

The Dispatch

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OUR MISSION

The mission of the American Truck Historical Society is to collect artifacts, information, photographs, and other relevant materials pertaining to the origin, development, and progress of the motor truck industry; to verify and establish the authenticity and accuracy of the collected information and materials; to place or arrange for placement of all objects, gifts, artifacts, and other items on display for educational purposes that relate historically to the development of the motor truck industry; to serve as a repository for donations, gifts, and bequests.

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PLEASE COMPLETE OUR SURVEY!

A survey designed to gain information from and about ATHS members was included in the November/December 2016 issue of *Wheels of Time*. It is very important that ATHS National receives a good response, so please encourage your members to complete the survey and send it to us **by Nov. 30**.

The survey will only take a few minutes to complete. Both the survey and the addressed envelope are perforated and can easily be removed from the magazine. Just put on a stamp and send it to ATHS headquarters. We appreciate your opinions! ■

YOUTUBE CONTEST ENDING

The 2016 YouTube Contest will end at 11:59 p.m. on Nov. 30, so if you haven't uploaded a video of your old iron in action, there is still time. Up for grabs are a Sony "action cam," an engraved paver for the patio outside ATHS headquarters, an ATHS membership and more! Results of the YouTube contest will be posted in the December *Dispatch* and the January/February 2017 *Wheels of Time*. ■

2020 MIDWEST CONVENTION BIDS

The 2020 ATHS National Convention and Truck Show will be held in the Midwest. ATHS is encouraging chapters in this region to submit a bid to host the convention by Dec. 15, 2016. A decision on the location will be decided at the Winter Board of Director's meeting in Kansas City, Mo. Please contact Lori Kocol (lorik@aths.org) regarding bid specs for the show. ■



Annual Giving ... Giving Thanks

As we enter this Season of Thanksgiving, just days after a long, bitter national election was concluded, we here at ATHS National HQ want to give our thanks and gratitude for our fellow citizens, regardless of how you voted, who keep the light of democracy shining bright. We are especially thankful for our ATHS Members, for without you there would be *no* American Truck Historical Society!

We know that each of you has your own thanks to give. We hope that you include ATHS in them, for being here, every day, with one purpose: To preserve the history of trucks, the trucking industry, and its pioneers. That's why we are making another appeal for the 2016 Annual Giving Campaign. These tax-deductible donations help your HQ staff keep the lights on and the Library open in Kansas City and make sure that *Wheels of Time* arrives every other month in your mailbox!

As of Nov. 15, 2016, we have only raised only \$34,633 toward our goal of \$75,000. So, these final two months of 2016, we hope you dig deep and make a donation to help ATHS.

Remember ...



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LOOKING AHEAD AT JANUARY BOARD MEETING

The Winter Board of Directors and Board Committee meetings will be held **Jan. 26-28, 2017** at ATHS Headquarters in Kansas City, Mo. On Thursday, Jan. 26, lunch will be provided at HQ followed by Board Training at 1:00 p.m. Activities on Friday, Jan. 27, include Board Committee meetings held throughout the day at HQ. The full Board meeting will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28 at ATHS.

The Embassy Suites down the road from HQ has a block of rooms available for Board members; breakfast is included in the room charges. When you book a room, please make sure you mention American Truck Historical Society to get the group rate. Embassy Suites' phone number is (816) 891-7788. To register online, use this link: **Embassy Suites January 2017 Registration Link**. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Lori Kocol at (816) 777-0932. ■

WANT TO SERVE ON THE BOARD?

The ATHS Nominating Committee is currently working on the slate of Officers and Board of Directors for 2017-2018. While there may or may not be a position open in your area, *anyone* interested in serving on the Board—now or in the future—should contact Terry Klenske by email at terry@daltontrucking.com, Dave Schroyer at dschroyer@schroyer-inc.com, or Lynn Graybill at lynn@aths.org. ■

HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!

Who you gonna call ... at HQ?

It didn't take new Executive Director Lynn Graybill long to put together a crack — and nearly new — team to serve the ATHS membership. We introduced Lynn in the October *Dispatch*, so you know that he has a background in running a trucking company, has been a truck manufacturer and a truck driver, and has served on a board and raised money for endowments. This man knows how to get something delivered *on time!*

"We realize that information from the 'home front' is anxiously awaited," Lynn says. "The staff is now back to full strength. We will soon publish photos and biographical information about those of us who serve the Members. Please look to forward to a future introduction of the ATHS staff."

You'll get to know the entire staff in the December *Dispatch* and the January/February 2017 issue of *Wheels of Time*, but for now let's look at each staffer's primary duties ... so that when you've got a question or a great idea, you'll know just who to call at ATHS headquarters!

- **Lynn Graybill, Executive Director**
Advises and counsels the ATHS Board of Directors and directs the HQ staff.
- **Lori Brown, Finance & Administration Director**
Responsible for all ATHS accounting functions, prepares the annual budget. **Go to person for Chapter annual financial reports.**
- **Courtney Cesar, Library Director**
Maintains and directs the Zoe James Memorial Library & archives. **Go to person for research requests, build records & photo prints.**
- **Lori Kocol, Operations/IT Director**
Oversees HQ maintenance and security, provides Board support, organizes convention & other events, web and IT administrator. **Go to person for convention questions & Board meeting info.**
- **Jim Oldebeken, Marketing Director**
Responsible for marketing & promoting ATHS, publications advertising & convention vendors/sponsors. **Go to person for Back Lot & display advertising for WOT, marketing & promotions.**
- **Kathy Spellman, Membership Director**
"Voice of ATHS." First to answer the phone and greet visitors. **Go to person for membership renewals, new members, Member questions & ATHS products.**
- **Stormy Wylie, Publications Director**
Writer/editor/designer of all ATHS publications, including *Wheels of Time*, *Show Time*, and the monthly *Dispatch*. **Go to person for gathering, writing & editing articles submitted by Members for WOT & other ATHS publications.**

Next month, we will put a face to these names, and tell you a little more about your staff. But we all have one main priority: [Our Members!](#) ■