

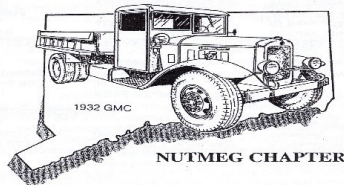
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MAY – JUNE 2023 - OUR 40th YEAR

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Next Meeting: MAY 21, 2023
Coutu's Truck Country
1535 West Main Street
Willimantic, CT
Business Meeting at 2 PM

American Truck Historical Society



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Upcoming Truck Shows That Might Interest You

ATCA - CT YANKEE CHAPTER



Mike Famiglietti - 1971 Peterbilt 359

TRUCK SHOW - JUNE 10th & 11th

Bethlehem Fairgrounds, Rte 61- Bethlehem CT.
Show Hours : 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Trucks - Tractors - Motorcycles - Construction Equip.
All Vehicles welcome - large and Small, Old and New
Come Early - First 175 Registrations receive a Dash Plaque!
Hand-crafted wooden model truck, by Wes Knecht, to be raffled on sunday !

* \$100 Fuel Voucher to the Truck that travels the farthest *


Vehicle Registration: \$10.00 per unit Vendors: \$30.00 for 2 days
Spectators : \$4.00 - Seniors: \$3.00 - Kids 12 and under FREE

Home-Baked goods by the Ladies of the CYC

For any information please contact:
John Famiglietti 860-307-4372

*limited space for self-contained campers-no hookups - Fairgrounds PROHIBITS Pets

19th Annual
**UNCLE SAM CHAPTER
Antique Truck Show**
July 16, 2023



At the **WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR** Rte. 29 Greenwich, NY

For more information Contact ...
Al 'Raz' Macauley # 518-677-8264 or Clarence Ritchie # 518-642-9437



8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Rain or Shine

No Registration Fee!
\$2.00 Entry Fee

VENDORS WELCOME! \$40.00 for a 20' X 20' Area!



**43rd Annual
ATCA National Meet
and
Flea Market
June 16-17, 2023**

Macungie Memorial Park
50 N. Poplar St., Macungie, PA 18062

All Registrations should be mailed to the ATCA Office at the address below!

For more information, contact:
The Antique Truck Club of America, Inc.
85 South Walnut Street, PO Box 31, Boyertown, PA 19512 • Phone: 610-367-2567
Fax: 610-367-9712 • www.antiquetruckclub.org
Email: office@antiquetruckclub.org

Rhode Island Chapter Of American Truck Historical Society

Entry Fee \$10.00/Show Vehicles	Vendors \$20.00/per spot
Dash Plaques to the first 100 entries	T-shirts/Raffle Table
Antique trucks with trailers allowed	Play area for children
Entire show area tree lined	No alcoholic beverages
Concessions available 8am - 2pm	No dogs allowed

FREE ADMISSION TO GENERAL PUBLIC

OCEAN STATE VINTAGE HAULERS
29th ANNUAL ANTIQUE TRUCK SHOW
In Memory of Ray Mello from Middletown, RI



June 4th, 2023
8 A.M. to 2 P.M.
Johnston Veterans War Memorial Park
1583 Hartford Avenue
Johnston, Rhode Island 02919

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May - June 2023



TIME TO CELEBRATE SPRING

Thank you to everyone who attended our last meeting at Matt's in Bethlehem, CT. Always nice to travel out to the western part of the state, and as always, our visit to Matt's was outstanding. The shop was filled with an ongoing line-up of restorations in difference stages of build. Matt's model train building was very impressive, it is truly museum quality – I cannot wait until it is complete. Thank you to Matt for his hospitality and overview of the operation of his facility. I would be remiss not to thank Don and the ladies present for setting up the meeting area and food service, your dedication made the meeting very successful!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Club is moving forward towards our 34th Annual Show that is on June 25th. A lot of behind work has been going on by various members of the organization to once again pull off this event. Tee shirts and posters are in, contacts are being made for the toy barn, National has been contacted for the ad in the WOT and the insurance certificate is due any day. Lance has been busy with dues activity and truck registration forms. John is in communication with food vendors and the fairgrounds regarding the logistics needed to smoothly run the show; sorry if I missed anyone. It takes a team to make this all happen. THANK YOU to everyone involved!!!

For the past several years, the Show Chairman as well as the Officers have been watching the number of volunteers available to work the show day dwindle in the areas of the spectator and truck entrance gates. First and foremost, as President, no one is to blame for this decline and the officers appreciate all of the hard work and dedication to all of the members who have and still continue to support the Club on show day and throughout the year. We have been running this show for 33 years and have a great following, along the way we have aged as well. Many of our members who have supported the Club on show day have been sidelined with illness and are not able to continue to help out as much as they would like to. As a Club, we understand that and wish them a speedy recovery.

