



# GEAR GRINDER'S GAZETTE

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## Re-living childhood memories

No matter how old we are we all have memories of something special in our lives. The following was posted on one of our ATHS Shenandoah Valley Chapter members Facebook page. This posting is just one of the many things that the American Truck Historical Society is about. I'm sure all of us can relate to this in some way. For myself it brought back many memories of the many fun days and important lessons I learned from my Dad and the men that I looked up to. As you read this it will take you back in time for sure.

I had the opportunity to go Trucking with my Poppy yesterday. I'm so glad I did! I don't know if it brought back any memories for him but it sure did for me. When I was a kid all I wanted to do is either be in my Poppy's truck with him out on the road or up in the shop working on his truck. When I would get to go with him, I was always in charge of blinking the head lights when other trucks would pass us (as he says that wasn't many) or blinking the trailer lights when we would pass another truck and they would flash their headlights for us to come back over! He had a bunch of cassette tapes (a lot of them he got from Shell Rotella they would give them out when you bought their oil) but he had one I listened to every time I went with him (most times over and over). It had Convoy, East Bound and Down, Teddy Bear, Giddy Up and Go, Phantom 309, and a lot of the classics! I would never get back in the bunk and sleep no matter how late it got! Poppy always tells everybody that I was bobbing around in the passenger seat my head almost touching the floorboard a lot of the times (so he says) only thing hold me was the seatbelt but I stayed right up there with him till he would stop to take a nap! We would listen to all night radio stations and the Trucking Bozo a lot late into the night and up into the wee hours of the mornings! We would stop at the small truck stops and diners around (he said he likes to help the little man) and he tells everyone all I would ever get to eat is Grilled Cheese and French fries! Now that I'm grown, I don't get the opportunity to go with him much anymore but I will always hold onto the memories I do have! I'm so glad I had the opportunity again!

The Facebook post you just read was posted by CW Roberts and his mentor in life, his Poppy, George "Clutch" Coffman. Today they are inseparable and still learning life's lessons. CW is passing his learnings down to his sons Colin & Jase making three generations of truck drivers. As a good friend I look at them and admire their bond hoping that many more people can pick up what family, friendship, teaching & learning is all about.

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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 on the third Monday and July when a picnic is scheduled. Time and location of meetings are announced in the **Gear Grinders' Gazette**.

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## Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on **March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 7pm** at the Wood Grill, 1711 Reservoir Road, Harrisonburg, Va. The meal is prior to the meeting.

## Coming Events.

**May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 ATHS Mason Dixon Chapter 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique Truck Show** held at Gladhill Tractor, Frederick, Md. Info: 301-401-0424

**May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 ATHS Shenandoah Valley Chapter 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique Truck & Tractor Show** held at the Bridgewater Lawn Party Grounds. Info: 540-478-4389

**May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019 ATHS National Truck Show & Convention** held at the Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, Nevada.  
[www.aths.org](http://www.aths.org)

**June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Tri-State Planning Meeting** 2pm at the Stonewall Ruritan Building

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 Volvo Power Day** held at the Hagerstown Powertrain Plant. Hagerstown, Md. Power Day  
[@powerdayopenhouse](https://www.facebook.com/powerdayopenhouse) on Facebook

**August 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019 Annual White's Travel Plaza Truck Show.** I-81 Exit 205 Raphine, Va.  
[www.whitestravelcenter.com](http://www.whitestravelcenter.com)

**September 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Tri – State Antique Truck Show.** Stonewall Ruritan / Frederick County Fairgrounds. Winchester, Va. [www.tri-state-antiquetruckshow.com](http://www.tri-state-antiquetruckshow.com)

# January Meeting Minutes

On January 28, 2019, President Scott Shifflett called the meeting of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter of AHS to order after a delicious meal at the Wood Grill Restaurant in Harrisonburg, VA. He double checked to make sure everyone had received their newsletter as there was a minor glitch in the email system.

Secretary Michele Van Pelt read a thank you note from member Kenny Pemberton for the sympathy card he received after the passing of his wife, Dory.

Treasurer Glenn Martin stated that all bills have been paid and the chapter is in good financial standing. He also reported that the cost of printing has increased and anyone who like to receive their newsletter by email to please contact him. He also said that we have 100-chapter members and are looking to increase that number.

A \$500.00 check was sent to National for the building fund.

It was also mentioned that a gentleman at National is doing a book on various local businesses and if you have one to include, please send a photo and cover story to National.

Scott said that the 2021 contract for the fairgrounds has been delivered to National. We are looking for ideas or suggestions for photos to put on the posters and dash plaques. He also said that our chapter would like to put a plaque of some kind on the wheel chocks for the show.

