



Shop Manual

May 2023

President's Message

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Wow, it's almost Memorial Day already and old truck events have already begun. Another successful Spring Stretch is in the books. We had 10-15 trucks and around 40 members and guests in attendance. There was a demonstration of the vintage sawmill and a couple of burnout exhibitions in Higmo's burnout pit. As seems to be the norm at Pine Tree Chapter events there was an impressive variety of food and snacks for the potluck lunch. As always, the biggest highlight was simply getting together and reconnecting with dear friends. It was, quite simply, a very enjoyable day.

The Chapter Directors and Officers had a brief business meeting and discussed a few items relevant to Chapter affairs on the morning of the Spring Stretch. Among the bullet points were: securing a food option for our area at the Topsham Show and expanding the show to 2-days (in 2024), return of the Chapter Member/Exhibitor Luncheon at the Owls Head Truck Show (Howard Clouston to lead), 2023 T-shirt truck was discussed (TBA at OHTM Show). A newsworthy item that dropped shortly before the Spring Stretch was the sale of the Bickford Collection to Gary Mahan (Basking Ridge, NJ). Gary has some plans to expand the facilities and collection in North Yarmouth going forward. The Director and Officers came to the consensus that we should go forward with the planned donation (voted at the 2023 Business Meeting) as approved.

Last weekend (Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13), several members gathered at Cheryl Billings' (Chapter Treasurer) home to help with the clean out and demolition of a dilapidated garage and tent shed. A few items still of use but no longer needed by Cheryl found their way to other collections. Junk tires were stockpiled for eventual disposal. A 1967 Chevy C-50 was extracted from the bushes (with the use of a Mini Excavator and JD tractor). The dismantling of the tent shed took a while as there were several layers of tarps upon tarps keeping the treasures within out of the weather. Rather than miss anybody that had boots on the ground, I will refrain from thanking individuals that helped with one noteworthy exception. I will call out Chapter Member Steve Benedict (Durham, ME) who not only pitched in but brought along his Takeuchi Mini Excavator to complete the demolition and loading of the demo debris.

Next up on the calendar are the Wiscasset Speedway Cruise-In on May 27th and the Springtime Truck and Tractor Show (and Truck Giveaway Raffle - tickets still available) in Patten, ME on June 10th. Hope to see you down the road at one of these or some other events. **Peter**

Topsham Truck Show Committee Volunteers Still Needed

It is time to start planning for the Topsham Truck Show. What do we want to add, what do we not want to do this time around, and where can we improve things we have been doing right along?

I would like to put together a committee of people to discuss and work on various components of the show. Attending a few in-person meetings is helpful but not required but a willingness to take ownership of certain tasks is. Those interested in serving on this committee please contact Peter Mullin @ 207-838-5069 or email wfd44@maine.rr.com Peter

A Trifecta from The Springtime Stretch - Photos by Tom Hudgins



Squarebodies



American Iron - Kenworth, International Harvester, Peterbilt, and Mack.



Vintage Chevy (Peter Mullin to the rescue) and Brockway



Good Luck Comes to Good People by Doug Wakefield

You all know about The Springtime Truck and Tractor Show's Acts of Kindness Fundraiser. How we offer people the chance to win an antique truck by making a 100.00-dollar entry donation for a number/chance in the annual drawing. I was thinking about the folks that have won our trucks as well as our cash prizes.

Our first truck was won by Robert (Bob) Brann from Windsor, ME. Bob volunteers' countless hours to The Windsor Fair/Historical Society yearly. A good and Kind man. Treeline Truck Service Center in Chester, ME donated Parts and Labor to repairs a few issues on that first truck, their number was drawn for a cash prize that year, Good People/Company.

Our second truck was won by Robert (Rob) Balfour from Gray, ME. Rob is a well-known trucker that knows every route in the USA and has helped many people to make road trips and has gone from coast to coast to help others. A good man indeed.

Our third truck was won by William (Bill) Richardson from Felton, PA. Bill is well known as a collector of tractors and trucks with too many to count and helps others with his mechanical talents and knowledge. Another good Man.

George Firbe from Patchogue, NY won #4 after Rob and I drove it to Maine. George drove his antique Autocar home from here. He is well known for his vast collection of trucking literature that he shares with anyone in need. A very Nice man.