At the March meeting, I voiced a concern about the manpower shortage. At last year's show, one person worked the Main Gate for two hours by himself due to lack of help. **THIS WAS UNSAFE AND NOT ACCEPTABLE.** It is time to fix this situation if manpower continues to be a problem. The two gates generate about an average of \$8,100.00 each year. We use these funds to make donations to various organizations. We make enough money from other aspects of show day to pay our expenses. We are looking for your support in signing up to help the Club fill the times the gates are open: 8 am to 1230 pm. Please call John or me if you can pitch in. At our meeting in May, a list will be passed around to sign up. If the lists are not filled to cover the times listed, I will be asking the membership to vote on allowing the Board of Directors to pay other nonprofit organizations to collect admission fees very similar to our current agreement with the Girl Scouts who assist us with parking. Their payment would come out of monies collected at the gates. Due to the timing of our May meeting and show day, the Board of Directors will be putting some non-committal feelers to several civic organization in the area to see if they might be interested in assisting the Club at one or two gates. Some members of the Club are present on show day and elect not to assist us. We have no problem with that as the day should be spent having a good time and enjoying the show with family and friends. We are not under any obligations to make donations to outside organizations. Over the years we have always worked as a team making improvements to the operation of the Chapter. I am very confident that we will figure this out and move forward. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or ideas as how to address this current situation. Thank you.

See you at our next meeting on May 21, 2023!

Tom

“Dedicated to preserving the dynamic history of trucks, the trucking industry, and its pioneers.”

Minutes of Nutmeg Chapter Meeting

March 19, 2023

Call to Order: Tom Bachand, Nutmeg Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM

Opening:

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chapter President Tom Bachand. Tom expressed appreciation on behalf of the membership to Matt Pfahl for once again hosting our March meeting at Pfahl's Restorations in Bethlehem, CT. Those in attendance were encourage to view Matt's vast collection of memorabilia and Matt noted that the trains were running in the train barn. Members enjoyed a grinder, salad and many desserts. Tom thanked those who participated in the Table Top Toy Truck show. There was a good number of items on display by members.

Attendance: There were 36 members and guests present. Guests present were Dick Burnham, Adam Garstka, Mark Dietrich, Keith Simonethy, Matt McCullough and Richard Cwirka.

Secretary's Report:

A motion was made to accept the Secretary's Minutes of the January 22, 2023 meeting as they appeared in the previous Newsletter. The motion was seconded and the members voted unanimously to approve the Minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Bachand for Kevin Bachand January – February 28, 2023

1. Savings Account- Balance Reported
2. Regular Account- Balance Reported

Income: Dues, January 50/50 drawing, Newsletter Business Card Ads

Expenses: Newsletter printing, Dinner reimbursement, Postage

3. Show Account: Balance Reported

Expenses: Completion of Charitable Donations, Website yearly fee, Printing, Dash Plaques

In answer to a question, Tom stated that Acknowledgement Letters have been received from all the charities.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded and vote was unanimous to accept the report.

Membership Report: Lance Dimock

Lance reported a membership count of 146. We have 118 members who are current with their dues, and 28 have not been paid for the 2022 calendar year. In accordance with the Board of Directors recommendation and action voted on by the membership at the May 2022 meeting, these members who have not paid their 2022 dues will no longer receive the Newsletter. The Steering Column is available for all on our Website for anyone who wishes to read it.

On a positive note, Tom Holcombe has been an active member of the Nutmeg Chapter for 40 years. Congratulations Tom!

A motion was made to accept the Membership Report as presented. The motion was seconded and vote was unanimous.

Website and Social Media: Kathy Arnauckas (not present)

Kathy was not at the meeting. Contact Kathy if you have any news or requests for the Facebook page.

Newsletter: Donald Arnauckas, Editor

1. The deadline for the next Newsletter submissions is April 1, 2023
2. Please notify Don with any advertisement updates, cancellations or renewals.
3. The address labels on the next Newsletter will reflect members' dues status for 2023.

Members continue to enjoy the entertaining and informative Newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS : 2023 NUTMEG CHAPTER TRUCK SHOW: June 25, 2023

1. John Raymond could not attend this meeting. He did leave our Flyers with Harold Foskett for Don to include with the next newsletter and there were flyers available for members to take and post in local businesses closer to the show date.
2. John reported that the Tee Shirts have been ordered. The cost of each shirt has increased to \$18.05. No Youth size shirts were ordered since we have 13 remaining from last year. Not cost effective to order again.
3. The Dash Plaques have also been ordered; the cost of these also increased this year.

