

# Shop Manual July 2024 www.badgoat.net/ptcaths

# **President's Message**

Well, we are into the height of truck show season already. The ATHS National Convention, Macungie Truck Show and Springtime Truck and Tractor Show are already in the books. By the time you read this the Owls Head Truck Show will be just over a week away.

The 2024 ATHS National Convention took place in York, Pennsylvania about 4 weeks ago. Nancy and I were able to attend along with a great turnout of 45-50 Chapter Members and more than a dozen trucks. There were lots of impressive trucks to look at no matter what your area of interest. A couple historically significant trucks were Mack R model serial number 1 and the former Yarmouth Lumber 1 millionth Mack. Some of our members stayed over for the ATCA Show in Macungie, PA the following week. We have attended both (in separate years) the ATHS Convention and the Macungie Show. We have enjoyed both the times we have gone, although they are distinctly different events. Unfortunately, our schedules didn't allow us to take enough time off to attend both events this year. Hopefully the next time they coincide we will be in a position to attend both shows.

Unfortunately, family commitments prevented us from attending the Springtime Truck and Tractor Show. From the pictures I saw on Facebook the show was well attended. Look for Doug Wakefield to report on this show and the truck raffle they hold every year elsewhere in this issue.

As I mentioned the Owls Head Truck Show is right around the corner. As always, if someone wants to volunteer to help at the Chapter table or wants to donate a raffle item you can contact Nancy and she will find you a job or someone to add your items to the raffle.

Unfortunately, I am going to close this out with some sad news. Pine Tree Chapter Member, and my uncle, Lloyd Jordan passed away Friday July 5th after a long battle with Leukemia and Cancer. Lloyd was a Vietnam Veteran, carpenter and blueberry farmer. Lloyd had a couple of antique trucks (Mack wheeler and a square body Chevy) but didn't venture too far off the farm with them. My favorite old truck memory with my uncle was the last time the Chapter went to Tackaberry's in Ontario. Tom Doore, Randy Comber, Lloyd and myself carpooled together to see the impressive collection. It was a fantastic "trip of a lifetime." Just 4 old truck nuts going on a road-trip to see amazing stuff.

That's it for now. Get out there and get some old iron on the road. Hope to see you at Owls Head or a cruise night somewhere here in Maine! *Peter* 

Breaking News - 2024 PTC Topsham
Truck Show - 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sunday, September 15, 2024
Topsham Fairground, Topsham, ME
More details to come

## **Ramblings**

RAMBLINGS....Another beautiful day on the shores of Brandy Pond, in Naples greeted a dedicated crowd who came together on Father's Day to celebrate all dads and especially the memory of the late Dana Watson. WATSON'S WATER AND WHEELS SHOW tradition is being carried on, although on a smaller scale. A mixture of old race cars, tractors, antique cars and trucks...just like the old days.....the best part of the gathering is the people. Old friendships renewed, tires kicked, and stories of the past rehashed made it all worthwhile.

Cole, Shelly and the girls, with helping hands of many others, put on a potluck spread.......the rear fenders of Watson's MACK B-81 served as a table for grub and other Watson Collection vehicles were on display for all to enjoy. The weather Gods gave us a drop-dead beautiful day to share our passion for old stuff. Some in attendance are veterans of many past weekends ......some of the past escapades extended from Wednesday evening thru Monday morning including nite dancing, live entertainment, fireworks, downpours, and even a visit from a helicopter.

Second RAMBLING.......THE SPRINGTIME TRUCK SHOW held in Bangor is in the books now. Doug Wakefield and his dedicated crew put together another great gathering at Sibley & Sons facility. Estimates up nearly 50 trucks showed up, and the crowd of spectators was more than double that (Doug will fill in those details). I put the wash rag to my 1970 C-30 Chevrolet preparing to run up in that.....only 100 miles or so....a good leg stretcher for the 'ol Gal... Saturday AM dawned with a steady drizzle in Sabattus and the decision to take my 2016 Chevrolet short bed was wisely made......much better wipers than on the 1970! It rained all the way to Newport, and just as suddenly the sky cleared the rest of the way to Bangor.

