



GEAR GRINDER'S GAZETTE

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The Shenandoah Valley Chapter of ATHS meeting was called to order by President Scott Shifflett after a delicious carry-in meal at the Shifflett camp on September 26, 2020, during our Tri-State Show. A big thank you to Scott, Suzanne and the rest for the preparation of the evening meal. The meeting mainly centered on the Tri-State Show and how successful it was. The official count was 315 trucks and vehicles. Tri-State President Jeff Godlove thanked everyone for the fantastic job they did to pull this show together and make it a success during this time of uncertainty. We had vehicles and people from Louisiana, Missouri, Florida, New York, Connecticut, Ohio and Wisconsin--as several of them were heard to say "they were hungry for a show!!" We also had our usual members from West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Chapter President, Scott Shifflett stated that December 19, 2020, will be a workday for anyone who wants to help with making the chock blocks and/or ramps for the National Show. Please RSVP to Scott if you can help even for part of the day. We are using poplar wood with a 4"x 5" brass plaque on it for the chock blocks. Donations are welcome to offset the cost the wood and plaques.

Treasurer Glenn Martin presented the Golden Achievement Award (50 years in the trucking industry) to Doug Fetterly of Harrisville, New York. He and Glenn have been friends for years so the presentation was extra special for both.

Scott touched on the fact that the National by-laws were being updated and will have more info later.

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 23, 2020, at the Wood Grill in Harrisonburg.

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 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
November 23rd, 2020 at the Wood Grill
1711 Reservoir St, Harrisonburg, VA
22801 at 7pm. Meal before the meeting
at 6:30pm.

Coming Events.

**December 19th, 2020 8am-3pm, 3128
Osceola Springs Road, Harrisonburg,
Va. 22801 Workday for the making of
the chock blocks for the National Show.**
Contact Scott Shifflett for details. 540-
478-4389

**June 3rd -5th, 2021 ATHS National
Convention & Truck Show at the
Rockingham County Fairgrounds in
Harrisonburg, Va.**



Observing the National Anthem played
at Noon

**2021 ATHS National Show T-Shirts
are still available. Contact Glenn
Martin with your order at 540-
292-1058**

Tri – State Antique Truck Show 2020

Tri-State 2020 is in the books and what a show! The final count was 315. Mid-morning on Saturday we were scrambling to park trucks to make sure we had everyone parked in an order to have the trucks displayed to be seen while making sure everyone was comfortable and able to get out when they were ready to leave. There were many first-time participants as well as the many regulars attending this year's show. There were trucks from the early 1900's to present to give everyone an idea of how trucks have changed from size, comfort, horsepower, etc. There were street rods to big trucks with big snow blowers, Rat rods to beautiful fully decked out road tractors, dump trucks, firetrucks, wreckers, original unrestored to fully restored. There was even a custom built Chevrolet crew cab on an International school bus chassis with a Kenworth "A" model hood powered by a DT466 that looks professionally built and is impressive just to give you an idea of the wide array of vehicles on the grounds.

The crowd was exceptional. The proceeds of the show are donated back to the community and everyone from the participants, spectators and sponsors found it in their heart to donate unselfishly giving the show the largest amount to date to donate back. The show committee will determine the local charities to donate the proceeds to at their meeting on November 9th.

With the concerns of the country and the covid epidemic that we all have been experiencing the federal government had lifted the restrictions enough to allow the show to go on as planned with few changes. I feel that with everyone having been limited to what we all could do it was very good to get out on the beautiful weekend and enjoy the show is what helped make this years show a record.

The show committee is looking at some things that we can do to keep the show going in a positive and growing direction. There is interest from the ones with fire apparatus of displaying their fire trucks and possibly doing a water pumping display. The flea market has room for growth and the committee is kicking around ideas to make this area grow along with other possibilities.

September 2021 can be another record year. Lets all plan to attend!

Message from the Tri-State President

As president of the Tri-State Antique Truck Show I would like to just say “Thank You” to everyone that took their time to help with the show. I cannot say Thank You enough. Everyone’s hard work and dedication to the show does not go unnoticed. Beginning with the committee meetings the many different task begins, such as visiting with businesses to secure show sponsorship, printing of show fliers and distributing advertising material, putting together the registrations to mail out to participants, arrive before the show to lay out the show and flea market areas, putting up the signs, canopies, setting up the PA system, working at the registration table, selling of 50/50 tickets, T-shirt sales, tending to and promoting the ATHS table, working the gates, parking spectator cars and show trucks, all of the spur of the moment issues to handle during the show and then when the show is over the taking down and packing up everything that was put together and up for the show to operate, cleanup the grounds so they are in as good of shape as when we moved in. The preparation of the meals at the camp for everyone to enjoy. When the event is over and we set down and realize that all of the hard work will help the community in different way with the donations of the proceeds the gratification from this is overwhelming all while we are enjoying our passion of old trucks. I would say we can call this a labor of love.

The Stonewall Ruritians also need to be recognized for their hard work and continued dedication to the show and providing food through out the show as well as preparing our 175 plate meal held on Friday evening.

Jeff Godlove

From the Chapter President

I would like to let all the ATHS Shenandoah Valley Chapter members that their support of the Tri-State Show with the time and hard work everyone gave helped make the show a huge success. Our chapter members have developed many friendships and we all come together as a large family every year to work the show which make me very proud to be the president of a chapter that is so supportive and dedicated to ATHS and the Tri-State show.

Thank you,

Scott Shifflett

Chapter President

Shenandoah Valley Chapter Work Day – National Show & Convention

The Shenandoah Valley ATHS Chapter being the host chapter for the 2021 ATHS National Show & Convention has many different tasks to do before and during the show & convention. Chapter President Scott Shifflett as well as some chapter members have put a lot of time and effort into securing the upcoming show. There is a lot of work to be done prior to the show. Two things that will need our chapter members to come together is to make the chock blocks. This will require the cutting and planning of the chock block and attaching a brass plate to the blocks. The other big project is the making of the unloading/loading ramps. **December 19th, 2020 from 8am -3pm is set aside as a workday for the making of the chock blocks.** Lunch will be provided by the chapter. Plenty of help will be needed for this. Everyone is welcome to help and you do not need to be a chapter member. This would be a good time to introduce someone to ATHS to show a potential new member that ATHS is about being not just a member of an antique truck club but part of a family of trucking history enthusiast. **The address is 3128 Osceola Springs Road, Harrisonburg, Va. 22801 where we will gather to make the chock blocks. Questions call Scott Shifflett at 540-478-4389.**



It was so good to see our good friend Brian Hanson!