4. The Posters have been received and are available to members for distribution.
5. Brooklyn Fairgrounds has approved our contract, however it is being held up until they have the Certificate of Insurance from National ATHS in hand. Tom has been in touch with Barbara Sloan numerous times regarding this and they are working on getting it to us as soon as possible.
6. The Brooklyn show will be listed in the next two issues of Wheels of Time.
7. Rob Coutu reported to Tom that the DJ Gary Promo is already booked for this year. John Raymond checked with the Fairgrounds and they do not have a sound system for our use.
8. Maggie McCormick reported that she has been in touch with previous Toy Barn vendors and so far 4 have responded that they will participate again this year.
9. Harold reported that new half page Membership applications have been printed and will be distributed at all truck shows.

Tom reported to the members that the Cornet Band has been informed, that based on last year's vote, we will move on without them this year. With regard to finding volunteers for our show, Tom noted that he checked with local high schools to see if they require community service hours of their students. Apparently, this concept is not recognized by those schools.

Tom went on to say that annually for the past 6 or 7 years, we have asked for support from our members to help at the Brooklyn Show with collecting Gate Fees or assisting with general help on the show weekend. Again, he is asking for members support. Last year, we had one member sign up for the Main Gate, he worked by himself for several hours until someone finally showed up to replace him. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE. We need more members (or perhaps family members) to take an active role in the show. The Main Gate generates an average of \$5,100, the Show Truck Gate generates \$3,200 for a total of \$8,200. IF more members are not inked in at the May meeting, Tom will seek authorization from the Board to hire outside Gate Collectors to man these two locations. There is no reason why the officers of the Club have to stress all day of the show about staffing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tom Bachand introduced Nutmeg member Tom Voccola. Tom Voccola is working with National ATHS to become the Regional Vice President for Connecticut. Tom spoke briefly about his meeting with National and what his duties entail. He will be meeting with ATHS National at the ATCA Macungie Show in June to finalize his appointment beginning next year. Tom was questioned by members about assistance from National with travel expenses for the required Kansas City meetings and he said there is none. Someone will research if a Chapter can help with these expenses, which can be costly.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Future Meetings:
May 21, 2023 Rob Coutu's
 July OPEN
 September OPEN
2. Harold Foscett, chairman of the 2023 Ag Fair on September 23 has invited any members to attend with their trucks.
3. Donald Passardi from Stafford Springs reached out to us seeking information on a truck which attended our 2022 show (Kathy A posted this on Facebook). He is a serious Ford Collector and has a 5000 square foot building which is packed with vehicles and Ford related collectibles. He cannot host a meeting at the building because it is packed with items, however he has invited the Chapter to tour his collection this summer. Tom will check for dates in July or August.
4. The Nutmeg Chapter has been invited to Bowen's Ford Garage in Eastford, CT sometime this summer. Bowens Ford is a 4th generation authorized Ford dealer running out of a 1930 building. This iconic building is rich in local history and features an all-original show room & sales area. Tom will firm up a date with them shortly.
5. Tom Bachand reminded members that **the office of Treasurer remains unfilled**. It is in the best interest of our Chapter that someone is willing to take on this office.

6. Cares & Concerns:

- Ubald Saskal is recovering from a health issue at a health care facility in Branford.
- Bob Manchester is recuperating at home from surgery.

7. The 50/50 Raffle of \$85 was won by Dave Gagel

Adjournment: 2:56 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois Dimock, Secretary Pro-Temp.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 21, 2023 at Coutu's Truck Country, 1535 West Main Street, Willimantic, CT
Business meeting will be begin at 2PM. Rob says to Come Early and Stay Late. See what is new at Coutu's Truck Country! Members are always encouraged to bring their trucks to line up in front of Coutu's. Light refreshments will be provided. Members may bring a dessert or snack to share. Contact Rob at 860-423-6004 or Tom at 774-203-3553 if you have any questions.

Directions: US Rt. 6 or CT Rt. 66 are good choices if you are coming east or west. Coutu's is located on the west side of Willimantic one-quarter mile north of Rt. 66 or half mile south of US Rt. 6 on CT Rt. 32.

Coming from the north just take Rt. 32 to Willimantic. You will not miss it because there will probably be something interesting out front.