Sibley's yard on the Odlin Road was well marked with trucks out by the road, and a nice array of early arrivals left more than ample parking for visitors. The interior of the huge shop was set up with tables and chairs, and the ever-welcome coffee pot and donuts......nothing like a cup of Joe and a donut to get a conversation started. Visiting old friends and making new friends from the Bangor end of the state was an easy task. I did notice those guys know how to have a good time, and are very easy to talk with.....they seem to be more relaxed in their conversations ....met a bunch of nice guys and ladies.

Lunch was served by a service group not to be outdone. They made sure all had more than enough to eat....my hat is off to them....they know who they are. Doug Wakefield was sort of Master of Ceremonies and presented three or four awards from ATHS to old time truckers from the area. He also got the kids into the act by asking truck questions and awarding cash prizes for correct answers.

The highlight of the day was awarding two trucks as prizes in the Acts of Kindness entry program. Each year, if you prebuy a ticket (all goes to charity after minimal expenses) your name goes in the pot...(a maximum of 300 tickets are sold, so odds are pretty good of winning) This year, a WHITE 10 wheel road tractor, a MERCURY F-750, and a cash prize were drawn and awarded to three winners, almost all from within 100 miles of Bangor! Just to let you know, this drawing was nationally advertised, and tickets sold way out west, so the word gets around.

As things turned out, the winner of the WHITE was glad to win, but @82 did not think he really needed it, so guess what? Thru sharp negotiation, Doug was able to buy it back, and it will be re-offered as one of the trucks for the 2025 drawing! I started off the new drawing by buying ticket # 1 for next year! All in all, thanks to Doug Wakefield, his dedicated crew, and the Sibley Family for being such great hosts for this year......Still.. just 'chuggin on down the road...... Lare

## 12th Annual Springtime Truck and Tractor Show ..... by Doug Wakefield

On Saturday June 22 we had our 12th Annual Springtime Truck and Tractor Show. We were hosted by our Friends at Sibley Transportation at their truck maintenance shop in Bangor, Maine. We were blessed with warm temps and sun and cloud sky's with no rain all day.

Marcus Sibley, his family and crew did a great job in making sure all our needs were met. Hats off to the guys from the Calvary Church Recovery group for manning the grills, making sure everyone had plenty to eat, and sharing their missions and stories with us.

We had a good turnout of trucks from all over Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and a few guys from Canada. We were honored to again have Miss Whitney Thompson sing our National Anthem and draw the winning tickets for our antique truck charity fundraiser give away, for Thomas Hudgins to lead us in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the USA, and Pastor Dave for leading us in prayer. Also, it was an honor to present the American Truck Historical Society's Excellence in Business Award to Clifford Pottle, founder of Pottle's Transportation, and the 50-year Golden Achievement Awards to Steve McCrossin and Douglas Jipson.

Our drawing turned out to be a sweep for the local guys as Lynn Porter from Carmel, Maine won the White, Ben Berry from Lowell, Maine won the Mercury and Ron Round, a long-time driver with Pottle's, from Enfield, Maine won the 500.00 dollar third prize.

Next year's show will be called the Rewind Edition as Mr. Porter offered to sell the White back to us because of his age and the medical issues that he is dealing with. It's a great old truck and everyone will get another chance to win it again next year. Thank you Mr Porter for giving us a great deal to have (Fat Boy) back to give away again next year.

Special Thanks to all that made our show another great and successful event. If anyone would like to purchase a show t-shirt, they are still available, hit me up at (207)356-2237 for details. Can't wait for next year as we continue to use old trucks to help others in their time of need, we couldn't do it without the continued interest and support from all of you folks as we continue to be #oldtruckershelpingothers. **Doug** 



# The York Adventure Part 1 by Thomas Hudgins and Clayton Hoak

I had decided to leave on Tuesday and arrive at the York ATHS show a day early. I wanted to capture a few Pine Tree Chapter trucks arriving for the show before they were parked on the showgrounds. I like to have at least one truck from the national show for the calendar month of June. I made a reservation at the Motel 6 in York for a single night. I had two options sharing a room with Doug & Linda Wakefield or taking a room with my brother Edward's 4 room reservation for the rest of my trip. I had been in communication with Clayton Hoak and offered to be a taxi for him if he needed to get back and forth to the showgrounds once he parked his truck. I let him know of my early plans to photograph trucks and be on the showgrounds the day before it opened. He changed his reservation to Motel 6 for my taxi service.

