

# ATHS NUTMEG CHAPTER STEERING COLUMN

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2023 - OUR 40th YEAR

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**Next Meeting:**

**September 24, 2023**

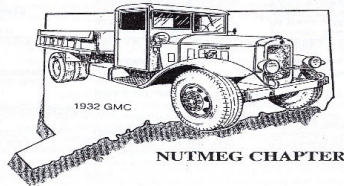
**Bernice West's Home aka Bob's  
Garage**

**425 Turnpike Road**

**Somers, CT 06071**

**Business Meeting at 2:00 PM**

American Truck Historical Society



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## President's Message



The members attending the July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting at Bowen's Garage in Eastford, CT were treated to a truly unique experience. Bowen's is an operational 101-year-old certified Ford dealership in Connecticut. The garage maintains a full service shop from parts to sales of midsize trucks to electric vehicles. Being inside of the building brings you back in time to the 1940s to 1950s. Many of the showroom cases date back to the early days of Model A cars and trucks. There were hundreds of vintage and antique "FOMOCO" parts to look at and read about. The main building dates back to the 1930s, it is the only Ford dealership in Connecticut with wooden floors. Steve Bowen described in detail the history of his garage and shared some stories with the members present. He was very happy that our Chapter had a meeting at his business and extended an invitation for us to hold another meeting there in the future.

At the meeting, I informed the Officers, Board of Directors as well as members present that effective as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2024, I would be stepping down from the Office of President as well as Treasurer. After giving it great thought – it is time for me to move on. Nine years ago, I stepped forward and answered a request in the newsletter to fill the position of Treasurer, which I still hold. I have no regret with the type of work I have done or the journey I have taken. Over the years, I have served as membership chairperson, coordinated the annual dinner and currently serve as the President of the Chapter for the past two and one half years.

There is no way to soften what I have to mention as far as the future of the Chapter. **The Chapter is at a very dangerous turning point** if these positions are not filled. The Chapter, which is over seen by the National, will most likely close its doors and become part of history rather than making history.

I would like to sincerely thank each of you past and present for your friendship and cooperation you have given to me as well as to my family. I could not have asked for any better group of kind, considerate, professional men and women to work with at all levels of the Chapter. No matter what task the club faced, members appeared out of the woodwork and got the job done!

It is my sincere hope that the Chapter moves forward into its 41st year with a full slate of officers and directors leading us into the future.

Have a safe summer!

Tom

### **September 24, 2023 Meeting at Bernice West's at Bob's Garage, 425 Turnpike Road, Somers, CT**

BOB WEST, JR, WILL OPEN BOB WEST'S GARAGE FOR OUR MEETING WITH ASSISTANCE FROM ROB LAPLANTE WHO OFFERED TO SET UP FOR OUR MEETING AT BERNICE'S HOME.

MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEIR TRUCK, AND BOB'S GARAGE WILL BE USED FOR THE MEETING. A LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE SERVED PRIOR TO THE 2:00 BUSINESS MEETING. MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO BRING A DESSERT OR SNACK TO SHARE. **BRING YOUR FAVORITE LAWN CHAIR FOR A COMFORTABLE SEAT FOR THE AFTERNOON. IF YOU CAN HELP WITH THE SET-UP OR CLEAN-UP, PLEASE CONTACT ROB 860-684-0667**

BERNICE IS RECUPERATING AT HOME AND WILL BE HAPPY TO SEE OLD FRIENDS AGAIN.

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

**FROM RTE. 84**, TAKE EXIT 73 (STAFFORD SPRINGS) ONTO ROUTE 190 WEST PAST JOHNSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. AT THE BLINKING LIGHT, TURN RIGHT ONTO TURNPIKE ROAD. CONTINUE APPROXIMATELY 2 MILES TO 425 TURNPIKE ROAD ON THE LEFT.

**FROM RTE.91**, TAKE EXIT 47 EAST ONTO ROUTE 190 PAST THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTES 190 & 83 AT THE STOP LIGHT IN SOMERS. CONTINUE ON ROUTE 190 AND TAKE THE NEXT LEFT ONTO BATTLE STREET TO THE FIRST STOP SIGN. TURN LEFT ONTO TURNPIKE ROAD, 1 ½ MILES ON THE LEFT TO 425 TURNPIKE ROAD.

# Minutes of Nutmeg Chapter Meeting

## July 23, 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 to Steve Bowen on behalf of the membership for opening the garage on a Sunday afternoon for our first ever meeting at Bowen's Garage in Eastford, CT. It was a unique opportunity to see how the 'old school' way of doing business runs perfectly fine in today's sales and service market. Steve gave a brief history of the Bowen family's connection with Ford Motor Company for the past 100 years. He told us of the unique service and sales that they have been offering Ford buyers from this location for 100 plus years. The Bowen family is still actively involved in the business and is four generations strong. Steve encouraged us to look around the shop and show room and answered our questions. Those present enjoyed a lunch supplied by the Chapter and a thank you to those who brought something for the "sweet tooth".