The Nutmeg Chapter Needs YOU on June 25 (and Saturday afternoon June 24 at 1:00 pm)

If you carefully read the President's Message, you know it takes lots of Manpower (& Lady-Power too!) to have a successful Truck Show. The Nutmeg Chapter is at a turning point of sorts with having enough volunteers from within the Chapter to properly and safely hold a Truck Show. This problem is not unique to us, National doesn't have a host chapter this year and they are in desperate need of people to work at the National Show in Reno. Listed below are the various positions that need coverage. If you can volunteer an hour of your time at the show, please let Tom or John know where you can help. If you cannot participate, perhaps you can ask a family member or friend to fill in for you. Contact them and let them know your area of interest!

Show Chairman John Raymond at 860-608-5033 or email johnaraymond1@sbcglobal.net

President Tom Bachand at 774-230-3553 or tbachand@charter.net

Saturday set-up: At 1:00pm Physical work. Trash barrels, tables, signs, setting everything up including Flea Market.

Flea Market Area is set up on Saturday afternoon. Help is needed in this area including Sunday morning as well.

Sunday Volunteer Opportunities: SHOW HOURS 8 to 2

Truck Admission: Collect truck admission fee. (Early arrivals should be expected)

Truck Parking: Directing trucks to where they should park. **We definitely need your assistance in this area!**

Truck Registration & Chapter Booth: Getting the trucks registered, handing out Window Cards & Dash Plaques, selling Chapter merchandise, sign up new Members, etc. as needed during show hours.

Gate Admissions (Cars): Collect admission fee for those spectators in cars.

Gate Admissions (Spectators): Collect admission fee from walk-in spectators.

Flea Market (Outside): Flea Market Vendors arrive early, so the earlier the better for your assistance with incoming vendors. Contact [Charlie Dainton](#) if you can help! [860-933-5407](tel:860-933-5407)

Truck Photos: Take photos of trucks as they enter and when they are parked, Photos of activities at the show. These pictures will be featured throughout the year in future Newsletters, on our Web-Site and Facebook pages.

Sunday Clean-up: At 2:00 pm Physical work. Empty trash barrels, pick-up tables, signs and clean up Fairgrounds.

If we are unable to secure volunteers (Nutmeg members, family members or friends) to man these work areas, the Board of Directors will look to other organizations to help us out and they will be compensated from our profits. Please give us a hand if you can!

ROAD STORIES

By Rob Coutu

A while back I had the pleasure of running down to Glassboro, New Jersey, driving my old '85 R Model MACK, to pick up a couple of wrecked trucks that I bought at an auction down there.

It is more than a same day, down and back trip from Eastern CT. So, I left late that day. I banged, and bounced, and rattled my way down there. I stayed at a hotel that I frequent, as I have made this journey quite a few times in the past. My plan was to stay overnight, get a good night's rest and be ready in the morning for the battle of dragging these broken trucks onto my trailer. And then it would be just the leisurely ride home. Maybe a stop at my favorite diner off I-84 in Fishkill, New York. I do this all the time. What could go wrong? Right?

The next morning, I got an early start and arrived at the salvage pool shortly after 8:00 am. I was told they could not process my paperwork until 9:00. OK, I said. And headed back to my truck, where I dug out some reading material and waited. 9:00 came and I was able to pay for my trucks and get the paperwork. Now I was just waiting for the loader operator to guide me out to where my trucks were.

So, I waited and waited. Finally, the loader came out and the guy says, "We got a problem."

Ok, what's going on I said. He says there are three road tractors blocking your trucks, they are all torn up and I can't move them. You're going to have to wait for a heavy-duty wrecker to come and move them. Ok, I wondered. How long is this going to take? This is going to drain a whole bunch of time off my logbook, but I still have some buffer. A few hours passed and the big wrecker showed up and moved the stuff that was in the way. Finally, now it was my turn to load my trucks. It was no big deal. Just your standard snatch block those one-way then back the other a few times. And eventually the job was done. Now it is about 2:00 in the afternoon I'm all tied down and secured. I called the shop and told them I was going to be late. I had planned to be home before 5:00 pm. I asked them to leave the keys in my pickup. My plan was to glide into our parking lot, pull up next to my truck, shut down, and jump in my truck and go home. I knew I wasn't going to be in the mood to fool with locks and gates. I was just going to pull up out front and leave her outside of our compound.

Now I was finally rolling back in the direction of home. In a few miles, I was on I-95N, and I got off the first rest stop. I got a big coffee for the run home. They have made these rest stops pretty good now, easy in, easy out. In a short time, I was on I-287N. I hadn't been on very long when I started to smell fuel. I thought maybe someone up ahead of me was running really bad or something. But, nope! It was me! Soon the cab filled with fuel vapor, and I was skipping, running on five cylinders, so I got off the next exit in Clinton, New Jersey. I started looking around for a place to pull off and investigate. I had to roll along a good way before I could find a place to pull over. Right across the street there was a storefront with a NAPA sign in the window. Perfect, I thought!

