



Shop Manual

May 2026

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President's Message

Greetings All...

Well, here we all are motoring right into the most wonderful time of the year for old truck nuts!

We just spent a terrific day of friendship meeting up for the Spring Stretch on Sunday the 17th of May. The early risers were enjoying hot coffee and donuts provided by the Chapter at Higmo's Lumber in Brunswick by 9:00. Thank you, Clayton Hoak for stopping at Dunkin' for our coffee and donuts. Thank you, Allen and Paula Higgins for providing the place to assemble!

A lunch-time visit with Don Bibber at his lovely Maine coastal home was the highlight for many of us. It was so good to see Don doing so well. He was a gracious host wearing a huge smile, content in having us all at his home and taking part in the numerous conversations that were going on in every corner of his yard. It's a springtime favorite for so many members and a great time was had by all...Thank you, Don! Thank you to David Hall for being our Chapter Rep. and happily setting up and staying in touch with Don for this event.

Our second visit for the day was at Indian Trail Antiques in Newcastle. The main barn was three floors of delightful, memory and conversation provoking items for the few members of the group who decided to continue on after lunch. Thank you to Charlie Harris for welcoming us later in the afternoon and allowing us to explore his buildings and vast collection of items covering so many interests and topics!

For those of you making the trek to the ATHS National Convention in Springfield, MO and/or the ATCA National Meet in Macungie, PA...Safe Travels! Please share some of the trucks you found to be quite amazing by adding your photos to our Chapter Facebook page.

Ladies (and Gents), Beyond the Trucks is a new Shop Manual segment for those of us who love our trucks, trucking, old trucker stories and every old truck nut we meet but who also have other interests to share. Please submit something fun, helpful and useful. Tool tips, repair tips, crafty ideas, gardening, recipes, housekeeping, newsworthy, noteworthy and questions for the group. The ideas are endless. Please send your submissions to me at: sandra@daryldgushee.com (I'd also be happy to receive your ideas in person.)

For our 9th Annual PTC – Topsham Antique Truck Show to be held at the Topsham Fairgrounds on Sunday, September 13, 2026 we have a new Food Truck (Mow's Munchies) and Ice Cream Truck (Coop's Scoops) joining us. This is a fabulous show and we hope everyone will come out and enjoy this one-day event!

I wish all of you a wonderful Memorial Day holiday weekend. On Monday the 25th, let's not forget those who served and lost their lives by pausing for a moment to reflect on their ultimate sacrifice. Many of us also spend the weekend remembering our loved ones – the family and friends we have lost. May their memories live on within us forever.

I have an open-door policy. If anyone wants to reach out to me for any reason, the best way is through my office email Monday through Friday: sandra@daryldgushee.com

Wishing you all the very best, *Sandy*

RAMBLINGS.....

Before I get to the Spring Stretch, It is with sadness that I learned of the passing of long time Chapter member, Richard Bumpus. Wayne Whittamore called to tell me he had passed after a lingering illness. No funeral data is available at this time. (Editor's note: Funeral data received after Lars' submission. See information on page 8.)

Spring Stretch chose the most beautiful day to gather @ Higmo's shop for coffee and tire kicking. . Among the early arrivals was Steve Powers and a recently rescued Autocar twin screw tractor. It had been sitting in the Hewitt compound in Uncasville, CT for the past twenty years. Steve and a rescue crew went down there, added a fresh set of batteries, changed the fuel filters, gave it a general check over, and ran it to Norway, Maine, some 225 miles without a burp. A good dose of " Puff & Buff" and it was ready for our Spring Stretch. There will be an additional write up on this truck and it's history in a future issue.

Back to Spring Stretch.....After the Higmo Social Hour, a convoy was formed for an old fashioned "tour" of some 18 miles down to Don Bibber's Compound in Harpswell. Don greeted us on his yard mode of transportation, a Walker Zero Turn lawnmower. A very laid-back gathering in the shade of many trees was enjoyed by all. It is great to see folks just kick back and really talk.....not just stare at a phone. Don's little spot in this world is surrounded by water on three sides, and a fortunate high tide presented us with an outstanding view.