The next year Richard Peterson from Elkton, MD won our Astro 95 and John Elliott from Concord, NH won our White 4000 tractor. Both are successful business owners that donate to many local youth organizations. Both well respected Gentlemen.

Last year Dale Stanley from Lincoln, ME won our truck with a number that a friend gave him as a Christmas gift. Dale helped me organize and hosted our very first show back in 2013. He trucking fleet numbered over 35 trucks and employed well over a hundred men over 50 years at S and S Transportation. A good Man who has helped Countless people over the years.

Our friend Ronald Bisson from Topsham, ME has won cash prizes twice from our show, as well as Clayton Hoak who donated his cash prize back to us. Both Ron and Clayton, Good and Generous men. My sincere thanks to Thomas Hudgins for all his help, could not do it without him.

I want to thank all the members of the Pine Tree Chapter for all your continued interest and support. I am proud to know and call all of you my friends!

The Golden Rule is to do unto others as you want others to do unto you, the friendship you all share with one another is a wonderful thing and is a true Act of Kindness, it truly is better to give than to receive, and remember, Good Luck Comes to Good People, People like You!

(Editor's note: Three trucks are offered this year. First prize - 1985 Ford LN-8000 14-foot flatbed; second prize - 1975 fully dressed International CO 1910 fire truck; third prize - 1960s' era International 4-wheel drive snowplow pickup (or \$500 cash prize). Doug still has some tickets available for this year's trucks and can be reached at 207-356-2237 if you are interested.)

Sargent Snowplows / Union Iron Works / Don Sargent / Maine Steel Inc. Part II

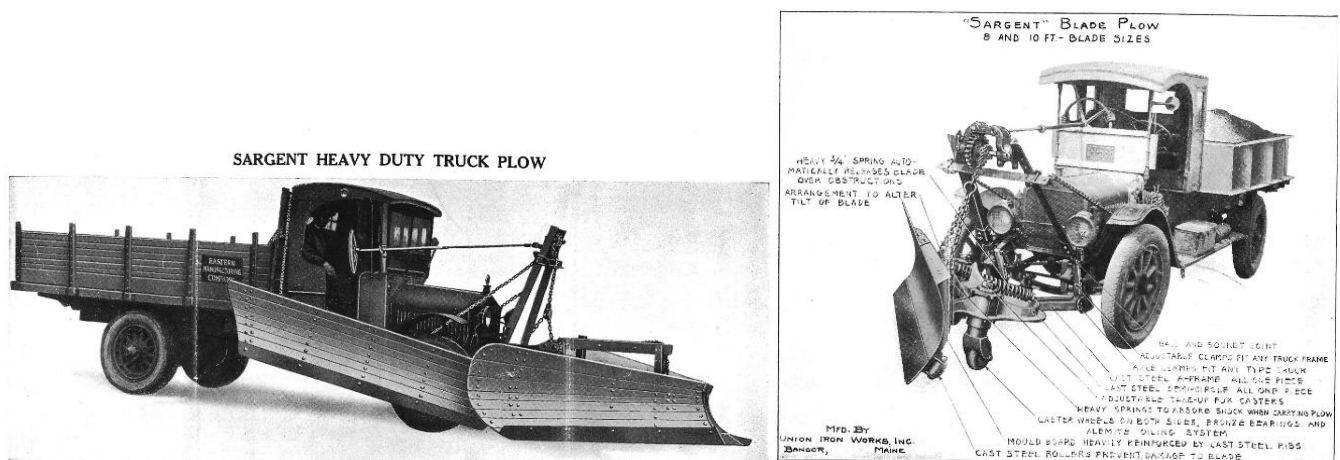
Last month I noted – “The intended goal was to write a two-page article on the Sargent snowplow however each information source provides only part of the story and raises additional question that need be researched” and “a trip to the Bangor Library, Cole’s Land Transportation Museum, and the South Portland Historical Society is in order to better understand the history of Sargent snowplows and Overhead Shovels.”

I had the opportunity to visit the Cole Land Transportation Museum last week, meet with Dana Lippitt, the Museum’s curator, and go through a box of information the Museum had on Sargent snowplows and other Sargent branded products. I still have numerous questions however I will focus on the timeline and players and products in Part II.

In February 1921 (The) Northern Trailer Company, in South Orrington, ME, reportedly began manufacturing automobile trailers, sleds and snowplows and in February 1922 the Bangor Daily News reported a REO car fitted with a Northern Trailer plow blade plowed 10 miles from Orrington to Bangor in under sixty minutes (source: CLTM photo).