I jumped out and flipped the hood open and everything was dripping with fuel. I quickly spotted the trouble. The first two injector lines had been rubbing together. And they had rubbed a hole through one of them. It was just a pinhole, but that is all it takes to ruin your day. So I marched across the street to see if I could get some fuel line and some clamps to put a makeshift Band-Aid over the hole. Just enough to get her home where I could fix it right. I walked in, there was a pimple-faced young guy behind the counter, and a couple of his buddies were talking about how fast some kids' Toyota was. I thought to myself whoop-dee-doo!!! Finally, he acknowledged me and quickly told me they were just a repair shop and they use NAPA parts. Thus, the sign in the window. But they weren't really a parts store. Turning for the door, I thought, Thanks for all the help. And back across the street to my ailing truck I went.

This was not the first time I had been in trouble, so I decided to rummage through the trucks I was hauling to see if there was something of use in my current situation. I found a razor knife, I pocketed that. And a couple of pens, I kept those too, although I don't know why as I really did not have time for a letter. Anyway, I pried open the hood of one of the trucks and was just about to cut a piece of heater hose off with my new-found knife and I stopped and looked over at that darn NAPA sign again...It was really bugging me. So again, I crossed the street. This time the guy's buddies were gone, and it was just him and me. I explained my problem to him, and asked if he would let me see what they did have for NAPA stock, maybe I could find something to MacGyver this thing back to health. And he did. I grabbed a handful of small

Road Stories Continued

clamps and some hose remnants that were laying around, and back out I went again. The pinhole was in a bend in the line. A tough spot to seal up, but I gave it my best effort. To no avail. I only managed to redirect the spraying fuel. It was now nearly 5:00 pm and the sun was going down. So was the temperature. It had broken the 30-degree mark at the height of the day. Once again, I went back across the street. I was running out of options, so I asked him if there were any truck repair places close by. He said no. I did get him to look up some local mobile truck repair guys for me and he gave me several numbers. Armed with a few phone numbers, I climbed into the cab and started dialing. I got a hold of a guy who was local. We had a real hard time understanding each other as he was speaking mostly Spanish, and I was only speaking English. After some very patient back and forth, I think he understood what my trouble was. He asked me to send him a picture of the lines in question. And I did. A good while later he called back, asking for my VIN number. So I took a picture of the tag and sent it off. I sat there pondering what a longshot it was that he was going to find an after-hours MACK truck parts place that stocked 35 year-old injector lines. And that he was going to bring two new ones out to me and solve my problem. I thought, Well maybe....after all I was in the trucking capitol of the country---NEW JERSEY. I will let him give it a try. What do I have to lose?

Again, after a long wait, he called back; he said "no good on the lines." I wasn't really surprised. He then said, "Maybe I can fix it." I said OK, come out and give it a look.

After another long while, he shows up to survey the situation for himself. He says, "I cut the line and put in piece of line". I agree. It sounds like a good plan. He says, "I go get some line and fitting...I be back. I be back." Ok now it has been several hours and my truck has cooled off. And the temperature has dropped into the low teens. It is dark, It is cold, It is desolate. I am surrounded by lots of huge creepy old abandon factory buildings. Only the occasional truck whizzes by. Finally, he returns. After about a hundred trips from the back of his van to my truck, and what seems to be an eternity, he says, "Start it up." So I did. Immediately he starts jumping up and down, waving his arms, yelling SHUT IT OFF! SHUT IT OFF!"

I did just that, and climbed down to take a look. The fittings did not hold. I have to give him credit though. He said "I Fix; I Fix!" So now, I'm starting to have visions of heavy tow trucks and a huge tow bill from having to be towed home. I crawled back up into the cab and burrowed back into my seat. My feet were starting to get really cold, and I resorted to a little tap dance to keep the blood flowing. After a good while longer, he says, "Start it up!"

This time I was watching him closely for his reaction. No jumping up and down. OK this is good! I was happy just to sit there and listen to her banging on all six for a while. But soon I climbed down, went over to the throttle linkage, and gave it a good yank and she revved way up and I held her there for a bit. NO leaks, Great! So the mechanic was picking up his tools. I was wicked cold, so I crawled back up in the cab with renewed confidence that I was going to be able to drive her home after all. I stared at the temperature gauge watching for any signs of movement. So now, it was just a matter of the bill. \$548.00 I was fine with that and so I paid him. Now it is 11:30PM. I know I really should not make a run for home now. I am way out of time in my logbook and I cannot really say I spent any time in my sleeper berth as my truck does not have one! And it would be kind of a stretch to say that I got any kind of meaningful sleep in that little R model cab, with a big toolbox, a good-size cooler, my overnight bag, a large fire extinguisher, two big shift levers, a PTO control tower...all in the way! But that was going to be my story.

