

Shop Manual

August 2010

Almost Fall Edition

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President's Message

Greetings. The summer has trucked on by with amazing speed. Owls Head was a great success, despite a minor setback at the food line on Sunday afternoon. The critical news to report is the Fall Tour date has shifted one weekend north to October 2nd and 3rd. The late notice of a date change means some who intended to tour the last weekend of September may not be able to participate the first weekend of October. Our apologies.

Owls Head – excellent turnout; excellent weather; excellent chapter sales; excellent raffle donations and ticket sales; excellent food donations and lunch donations; and excellent Saturday evening buffet. Did I mention a minor setback at the food line on Sunday afternoon?

We fired the rental gas grille about 11:15 for the traditional Members/Exhibitors luncheon on Sunday when we discovered the rental gas regulator was defective. The grille was shut down and members split in four directions to find fittings, parts and pieces to correct the problem. We re-gathered around 11:45 (some of the natives were getting restless) with a smaller replacement regulator and an incorrect assortment of the fittings. Again, members split in four directions to locate whatever might be used to connect “a” to “b”, “b” to “c”, and “c” to “d”; including one member prepared to disassemble his truck for parts.

Along comes Andrew Player who looks at pieces “a” and “d” and says “All you need is a “xx” npt coupling and “yy” gas fitting and you’ll be in business.” Off he runs to the Museum’s shop, returning in five with the necessary parts. The grill fires, two hundred are served, and Andrew is an unsung hero. Thanks Andrew.

On behalf of the Chapter I would like to extend a thank you to all who donated items for the Chapter raffle and luncheon. Also a Chapter thank you

to those that donated time (Chapter table, raffle solicitation and sales, Sunday luncheon, etc.) to help make Owls Head a success.

Other activities since the last newsletter include attending, sans any truck, the Brooklyn Show, and scooting to the Green Mountain (Vermont) Show in the REO. I use the term scoot metaphorically. It was just under two hours to Portland in the morning, and then about five hours to Perkinsville (with a ½ hour in Sanford) late Friday afternoon. Running the interstate in the REO is not a safe option so there were several slow sections; i.e. – Rochester and Concord to Henniker. We had initially planned to run from Perkinsville to Hudson, then back across to North Berwick (where the REO is staged up for Barrington) on Sunday however we decided not to after determining there would be seven to nine hours of REO road time, not including stops.

I continue to plug away at my three truck, 15-25 year restoration plan. The first in line is the 55 GMC 630. I am stripping the original cab of the brace brackets, the air brake system, the heavy truck specialties (battery access, door guides, cab tool box, etc.), and gauges; and moving them to the fire truck cab. I need to select the finish color soon so I can paint the firewall and permanently mount a number of these components. I would appreciate a call from anyone who has seen a 55-59 GMC 630 in a pleasing two-tone color combination. Most were single color. Colors presently under consideration are: green, blue, orange, and red (all non-metallic). The number is 207-582-3224.

I hope to see everyone at Barrington, then the Fall Tour, if not before.

Clayton

In Memory Of

William L. "Bill" Pooler, 79, died July 24, 2010, at home. He was a retired Teamster since 1993. He was a member of the antique truck club and an active member of the New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts Professional Driving Associations. He logged more than 4 million accident-free miles on America's roadways.

Funeral services will take place Aug. 20, which would have been Bill's 80th birthday, at 1:30 p.m. at Boscawen Veteran Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen, NH 03303. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Angels Unaware, Inc., P.O. Box 270040, Tampa, FL 33688-0040. Our condolences to the Pooler family.

Ramblings

By Lars Ohman

Each year, we as a Chapter like to put our all into making the Owls Head Show bigger and better. Some help out by staffing our table and selling shirts, patches, and whatever we have to offer. Others work the raffle which seems to draw folks into donating a little to help with the Chapter treasury, and hopefully win something that is useful. Many of these items are donated to us from our various sponsors, and just plain folks who like to help out. Each year we attempt to thank our vendors and sponsors for their thoughtfulness, and hope our members will patronize these folks.