**Attendance:** There were 19 members present. It was nice to see a few newer members who assisted us at the Show!

Tom paused our agenda to honor our long-time member **Elizabeth Robertson**. Elizabeth has held many positions in our Chapter. For many years, she was our Membership Chair, always providing complete and accurate records. Let us not forget that she has been in charge of T-shirt sales for as long as we can remember. She attended almost all meetings whether near or far. Elizabeth had an accident on the way home from our May meeting. She rolled her car two times, but her car landed on its wheels and Elizabeth walked herself to the ambulance! Tom thanked her for her years of dedicated service to the Nutmeg Chapter and wished her well in her move to Sarasota, Florida.

### **Secretary's Report:**

A motion was made to accept the Secretary's Minutes of the May 21, 2023 meeting as they appeared in the June-July issue of our Newsletter. The motion was seconded and the members voted unanimously to approve the Minutes.

Tom said that Kathy Arnauckas will fill in for Betty Jay today. Art Jay still has health issues and Betty needs to stay close to home at this time. The Chapter understands that family comes first and will keep positive thoughts for Art's pending surgery.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom Bachand for Kevin Bachand May-June 30, 2023

1. Savings Account- Balance Reported
2. Regular Account- Balance Reported  
Income: Balance Reported includes Dues, May 50/50 Raffle, Donations  
Expenses: Printing costs for Newsletter, Meeting Host, Mathews Catering Deposit for Annual Dinner
3. Show Account: Balance Reported  
Income: Income from Show  
Expenses: Expenses related to Brooklyn Show; some expenses still outstanding.

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 that membership is now at 153. We have nine new members who joined our Chapter since our Show. The distribution of membership forms to each show truck is a productive tool in gaining new members and we will continue to do that. Six members paid their dues at the show leaving us with 17 currently in arrears. According to our By-Laws, those members will be dropped from our Membership Roster and will no longer receive the Newsletter. The Nutmeg Chapter Newsletter is always available on our Website.

### **Newsletter:** Donald Arnauckas, Editor

Don reported that the deadline for the September-October edition is July 31, 2023. Members are encouraged to contact Don regarding the For Sale/Wanted pages, as well as any news or articles that you would like to submit. Don has received questions about a few New England area shows. Don noted that the Topland Farms Open House at Dudley Diebold's is October 21, 2023 and that any information he receives from other Chapters will be posted on Facebook, and in our Newsletter. Thank you to Jon Yeomans for taking additional photos of the show and posting them on Facebook.

### **Website and Social Media:** Kathy Arnauckas

Kathy stated that all Photos from the Brooklyn Show are currently on Facebook and the Website. Kathy noted that Pete Sears is most helpful in keeping our website up to date. Other organizations and truck clubs have requested that we post their show posters on our Facebook page and we continue to accommodate these requests.

### **Show Report: Discussion led by Tom Bachand**

Tom stated that once again we had a very successful Truck Show, both financially with truck registration and spectators. We had 270 truck/vehicles registered, and had the day not been so iffy weather-wise, we would have easily surpassed the 270 vehicles that did come to the show. Receipts totaled \$14,138 with a profit of close to \$8000.

**John Raymond**, our Show Chair, was not able to attend the meeting, but Tom stated that without the help from the American Legion who helped with the spectator gates, the local Girl Scout Troop who did a superb job of parking cars, the Chapter would have had a very hard time pulling this off. Last minute volunteers and some family members were a tremendous help in supplementing members who worked the show. Tom expressed his gratitude for John's expert organization of our show.

**Harold Foskett** reported that the Show Truck Gate area went well, with little backup on the road.

**Charlie Dainton**, our Flea Market guy, said things ran smoothly there also with over 50 spots utilized. The use of paint striping to mark off the areas worked well and was less time consuming. Lance helped him on Saturday and Jonathan Yeomans helped on Sunday to get the Flea Market area up and running quickly.

**Maggie McCormick** reported that all went well with the Toy Barn; it ran smoothly, all spots were filled and the vendors were happy. One vendor, who chose not to come due to the questionable weather, sent the Chapter a donation anyway.

**Sales, Membership & Registration:** We sold all but a few T-shirts, \$20 did not seem to be an issue and Tom reminded that the price of the T-shirts went up considerably this year. Lance Dimock reported that we have had nine new members join our Chapter since the truck show and we had some renewals and rejoins at the show. Having Membership in the Chapter area proved beneficial. The truck registration booth ran smoothly thanks to some additional help from family volunteers. Thanks to Patty Bachand, Margaret Philbrook, Lois Dimock, Kathy Arnauckas & Christine Ward for making it work.