Also, I was in communication with Wayne Devoe Jr. to capture his 1984 Peterbilt 389. My plan was to be packed on Monday night for a very early Tuesday morning departure around 3:00 am. I would get to York, PA in the afternoon and spend most of the day photographing trucks before the crowds and then volunteer in the photo area in the arena. I contacted the volunteer coordinator the week before and added an extra shift to my Wednesday show adventure. Then my cell phone rings and it is Clayton on the phone.

Clayton left Monday morning and made it to Chelmsford, Massachusetts with his Brigadier. He was having issues keeping air in the brake system and someone drove past him and said there was smoke coming from one of the brake hubs. Clayton called early Monday afternoon and mentioned that he might catch a ride with me down to York if the truck wasn't able to be repaired in time. I told him I could reorganize my schedule if needed and later he called me with an update. He could be ready anytime that I was able to get there on Tuesday morning. He would be residing at a local Holiday Inn for the night. I looked up the address via Google Maps. I planned to be there between 7-8 and got there about 7:30 am. We loaded Clayton's luggage and a big cooler filled with truck literature into my 2012 Prius C. Then we were on our way south. Traffic was flowing and the conversation with my passenger covered various topics involving the story of his adventure, old trucks, engineering, bridges, etc.

We arrived at Motel 6 before they needed to leave a light on for us. We walked into the lobby and a lady was having a panic attack because she didn't have her pills. I told her to just breathe but I am not sure if it was a real panic attack, or she was going through withdrawals. Meanwhile, a man with an ankle monitor was angry because he locked his keys in his car. Every Motel 6 seems to have a different vibe and this one wasn't like the one in Allentown, Pa.

After checking in and unpacking, we decided to go out for dinner. I knew Clayton loved Barbeque from previous trips to the national shows and his organizing of chapter meetings for dinner. I found Mission BBQ, a chain that is dedicated to different styles of barbeque and with patriotic decor honoring military, and community service providers. The food was delicious and maybe one day the chain will come to Maine. The closest two locations to us are in Connecticut. That was the conclusion of the first day of the York adventure. Part two of the story will appear in the next newsletter.

#### Clayton's story of his brief journey to the repair shop.

The following part of the story has been edited by me from his breakdown outline in an email. This wasn't Clayton's first rodeo with old truck repairs as most of us are used to if we love old trucks but aren't mechanically inclined to do it ourselves. Old trucks can and will break down when it is not expected and everyone has at least one story of having to fix something on the way to a show.

Approximately 155 miles and 3 hours into my trip I started smelling smoke. Stopped on the shoulder of I-495 and after a few minutes I was able to safely exit the truck and walk around feeling the rims and hubs for heat. I didn't observe anything unusual. Another 5 miles and the smell of smoke gets stronger, and a passing minivan signals me to the shoulder. Once stopped I could see smoke coming off all four rear rims; and I had one wheel burning some paint off the inner rim. After extinguishing the fire I was on the phone.

My first call was to Ray's in Biddeford, whom I had done business with before (Springfield 2012). They couldn't do a roadside recovery in Massachusetts. Then I called Gary Munsey who suggested Ferreira's Towing in Chelmsford. He said it was the only tow company Mark Player used. Gary said I should call Mark, and said he was going to call Mark to give him a heads-up. Three minutes later Mark called me.

Mark recommended Ferreira's Towing and Recovery in Chelmsford. He wasn't sure they were doing any repair work at the time, however, they could get me off the highway. Next a call to Ferriera's. The dispatch lady put me on hold and when she came back indicated she could send a truck to get me. I asked her if she understood I was driving a tandem axle road tractor. She responded that she needed to talk with the owner.

Shortly thereafter the owner called me. He was southbound on I-495 with a loaded recovery tractor-trailer unit and would stop and see if he could get me going. If he couldn't get me going, he could get a rollback out in an hour and 1/2. Ten minutes later he pulls in with the tractor-trailer recovery unit, and a tri-axle Kenworth rollback, one of several in the Ferreira Recovery fleet, was right behind him.