On August 21, 1923, Don Sargent filed for two patents for his snowplow design. Patent 1,502,591 - Truck Snowplow was granted on July 22, 1924; and patent 1,550,573 - Tractor Snowplow was granted on August 18, 1925. Both patents were assigned to The Northern Trailer Co. of Bangor, Maine at the time of submission. The relationship between The Northern Trailer Co. and Union Iron Works (Bangor) at this time is unknown.

An undated Union Iron Works Sargent Truck Plows brochure, circa 1926-27 based on the International trucks pictured, shows adjustable light-duty steel blade and heavy-duty wood blade vee plows. Union Iron Works price lists, dated August 1, 1927, show all the wood plows F.O.B Bangor; and almost all the steel (bladed) plows F.O.B. Portland. The 8 and 10 ft. steel blade plows were also available F.O.B. Bangor.



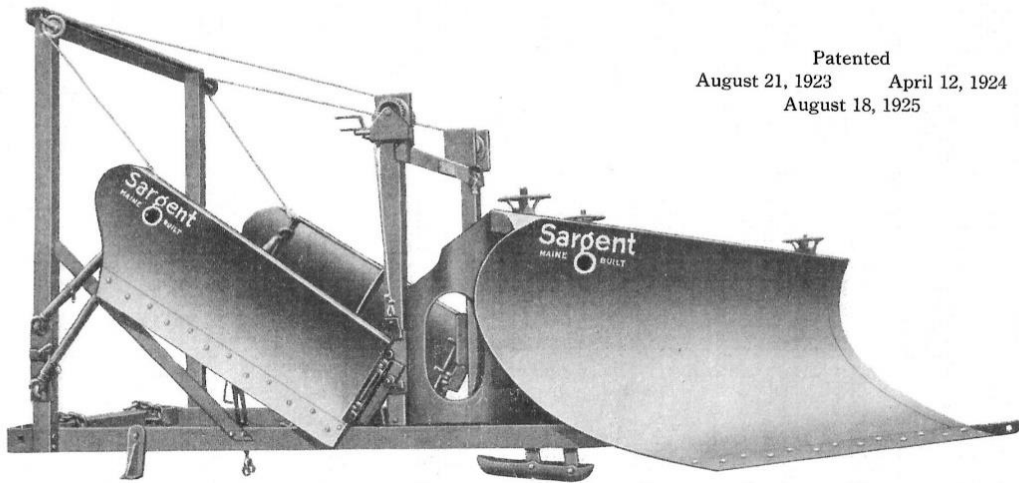
South Portland’s Maine Steel Products Co., the successor to the Marine Hardware Co., was formed in 1928. By 1929 they manufactured an all-steel Sargent Improved Heavy Duty Truck Plow. On June 14, 1932, the Sargent trademark was assigned to Maine Steel Products Co. The application noted the trademark had been continuously used and applied to said goods in applicants’ s business since about March 1921.

Sargent

SARGENT IMPROVED HEAVY DUTY TRUCK PLOW

1929 MODEL ALL STEEL

For Heavy Motor Trucks 2 1-2 Ton Capacity and Larger



Patented
August 21, 1923 April 12, 1924
August 18, 1925

Starting in August of 1929 George Soule, President, and John B. Woodbury, Vice President and Superintendent of Maine Steel Products, Inc. applied for and obtained no fewer than 11 patents for snowplow designs and improvements, including hydraulic plow and wing lift systems. During this time Don Sargent was a sales agent for the Sargent plow.

Maine Steel Products, Inc. became Maine Steel, Inc. in April of 1937. In 1938 "The Sargent Handbook" catalog was 86 plus pages and offered Vee plows, without or with one or two wings; rigid one-way plows; trip one-way plows, and reversible blade plows. Three types of chassis were noted – Class A... 1 ½ ton speed trucks; Class B... Conventional chassis 2-ton and larger and class C ...trucks with projecting frames (i.e. – Oshkosh, FWD, Walter).

In Part I there was some history on Maine Steel's expansion and subsequent move to Windham, and development of the Sargent Overhead Shovel (source - A Window on the Past –Maine Steel Products of Ferry Village and Cushing's Point by Kathryn Onos DiPhilippo). The next issue will feature information on the Sargent – International and Sargent - Cletrac Conversion Groups, and the Sargent Overhead Shovel.