**The Main Gate** was manned by the American Legion Post from Woodstock and they did a fine job and are looking forward to helping out next year. They even have a few suggestions to help with the flow. A \$500 donation to the American Legion will be made. We could not have done it without them and we look forward to their help in 2024.

We are thankful for members Tim Carlson, Rob Giuliano and Maggie's friend Brian, who came forward on Sunday to handle the **Back Gate**. Once again, the **local Girl Scout Troop** handled the spectator parking lot with ease. We are grateful for their assistance and they will receive a \$500 donation for their help with our show.

Tom stated that while we were still shorthanded, we managed to have another successful show. He thanked family members including some grandchildren for stepping up when the need arose. There is still a great need for assistance with large truck parking and we need to work on that for next year. He thanked those who helped in anyway including the Arnauckas grandsons who sold water to our thirsty spectators. It was a long, tiring day, and the effort put forth by our members is noted!

The Chapter is also looking for another non-profit organization who can give us additional help at the Gates. This will free up our Chapter Volunteers to do other tasks that have been neglected in the past due to low staffing.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Annual Dinner Meeting with Election of Officers: Matthews Catering has been contracted for this year's annual dinner. Tom reported that the cost per person has increased to \$29.99, so let's say \$30 plus 18% gratuity that the Chapter covers. The actual cost per dinner including the additional gratuity will be \$35.40. Inflation and the cost of supplies was not unexpected. In addition, most members present suggested to Tom that we request that the caterer cook the beef longer as it continues to be too rare for most of us.

A lengthy discussion on what to charge members and guests resulted in two proposals as follows:

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| Proposal One: Members (including spouses) | \$20 | Guests \$25 | (Club absorbing \$15.40 & \$10.40 per dinner) |
| Proposal Two: Members (including spouses) | \$25 | Guests \$30 | (Club absorbing \$10.40 & 5.40 per dinner)    |



A motion was made and seconded to vote by a show of hands on each proposal.

Proposal One: **Five for \$20/\$25**      Proposal Two: **Nine for \$25/\$30**

Therefore, the motion to charge Proposal Two of \$25 for members and \$30 for Guests will be the fee for this year's dinner.

2. Tom again stated that the position of Treasurer remains open. The Treasurer position has been open for well over a year. Tom stated that no one has inquired about or expressed an interest in the Treasurer's position. He continues to fill both positions.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Tom wants Chapter members to be aware that many of us are receiving fake e-mails and messages that appear to be from Nutmeg officers. Do not reply to these emails or click on to any link that may be in the email. National has been hacked and this is an on-going problem with National. A letter will be sent from Tom to the President on the National level for them to address this issue.**

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Future Meetings:

**September 24:** Our September meeting will be held at Bernice West's home. Bob West Jr., along with Rob LaPlante will host our meeting. A light lunch will be provided prior to the 2:00 PM business meeting. SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 2

We acknowledge Rob Guiliano's suggestion of Camp Johnson in Bolton. Due to lack of indoor bathroom facilities, that is not feasible at this time.

**NOVEMBER 12 Annual Thanks-Giving Dinner Meeting and Election of Officers** will be held at Haul of Fame Museum in Canterbury, CT

2. Tom Bachand announced at the close of the meeting that he will resign his positions of President and Treasurer of the Nutmeg Chapter effective January 1, 2024. He has held dual roles with the Chapter for almost 9 years. He took over the Treasurer's position 9 years ago. In the past, he has held dual roles for Membership & Treasurer and most recently as President & Treasurer. While he enjoyed the challenge, it is time for other members to take these positions. **Tom reminded us that if we cannot fill these positions**, there will be no recourse but to close down the Nutmeg Chapter.
3. At this point, those members in attendance shared some parting moments honoring Elizabeth Robertson with a cake and flowers as we all wished her well in her new home in Florida.
4. There was no 50/50 Raffle at this meeting. However, Steve Bowen announced that he had a collection of Ford Times that he was putting on the table for those present to take home. He also gave a raffle ticket to each person there. He had four raffle items to give to us. They included Bowen Garage sweatshirt, a collection of Ford publications and two models of Ford trucks. That concluded our interesting afternoon at Bowen's. Thank you for your hospitality.