After visiting with Don, a group took off once again to visit yet another destination at Indian Trail Antiques in Newcastle. I had other obligations this PM and did not do the last leg. All in all, a very relaxing beautiful day.

Yesterday, I fired up the N-750 Ford, backed it out of the garage, and noticed a puddle on the floor, that turned out to be power steering fluid accumulated from winter storage. Upon closer observation I determined I either had a cracked line or a loose fitting deep in to engine compartment that I could not fix in a short order. This sidelining the Ford from the tour. If you have a moment, say a little prayer for the firefighters injured and lost in the Robbins Lumber Mill fire.... Just 'Chuggin on down the road, **Lars**



Diane Munsey and Don Bibber in serious discussion / Steve Power's new Autocar – Micheline Abbott photos

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It's Saturday evening before the Monday noon newsletter submission deadline. I hadn't come up with an article and was looking through several boxes of construction and truck literature for something a little different. I came across a folder with several 1960-62 Willys Jeep brochures.

I was surprised by the variety of models Jeep offered at the time. Jeeps were not very common in Waldoboro, ME in the early sixties. The only non-military Jeep I can remember being in town at that time, circa '68-'72, was a forward control model a couple of miles up the road. I cannot tell you where the nearest Willys Jeep dealer was, or what the dealership stocked for inventory.

The 1962 Gladiator line-up included two- and four-wheel drive J-200 (4,000 – 6,600 gvw) and J-300 (5,600- 7,600 gvw) pickups with Townside or Thriftside truckbeds; J-200 and J-300 stake body models with single or dual rear wheels (gvw to 8,600 lbs); and the "all-new" two- and four-wheel drive Panel Delivery (4,200 lb. gvw and 4,500 lb. gvw, respectively). All were powered by Jeep's 140 hp – 230 cubic inch Tornado – OHC engine. Three-speed transmissions were standard, and an automatic transmission was optional. (All scans are from Willys Motors, Inc. Form No.s 62-13 & 62-14)



J-200 SINGLE REAR WHEEL STAKE MODEL
Shown above in Sierra Blue.



J-300 THRIFTSIDE



J-200 TOWNSIDE
Shown above in Sierra Blue.

PANEL DELIVERY



Shown in Parade Blue

The Gladiators and Wagoneers were introduced in 1962 as 1963 models.

Three-door or five-door Wagoneer models were available with two- or four-wheel drive; the Tornado – OHC motor; three-speed or automatic transmission and an upscale interior. The Wagoneer replaced the Willys Jeep Station Wagon (1946 – 1964 (per Wikipedia)) which was based on the Jeep CJ chassis.



'Jeep' Wagoneer 4-Door Deluxe Station Wagon
in President Red. Available in 2 or 4-wheel drive.

The Jeep Universal was offered in three models – the CJ-3B (80" wb; 1257 lbs. payload); the CJ-55 (81" wb; 1476 lb. payload); and the CJ-6 (extended wb/ cargo bed; 1564 lbs. payload). Each model had multiple top and were powered by the 75 hp Jeep "Hurricane" 4-cylinder engine. The 62 hp Perkins 4-cylinder 192 ci diesel engine was an option on the Universal CJ-5 and -6 models.



UNIVERSAL CJ-3B



UNIVERSAL CJ-5

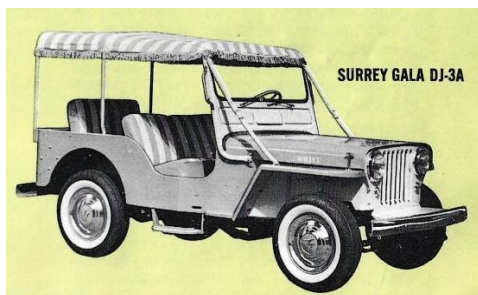


UNIVERSAL CJ-6

Jeep offered three additional models designed for targeted uses – the Dispatcher DJ-3A with a low entry cargo capacity of 40 cubic feet; the Surrey Gala DJ-3A with a two-tone soft top open cab for "smart shops, small businesses, resort motels and hotels throughout the world" and the Fleetvan FJ-3A light-duty multi-stop with 170 cubic feet of cargo space..... Think small cab-over. All were powered with the 60 hp 4 cylinder Jeep Lightning L-Head Engine.