After the owner and his rollback driver tried to correct the unknown issue, air pressure wasn't holding and the safety cans were trying to set, he concluded the truck needed to be towed. They pulled the stack, winched the Brigadier up onto the rollback and off to his yard and shop 10 miles away (2 miles as the crow flies).

I called Gary Munsey again and asked if he could get me to a local hotel for the night. He said he could after his work shift ended at 4:00. One of the shop's mechanics started analyzing the problem towards the end of the day. His initial assessment was I had a bad safety can; or a bad treadle valve. He felt he could repair it if I could leave the truck. I told him he could have it for the week, or even two; whereas I preferred to put the monies into repairs versus a tow to Pittston, Maine.

On Friday, Ferreira's called Clayton and informed the truck was repaired and the issue was the anti-compounding valve on the forward rear axle. **7**om



Replaced anti-compounding valve

An anti-compounding valve is a **device that prevents the service brakes and the spring brakes from being applied at the same time** 1 2 3. This can avoid excessive brake force and damage to the brake system. The valve works by delivering air to the spring brake chambers to release the spring brakes when the service brakes are applied 1 3.

# Owls Head Truck Show by Nancy Mullin

It's that time again! The first show of the year is almost here and as always, we need help with table set up and raffles items for the table. Let's make this one of the best yet. Hopefully the weather is better than last year and we see some sun! If you want to help or have a raffle item please let me know so we know what we have to work with. My contact info is <a href="mailto:nancyjmullin@gmail.com">nancyjmullin@gmail.com</a>. thanks <a href="mailto:nancyjmullin@gmail.com">nancyjmullin@gmail.com</a>. thanks <a href="mailto:nancyjmullin@gmail.com">nancyjmullin@gmail.com</a>. thanks <a href="mailto:nancyjmullin@gmail.com">nancyjmullin@gmail.com</a>. thanks <a href="mailto:nancyjmullin@gmail.com">nancyjmullin@gmail.com</a>. thanks

# **Local and Regional Events**

Thurs-Sat	7/11-13/24	45 <sup>th</sup> Walcott Jamboree – Iowa 80 Truck Stop - Walcott, Iowa		
Saturday	7/13/24	12 <sup>th</sup> Annual International Motor Truck Gathering – ATCA – Muncy, PA		
Saturday	7/13/24	Squarebodies of Maine 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual ALL Truck Show - O'Connor GMC, Augusta, ME		
Saturday	7/13/24	Boothbay Railway Museum Antique Auto Day		
Sat-Sunday	7/13-14/24	Long Island Chapter - ATHS 22 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Antique, Classic & Working Truck Show, LIAPA Showgrounds, Riverhead, NY		
Fri-Sat	7/19-20/24	7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Gear Jammer Magazine Truck Show – Epping, NH		
Saturday	7/20/24	45 <sup>th</sup> Annual Founder's Day & Classic Car Exhibit – Bahre Collection, S. Paris, ME To benefit the Hamlin Memorial Library (207-743-2980 / www.hamlin.lib.me.us)		
Sat-Sunday	7/20-21/24	Pine Tree Chapter – ATHS Gathering at the OHTM Truck & Tractor Show		
Fri-Sunday	8/2-4/24	Northeast Rockbusters Antique Construction Equipment Show, Concord Sand and Gravel Pit / Continental Paving, Concord NH		
Saturday	8/3/24	Green Mtn Chapter – ATHS Truck Show – Food on site!! Second year at Connecticut Valley Auto Auction site - 1567 VT RT 14, White River Junction, VT		
Fri-Sunday	8/7-10/24	HCEA International Convention and Old Equipment Exposition, at the New York Steam Engine Association's Pageant of Steam, Canandaigua, NY		
Sat-Sunday	8/17-18/24	Granite State Chapter – ATCA `Old Truck Meet – Hawthorne-Feather Airpark – 2300 2nd NH Turnpike N, Deering, NH (previous location re-named); Preregistration \$10 thru August 1; \$20 at gate; Al Murphy 978-590-8632		
Weds-Sat	8/21-24/24	44 <sup>th</sup> Annual New England Auto Auction Week – Owls Head Transportation Museum, Owls Head, ME		
Sat-Sunday	8/24-25/24	Bay State Chapter – ATCA 22 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Truck Show, Bolton Fairgrounds, Lancaster, MA		
Sat-Sunday	8/24-25/24	Upper Canada Chapter – ATCA 8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Athens Truck Show, Athens Fairgrounds, Athens Ontario		
Fri-Sun	9/6-8/24	Squarebodies of Maine 4th Annual Shin Pond Squarebody Rally, Shin Pond, ME		
Saturday	9/14/24	Mainely Money Pits FB Group 3rd Annual Touch A Truck Event 11-2 Balsam Cove Campground, 286 Back Ridge Rd., Orland, Maine For more information contact Rich Thompson <a href="mailto:muddin4fun87@gmail.com">muddin4fun87@gmail.com</a>		
Mon-Fri	10/7-11/24	AACA Eastern Fall Meet - Hershey, PA		
Sunday	10/13/24	Ty Rods Fall Swap Meet Stafford Springs Ct		
Thurs – Sat	6/5-7/25	ATHS National Convention and Truck Show – Madison, WI		