Bickford Transportation Museum CAT Fifty
With Sargent Snowplow



Maine Steel Products Co. casting C2123

Our Treasurer Was Helped.....Really!

Work days BIG THANK YOU!

I want to thank everyone that spent 1 or 2 days helping me clean up! What a wonderful group of people. I could not have done it without your help. It is very hard to ask for help but I couldn't have a better group of people surrounding us. I thank God for each and every one of you for the calls, hugs, prayers and hard work. Cheryl



RAMBLINGS by Lars Ohman

Where do I start.....Gathering at George Sprowl's Restoration Shop in Searsmont was well attended, and lots of stuff to see from Brass Era cars to a recently restored John Deere tractor. Folks from near and far brought their prized vehicles for all to enjoy on a beautiful dry day.

Next day, down to Higmo's Sawmill for our chapter spring stretch and potluck lunch. Super turnout on another beautiful day. I didn't get an accurate truck count, but there were not too many empty spots. For all to enjoy, no less than three Brockway's stole the show, all done up in their finest trim. Don't get me wrong, there were plenty of other vehicles to see and enjoy. Special thanks to the Higgins family for providing not only a great venue, but also an operating demonstration of the working sawmill operation. An awesome smoke show on a burnout plate produced enough smoke to take care of mosquitos and black flies. Special thanks to those that bought goodies for the potluck lunch. Nobody went away hungry....

Next adventure. and there will be a more detailed write up next month when I have the photos.....Ran Down to Dover Point, NH and the collection of the late Ted Valpey, II. The massive two-cylinder Fairbanks-Morse diesel engine was on its way to a new home in Tennant's Harbor. Bob Stackpole, of the S & S Excavators of Cushing, ME won the deal to rig, and transport the 17-ton engine (that's 34,000# folks!). Long story short for now, it was dismantled from its foundation, jacked up, moved sideways, a 90-degree turn, and winched up on to Bob's Transcraft (Landoll type) trailer, and secured for the trip north, in addition to an antique traction tractor, and a yard powered cart. I'll write more on this next month.

Right now, packing up and headed for PA for a couple of weeks.....So, more just chuggin on down the road 'till next time.....Lars

Owls Head Show is coming!

It's that time again! We are getting excited for Owls Head so that means we are looking for help again. As always, we are in need of raffle items. If you have a donation, please let me know. Also, we are always looking for help at the table - Saturday morning setup, sales, and raffle help - any and all help is appreciated. The more people we can get to help, the more we all get to enjoy the show. Contact Nancy Mullin @ nancjmullin@gmail.com or 207-671-6925 to donate or volunteer. Thanks Nancy

Classified Ads

Classified ads may be sent or called in anytime. They will generally be run twice unless the ad is pulled by the submitter. An ad will be run additional issues at the submitters request.

For Sale: Inner and Outer Fenders for Chevrolet 1.5-ton 1954 and early 1955, Good Condition \$400. Contact Bob Dore (207) 242-8751

For Sale: 1967 GMC Crackerbox. 671, 10 speed. Needs full restoration. Comes with a good 671 (I assume the one in it is no good). \$3500 firm. I have a spare cab for another \$1,000; **Also For Sale:** 1951 GMC 640 road tractor and 630 parts truck. 471 Detroit, 5&2. Air brakes. Truck is all apart but I have everything. Very nice body. Hasn't run in 10 years but stored inside. Good candidate for a restoration. \$3500 obo; **Also For Sale:** 1956 Dorsey 30' step deck. New 15" tires. New deck. Air brakes. Built in ramps. Probably 7 Ton capacity. Restored and in 8/10 condition. \$4500 obo; **Also For Sale:** 1972 GMC 9500. Cab and chassis. Single axle. Complete, but needs restoration. 671, 10 speed. Starts in the cold and runs like a top. Radial and tubeless tires on Budd wheels. Passenger side cab has rust. Driver's side has been patched. \$3500 obo; **Also for Sale:** Air tag axle. Setup for Daytons. \$550; **Also For Sale:** 17.5' Beau-Roc HTT dump body with lift cylinder. Was going to make a tri axle but going a different direction. \$5500 obo. Contact Jamie - Falmouth, Me. 207-949-1360