DISPATCHER DJ-3A



SURREY GALA DJ-3A



FLEETVAN FJ-3A

Rounding out the 1962 Willys Jeep offerings were the FC-150 (80" wb; 1727 lbs. payload and FC-170 (103 – 5/8" wb; 3510 lbs. payload) Forward Control models. The FC-150 used the Jeep "Hurricane" engine while the FC-170 used the 105 hp Jeep High Torque "Super Hurricane" 6 -cylinder engine.



A wide variety of 'Jeep' Approved Special Equipment was available for the various 1962 models included Selective Drive Hubs, Angle Dozers, Wheel Covers, Roper Diggers, Flex-N-Gate "Camp-N-Cargo", Tailgate Loader, Convertible Top, Winches, Wrecker, Go-For Trencher, Hydro Implement Lift, Rotary Brooms, Service Body, Snow Plows and 'Jeep'-A-Trench.

In early 1963 Willys Motors changed its' name Kaiser Jeep. Kaiser Jeep Corporation was sold to American Motors Corporation in 1971.

Don Bibber's 1927 International SF-46



Nestled in the garage at Don Bibbers' is his 1927 International SF-46 two-ton truck which he used over the years to plow snow, twitch logs and, with a boom and winch, erect the building it is stored in. Don noted part of the boom was alongside the building and the winch is still mounted in the truck bed. International SF-46s were built from 1927 to 1930 and were powered by Lycoming 6-cylinder engines. SF-44s were the 4-cylinder engine version of this two-ton model and the SF-46C was the chain drive version of this two-ton model.

Higmo's 1989 Ford LTL Log Truck



Tom Hudgin's May 2026 PTC Calendar Photo

Allen Higgens' 1989 Ford LTL Log Truck, the May truck in the 2026 Pine Tree Chapter's calendar was on display at in his yard at the Spring Stretch. He shared the following information on his truck -

Engine.....400 HP CAT 3406B; TransmissionEaton-Fuller 8LL 10-speed; Rear axle..... Rockwell 44,000 lbs.

Tag axle ... Turner 20,000 lbs. - air down/ spring up; GVW.....69,000 lbs.; Wheelbasepaced at 22.5 to 25 feet;

Mileage 750,000 (+/-); Not the newest in the fleet.....never was.

History.....Higmo had been told the truck started out as a Pepsi hauler; it was previously owned (and likely stretched and modified) by West Paris forest products hauler Kevin Waterhouse; and shown in a handbook on Maine Best Forest Management Practices.

Higmo's parting thoughts.....The insurance company's don't like to cover the "old" working trucks however Allen feels the (older) trucks should still be working.



Socializing at Higmo's and Paula's and Indian Trail Antique's Phillips 66 Garage – Micheline Abbot Photos

Beyond the Trucks

Sandy Gushee is now the caretaker of only (1) Spoon left at the Annual Meeting at OHTM on Sunday 3/29/26. She will bring it to future events in hopes someone is missing it – stainless steel with a wood handle.

Historical Facts about Memorial Day

Memorial Day is specifically meant to honor those who died while serving, while Veteran's Day honors all who served. Memorial Day was originally known as "Decoration Day" and was officially established in 1868 to decorate the graves of Civil War soldiers with flowers and flags. In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson officially declared Waterloo, New York as the "birthplace" of Memorial Day. The federal government officially adopted the name "Memorial Day" in 1967. Memorial Day was officially declared a federal national holiday in 1971 and was legally moved from May 30th to the last Monday in May to create a three-day weekend. The red poppy, a symbol of the blood shed on battlefields, is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn on Memorial Day to honor military personnel who died in service. A tradition originating from World War I and inspired by the 1915 poem "In Flanders Fields" by Lt. Col. John McCrae while an officer in the 1st Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery. The American flag should be flown at half-staff from sunrise until noon on Memorial Day, then raised to the top of the staff until sunset. Congress passed the National Moment of Remembrance Act in 2000, asking all Americans to pause for one minute at 3:00 p.m. local time on Memorial Day to honor the fallen.