York PA Convention Group Picture - Tom Hudgins Photo

No fewer than 50 Pine Tree Chapter Members and other Mainers were at the York Show.

## Owls Head Truck Show Via I-295 to Gardiner Detour

If you are headed to Owls Head via I-295, Route 201 and Route 226 to Route 17 be advised the Gardiner-Randolph Pearl Harbor Remembrance Bridge will be closed to all eastbound traffic from July 8<sup>th</sup> through August 16<sup>th</sup>. The alternate inland route is to take Exit 43 in Richmond, follow Route 197 to downtown Richmond, stay on Routte 197 across the Kennebec into Dresden, take the left onto Route 128 for 5 miles; then take another left onto Route 27 North. Route 27 North will bring you to Route 126 in Randolph. This detour will add 10 or 12 minutes to your trip. Should you end up in downtown Gardiner by mistake it is probably faster to go to Augusta on Route 201; cross the Kennebec at the rotaries and proceed south on Route 27 to Route 17.

## **2025 Pine Tree Chapter Antique Truck Calendar Update** by Thomas Hudgins

The revived Pine Tree Chapter Antique Truck Calendar has been sent to the printers. It will be available to purchase at the Owl's Head Truck Show on July 20 & 21. The 2025 version includes a Brockway, a Ford, 4 GMC pickups, An International Harvester, 2 Macks, a few Peterbilts, and a White. All trucks are owned by our members. Most of the photographs were supplied by me with help from a few members. If I didn't get a chance to photograph some trucks this spring, there is time to get them included for the 2026 edition. Also, I have a few leftover photos from the York ATHS show that didn't make it into the final 12. I will be at both the Owls Head and Topsham shows with my camera looking for trucks for the 2026 edition.

#### **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.

**Wanted:** 5th wheel setup for a single axle truck. **Also Wanted:** 5th wheel setup for a tandem axle truck. **For Sale:** 1951 GMC 640 4-71 Detroit, 5&2 body in good shape and restoration started. Some assembly required. \$3500 OBO. Delivery available. Jamie 207-949-1360

**For Sale:** 1946 CAT D-7 cable blade bulldozer with good feet and double winch on rear. \$3999 or BRO. Unit is in Raymond, ME. Call 207-949-7116 or email <a href="LCWillis7116@gmail.com">LCWillis7116@gmail.com</a> for pictures.

**Wanted:** Mechanic in the Bangor area well versed in older equipment to work on a WWII era military Jeep. Contact: Jennifer Munson, Museum Director, Cole Land Museum, 207-990-3600 or email: <a href="mailto:jmunson@colemuseum.org">jmunson@colemuseum.org</a>

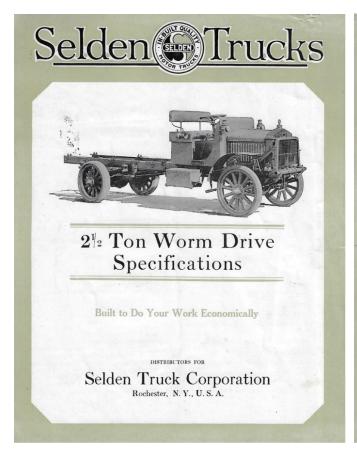
#### Pine Tree Chapter of ATHS Board of Directors (elected at the March 26, 2023 Annual Meeting)