**Adjournment:** 3:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kathy Arnauckas, Secretary Pro-Temp.*

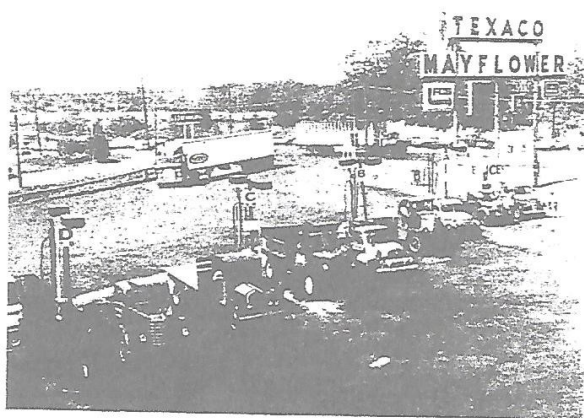
#### **Who Will Keep The Nutmeg Chapter on the Road?**

The American Truck Historical Society (ATHS) has been present in Connecticut since 1982. As you can see in the following article from the "New England Truck World," these men established an ATHS Chapter here in Connecticut. Many members have worked to keep our Chapter going for 40 years. "NOW we need some "Active" members to carry on our tradition. "NOW" is the time to give the positions of President and Treasurer some serious thought. We are a well-established Chapter, have over 150 active members, we have a solid financial foundation, an Annual Truck Show that draws 200 to 300 trucks and over 1000 spectators every year. We need someone to grab the steering wheel and keep this Chapter on the road. How about YOU, yes You.

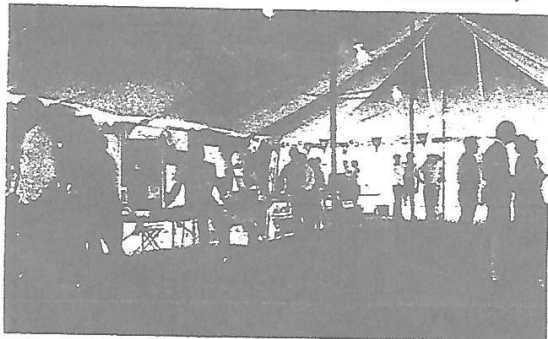
**"Dedicated to preserving the dynamic history of trucks, the trucking industry, and its pioneers."**

# Hundreds Came To Truck Expo In Bethany, Conn.

Second annual Truck & Equipment Expo drew many new exhibitors—including a large antique contingent—to airport site



Sometimes it got a little hot under the two open-sided tents used by a number of the exhibitors of smaller components at the two-day expo held right in the middle of the airfield runway.



THE TEMPERATURE was tickling 90 degrees both days, as truckers, suppliers and others from throughout Connecticut and beyond descended on the Old Bethany Airport on Friday and Saturday, September 10 and 11, for their big new annual event of the first weekend after Labor Day—the Truck & Equipment Expo sponsored by the Maintenance & Equipment Council of the Motor Transport Association of Connecticut (MTAC).

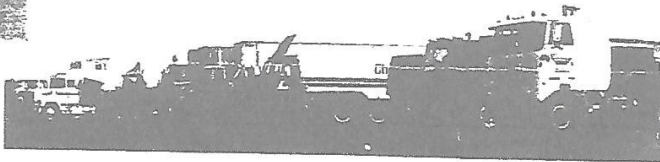
Dressing for sunburn was the order of the two days, as a brilliant sun brought out unseasonably high temperatures, some humidity, ragweed pollen—and hundreds of visitors—in Bethany, located 15 miles north of New Haven on state Route 63. The council took over the entire grass runway of the old time rural airport for exhibits by nearly 50 truck dealers and suppliers to the trucking industry. Both the spacious outdoor area and two large tents were used to house the exhibitors—and kept the large number of visitors deceptively diffused throughout the area.

Antique trucks played a big role in this year's event. A number of the vintage vehicles, ranging from a Rumley Oil Pull farm tractor to the usual collection of Diamond T's and Mack Bulldogs, were on display at the far end of the runway. A trio of gasoline powered one-lunger water pumps even showed up for the event.

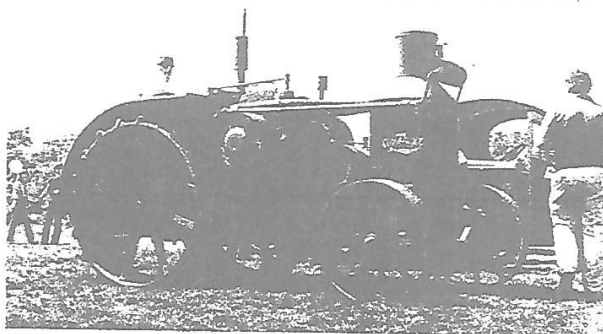
Two tours of the highways in the area were made by the old trucks led by Bob Sorensen of the Sorensen

The roof of Howard Merk's Mayflower Truck Station provided an excellent vantage point as the antique trucks lined up at the fuel islands following their 15-mile tour from the expo site in Bethany.

An extensive number of well-worn vehicles were pulled out of service long enough to be on display at the expo—with the 'vital statistics' of their mileage and fuel economy posted on them.



This vintage Rumney Oil Pull farm tractor which was exhibited at the expo could undoubtedly pull almost anything which was tied on behind it—but visitors stood far back when it was fired up!





Transportation Co., Inc., of Bethany in his 1948 Diamond T. The first one, on Friday morning, made a 30-mile circuit of the area to the north and west of New Haven, stopping for a half hour at the Mayflower Truck Station in Milford.