This year, Whited Peterbilt of Maine donated our largest door prize to date, a 24" x 24" x 60" aluminum tool box for truck or trailer mounting, which drew a great deal of attention... if you had a place to mount it. Next, and in no real order, we wish to thank the folks at Napa in Lisbon for a 9 piece combination wrench set and 27 piece screwdriver set. Morrison & Sylvester International of Auburn, your source for Cornbinder and other truck parts, donated a tractor-trailer model for our raffle. Napa of Lewiston chipped in a 1937 Street Rod model. Napa of Auburn, not to be outdone by the other Napa's under the same banner of ownership, donated a 42 piece metric socket set and a 9 piece metric wrench set. Auburn Motor Sales, long time Ford Dealer, came up with a case of motor oil and a wall clock for our table of goodies. Rockland's own independent Napa store Corson's Auto Supply, owned by Chapter Member Steve Corson, came up with a bunch of advertising banners, and a large shop type battery charger. The luckiest guy in Greenbush won the charger, and I'm sure it will be put to good use. These are all major players in our daily lives, and I just want to remind you to patronize these folks whenever you can. They help us and we appreciate their efforts and support of the community.

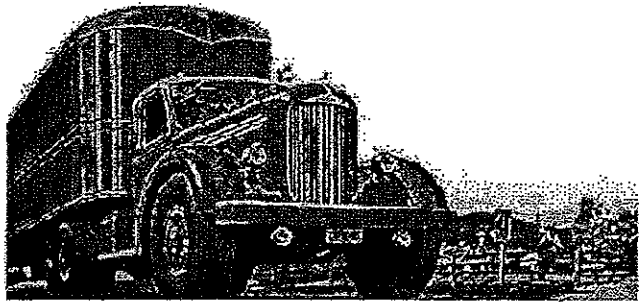
Other donors include my wife Terry, who always manages to find something for the women folks to enjoy. Peckapohl Logging, the mythical operation that is always too busy to do anything, and has a hell of a good time meeting and greeting, managed to part with something from the collection room for someone else to enjoy.

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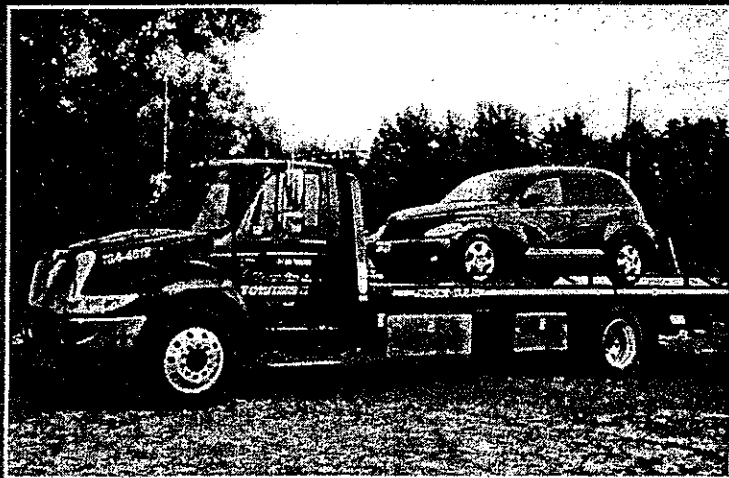
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Several of the ladies were busy with the Chapter Table when I was at Owls Head on Saturday, and sales appeared to be fairly brisk. There was a great turnout of trucks and people for a hot day. Thanks to all who chip in when called upon to make it a great show.

I've been moderately busy between Whited Peterbilt and a couple of hitches with Daryl Gushee Rigging & Heavy Hauling this summer. A few doses of the "honey-do" list and trying to enjoy camp in Naples have kept me out of trouble. Two weeks ago, we took the Model "A" Roadster Pick-Up up to Casco Days Parade. Tom Heald held the "shotgun" seat, and T.J. and Terry manned the candy buckets from the pickup bed. It was a great little country parade, about 35 antique vehicles, and over 109 total units entered in the parade. This past week, we had the "A" at the Naples in the water boat and antique auto show in the morning, and went to the Scribner's Mills show in the afternoon, so as you can see, the little Ford is getting used this summer. Barrington is right around the bend. We will day trip for that one from camp. Hope to see you there.

IN and out of the Shop for repairs: T. J. Heald recently had a visit with the Shop Mechanics for fuel pump repairs, and we are glad to report she is well on the mend, and enjoying the tranquility of the shore of Trickey Pond with Tom and their Chocolate Lab, Emma. She must be on the mend, as she and Terry ventured off to the Naples American Legion Hall for Beano the other night for girls night out.