President - Peter Mullin 6 Kinney Road, Gorham, Me 04038; (207) 838-5069; email: wfd44@maine.rr.com Vice President - Tom Hudgins P.O. Box 43, Bradford, ME 04410; (207) 943-6548; email: tomchristopher71@yahoo.com

Secretary – Nancy Mullin 6 Kinney Road, Gorham, Me 04038; (207) 671-6925; email: <a href="mailto:nancyjmullin@gmail.com">nancyjmullin@gmail.com</a> Treasurer - Cheryl Billings 1031 Pinkham Brook Rd. Durham, ME 04222; (207) 319-5167 (NOTE – PHONE NUMBER CHANGE); email: <a href="mailto:cherylbillings55@gmail.com">cherylbillings55@gmail.com</a>

**Director - George Barrett** 2 Country Charm Rd. Cumberland, ME; 04021; (207) 829-5134, cell (207) 671-2666; email: sheepscot@gwi.net

Director - Howard Clouston 1361 Hammond St. Bangor, 04401; (207) 852-4424; email: <a href="https://howardclouston@aol.com">howardclouston@aol.com</a> Director - Steve Corson 163 Main St., Rockport, ME 04856; cell (207) 542-4192; email: <a href="https://howardclouston@aol.com">howardclouston@aol.com</a> Director - Steve Corson 163 Main St., Rockport, ME 04856; cell (207) 542-4192; email: <a href="https://howardclouston@aol.com">howardclouston@aol.com</a> Director - Jamie Mason 104 Falmouth Road, Falmouth, ME 04105; (207) 949-1360; email: <a href="https://horadclouston@gmail.com">haroldjmason@gmail.com</a> Director - Diane Munsey 785 River Road, Dresden, ME 04342; (207) 737-2997; email: <a href="munsandi@gmail.com">munsandi@gmail.com</a> Director - Andy O'Brien 54 Upper Minot Road, Pownal, ME 04069; (207) 232-4743; email: <a href="munsandi@gmail.com">aobrien211@gmail.com</a> Director - Bob Stackpole 446 River Road, Cushing, ME 04563; (207)354-2372; email: <a href="munsandi@gmail.com">stack123@roadrunner.com</a> Director Emeritus/Chapter Historian (appointed) - Lars Ohman 6 Antique Drive, Sabattus, ME 04280; cell (207) 376-7993; email: <a href="munsandi@gmail.com">peckapohl@roadrunner.com</a> Director Emeritus/Chapter Historian (appointed) - Lars Ohman 6 Antique Drive, Sabattus, ME 04280; cell (207)

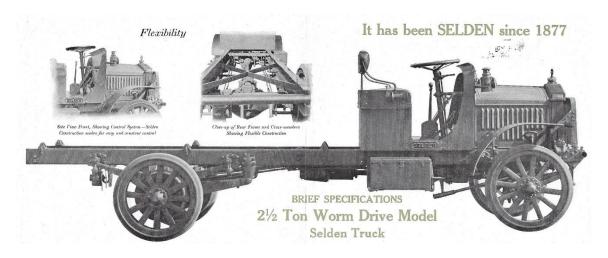




Front and back cover of a 1920 Selden Truck Brochure.

The second paragraph on back cover notes — "The  $2\frac{1}{2}$  Ton model has been designed to meet a demand for a speedy truck that will carry heavy loads." The Selden  $2\frac{1}{2}$  Ton model was geared for 15 mph on solid tires, and 18 mph on pneumatic tires.

George Selden (1846 - 1922) was best known for obtaining a patent for an automobile in 1895; however he never built an automobile at that time. He collected royalties from other manufacturers for using his automobile concept. Henry Ford and four other car makers refused to pay the royalties and were sued by Selden and his partners for patent infringement. After eight years of legal fighting (1903-1911) Ford initially lost the case; however Ford posted a \$350,000 bond to appeal the verdict and won the "case based on an argument that the engine used in automobiles was not based on George Brayton's engine, the <u>Brayton engine</u> which Selden had improved, but on the <u>Otto engine</u>." (Wikipedia)



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 Pine Tree Chapter -ATHS 1031 Pinkham Brook Rd. Durham, ME 04222

Pine Tree Chapter Dues of \$10.00 run from January to December.