Howard Merk, Mayflower president, was on hand—without his Indian headdress—to greet the old trucks and their drivers and passengers as they rolled up to his fuel islands. It took a ride in those old and not-so-old vehicles to realize again the rugged determination which *had* to be displayed by truckmen to complete their appointed rounds only a few short decades ago. It was a good thing that urbanization had not taken hold in those days when the impact of rough suspensions on rougher roads had a direct effect on the backs and kidneys of the operators. Undoubtedly, very few roadside trees suffered from dehydration in those days.

A steady stream of automobiles kept arriving and leaving the airport. Tom Ross, MTAC public relations director, and his crew handled the registrants as they arrived at the gate. There was ample room for them to spread out over the wide grassy landing area—which was closed to aircraft for the two days of events—to see everything from complete tractor and trailer combinations to the smallest components and services.

George Bitgood of Cummins Diesel Engines of Connecticut, Inc., was chairman of the event. A display of

vehicles owned and in daily service by some of the Nutmeg State's leading truck fleets—with the pertinent statistics of their service lives—ringed the open field.

Food service was catered by the Bethany Volunteer Fire Department. Three demonstrations of righting an overturned tractor and trailer using inflatable airbags were given again this year by Halprin's Service of Hartford. The second expo follows one held in North Haven in May 1981—and is now firmly established on a growth track as *the* truck event for Connecticut.

On Saturday, a very active delegation from the American Truck Historical Society (ATHS) and its largest chapter, the Antique Truck Club of New England, provided additional old trucks for a run up Route 63 to Naugatuck and back. Roy Stewart of Manchester, N.H., ATHS president, and George Humphrey and Bill Semple, two of the vice presidents, led the group.

Highlighting the old time events was the official signing of documents establishing a new Southern New England Chapter of the ATHS. It is headed up by Bob Keene of Cummins of Connecticut.

George Bitgood reported that additional old trucks and other vehicles are already scheduled to attend the 1983 expo. Included next year will be more farm equipment, including steam-powered tractors and an old time horse-operated threshing machine.



The expo committee, from left, seated, are George Bitgood, chairman, Bob Sorensen and Jerry Lipchus; and standing, are Todd Ryker, Don Neilson, Tom Ross and Fred Cunningham.



The new Southern New England Chapter of the American Truck Historical Society came aboard when Roy Stewart, ATHS president, signed it in at the expo, flanked by ATHS veeps Bill Semple and George Humphrey on the left and chapter president Bob Keene.



An early Chevrolet delivery truck from the 'New Haven Register' joined the antique trucks at Bethany.

There was something for everybody at the expo—including three one-lunger gasoline water pumps brought to it by Todd Ryker.

Demonstrations of righting overturned trucks with air bags were staged again this year by Halprin's Service of Hartford.



## An Afternoon at the Bowen's Garage

Visiting Bowen's Ford Dealership is like visiting a Ford Museum. While being an active Ford dealership in 2023, Bowen's maintains that early American motif in today's business world. You can see the latest Dynamometer in a 1930's building. I wonder how many modern Ford Dealerships even have a DYNO? The Nutmeg Chapter extends a hearty Thank You to the Bowen's for hosting our meeting. It was both interesting and informative. For those of you who missed this tour, we will post more photos on our Website. The History of Bowen's Garage follows.

### **Celebrating a Century: Four Generations of Bowen's Garage Inc.**

Bowen's Garage Inc. was founded in 1922 by Oliver D. Bowen. Oliver was born and raised in Eastford, and attended technical school in Hartford. He sold bread to pay for his schooling. He then opened a general repair, livery, and dump truck service in the little garage just south of the present building on the east side of Route 198. He sold Fords that he got on consignment from Omera Ford in Hartford.

Oliver built the present building in 1930, and got his own Ford franchise that same year. Throughout the 1930s, he sold Ford and Mercury vehicles, as well as Lincoln Zephyrs. This is also when Spencer, Oliver's son, started working here. From 1939 to 1947, they sold Ford tractors as well. Spencer would vividly remember driving them home from the Abington train station. After World War II, tractors, Mercury, and Lincoln required a separate franchise, so the garage shifted to selling only Ford vehicles.

In 1948, the showroom and the cement floor portion of the shop were added on. The exterior of the building was renovated in 1994 after a strong wind removed the flat roof over the showroom.

Spencer worked at the garage his entire life, except for his time in the U.S. Army in the mid 1940s. He started working here when he was around 8 years old. His mother, Gertrude, looked out one day during Spencer's childhood, only to see a truck going through the back yard with no one in it. Spencer was standing on the running board so he could see to drive. He would go on to work every day at the garage until September 2008, when he retired at the age of 83. Even after retirement, in his later years, he regularly came over to help close up at 5 p.m., until he died in September 2013.

