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SPECIAL MEETING:

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Haul of Fame Museum

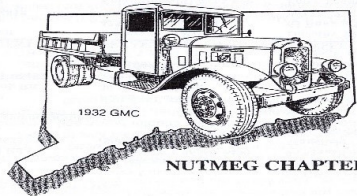
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Business Meeting at 2 PM

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President's Message

March 19, 2021

What You Need to Know!!

Dear Nutmeg Members;

I believe I mentioned in our last newsletter that it may be necessary to have a special mailing before our next newsletter. The information I am giving you now can't wait till the next regular newsletter.

All of the officers and board members have been working on our Nutmeg Chapter business even though we haven't had a meeting since September 2020. This Mini Newsletter is to bring everyone up to speed on what we know. Hopefully you read this, and think about it and pass this info on to other members you may be in contact with.

Our next meeting will be on **April 18th, 2021** at the Haul of Fame Museum in Canterbury, CT. ***The Business Meeting will begin promptly at 2 PM.*** This will be our Annual Meeting for 2020 and replaces the Annual Meeting we did not have in November, 2020. On our agenda we will be voting on the new ATHS National by-laws and voting on the nominations for Officers for our Nutmeg Chapter. To vote you must be a dues-paying member of the Chapter and National. This Annual Meeting will NOT be a catered dinner. We will have refreshments and pizza for those who want it.

As of now we are proceeding with plans for our Truck Show as scheduled for June 27. John Raymond has spoken with the Brooklyn Fair Grounds and they said they will see us in June. We have obtained an insurance certificate from ATHS National. The Boy Scouts are ready to do the car parking. We are working with food vendors and the Truck Show Packet has been requested from National. Our Truck Show will be listed in Wheels of Time, Double Clutch and Toy Trucker & Contractor magazines. We have not done any paid-advertisements yet and will not until after our April meeting.

To somewhat simplify the 2021 Show, our Show Truck will be Maggie's Hot Dog truck that was slated to be the show Truck for 2020. Dash plaques and T-shirts will be from 2020. We will have new Show Posters printed with the 2021 date.

We WILL NOT be having our usual May Chapter meeting. The reason for not having this meeting is, assuming Charlie Dainton is elected President, he will be unable to attend it. Charlie's daughter will be graduating from college in May and he will be driving to Kansas for the graduation, then moving her to where ever she gets a job and driving back to Connecticut. Charlie is allowing two weeks for this. Our VP Harold Foskett is awaiting word on his knee surgery that was postponed last January, so it is questionable if he would be at a May meeting either.

Taking these things into consideration, our meeting on April 18 will be our only meeting before our June 27 Truck Show. All planning and discussion about the Truck Show will have to take place at this April 18th meeting.

At this April Meeting we will have the election of officers & board members as well as discussions on the Truck Show. This is a very important meeting. Having good attendance will be helpful, but members who are NOT comfortable attending at this time should not attend. We understand our membership is ageing and with the Covid-19 risks, this may be more risk than they care to take. It is the members' decision and your fellow members understand. Masks will be REQUIRED as well as social distancing.

A discussion that is sure to come up at the April Meeting will be Volunteer Help at our Truck Show. We have had this discussion before and since I have been the Editor of our Newsletter, I have repeated, repeated, repeated and repeated for more Volunteer Help at our Truck Show. You are probably tired of me doing this and I know I am tired of doing it.

Between the time you read this Mini Newsletter and our April Meeting, please consider being a Volunteer at this year's Truck Show. We realize many of our Members are too old to do physical work. Many have never worked at the show before and why start now. With the Covid-19 an issue, you may be uncomfortable attending an event such as our Truck Show and that is totally understandable. We all are older than we were two years ago. If these issues pertain to you, we understand. If they don't pertain to you, this is the time to come forward and Volunteer. If you are unable to attend this April meeting, call one of the Officers or Board Members and let us know that you can help us this year. One would assume that wearing a MASK WILL STILL BE REQUIRED for the foreseeable future.

We already know that some of our regular Volunteer's will not be able to volunteer this year. Some other regular volunteers have medical problems that make it impossible to work or are limited as to what they can do. In the Good News Department, we have some members who have already said they will be able to work at the show. Thank You!

