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