



GEAR GRINDER'S GAZETTES

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November 2021 meeting minutes

President Scott Shifflett called the meeting of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter of AHS to order after our meal at the Wood Grill on November 22, 2021. Four members have lost their mothers since our September meeting: David Van Pelt, Charlie Dinkle, George Coffman and Janie Patterson. [In December, member Jay Ralston lost his mother and Tri-State member, Gary Callis lost his wife]. Sympathy cards were sent to all and the chapter is so sorry to hear of the losses.

We welcomed new members, Darren, Jason and Randall Fawley to our chapter.

Glenn Martin, Treasurer, reported that we were in good shape for our chapter and that dues were now due and payable. They are still \$7.50 per year--a great bargain!!

He stated that donations were made in memory of the four members' mothers [as of November 22]. A motion was made, seconded and passed to up the donation amount to \$75.00.

Jeff Godlove gave a Tri-State report on the donations and the wood plaques given to sponsors of the show for over 10 years. We had 301 trucks show up and will give \$12,000. in donations.

Scott asked to donate \$1,000.00 from our chapter to Tri-State in honor of the Baltimore-Washington and Mason-Dixon chapters for all their help during the National Show held in Harrisonburg in June. Motion was seconded and passed.

He also mentioned a discount for AHS members from NAPA and Haggerty Insurance on services offered. It's online for anyone interested and you will need your membership number.

Scott also let us know that the Fairgrounds wanted antique trucks to decorate and use on December 18 & 19, 2021 for a Christmas display they were putting on.

After wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, the meeting was adjourned until January 24, 2022.

Michele Van Pelt

Secretary

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The Shenandoah Valley Chapter of the American Truck Historical Society usually meets the fourth Monday of the odd-numbered months, except during May when it meets at the annual chapter truck show held the 3rd Saturday in May & Sept the meeting is held at the Tri-State Truck Show. Time and location of meetings are announced in the **Gear Grinders' Gazette**.

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Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held Monday January 24th, 2022 at 7pm at the Wood Grill, 1711 Reservoir St., Harrisonburg, Va. The meal will be at 6:30pm before the meeting.

Concerns

Please keep these people in your thoughts and prayers during these tough times.

Jay Ralston and family in the loss of his mother Icy on December 26th. Icy always provided handmade crafts at our chapter meetings.

Gary Callis and family in the loss of Gary's wife Sally on December 19th.

Sissy Pine and family in the sudden loss of Jay Pine as he unexpectedly past away in his sleep Jan, 3rd, 2022

Coming Events

March 24-26, 2022, 50th Anniversary Mid-America Truck Show Louisville, KY.
www.truckingshow.com

May 21, 2022 ATHS Shenandoah Valley Chapter Truck Show Bridgewater Lawn Party Grounds, Bridgewater, Va

June 9-11, 2022 ATHS National Convention & Truck Show Springfield, Illinois. Illinois State Fairgrounds.
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With the Christmas season and New Years now behind us we hope that everyone had a good Christmas and safe New Year. 2021 has been a year of ups and downs. The year showed signs of positivity with the Covid virus restrictions being loosened as there seemed to be less people affected. Then as the end of 2021 arrived there was an increase in the number of people affected with the Covid and now the Omicron Virus. We all have had several family members and friends that have been either sick or losing them to the virus as well as other health issues. There is no time of the year that is better than another to have someone down ill or to pass away but this time of the year is suppose to be a time of Joy, Happiness and the celebration of Christmas. We all need to keep the ones that we know that have been going through these tough times in our thoughts and prayers and reach out to them and help in any way possible. The Shenandoah Valley ATHS chapter is more than a bunch of people with an addiction to trucks, the chapter is a family that reaches out a helps one another. We all are proud to be a member of the family of the Shenandoah Valley ATHS Chapter and have a family bond with trucks being the magnet of the chapter family.

The chapter dues are now due for the 2022 year. \$7.50 per person is the amount of the to be a member of our Shenandoah Valley ATHS Chapter. You must first be a ATHS national member in good standing with membership paid before joining a local chapter. Dues can be paid in person at the January 24th meeting held at the Wood Grill or your dues can be mailed to the treasure, Glenn Martin, 67 Violet Lane, Sugar Grove, WV. 26815.

We are currently updating our email and mailing list of the members of our chapter that are to receive the newsletters. There have been members not receiving the newsletter whether it be by mail or email as well as former members and non-members still receiving the newsletter.

The committee of the Tri-State Antique Truck Show met November 14th to go over the 2021 show. The show was another success with 301 truck registered.

The flea market area had a wide variety of items for men and women both with parts, arts & crafts, toys, books & literature, tools, antique items, etc. from the large increase of venders. Hopefully this is a sign of the flea market area growing.

This was the first year for having a Slow Race which was a big hit. On Friday afternoon the entrants were paired off by the drawing of numbers. The winner of each race by being last to reach the finish line returned to the starting grid to be paired with other winners until the slowest truck was winner. There was a big interest in this and next year should be a much larger event. The registration money was split with the winner.

On Thursday morning there was a convoy to the old Rainbow Diner Truck Stop on Route 340 between Berryville, Va. & Charlestown, WV. Everyone that went on the ride enjoyed a great breakfast and fun time.

It was planned to have a Movie night on Friday night showing the classic Smokey and the Bandit. This was a great success with everyone sitting on the golfcarts and lawn chairs making it look like a drive-in movie.

A trial run for the Friday night movie was done on Thursday and it was a good thing. We had some technical things to get ironed out. After the problems were figured out those that stayed with us enjoyed the movie Dual.

David & Billy Zirkle produced and donated a diecast show truck to be raffled off. The stretched-out Mack Superliner with the van trailer featuring graphics for the 2020 show was beautiful and generated \$300 for the show.

After all the expenses were paid, we were able to donate \$12,000 to the local charities. Donations went to the Food Banks in Virginia, West Virginia & Maryland. The Shriners Hospital in the Area of the Susquhanna Chapter. The Henry Evans Children's Home in Winchester, ATHS Headquarters, Clearbrook Fire Department, Stonewall Ruritan Club & Frederick County Fair Association.

The next meeting will be June 26th, 2022 to make sure everything is in order for the September show.

September 22nd thru 24th. 2022 is next years show dates.

Again, Thanks to everyone that helps make this show a big success!



Thanks to David & Billy Zirkle for putting this show truck together that was chanced off

Truck Show Calendar 2022

May 21, 2022 Shenandoah Valley ATHS chapter show held at the Bridgewater Lawn Party Grounds in Bridgewater, Va.

June 9-11, 2022 ATHS National Convention and Truck Show held at the Illinois State Fair Grounds in Springfield, IL

June 16-18, 2022 ATCA Truck Show held at Macungie Park in Macungie, Pa.

July 22-23, 2022 Shenandoah Valley Steam & Gas Engine Show held in Berryville, Va. (They are asking for a large display of Antique Trucks and support from the ATHS Chapters)

August 5-7, 2022 Carlisle Truck Nationals, Held at the Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, Pa, ATHS will have a display at this show.

August 20-21, 2022 ATCA Old National Pike Show in Hagerstown, Md

Sept. 10, 2022 Wings and Wheels truck show at the Hagerstown Airport

Sept 22-24, 2022 Tri-State Antique Truck Show held at the Stonewall Ruritian / Frederick County, Fairgrounds in Winchester, Va.

October 15-16 Mason Dixon ATHS Chapter show at Gladhill's Tractor on Route 15 South of Frederick, Md.