The Cold & Hard Facts guys, is that at the end of this meeting there will be a decision made to HAVE or NOT HAVE our 2021 Brooklyn Show. If we do not have sufficient coverage, the show regretfully cannot go on. The lack of help will frustrate drivers and attendees alike. Our fellow antique truck enthusiasts in Massachusetts and New Hampshire have had to make this decision. There are fewer Truck Shows than there were years ago. Our last Truck Show in 2019 had over 300 trucks at it !!!!! I know other Chapters that would kill to have over 300 trucks at their show. You have spent countless hours working on your truck. We know you want to share it with others. With sufficient help at the show, we can accomplish our mission.

As the Editor of our Newsletter, I guess I get to say how I feel on this topic. Now it is the members turn to state their feelings about the show and what they can and cannot do. We always appreciate your input, so tell us how you feel. **You do have a New President and a Slate of Officers that have committed to the future of our Chapter.** Here is your chance to support them as we return to a more normal life within the Nutmeg Chapter. It looks to me like the "steering wheel" is in the Members hands.

YOU have a lot to think about between now and April 18! Be in touch with fellow members and see what you can do to help your Chapter in the coming months. And by all means, convey your thoughts to the officers and board members before April 18th.

Looking forward to seeing as many of our members as possible in April and hoping we can continue with our plans for the Brooklyn Show in June. Thank you for taking the time to read and ponder this newsletter.

Don Arnauckas, President

BROOKLYN TRUCK SHOW
Can YOU Commit to your Chapter?
Saturday June 26 Set Up 1 pm to 3 pm
Sunday June 27 Starting at 7 am to 4 pm

Saturday Set-Up
Truck Admissions
Truck Parking (Show Fields)
Truck Registration
Merchandise Sales
Flea Market/Vendors
Toy Barn
Gate Admissions
Sunday Clean-Up
Relief volunteers to fill in as needed so others can take a break for lunch or other needs
Boy Scouts have committed to assist with Car Parking

It takes more than great trucks to make our Show a success. It takes lots of Manpower (& Lady-Power too!) This year more than ever, The Nutmeg Chapter needs a commitment from all those who can help us this year. We cannot wait until the final days before the show to determine if we have the manpower it takes to have a show. That is why we are asking you to let us know NOW if you feel you can help in some way. We need to be able to cover all the above areas so all of our bases are covered to provide an enjoyable experience for our guests.

According to State of CT COVID Guidelines, Masks will be required for everyone who is on the Fairgrounds! Call John Raymond at 860-608-5033 / email johnaraymond1@sbcglobal.net or get in touch with any officer or board member and let them know your availability. Phone numbers and email addresses are listed on our cover!

INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SPECIAL INTERIM MEETING

Date: April 18, 2021

Place: Haul of Fame Truck Museum , 133 Packer Road, Canterbury, CT. (See Directions Below)

Business Meeting with election of Officers & Board Members, with update & discussion on the Brooklyn Truck Show will be held at **2:00 p.m.** Light refreshments will be served so you won't go away hungry. The Chapter has planned this meeting based on the CT COVID Guidelines in place as of March 19, 2021. As always, Denis invites you to come early to see what's new with old trucks! We have not scheduled a May meeting. The April 18th meeting will be the only organized meeting before the Brooklyn Show.

COVID-19 guidelines mandate that masks and social distancing be adhered to at our meeting. We will keep the meeting space as open and airy as possible. If you think you are at risk or will be uncomfortable attending this meeting, we totally understand. However, if you will plan on being available for the Brooklyn Show, PLEASE let John Raymond know by the April 18 meeting. We want our members to Stay Safe, Stay Well and Stay in Touch.

Directions to Haul of Fame Truck Museum:

I-395 Exit 29 and go West to Stop Light, Turn Left on Route 12 South

At next Stop Light- turn Right on to Route 14A West. Continue straight through Plainfield, crossing 2 sets of Railroad Tracks.

Bear Left at Stop sign on to Packerville Road which changes to Packer Road. There will be two Stop signs on this road.

It is approx. 3 miles from the Packerville Road Stop sign to the Haul of Fame Museum. Watch for "Willimantic Waste" on the left.



1949 International KB-6

2016 Featured Show Truck Owner: Harold Foskett



2018 Featured Show Truck Owner: Denis Yaworski's

Last of the Line Superliner



2017 Featured Show Truck Owner: Peter Yeomans

1941 Ford Cab - Over



2019 Featured Show Truck Owner Lee Johnson

1944 General Motors Truck, Model 720