For Sale: 1972 Ford C8000 Cabover - 1160 CAT engine; 5-speed transmission; 2-speed rear axle. Asking \$9000 OBRO. Please contact Wayne @ 207-318-0323 or email wdjr62@gmail.com

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Local and Regional Events – Now through the end of season

Saturday	5/27/23	Coastal Cruise in and Fun Day @ Wiscasset Speedway 10-3. FMI go to wiscassettspeedway.com (previously advertised as 5/20/23 – editor error)
Sunday	6/4/23	Ocean State Vintage Haulers – ATHS Show – Veteran’s Park, Johnston, RI
Sunday	6/4/23	Brownville Big Truck Show – 10:00a.m., Brownville, ME
Thurs – Sat	6/8-10/23	ATHS National Convention and Truck Show – Reno, NV
Saturday	6/10/23	Springtime Truck and Tractor Show –Patten, ME
Sat-Sunday	6/10-11/23	Connecticut Yankee Chapter – ATCA Show - Bethlehem, CT
Thurs-Sat	6/15-17/23	ATCA Annual Truck Show & Flea Market – Macungie, PA
Sunday	6/25/23	Nutmeg Chapter - ATHS Show - Brooklyn, CT
Saturday	7/8/23	11 th Annual International Motor Truck Gathering – ATCA – Muncy, PA
Sat-Sunday	7/8-9/23	Long Island Chapter – ATHS Annual Show – Riverhead, NY
Sat-Sunday	7/15-16/23	Pine Tree Chapter – ATHS Gathering at the OHTM Truck & Tractor Show
Saturday	7/15/23	Boothbay Railway Museum Antique Auto Day
Sunday	7/16/23	Uncle Sam Chapter – ATCA – Greenwich, NY
Fri-Sat	7/21-22/23	6 th Annual Gear Jammer Magazine Truck Show – Greenfield, MA
Fri-Sunday	8/4-6/23	Northeast Rockbusters Antique Construction Equipment Show, Plainville, CT
Saturday	8/05/23	O’Connor Motors Squarebody Show – Augusta
Saturday	8/05/23	Green Mtn Chapter – ATHS Truck Show – Bellows Falls, VT
Sat-Sunday	8/5-6/23	Empire State Antique Truck Assn – Annual Show, Alexander, NY
Sunday	8/13/23	Mid-Hudson Chapter – ATCA Show – New Platz, NY
Sat-Sunday	8/19-20/23	Granite State Chapter - ATCA Old Truck Meet, Feather Airport, Deering, NH – a.k.a. Barrington
Weds-Saturday	8/23-26/23	OHTM - 45 th Annual New England Auto Auction Week
Sat-Sunday	8/26-27/23	Bay State – ATCA 20 th Annual Show, Bolton Fairgrounds, Lancaster, MA

Sat- Sunday	8/26-27/23	Athens, Ontario Truck Show
Saturday	9/9/23	The Maine Truck Show, 10:00 a.m., Acton Fairgrounds, Acton, ME
Sat - Sunday	9/16-17/23	ATHS Hudson Mohawk Chapter 31st Annual Antique Truck Show, Ballston Spa, NY
Sunday	9/17/23	Pine Tree Chapter Annual Topsham Show ; with Annual Swap Meet
Mon-Fri	10/2-6/22	AACA Eastern Fall Meet - Hershey, PA
Fri- Sat	10/6-7/23	Gerhart's Annual Mack Truck Day - Lititz, PA (source Big Mack Trucks)
Sunday	10/15/23	Ty Rods Fall Swap Meet Stafford Springs CT




New International LT with two piggybacked International HVs enroute to Canada at Dysart's in Hermon on 5/16/23. Drivers are instructed to check and tighten the U-bolts supporting the front axles every 150 miles. The contract driver noted if he drops a truck he owns it.

Newest
Tool of
Transportation.....


THE

Brown



TRACTOR

(MAJORED IN ALUMINUM)



Pine Tree Chapter – ATHS
C/O Clayton Hoak
299 East Stage Road
Pittston, ME 04345

DUES NOTICE - Membership Renewal + Update Form

Please sign me up for another year's worth of membership in the Pine Tree Chapter, ATHS. Current membership in the American Truck Historical Society is required.

Name _____ Date _____

Street _____ Phone: () _____

City _____ E-Mail _____

State _____ Zip _____

Mail dues to:

Cheryl Billings, Treasurer
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Pine Tree Chapter Dues of \$10.00 run from January to December.