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David Schnautz Elected as ATHS President



KANSAS CITY, Mo. (June 28, 2024) -- The American Truck Historical Society elected **David Schnautz** of LaPorte, Texas as its president for a two-year term beginning June 7, 2024.

David's passion for trucking began at a young age, influenced by his family's deep roots in the industry. His journey in the trucking world started in 1986 when he became an owner/operator. His first truck was a 1980 R model Mack, symbolizing the beginning of a successful career that would eventually lead to co-owning a company.

In 1989, David and his brother Danny played a pivotal role when they joined Clark Freight Lines Inc. in Pasadena, TX. Over the years, their dedication and hard work paid off when they had the opportunity to purchase the company from the retiring owner in 2021. Under the brothers' leadership, the company has grown significantly, boasting a fleet of over 155 trucks and numerous trailers. David Schnautz is currently the Vice President of Clark Freight Lines Inc.

David's commitment to the industry extends beyond his professional role. He joined the American Truck Historical Society (ATHS) in 1991. His involvement deepened after meeting friend and ATHS Past President, Marty Glomb. David's dedication and leadership qualities saw him rise from chapter president to Texas/OK Regional Vice President, and eventually to a position on the executive board within three years. He has served on the executive board for over four years, totaling approximately eight years of active contribution.

Trucks are not just a profession for David; they are a hobby and a passion. He spends his time working on trucks and assisting others with their projects, finding

immense satisfaction in restoring old trucks to their former glory. David is also a member of the Eagles and Elks fraternal organizations, where he contributes to community service efforts. But, he says his biggest passion is ATHS. "It (ATHS) is dear to me because of the history of the industry. My Grandpa, Dad, and three uncles were all involved in the industry and drove trucks. I was introduced to a noisy truck when I was just a baby. My roots run deep in trucking and trucks," he said.

David's unique approach to leadership and life is rooted in treating people with respect and kindness, reflecting his philosophy of treating others the way he wants to be treated. This attitude, coupled with his enthusiasm for truck projects, keeps him motivated and ensures that his work never feels like a job.

As ATHS President, David says that his primary goals include delivering the best service possible to ATHS members and reducing negativity within the Society. He believes that business can be conducted with a sense of enjoyment and aims to promote the Society's mission and passion to a broader audience. David is committed to unveiling the "good secret" of ATHS, ensuring that more people recognize and appreciate the organization's value.

Learn more and get involved at [ATHS.org](https://www.athsonline.org).

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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 90 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 American Trucking and Industry Leader Hall of Fame, ATHS Visitor Center, and Library are housed in the home office in Kansas City, Missouri, U.S.A. More information about ATHS, including hours of operation, can be found at [ATHS.org](https://www.athsonline.org).