



Preserving Trucking History Across Borders

ATHS Expands International Outreach with Growing Mexico Presence

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Feb. 12, 2026 — The American Truck Historical Society (ATHS) is expanding its international footprint with a growing presence in Mexico following a recent visit to Allende, Nuevo León, where society leaders met with members of Tracto Clásicos, one of Mexico's premier vintage trucking groups.

The visit underscores ATHS' continued international growth. The organization now has members in 23 countries, with strong representation in the United States, Canada and Australia.

"Expanding our outreach in Mexico is a natural next step for ATHS," said Executive Director John Gravley of Kansas City, Missouri. "There is a deep appreciation for trucking heritage in Mexico, and we see tremendous opportunity to strengthen cross-border relationships within the industry."

The ATHS delegation included ATHS President **David Schnautz** of La Porte, Texas; ATHS San Jacinto Chapter President **Geo Cuellar** of La Porte, Texas; ATHS Executive Director **John Gravley**; and **Mario Sanchez**, representing Cummins Inc. of Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas.

The group was welcomed with an authentic Mexican meal under the palapa and a ceremony exchanging speeches and thanks along with a display of 84 trucks spanning the 1950s through the 2000s. The exhibit featured a strong representation of vintage diesel-powered trucks, with approximately 99% powered by Cummins engines.

ATHS is grateful to Tracto Clásicos President **Raul Tamez** and their members for their hospitality and leadership in preserving Mexico's trucking history.

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During the visit, Tracto Clásicos formally announced plans for approximately 50 trucks to drive from Mexico to Springfield, Missouri, for the upcoming ATHS National Convention. The organized convoy is expected to create a historic international presence at the event, marking a truck show experience unlike any previously seen at an ATHS Convention.

"We're excited to welcome our friends from Mexico to Springfield," Schnautz said. "The passion for historic trucks and the people behind them transcends borders. We're already seeing new memberships from Mexico as a result of this partnership."

The ATHS National Convention & Truck Show annually draws hundreds of historic trucks from across North America and beyond.

ATHS National Convention & Truck Show

Ozark Empire Fairgrounds

Springfield, Missouri

June 4-6, 2026

Registration is available at [ATHS.org](https://www.aths.org) or by calling 816-891-9900.

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 25,000 members and 90 chapters spanning 23 countries and all 50 United States. The ATHS Library hosts a collection of over 500,000 digitized and original photographs and documents; 35,000 pieces of sales literature, and more than 45,000 books and periodicals, along with an extensive collection of scale model trucks. The American Trucking and Industry Leader Hall of Fame and Library are housed at the main office in Kansas City, Missouri, U.S.A. More information about ATHS, including hours of operation, can be found at [ATHS.org](https://www.aths.org).

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