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American Trucking and Industry Leader Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Set for October 23

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (October 17, 2024) – The American Truck Historical Society (ATHS) invites trucking enthusiasts and the public to the American Trucking and Industry Leader Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Wednesday, Oct. 23, as ATHS honors four trailblazing pioneers who have significantly impacted the transportation industry.

This year's inductees are:

1. Robert Young, ABF
2. John Ruan, Ruan Transportation
3. Marvin Rush, Rush Enterprises
4. Frederick McKinley Jones, Thermo King

Event Details:

- **What:** American Trucking and Industry Leader Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
- **When:** Wednesday, Oct. 23, 1:30 p.m.
- **Where:** American Truck Historical Society, 10380 N. Ambassador Dr., Kansas City, Missouri 64153
- **Why:** To honor individuals whose contributions have had a lasting impact on the transportation industry

"ATHS welcomes its members and the Kansas City community to celebrate with us and enjoy the Hall of Fame induction of four industry greats," said John Gravley, Executive Director of ATHS. "We'll also have a local selection of historic trucks on display, including the OOIDA tour trailer, which is always a crowd favorite."

"We are thrilled to honor these pioneers who shaped the transportation industry," said Tom Mullen (Linesville, Pa.), Chair of the American Trucking and Industry Leader Hall of Fame. "Robert Young founded ABF, Fred Jones revolutionized truck and rail refrigeration, John Ruan was a leader in transportation logistics, and Marvin Rush established the nationwide dealership chain, Rush Enterprises."

Hagerty and **Women in Trucking** are the official sponsors of the event. Participating partners, each with a display, include **OOIDA**, **Walmart Transportation**, and **Women in Trucking**. ATHS Visionary Partners are **Cummins**, **Daimler Truck North America**, and **Mack Trucks**.

Learn more and get involved at <https://atilhallowfame.com/>

About ATHS:

The American Truck Historical Society was formed in 1971 to preserve the history of trucks, the trucking industry, and its pioneers. ATHS is international in scope, with around 15,000 members and 100 chapters spanning 23 countries and all 50 United States. The Zoe James Memorial Library hosts a collection of over 500,000 digitized and original photographs and documents; 35,000 pieces of sales literature, more than 45,000 books and periodicals, and an extensive collection of scale model trucks. The ATHS is located in Kansas City, Missouri, U.S.A. More information about ATHS, including hours of operation, can be found at ATHS.org.

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Mission: To preserve the history of trucks, the trucking industry, and its pioneers.

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