



# GEAR GRINDER'S GAZETTE

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## *September - October 2017*

The Shenandoah Valley Chapter of ATHS met on July 24, 2017, at White's Truck Stop in Raphine, Virginia. After a very nice meal (thank you Bobby Berkstresser), President Scott Shifflett called the meeting to order.

Scott reminded us that our next meeting will be on Saturday evening, September 23 at the Shifflett Camp during Tri-State. Please bring a covered dish to share.

The treasury is in good shape and the Bridgewater Fire Department received a total of \$1,000.00 from our donation and that of LDB Insurance.

Bobby Berkstresser (owner of White's Truck Stop) discussed the truck show to be held on August 25 and 26, 2017. There will be a b-b-q dinner on Friday evening for all show participants, 25% off of Chrome Access items and will end with a fireworks show on Saturday evening. It was mentioned that there is also a show at Fishersville the same weekend, so next year the date may need to be changed. Bobby also talked about where to park the show trucks.

President Scott Shifflett talked quite a bit about our bid to hold the 2021 National Show at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds. He and several other chapter members will make the presentation on November 4 and 5, 2017, at the National Board meeting in Lexington. There are several other chapters willing to help us host the show which would be held the first weekend in June of 2021. Since it will be the 50th Anniversary of ATHS, we may put a small brass plate on the chock blocks given to the trucks.

A motion was made and seconded to Michele Bridges and Pam Edwards with their expenses to Lexington in order to help us make our presentation to National. Pam Edwards is the new County Fair manager and Michele Bridges is head of the Rockingham County Tourist Board.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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 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 **September 23rd, 2017 at the Tri-State Truck Show at the Shifflett Camp after the meal.**

### Coming Events

**Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Volvo Power Day**  
(Former Mack Powertrain Plant) 10am – 4pm. 13403 Volvo Way, Hagerstown, Md.21740 [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)

**Sept 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Tri-State Truck Show.** Held at the Stonewall Ruritan / Frederick Co. Fairgrounds. Winchester, Va.

**October 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Mack Day Show** held at Gerhart's Machinery 910 Brunnerville Road, Litiz, Va.  
(717) 626-854  
E-Mail: [info@gerhartmzchinery.com](mailto:info@gerhartmzchinery.com)

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> ATHS Fall Board Meeting** held in Lexington, KY



## *White's Travel Center "Good ole Days" Truck Show*

.For those of you that were able to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual show at White's, the show brought out a very good variety of trucks to be enjoyed by all. Even with another truck show nearby there were about 70 entries on the weather perfect day. The hospitality provided by Mr. Bobby Berkstresser and his staff was second to none from the complimentary meal and entertainment provided to all show entrants on Friday evening till the end of the show on Saturday. This is an annual show that is sure to grow every year. Keep this show marked on your calendar for next year.

## *Tri-State Antique Truck Show*

The time is now here. The 13<sup>th</sup> annual show at the Stonewall Ruritan & Frederick County Fair grounds will take place September 21<sup>st</sup> thru 23<sup>rd</sup>. We all hope for excellent weather, over 300 trucks on display and large turnout of spectators. On Friday evening 9/22 at 5pm there will be the annual dinner prepared by the Stonewall Ruritan Club. This year's meal will be pork tenderloin, vegetables, roll, drink and dessert. If you haven't joined in on this wonderful meal purchase your meal tickets at the show registration table. The meal is \$12.00 per ticket and is limited to 200 plates so get your tickets early.

The ATHS Shenandoah Valley Chapter meal will be held at the Shifflett Camp on Saturday evening at 5pm. The meal will consist of Beef roast, noodles, homemade rolls. If you are planning to join in on the fellowship bring a covered dish of your choice. There's always plenty of good food and desserts for all to enjoy. After the meal there will be a short meeting and the rest of the evening will be spent winding down from a enjoyable couple of days and sitting around the campfire. It's a wonderful time. Make plans to attend.

## *ATHS Fall Board Meeting*

The ATHS fall board meeting is being held in Lexington, Kentucky on November 2<sup>nd</sup> -4th, the site of the 2018 ATHS National Convention & Show. If you would be interested in joining the members of the ATHS Shenandoah Valley Chapter that will be traveling to Lexington to attend the fall board meeting along with representatives from the Rockingham County tourist board and the Rockingham County Fair to make a presentation showing that having the 2021 National Convention and Show in Harrisonburg, Va. would be the best choice to hold this special event. ATHS headquarters has booked the Four Points Sheraton in Lexington, KY for the fall board meeting (November 2-4). Reservations need to be made by **October 9, 2017**, which is when the Sheraton will release the block of rooms. If you would like to make a reservation, please use this link: [American Truck Historic So Att00-7H7GNYR](https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1707079452&key=B60972B) or copy and paste the following link into a browser: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1707079452&key=B60972B> If you have never attended an ATHS Board Meeting, make plans to do so. It's truly eye opening to see what it takes to make the American Truck Historical Society so successful. Contact Scott Shifflett (540-478-4389) with any questions about the fall board meeting.

## ***2018 ATHS National Convention & Show***

May 2018 will be here before we all realize it. The national convention and show has now grown to set records for the number of entries and spectator attendance every year. Personally I was very impressed when the presentation of Kentucky Horse Park grounds was made at the 2012 fall board meeting in York, Pa. It was very impressive what the grounds has to offer as well as everything the area has to offer. The Kentucky Horse Park is gorgeous and has so much to do onsite—even pony rides for the kids! Golf carts are onsite and the campgrounds are beautiful, with amenities galore. Visit there website at [www.kyhorsepark.com](http://www.kyhorsepark.com) to explore the grounds. With the 2018 show being this close to us on the east coast it is a perfect opportunity for everyone to experience a national convention and show again or for the first time.

Several members of the ATHS staff recently visited the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, and suffice it to say that this is a spectacular facility. You may have heard that the Horse Park prohibits Gators, RZR's and similar vehicles from the grounds. We know this may be a deterrent for some, but we have no choice—it's not a society decision nor is there any room for negotiation. There are 500 rental golf carts on-site available to us. As the show has grown, volunteers and increased participation for all aspects of the convention are needed. We asked that you give it some thought, so begin "planting those seeds" now with your constituents. Anyone who wants to step forward and volunteer to help with any aspect of the event will be welcomed. Contact ATHS headquarters to inquire about volunteering.



ATHS & Shenandoah Valley Chapter member Carroll Heishman donated to ATHS headquarters in Kansas City a logo from Allegheny Freight Lines of Winchester, Va. to be displayed.



# 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Tri-State Antique Truck Show

Stonewall Ruritan Club / Frederick County Fairgrounds, Winchester VA  
[www.tri-state-antiquetruckshow.com](http://www.tri-state-antiquetruckshow.com)

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