Finally I was rolling again. I snaked my way through the city letting my GPS lead me back to I-287. The heat was starting to come up. And I was feeling pretty good. I pulled a few hills and was starting to get back into my rhythm. And all of a sudden, she started skipping again....Oh Man! What am I going to do now? What am I going to do now?? I am soaked with diesel fuel, I'm filthy dirty from wrestling those trucks on, there is no place to sleep in this truck, and you can't get into a decent hotel with a big truck. And I am in no mood to pull over and start shopping for a truck-friendly place to stay. There was only one thing to do...."JUST GO FOR IT." And so I did, all the while knowing that I was a few good sparks away from having this whole mess, truck, trailer and the two I had tied down on the back go off like a Roman candle! But she was doing pretty good. Under a light throttle, she really wasn't missing too bad. But of course, when I had to hold her to the mat for a hill there was no mistaking the fact that I was down a cylinder. So I put my four ways on and turned off my radio. I knew there would be plenty of chatter about the guy with all that raw fuel wafting out from under his truck. I didn't need to hear it!

Road Stories Continued

Fortunately, traffic was light, and it was cold, and dark. I was having trouble with fuel vapor coming up between the hood and the cowl and getting on the windshield. I used my washer and wipers very sparingly as I still had miles to go. Wisps of fuel vapor were still sneaking in through the firewall. I had the heater going full blast. And my window open. I was still breathing in all that crap. I rolled right by a cop sitting under a bridge, he was either oblivious to the vapor trail I was leaving Or he was comfortable in his cruiser and did not want to be out in the cold. I watched my mirror and he never moved.

I was starting to worry about my fuel level, as I was blowing a lot of it out into the night air. I wasn't sure if I could make it without stopping. I did not want to chance trying to get off somewhere that I wasn't familiar with, plus, I was trying to avoid bright lights and unwanted attention. At some point on this journey, I realized just how dumb it really was and I asked the LORD to help me get this mess home.

PRAISE THE LORD. HE did.

I pulled into the shop at 3:30 AM. Tired, filthy, soaked in fuel, and very thankful I made it home.

I was however in trouble at home. A few days later, I heard how it took three times through the washer to get the smell out of my clothes. And my overnight bag was now going to have to reside in the garage. I also spent the next week or so hacking up all that fuel vapor I sucked in.

You might think it would be a long time before I wanted to drive that old girl again. But you would be wrong. I let the truck sit in the yard with the doors open for a few days. As soon as those new lines were on, I was raring to go again!

So, there's one of my stories.....Let's hear one of yours. *ROB COUTU*



Thank You Rob for sharing your experiences with us. I am sure other members have similar experiences that we would love to hear about. We would love to hear about your restoration projects as well. It is all about preserving the history of trucking, so jot down your memories and share them with our readers.

THE OTHER CONNECTICUT ANTIQUE TRUCK SHOW

In the interest of promoting the only other Connecticut Antique Truck Show, may we suggest the **ATCA Yankee Chapter Antique Truck Show**. Take the scenic drive to Bethlehem Fairgrounds on Route 61 in Bethlehem, CT (not far from Matt Pfahl's). This two day event will be held on **June 10 & 11 from 8 am to 4 pm**. This ATCA show usually draws about 150 trucks from Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York. You are likely to see some trucks that you haven't seen before. Here are a few photos from the 2022 Show.



More from the Yankee Chapter Show



2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DISCLAIMER: This list has been compiled from a variety of sources. Therefore, it is best to call ahead and double-check the dates and locations of any of the events. You can always check the latest copy of the ATHS Wheels of Time or ATCA's Double Clutch or their websites for more events. Let us know of any errors or omissions!