Spencer's son, Stephen, has a history at the garage that bears great resemblance to his father's. He started driving and working at the garage when he was 10, and has been here ever since. He started pumping gas in 1969, and in the decades to follow, would grow in his role until he eventually oversaw the majority of operations — a responsibility he now shares with his own son, Jonathan.

Jonathan started helping (and spent much time) at the garage when he was 10, and worked whenever he could throughout his college years. He graduated from college in 2013 with a business degree, came home, got married, and settled right in to the business. He has added new services and opportunities to help carry us into the next decade.

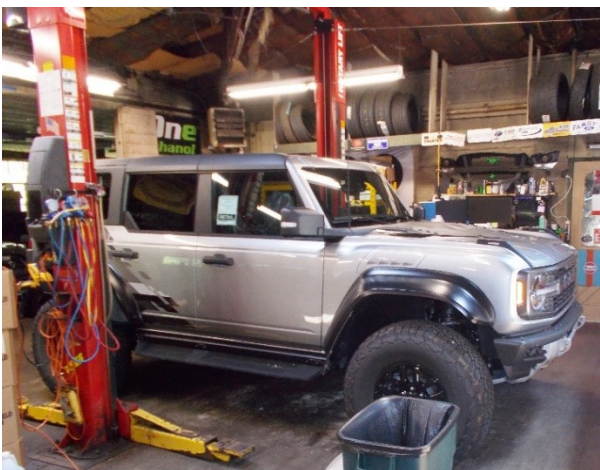
Each generation has brought different talents and knowledge to the business, all working together to get us to 100 years in business. Stephen, Jonathan, and their faithful employees want to sincerely thank their loyal customers who abled us to reach this milestone.



A quick tour of Bowen's Garage



Photos by Tom Bachand & Don Arnauckas





## 2023 BROOKLYN TRUCK SHOW PHOTOS



## MORE TO FOLLOW IN DEC-NOV NEWSLETTER







## Nutmeg Chapter at a Turning Point -- President and Treasurer Positions are OPEN

By this time, you are aware that the Chapter has two positions to fill when we meet in November. The prospect of closing the Nutmeg Chapter is a real possibility. We cannot maintain a Chapter without a President and Treasurer; under the Bylaws, they cannot be the same individual covering both offices. Tom Bachand has understandably made the tough decision to step back from both of these positions as of January 1, 2024. Each position can be dealt with individually, but dual responsibility can definitely kill the spirit. Moreover, we applaud Tom for all he has done these past two year and a half years to help keep the Nutmeg Chapter Strong & Healthy. We are listing the responsibilities of the two positions below. Tom has stated that he will help with the transition. Please, Please consider each position and honestly see if YOU might be able to keep us **Alive & Well** for another two years. **Get in touch with Tom as soon as possible.**

**President** - (As identified in the Bylaws) - "The President shall preside over all meetings and give direction to the Chapter. The President shall appoint the Chairman of all committees and serve ex-officio on all committees."

**-In addition, based on experience of recent past presidents, the President should expect to do the following:**

-Coordinate board meetings prior to full chapter business meetings

-Maintain a bi-partisan outlook and open minded approach to all business discussions during meetings. The President shall make decisions and recommendations that are in the best interest of the Chapter as a whole for the future health and growth of the Chapter.

-Record action items set during the Business Meetings and assign an active member for follow through with the action item.

-Deliver a President's Message to the Newsletter editor in a timely fashion as set forth by the newsletter editor.

-Inspire volunteers to step up to help the Chapter with various tasks to further benefit Chapter activities.

**Treasurer's Duties** - (As defined in the Bylaws) the Treasurer shall account for all monies received in the name of the Chapter. He will pay all bills and present an accounting of all Chapter financial activity at each business meeting. The Treasurer is responsible for sending an Annual Chapter Financial Statement, accompanied by a copy of the Chapter's income and expense journal, countersigned by all elected officers of the Chapter to the ATHS Home Office no later than January 31 of the year following the activity report.

**Note: Some computer skills are needed for these positions.**

### In the spotlight



Elizabeth Robertson is heading to Florida in August to be closer to family. We wish her all the best in her new home and thank her for all she has done to keep the Chapter moving forward. She was our Membership Chair for many years and always present selling T-shirts at our Truck Show. Elizabeth presented Tom with a few Dash Plaques from earlier years as well as a T-shirt featuring Bob West's truck and a 'Staff T-shirt' from years ago. We will miss you Elizabeth, you are an inspiration to us all.

Looks like a perfect line-up to me



Little Sawyer Yeoman's checking out the trucks.



Not only can Maggie serve up a delicious hot dog,  
She can change the oil in her 34 GMC too!