For future additions to this segment, please send your ideas, tips and comments by email to: sandra@daryldgushee.com; All will be published.

Additional Newsletter Contributors Wanted

Vice President Hudgins' request for additional newsletter contributors last issue yielded two stories this issue. As noted in the December 2025 issue Tom is open to being a listener as well as a typist to get your stories down in electronic form for the newsletter. Even sharing photos of your old trucks, plus a small caption, would work for the newsletter. You can Tom via cell phone at 207-943-6548 or email him at tomchristopher71@yahoo.com. He would be happy to help you tell your stories.

The Trip Home followup - Your editor is still interested in a photo of Steve Deorocki's "great little Mack" from last issue's "The Trip Home" article. I am upping the reward to anyone who has and can share a photo of the truck. The new reward...a piece of vintage Mack GMC literature. Contact Clayton at 207-522-7088 or 1948reo@roadrunner.com

2026 Event Calendar – Now through August and New Post August Dates

Below is the 2026 Event Calendar showing events between now and the end of August; and new events added in September and October not previously published. Please verify dates and locations before heading out for the event. Also, please submit additional events you would like to see posted in the newsletter to Clayton Hoak – phone (207) 582-3224 or email 1948reo@roadrunner.com. Additions and corrections will be printed in future newsletters. The shows confirmed, or added, since the last Shop Manual are highlighted in yellow.

Sat-Sun, May 23 rd -24 th	Historical Construction Equipment Assn 1 st Annual Spring Show / Open House Bowling Green, OH
Tues-Sat, June 2 nd -6 th	ATHS National Convention and Show – Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, Springfield, Missouri
Saturday, June 6 th	OHTM Spring Auto Tour, starting at the Museum in Owls Head, ME
Sunday, June 7 th	Ocean State Vintage Haulers – ATHS Annual Show, Johnston Memorial Park, Johnston, RI
Sat -Sun, June 13 th -14 th	CT Yankee – ATCA Annual Show, Bethlehem Fairgrounds, Bethlehem, CT
Fri-Sat, June 19 th -20 th	ATCA National Show – Macungie Park, Macungie, PA

Saturday, June 20 th	Plymouth ME Bicentennial Parade; parade vehicles wanted; line-up at 9:00 am; parade at 10:00; contact Ronald Trask at 207-416-2684
Fri-Sat, June 26 th - 27 th	28 th Annual White Bash/14 th Annual Ohio Vintage Truck Reunion – Ashland County Fairgrounds, Ashland, OH – FMI – www.ohvintkrreu.com
Fri-Sun, June 26 th -28 th	Maine Antique Tractor Club Annual Festival, 351 Waterville Road, Norridgewock, ME
Saturday, June 27 th	Springtime Truck and Tractor Show, Ireland's Concrete Services, 1558 Main Road, West Enfield, ME
Sunday, June 28 th	Nutmeg Chapter - ATHS Annual Truck Show and Flea Market, Brooklyn Fairgrounds, Route 169, Brooklyn, CT 8:00-2:30
Weds-Sat, July 8 th -11 th	26 th National REO Meet – Kalamazoo, Michigan
Thurs-Sat, July 9 th -11 th	Walcott's Truckers Jamboree, Iowa 80 Truckstop, Walcott, IA
Saturday, July 11 th	IH Motor Truck Chapter – ATCA 14 th Annual Show, Sones Farm, Muncy, PA
Fri-Sat, July 17 th -18 th	9 th Annual Gear Jammer Magazine truck Show, New England Dragway, Epping , NH
Saturday, July 18 th	The 47 th Annual Founder's Day & Classic Car Exhibit (Bahre Collection), Paris Hill, Maine – 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM; Proceeds benefit the Hamlin Library and Museum
Sat-Sunday, July 18 th -19 th	Owl's Head Transportation Museum Truck and Tractor Show – Owls Head, ME
Sunday, July 19 th	Uncle Sam Chapter – ATCA 22 nd Annual Show, Schaghticoke Fairgrounds, Route 40, Schaghticoke, NY (new location)
Saturday, July 25 th	The Back Row Truck Show, 386 B Road, Houlton, Maine
Sat-Sunday, Aug 1 st -2 nd	Empire State Antique Truck, Farm & Construction Equipment Show, Western NY Gas & Steam Showgrounds, Alexander, NY
Sunday, August 2 nd	Green Mountain Chapter – ATHS Truck Show – Connecticut Valley Auto Auction site - 1567 VT RT 14, White River Junction, VT
Fri-Sunday, August 7 th -9 th	Carlisle Truck Nationals, Carlisle, PA
Fri- Sat, August 21 st -22 nd	48 th Annual New England Auto Auction -OHTM – Owls Head, ME
Sat-Sun, August 22 nd -23 rd	Granite State Chapter – ATCA Old Truck Meet - back at field behind Calef's Country Store – Barrington, NH
Fri-Sun, August 28 th -30 th	HCEA's 40 th Annual International Convention and Old Equipment Exposition, Concordia, KS
Sat-Sunday, August 29 th -30 th	24 th Annual Bay State Chapter – ATCA Truck Show, Bolton Fairgrounds, Lancaster, MA