- May 6 & 7** **Zagray Farm Museum Spring Show & Swap Meet**, 544 Amston Road Route 85, Colchester, CT Hours 7am to 4pm- Antique Tractors, Farm Equipment, Cars & Trucks, Family Fun. Contact Ken Hansen @860-887-1044 or website at ZAGRAYFARMMUSEUM.ORG
- May 7** **ATCA Western Chapter Show**, at Yankee Candle Corporation Headquarters, Yankee Candle Way, South Deerfield, MA 8 am to 2 pm. Contact Maggie for information 413-834-1678
- MAY 21** **ATHS NUTMEG CHAPTER MEETING** at **Coutu's Truck Country**, 1535 West Main Street, Willimantic, CT Business meeting at 2PM. Members are encouraged to bring their trucks and line up in front of Coutu's. Light refreshments will be provided. Bring a dessert or snack to share. Contact Rob at 860-423-6004 or Tom at 774-203-3553 if you have any questions. **Last meeting before June 25 Brooklyn Show!**
- June 4** **ATHS Ocean State Vintage Haulers 29th Annual Antique Truck Show**, Johnson Memorial Park, 1583 Hartford Ave., Johnston, RI 02929 8am to 2pm. In memory of Ray Mello.
- June 8-10** **ATHS NATIONAL CONVENTION & TRUCK SHOW**, Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, Nevada. Visit WWW.ATHS.ORG for more details.
- June 10 & 11** **ATCA CT Yankee Chapter Truck Show**, Bethlehem Fairgrounds, Route 61, Bethlehem, CT 8am to 4pm Trucks, Tractors, Motorcycles, Construction Equipment. Contact John Famiglietti at 860-307-4372 for details.
- June 16 & 17** **ATCA 43rd Annual National Meet in Macungie**, Macungie Memorial Park, 50 North Poplar St., Macungie, PA. More info at www.antiquetruckclub.org
- June 25** **ATHS NUTMEG CHAPTER ANNUAL TRUCK SHOW & FLEA MARKET (always the Sunday after Father's Day)**Brooklyn Fairgrounds, Route 169,Brooklyn, CT. Show hours 8 am to 2 pm. Contact Show Chairman John Raymond at 860-608-5033 (cell) for any information or questions. Visit our website at www.nutmegchapteraths.com and our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/nutmegATHS for updates.
- July 8 & 9** **ATHS LONG ISLAND CHAPTER 21ST ANNUAL ANTIQUE, CLASSIC, WORKING TRUCK SHOW** at the Long Island Antique Power Association Show Grounds, 5951 Sound Ave, Riverhead, NY 10 am to 5 pm. Rain or Shine. Phone 631-339-3065 for more information.
- July TBD** **ATHS NUTMEG CHAPTER MEETING** location and date pending.
- July 15 & 16** **Pine Tree Chapter ATHS Gathering** at the Owls Head Transportation Museum, 117 Museum Street, Owls Head, ME For more information, contact Peter Mullin at 207-838-5069 or email wfd44@maine.rr.com
- July 15 & 16** **Zagray Farm Museum Summer Show & Swap Meet**, 544 Amston Road, Colchester, CT 11 am to 2 pm. Educational family show featuring all things mechanical. Admission fee, visit www.ZagrayFramMuseum.org for details.
- July 16** **ATCA Uncle Sam Chapter's 19th Annual Show** at the Washington County Fairgrounds, Route 29, Greenwich, NY 8 am to 3 pm, Rain or Shine. Contact Al @518-677-8264 or www.antiquetruckclub.org
- July 21 & 22** **6th Annual Gear Jammer Magazine Truck Show**, Franklin County Fairgrounds, Wisdom Way, Greenfield, MA. Proceeds benefit The Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autistic Children. Contact Bob at 508-212-9998 or email mttconrad7@aol.com
- July 29** **Touch-A-Truck & Car Show** at the Mineral Springs Family Campground located off Route 31 in Stafford Springs, CT. 11 am to 2 pm. Details to follow.
- August 4, 5 & 6** **Northeast Rockbusters Antique Construction Equipment Show & Display**, Mark Gluck's Farm, 157 Packerville Rd, Plainfield, CT, Hours 9am to 4pm. Visit website www.northeastrockbusters.com or contact Show Chairman Dave Been @401-644-7602 for more information.