Golden Age of Trucking Closes

The rumors circulating around the Owls Head show have been confirmed. As reported in Hemmings Motor News, and confirmed on the museum's website, Golden Age of Trucking Museum in Middlebury, Connecticut, closed their doors on or about July 20, 2010. Unfortunately a fund raising campaign implemented, which began in 2009, to help keep the doors open, fell far short of its goal.

The museum was the vision of the late Richard Guerrero, a lifelong trucker and truck collector and was initially funded by his widow. At this time it is unknown what will happen to the Guerrero collection. Presumably vehicles on loan either will be or already have returned to their owners. As of today the website is still up and running at www.goldenagetruckmuseum.com.



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Additional Owls Head Donations

The Chapter would also like to thank the following individuals and businesses who donated raffle items and food items to the Chapter (list compiled by Diane Munsey):

Pat Johnson's daughter -Lorie: Tapestry
Pat Johnson: 4 Gift Basket Sets
Cosmic Stone & Garden Supply, Topsham: Gift Certificate
Railway Cafe, Richmond: Gift Certificate
Rocky Ridge Orchard, Bowdoin: Gift Certificate
Something Fishy Restaurant. Brunswick: Gift Certificate
Diane Munsey: Cherry Pie and 2 Afghans
Clayton Hoak and Annette Roy: Christmas Tree Shop Gift Certificates
Hilda Coskery: 3 Tea Pots
Mary King: Rose Pin
Don Munsey: 3 Truck Models
Hannaford Supermarket: Drinks, condiments, burgers, rolls, etc.
Hanley's Market, South Bristol: Hamburger and hotdog rolls

Fall Tour Basics

By Patty Shappy

Well the date is now set for October 2nd and 3rd, 2010. All of the particulars are not set in stone but at least we're able to put the date and lodging and some of the planned events in the newsletter. The tour will start Saturday a.m. at Dysart's Truck Stop in Hermon. If anyone comes up Friday they can stay right at the Whitehouse Motel (Best Western) which is right behind Dysart's making it convenient for them and anyone needing breakfast can get it fairly quickly while we are gathering in the parking lot. (FYI – I found this hotel a bit pricey.)

Saturday morning we'll meet at 9:00 a.m. in Dysart's parking lot, leave by 9:30 a.m. Head north on Route 2 to Milford at Tommy Thorton's place. We'll have the run of the place as he can't be there but is leaving the key out for Stanley Young. Lunch will be at Aerie's in Medway Dad knows the owner, Erica and I've spoken to her and she's going to be all ready for us all, around 12:30 for lunch. Erica said we can order right off the menu she has staff enough to cater to us. From there a stop in East Millinocket at the Irving just in case people need to use the restroom, fuel etc. there are a few other shops near here in walking distance. Then into Millinocket either by ourselves or with a police escort. I still have a few leads to follow up on, one is an older gentleman that has antique vehicles.

We have the Ripogenus dam to see, maybe a fabrication plant, Bob Stackpole is working on that and I'm thinking Sunday breakfast at Pelletier's, then their shop, then to the snowmobile museum where they will serve us Sunday lunch (or the snowmobile museum may serve us dinner Saturday night, this is what I need to get set in stone). I am working on the ending route back through Brownville. I will have "booklets" made for everyone on Saturday so everyone knows where they are going and if anyone gets lost they can catch up.

Here is the lodging info:

Hermon/Bangor:

Whitehouse Best Western: 207-862-3737 Behind Dysart's Truck stop;
\$126.95 before any discounts, and the lady that gives the discounts wasn't in.

Comfort Inn: 207-942-7899 or www.comfortinn.com

Econo Lodge: 207-945-0111 or www.econolodge.com

Ramada Inn: 207-947-6961 or www.ramada.com

Medway:

Gateway Inn 207-746-3193; 1963 Medway Road; \$60.96 per night/ per room. They are getting filled up quickly, and can't honor the "block" of rooms requested.

Millinocket:

Pamola Motor Lodge 207-723-9746; 973 Central St.;
www.pamolamotorlodge.com \$50.00 one person/room; \$60.00 two people/room

Katahdin Inn and Suites 207-723-455; 740 Central Street;
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Baxter Park Inn #207-723-9777; 935 Central Street;
www.magnusonhotels.com

Please contact Patty Shappy at 207- 945-2998 if you are planning to attend the Fall Tour to Millinocket. The last time the Chapter went to Millinocket we expected 30-35 people and ended up touring with 75 people which put a tremendous strain on the Saturday evening restaurant which was expecting fewer guests. An accurate head count will allow Patty to make the appropriate arrangements for meals and to minimize delays – Editor.