In Memory Of

Longtime Chapter member Kenny Houck, of Reading, PA, passed away April 22nd at his home. Services were held on May 3rd. Kenny's full obituary can be found at <https://www.legacy.com/person/Kenneth-Houck-61232086>

Longtime Chapter and ¾ Century Club member Richard Bumpus, of South Paris, ME passed away on May 11th at his home. A service/reception will be held on Saturday June 13th at the Chandler Funeral Home in South Paris, ME followed by a committal service at the Maple Ridge Cemetery in Hebron. The family has requested those with antique vehicles join the family in taking Richard to his final resting place. Richard's full obituary can be found at <https://www.chandlerfunerals.com/obituaries/Richard-E-Bumpus?obId=48438627#/obituaryInfo>

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.

Sold: Ford Model "A" auto/truck parts; **For Sale:** New take offs...steps/ running boards from 2026 Chevrolet standard cab pickup. Fit 2026 GMC and earlier (???) Chevrolet/GMC standard cab pickups. BRO: Sabattus, ME Lars Ohman...(207) 375-6515 (24 hour answering machine).

Wanted: Exhaust manifold for 4-71 Detroit; must be center dump. Call or text Frank Betts at 207-431-7557

For Sale: Tonka, the Cowboy Pickup. Shortened 1978 GMC BRIGADIER with dually 8' bed and custom ARE walk-in cap. Recently built military 330hp 6V53. 4" polished stainless exhaust. 10 speed Eaton. 3.70 gears with 22.5 rubber on Alcoa wheels. Bostrom air ride captains seats. Original N engine with only 166K miles included. N.C. build with N.C. DMV issued VIN plate with 9999 GVW. Located in Lincoln, Maine. Call Butch @ 408-499-9565 for more details.

Wanted: Flywheel housing for 8V71 Detroit. Tom (207) 943-6548 or tomchristopher28@gmail.com

For Sale: Work in progress 45,000 lb. paver trailer. Has new brakes shoes, drums, safety cans. Has 8-foot hydraulic ramps with dedicated electric pump system. Needs sandblast, paint, redecking (have 2" white oak). Asking \$6000. Contact Clayton Hoak @ (207) 522-7088 or email 1948reo@roadrunner.com.

For Sale: 1954 - early 55 Chevrolet 1-½ ton fenders and inner fenders \$400; four 15-inch six-hole GM Rally Wheels \$200; 1960's and 70's GM Steel Tilt power steering components \$B.O.; Numerous parts trucks, project trucks, GM wheels & parts. Call with your needs – all has to go! Bob Dore 207-242-8751

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Two Tom Hudgins photos from the 75 Chrome Shop Show in Wildwood, FL, on April 24 & 25th, 2026

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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.

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