- August 6** **Long Island Chapter 5th Annual Antique & Big Rig Truck Show** at the LIAPA Show Grounds, 5951 Sound Ave, Riverhead, NY. Call 631-339-3065 for more information.
- August 11 & 12** **The Brockway Weekend**, at the Central New York Living History Center & Brockway Museum located in Cortland, NY. Details to follow.
- August 13** **ATCA Mid Hudson Chapter Annual Show** at the Ulster County Fairgrounds, Libertyville Road, New Platz, NY 9 am to 3 pm. All vehicles 25 years or older are welcome. For more info contact Jim @845-206-5091 or Mike @ 845-883-7191.
- August 26 & 27** **ATCA Bay State Chapter 21st Annual Truck Show**, Bolton Fairgrounds, 318 Seven Bridge Rd., Lancaster, MA. 8am to 4pm. Contact Jen Santucci @ 508-768-5997 or baystatechapteratca@gmail.com
- Sept. 3** **ATCA Northeastern PA Chapter 32nd Annual Endless Mountains Antique Truck Show & Flea Market**, Harford Fairgrounds, Exit 217 Harford, PA Call Steve for details 570-222-4478
- Sept. TBD** **ATHS NUTMEG CHAPTER MEETING** location and date pending.
- Sept. 16 & 17** **ATHS Hudson Mohawk Chapter's 33rd Annual Truck Show**, Saratoga County Fairgrounds, Ballston Spa, NY For more info email hudsonmohawaths@gmail.com or call 518-371-0288
- October 7 & 8** **Zagray Farm Museum Fall Show and Swap Meet**, 544 Amston Road (Route 85) Colchester, CT Antique Tractors, Farm Equipment, Cars & Trucks, Family Fun. Contact Connor Bishop @203-313-5362 or website at ZAGRAYFARMMUSEUM.ORG
- Nov TBD** **ATHS Nutmeg Chapter Annual Meeting & Thanks-Giving Dinner**, Haul of Fame Museum, Canterbury

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Kevin developed an easy-to-use program for the Chapter financial records. Tom is available to provide all the guidance needed to get a Treasurer on board. Please consider helping your Chapter with this important position. Give Tom a call at 774-230-3553 to discuss how you can help our Chapter with this 'work from home' position. Your decision to accept the Treasurer position will keep the Nutmeg Chapter alive and well! Can we count on you?



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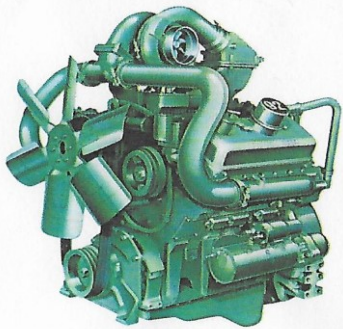
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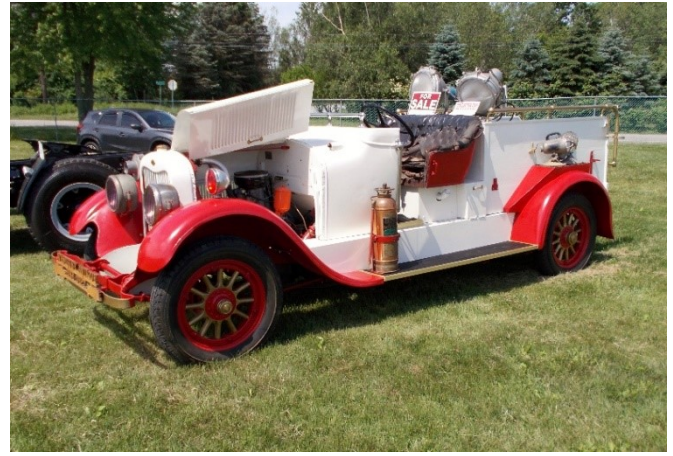
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CARES & CONCERNS

- * **Ubaldo Saskal** is recovering from health issues and at present is at an assisted living facility in Branford. He would love to attend meetings, but that is not possible now.
 - * **Art Jay** has been patiently waiting for the next step in his recovery. His interest in the Nutmeg Chapter never wanes. Art would love to hear from fellow members and can be reached at 508-867-4294!! He'd love to chat.
 - * **Bob Manchester** is at home and at last report is making good progress after his surgery in February. Sending speedy recovery wishes to Bob.
 - * **Tim Walz** injured his leg in a home improvement mishap. Members wish him a speedy recovery for quick healing.
 - * **Tom Holcombe**, a 40-year member of the Nutmeg Chapter, was recently hospitalized with some heart issues. He says he is feeling better, but still weak.
 - * **Richard Dayton** is recuperating after a brief hospital stay. Sending Get Well Wishes your way for a return to good health.
 - * **Kathy Arnauckas** is on the mend after foot surgery. Hopefully she will have 2 feet to stand on at the Brooklyn Show!
- There are most likely others in our Chapter who are facing health issues or challenges. We are thinking about you and hope Spring finds you feeling better. Please keep in touch and let us know how you are doing.
- * IF you know of a member who is unable to drive to our meetings, give them a call and perhaps you can share a ride.
- It is important to *Stay In Touch with each other. Let Tom or Don know of any Cares and Concerns of a member! Thanks***

Welcome to the NUTMEG CHAPTER

Raymond Leach—Watertown, CT

Robert Ward—Davenport, IA.

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