## NUTMEG FOR SALE & WANTED

### FOR SALE



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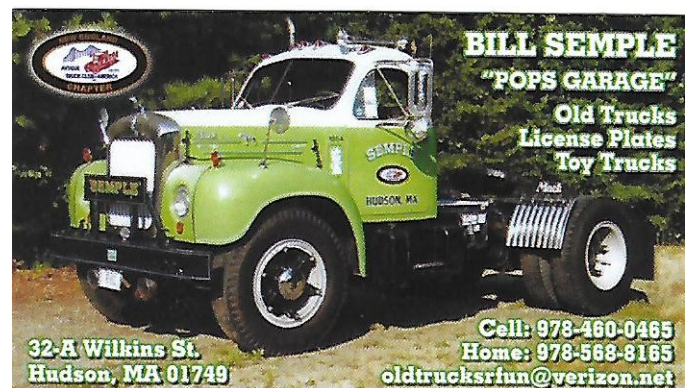
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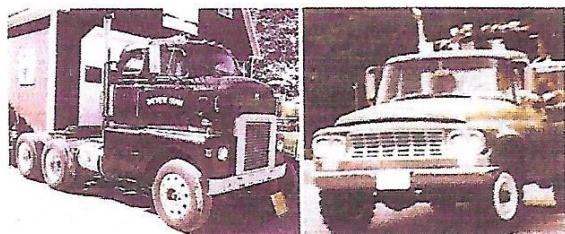
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## UPCOMING ANTIQUE TRUCK SHOWS

### 36th Annual Granite State Chapter OLD TRUCK MEET

**August 19th & 20th, 2023**



**AT FEATHER AIRPORT, DEERING, NH**  
3 Miles South of McDonald's in Hillsboro, NH  
On Old Concord Road off Rte 202

For Information call: 978-590-8632  
\$20 Registration Fee per Truck (\$10 if registered in advance)  
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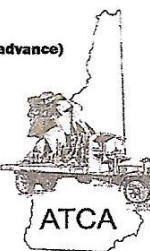
**Flea Market!** Vendors call Maureen at 603-435-8071

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**Live Music!** by Long Haul Paul on the 19th

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### ANTIQUe TRUCK CLUB OF AMERICA BAY STATE CHAPTER 21st ANNUAL TRUCK SHOW

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

**AUGUST 26TH & 27TH 2023**

8AM - 4PM SATURDAY | 8AM - 3PM SUNDAY

**BOLTON FAIRGROUNDS**

318 Seven Bridge Road, Lancaster, MA



2023 Dash Plaque & T-Shirt Truck  
Mike Misterka - 1980 Mack Superliner

**Vehicle Registration:**  
Pre-Reg: \$10 per vehicle  
Day of Show: \$20 per vehicle

**Admission:**  
\$5 for Spectators  
12 and under free!

**Sponsors & Vendors:**  
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Contact: Jen Santucci | [baystatechapteratca@gmail.com](mailto:baystatechapteratca@gmail.com) | call/text (508)768-5997

2022 Show Stats: 350 trucks over the weekend | Over 1,000 spectators per day  
Sponsorship Information: Bronze \$150, Silver \$500, Gold \$750, Platinum \$1,000  
Vendor Spots: \$35 | Food Vendors: \$50 | Friday Truck Drop Off Available

SEPT. 16 & 17, 2023

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SAT. September 23RD**

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More details to come...