Owls Head 2011

With the 2011 show only 11 months away and the 2010 show still fresh in their minds, the Owls Head Committee decided to have a Post Show meeting.

8 committee members met at Friendly's in Freeport on July 28 to reflect on this years happenings and discuss plans for next year. It was a very productive and encouraging meeting. It was decided next year to spread different responsibilities amongst the committee members. Things like Membership Sign up and renewals, Raffles and Cookout supplies will each be handled separately to spread the workload. Also discussed was a daily schedule of volunteers and work assignments which will include well deserved break times. The next meeting will be held on August 18 at Friendly's in Freeport. If you have any comments or concerns you would like brought up please contact: Paula Hersom (207) 442-0701; email – pbhersom@gmail.com; Nancy Mullin (207) 767-6080; email – pennancym@maine.rr.com; or John Ellingwood (207) 590-2298; email – jellin@sacoriver.net.

A Compilation of Notes from the Professor

By Allen Millbury - Long Range Correspondent

The Kirkland Ranch show, with Howard Kirkland STILL front-and-center, was yet another example of why we do it. Howard's GMC, aka "Old Yeller", was again in the front row, beside the 1933 Ford which that nice old GMC hauled all over the country during the Kirklands' traveling days, both still in excellent trim.

If the economy is depressed, as the news types continue to report, there was no evidence at Plymouth, California, on the weekend of April 24-25, 2010. The place was full, with the overflow parking space nearly full, too.

The Aurora, Utah, people left here a day late because a whopping-big and nasty snowstorm had been predicted. Yes, the weather poops did 'hit it', because a lot of snow was dumped. A day later saw us traveling in a couple of after-storm storms, in eastern and central Nevada, but the plows were out and doing a good job, so we were able to get to Plymouth in good time.

The old International was a sad sight when we finally got over the top of the Sierras, though, with slush and slop and salt and crud (you've got the picture?) completely over it. A pair of men who were detailing a beautifully restored early '40's Chevy pickup saw us drive onto the show grounds; stopped EVERYTHING on their truck, stood and stared for only a moment. Then they came over to us and demanded that they be allowed to do a wash-and-dry job on the old K-1.

One would have had to be on-scene to believe it... but that well traveled old International pickup went past MACH 2... as it moved to the corner where those Chevy guys were set up! They took over completely, we were ordered away from the scene; banished.

An hour later the K-1 was out from under the awful load of crud which it had carried in, and there was a losing (loud, not too long) argument about rewarding the cleaners, and we were off to the line up!

There was a lot of newly done equipment there, including a huge ore reducing stamp mill, rescued from (you know the story) a salvage heap. That combination was a full load for a 53-foot flatbed trailer, pulled by a 1946 Sterling which looked like it had just come off the production line.

So far this year the old International has gotten me to:

1. The Kirkland Ranch show, in Plymouth, California.
2. A short-short attempt to get to the national show at Pleasanton, California. I got to mid-Nevada, realized that the old truck was suffering from water pump failure. I decided to forget Pleasanton, came back to these mountains, replaced the water pump and waited for the Colorado group's show at Greeley.
3. I got to Greeley and returned, about 1,100 miles round trip.
4. Next after Greeley we (truck, me) went to the Walcott Trucker's Jamboree, at Iowa-80.
5. Owl's Head was the next port of call after the Jamboree was 'in the books.'
6. The return to Utah routing was via the Mystic Seaport Museum, in Mystic, Connecticut, then to the sub base at Groton, same state.

I got back to the middle of Utah (home) on July 27th, a Tuesday, I believe, after being out of here for three weeks. So far this year the old International pickup has rolled up 9650 miles, with at least one more out-of-town trip to go. The next out-of-town jaunt will be to Aztec, New Mexico, to the San Juan Mountains chapter's show.

We are getting Wendell Mason primed for the South Bend bash, for next year. He is being hassled and teased about being a celebrity; being that his old wrecker, Bertha, has been both a cover shot and a center fold shot for 'Wheels of Time'. He doesn't do the celebrity role well-at-all, is satisfied to be well back out of the bright lights. One of Wendell's grandsons has announced that he is going to drive Bertha to South Bend, and that Wendell will be traveling by airline. If it comes to pass that Bertha does go to South Bend, the old truck will return toward Utah only as far as Walcott, where it will be stored until the Walcott Jamboree. We'll see, we will.