The 2019 National Show in Reno, Nevada will now be extended until Sunday afternoon at 4 P.M. During the 2020 National Show in Springfield, Illinois a booth will need to be set up by our chapter promoting the 2021 show in Harrisonburg.

A motion was made and seconded by National to have 3 permanent sites with a 4th floating site for the National Shows.

Our chapter would like to get sponsorship money to help with the cost of the National Show here. The rental of the fairgrounds is \$20,000.00 not including janitorial services and we would like to have at least half of the fairgrounds paid for by local sponsors.

Stormy, at Nationals, is always looking for articles to include in the "Wheels of Time" magazine.

Glenn Martin read a letter from a former "Ice Road" trucker who attended our Tri-State show in September and really enjoyed himself. He has now retired in Delaware and given up driving completely.

Member Mike Lebnick had a strange looking item for show and tell...to look at it, it reminded you of a policeman's night stick. It was a jack handle to lift cabs and a small handle used to put on tire chains.

After a reminder of our local show in May (we need door prizes) and the next meeting being March 25, 2019, at Wood Grill, the meeting was adjourned.

Michele Van Pelt, Secretary

## **29<sup>th</sup> Annual ATHS Shenandoah Valley Chapter Truck & Tractor Show**

May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 will be here sooner than we think. Our chapter members come together each year to hold a great show no matter what the weather at the Bridgewater Lawn Party Grounds in Bridgewater, Va. The show field is full of a wide variety of trucks and tractors. On a beautiful sunny day there could be close to 100 trucks on display. Last year there were 65 that used their windshield wipers to get to the show. A little rain didn't dampen the desire to attend.

We need to start preparing for the show by seeking donations for the door prizes to be given out to the entrants in the show. Our chapter members will also have the food stand providing the Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Snacks, Drinks, etc. Mark you calendar for May 18<sup>th</sup>!

### **Chapter Dues**

We are now into March and the chapter dues are as always due at the beginning of each calendar year. The dues are \$7.50 per year. The only requirement is that a member must be a member in good standing with the American Truck Historical Society. Your 2019 chapter dues can be paid by sending \$7.50 to Glenn Martin, Treasurer, 107 Hickory Lane, Bridgewater, VA 22812. If you are unsure of your current status contact Glenn at 540-292-1058 or by email at [oldtrux4me@gmail.com](mailto:oldtrux4me@gmail.com).

### **ATHS Shenandoah Valley Chapter Website**

Did you know that our chapter has its own website page? If so, have you checked it out lately? If not, check it out. Our webmaster Richard does a wonderful job with keeping it current with loads of information. You will find important dates, event information, how to join, links to other related websites. There is also a member's gallery. You can submit pictures of your truck(s) by clicking the contact webmaster click [HERE](#) at the top of the home page. Visit the page soon [www.shenandoahvalley-aths.org](http://www.shenandoahvalley-aths.org).

### **Dori Pemberton Memorial Cruise**

In memory of ATHS Chapter member Kenny Pemberton's wife Dori, Kenny has organized a Memorial Cruise for Dori. Kenny sent the following to let everyone know about Dori's final ride. On April 14, 2019 we are giving Dori a final ride thru Goshen pass and back to Auto towing and repair, hoping you and all members will join us in our convoy. Please help make her final ride a memorable one, join us back at ATR for burgers, dogs, and fixings. Meeting at Auto towing and repair Sunday morning, convoy leaving around 1pm, please let all members know, thank you.

# Ratcliffe Transportation Museum Antique Truck & Tractor Show

Friday, May 3rd & Saturday, May 4th, 2019 11:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Jackson Park in Historic Downtown Pulaski Virginia & Ratcliffe Museum Parking Lot – 51 Commerce Street.

Registration – Friday – 10:00 am – Jackson Park Free registration, dash plaques to first 50 entries and door prizes. All donations are appreciated and are tax deductible. Food Truck on Friday & a special event luncheon on Saturday at noon at the Pulaski Train Station – \$15.00 The Ratcliffe Museum will be open for tours. Lodging available at The Jackson Park Inn – located across the street from the show and Quality Inn in Dublin, Va. Go to their website for more details at [www.theratcliffemuseum.com](http://www.theratcliffemuseum.com)



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# ANTIQUe TRUCK SHOW

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**Saturday May 18, 2019**  
**9am - 4pm**

**Located at the Bridgewater Lawn Party Grounds Bridgewater, VA**  
**I-81 Exit 240, Rt. 257 West to Bridgewater. Turn Right on Main St.**  
**Then first Left on Green St. Show is 1 1/2 Blocks on Right**

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