## 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- 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 19 & 20** **ATCA Granite State Chapter Old Truck Meet**, Deering NH at the Feather Airport, Old Concord Rd, Deering, NH. Contact President Al Murphy at 978-590-8632 for more information.
- August 26 & 27** **ATCA Bay State Chapter 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Truck Show**, Bolton Fairgrounds, 318 Seven Bridge Rd., Lancaster, MA. 8am to 4pm. Contact Jen Santucci @ 508-768-5997 or [baystatechapteratca@gmail.com](mailto:baystatechapteratca@gmail.com)
- Sept. 3** **ATCA Northeastern PA Chapter 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Endless Mountains Antique Truck Show & Flea Market**, Harford Fairgrounds, Exit 217 Harford, PA Call Steve for details 570-222-4478
- Sept. 9** **Engine 260 50th & Final Fire Apparatus Show & Muster**, Eisenhower Park, 725 North St (Route 121), Milford, CT 10am to 5pm. This is slated to be the Final Show for Engine 260. Contact 203-874-2605 for more info or [www.engine260.org](http://www.engine260.org).
- Sept. 16** **Friends of AUTOCAR Show & Luncheon** at the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles 85 South Walnut St., Boyertown, PA. Cost of Lunch \$30, if you bring a truck it is \$15. 10 am until you leave! Call Robert Gabrick at 714-296-7156 or [rwgabrck@aol.com](mailto:rwgabrck@aol.com) by Sept 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Sept. 16 & 17** **ATHS Hudson Mohawk Chapter's 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Truck Show**, Saratoga County Fairgrounds, Ballston Spa, NY For more info email [hudsonmohawaths@gmail.com](mailto:hudsonmohawaths@gmail.com) or call 518-371-0288
- Sept. 17** **ATHS Pine Tree Chapter 2023 Topsham Truck Show** at the Topsham, Maine Fairgrounds 8 am to 2 pm For more information [www.badgoat.net/ptcath](http://www.badgoat.net/ptcath)
- Sept. 23** **Yantic Fire Department Classic Car & Truck Show**, located at Firemen's Field, 151 Yantic Road, Yantic, CT Yantis Fire Department has attended our Brooklyn Show with their 67 Mack Fire Truck.
- Sept. 24** **ATHS NUTMEG CHAPTER MEETING** Home of Bernice West & Bob's Garage, 425 Turnpike Rd., Somers, CT hosted by Bob West, Jr. & Rob Laplante. A light lunch will be served prior to the 2 PM business meeting. **Bring your truck, a comfortable chair, and a snack, or dessert to share.** Contact Rob LaPlante if you can assist with Set-up or Clean up 860-684-0667.
- Sept. 24** **Wishes on Wheels Truck Convoy**, Rentschler Field, 615 Silver Lane, East Hartford, Convoy begins at 9am, line up for convoy beginning at 630am. **Check website for further details [www.wishesonwheels.com](http://www.wishesonwheels.com)**
- Sept. 30** **Annual Mack Days at Gerhart's All Mack Truck Event** at Gerhart's Lititz, PA location featuring classic and antique trucks, vendors, memorabilia, etc. Visit [www.gerhartmachinery.com](http://www.gerhartmachinery.com) for more information.
- October 1** **ATHS Metro Jersey Chapter Show**, Sussex County Fairgrounds, 37 Plains Rd., Augusta, NJ
- 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 [ZAGRAYFARM.MUSEUM.ORG](http://ZAGRAYFARM.MUSEUM.ORG)
- October 14** **ATCA South Central NY Chapter Truck Show & Flea Market**, Afton Fairgrounds Exit 7 off I-88 46 Main St., Afton, NY- Call Darrell at 607-427-0331 or [scnytruckclub@gmail.com](mailto:scnytruckclub@gmail.com) for more information.
- October 15** **ATCA New England Chapter Sterling & Brockway Truck Show** at the Collings Foundation & American Heritage Museum, 568 Main Street, Hudson, MA. Details to follow or contact Bill Semple at 978-460-0465
- October 21** **Toplands Farm Annual Open House**, 102 Painter Hill Rd., Roxbury, CT 11:00 am until 4:00 pm. A family event. Please check before heading out to see if anything has changed 860-354-0649; [info@toplandsfarm.com](mailto:info@toplandsfarm.com)
- October 21** **Truck or Treat Truck Show, American Legion Post 113**, Old Saybrook, Contact Frank Saunders Jr. at 860-876-2122 for information. RAIN DATE is October 28.
- Nov 12** **ATHS Nutmeg Chapter Annual Thanks-Giving Dinner & Election of Officers**, Haul of Fame Museum, Canterbury, CT. Business Meeting with Election of Officers & Directors begins at NOON. Dinner to follow.





## FROM THE EDITOR'S LOG BOOK

### CARES & CONCERNS

- \* **Art Jay** was hospitalized for a few days in July and is awaiting a surgery date in mid-August. While he stays close to home most days, he is interested in hearing about the Chapter. Get Well Wishes are headed Art's way!
  - \* **Bernice West** is recuperating at home after a recent hospital stay. Bob Jr. reports that she is doing better at home. We are certain that Bernice would enjoy hearing from her Nutmeg Chapter friends. Her address is 425 Turnpike Road in Somers, 06071.
  - \* **John O'Connor** is on the road to recovery after some recent health issues. Happy to hear you are feeling better and back to doing those things you enjoy.
  - \* **Richard Dayton** was unable to help out at the truck show due to recent back surgery. Wishing him a speedy recovery.
  - \* **Ubaldo Saskal** is currently residing at the Guilford House in Guilford. He misses not being able to attend our meetings.
  - \* 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 NEW NUTMEG MEMBERS

Dennis Beauchesne – Methuen, MA

Justin Brochu – Cobalt, CT

Steve Dearborn – Broad Brook, CT

Arthur Goulart – Bozrah, CT

John Hall – North Windham, CT

Brian Main – Warwick, RI

Jim Monk – Bethany, CT

Nick Nabrosky – Chaplin, CT

Robert Palmer – East Falmouth, MA

Pete Phelan – Norwich CT

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The Nutmeg Chapter continues to UPDATE the Membership Roster with current information. Please complete the Application below and return it with your payment of \$15. This will enable us to keep our members informed via mail, email or phone of any important information such as cancelling or re-scheduling our events. We DO NOT share email information. Thank you in advance for your help!

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