Welcome New Members

The following individuals joined or re-upped at Owls Head. Welcome aboard!

Don Grover – York, ME

John Robertson – Sidney, ME

Gary Pitt – Windham, ME

Theodore Vail - Falmouth, ME

Paul T McAvoy and McAvoy Trucking, Guilford, ME

Delmar Curtis (Del's Old Iron) – Waldo, ME

Lloyd Jordan - Addison, ME

From the Workbench By Peter Mullin

Well, its newsletter time again and I am writing this literally from the shores of Trickey Pond in Naples. Sitting at the picnic table looking out at our boat bobbing on the mooring and listening to the Nascar race over the internet; it doesn't get much better than this...

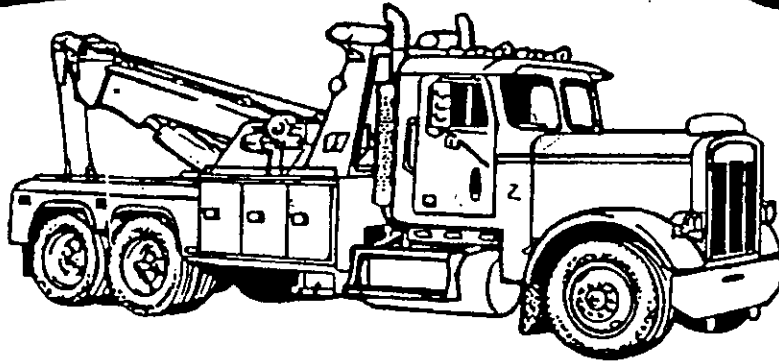
The Owls Head Truck Show is in the books and it was another great success thanks to the work of all those who stepped up to help. From the ladies staffing the tables and selling raffle tickets to burger flippers and chip and pickle servers at the cookout everyone of you is appreciated for your help. Special thanks also to all who donated and/or arranged for the donation of items large and small for the raffles and cookout. It should be noted that many of our members fall into more than one of the above categories – giving time, items and transportation for donated goods. These donations are a big part of us being able to keep our dues so low.

Saturday night's exhibitor dinner was vastly improved over the last few years. After receiving much input last year the museum made a radical change in vendors and scrapped the lobster bake. This year the dinner was catered by Beale St. Barbeque in Bath and included their fabulous pulled pork, bbq'd brisket and chicken along with an assortment of sides and desert.

Sunday's chapter member/exhibitor cookout was a roaring success after nearly being scrapped due to technical issues detailed elsewhere. I would especially like to recognize John Ellingwood and Adam and Wendy Libby for their efforts to "secure and transport" the donated food from Hannaford Supermarkets and Hannaford Trucking. These items included soft drinks, condiments, burgers, rolls, etc. Thanks!

This past week, in preparation for moving to the lake for 3+ weeks, I ventured up Rt. 1 to Higmo's in East Brunswick to pick up the firewood I won in the 2009 Owls Head raffle. Not wanting to unload and reload the wood any more than necessary I took my 1980 Chevy one ton dump truck, since the wood can stay there until we get back. Some of you have seen my one ton and will probably agree that it's a tad bit cosmetically challenged, but boy does it ever run good. Maybe we will take that one to Millinocket for the fall tour. Hope to see you there or Barrington, or Hershey, or???

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Roadkill Ramblings

I ran a beauty of an '06 Sterling Heavy Haul tractor up to Bangor for Whited Peterbilt. It was really decked out, and in beautiful shape for the age. On the front was a huge aluminum push bar set up, commonly referred to as "Roo Bars" or in Maine, as "Moose Bars". I got to thinking how many of our local log & forest product haulers run early in the morning and late at night, and just how important good lighting and protection, like Moose Bars, are. They are not just things of beauty used to add a little bling to a truck. They are a means of protection when meeting up with a dark moose on a lonely road late at night. Moose tend to be a tad stupid at times, appear out of no where, and are drawn to roadside salt deposits and easy food. Plus the roadway gets them out of the woods, and away from the bugs. Truck and moose collisions are more common than the media will let on to. A good set of bars can make the difference between thousands of dollars of fiberglass repairs, damaged radiators and intercoolers and continuing to roll down the road making money.

Cut to the chase, broad day light on the Interstate just below the Newport exit. I was running at a steady 1500 RPM and about 68 MPH on cruise in the right hand lane. A rig was gaining on me in the left hand lane, and a little too far ahead to back off. Out of the corner of my eye, I spot a cow moose heading towards us in the swale along side the road. I thought about the Moose Bars, and did not want to mess up a beautiful truck, I hit the Jake and brakes at the same time, just as she headed closer to the travel lane... Oh, Man, this ain't gonna be pretty. Just then, a small furry object came out of the grass, headed for the Interstate. The moose veered back into the woods, and the 'critter came right into my path... Kaaaaaathump, kathump, kathump. Poor Mr. (or Mrs.) woodchuck never made it into the Moose Bars, but did manage to get most of my right hand tires. Last I saw Mr. Furry, he was headed for the front of a motor home, about 2 feet off the road surface. It all happened in just seconds, in broad day light. I can just picture Mr. Log Hauler, with a full load bearing down on a full size moose crossways in the highway in the pitch black-o-night. Moose Bars are not only pretty, but useful on moose & deer. They're not much help with a woodchuck though. Drive defensively, and stay safe. Lars

For Sale: Chevy truck C65 early 1970's. Has around 30,000 miles. Low mileage been kept under cover most of the time. Asking \$3500.00 Contact Don Munsey @ 207-737-2997

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2010 Season Schedule of Events

- August 22 Granite State Chapter – ATCA Annual “Barrington” Show –
Contact: Don or Marilyn Smith (603) 664-9761
- August 29 ATCA Little Rhody Chapter Annual Truck Show- RI-CT Historical
Airport, Coventry, RI New Location Contact: Roger Volatile (401)
647-7226.
- Sept 10-12 HCEA International Convention – Washington Fairgrounds, Rt 112,
Richmond, RI –Info@ hcea2007@yahoo.com
- Sept 18-19 Owls Head Transportation Museum Earth Movers and Shakers
Show Contact the Museum @ 207-594-4418 or visit their website –
www.owlshead.org
- Sept 25-26 ATHS Hudson Mohawk Chapter Antique Truck Show & Flea Market
Ballston Spa, NY Contact Dick Linstead (518) 581-1829.
- Sept 26 - Cumberland Fair Antique Truck Display (static), Cumberland
Oct 2 Fairgrounds.
- Oct. 2-3 **Pine Tree Chapter** Fall Tour – Millinocket/ Katahdin Iron Works/
Rip Dam etc. Contact: Clayton Hoak (207) 582-3224 or Patty
Shappy (207) 945-2998
- Oct. 1 - 2 20th Annual All Mack Truck Show at Gerharts in Lititz, PA
Details write: Box 405, Lititz, PA 17543 or call 717-625-8544
- Oct. 3 - 10 Fryeburg Fair
- Oct. 6 - 9 Hershey 2010
- Oct. 10 ATHS Pioneer Valley Chapter Show at Dufresne Park, Route 202,
Granby, MA Contact James Kicza (413) 315-4115
- Oct 23 **Pine Tree Chapter** Late Fall Get Together/ Great Fall Auction
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Details tbd; Contact: Clayton Hoak (207) 582-3224
- Nov 6-7 Higmo’s Logging and Music Annual Saw Mill Days; Details to be
perfected; Contact: Allen Higgins or Paula Hersom (207) 442-0701

The Fine Old Gent Goes Green

The Fine Old Gent and I started out for Scribner's Mills "Back to the Past" up in Otisfield. We stopped for fuel in Richmond at the first gas station. Don put about 10 gallons in and we took off. We got about 4 miles when I started to hear some pinging sounds. I told the Fine old Gent but he couldn't hear. Then here comes the black smoke out of the tailpipe.

The Fine Old Gent then realized he has put in diesel in the 1970 Ford. We manage to get across the street to the Exit 47 gas station where he proceeded to get really worried.

He then called our friend Art Johnson, who is also our mechanic, to bring 5 or 6 gas cans to siphon out the diesel. All went well and we finally were able to get around the building to the gas pumps and proceeded to fill the truck with HIGH TEST. Boy, the '70 Ford never ran any better then after that. We ended up having a good day. Now I'll watch what goes in the tank. From the Old Gent's Fine Lady (Diane Munsey).

(Editor's note: Recall diesel pumps are green handled; hence the reference to the Fine Old Gent going green.)

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