

**Baltimore-Washington Chapter  
American Truck Historical Society**

**Minutes from April 26, 2010 Meeting  
Leonardtwn, MD**

The meeting was called to order at 1:25 pm by John Milliman. The Leonardtown Car Show had been cancelled because of bad weather. It is re-scheduled for next Sunday.

Treasurer's Report

Andy McWilliams gave a report of expenses and income since the last meeting. The previous balance was \$4,769.24; the current balance is \$4,798.60. Major expenses included payment to Moxley Welding for the mudflap shipment and payment for the Macungie Show. Major deposits included dues and mudflap sales. Several members had given Andy their 2010 dues today; they will be reflected in his report at the next meeting. On motion and second, the Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

News from National

John Vannatta reported that National ATHS has contracted with Harris Publishing to put together The Harris Connect Book. It is a "picture book" of stories and photos submitted by the membership. There is no cost to a member and participation is voluntary. The company will be sending out information to the members, explaining how and what to submit for inclusion in the book. ATHS gets some money upfront. Once the book is completed and available, ATHS will get a commission for each book sold over a negotiated number. The book may cost about \$100. National wants to have the book ready for the celebration of its 40<sup>th</sup> year in 2011.

John Vannatta also reported that there is a company that sells good quality fenders with laser etching. ATHS has been selling them for \$195, which is cheaper than you can buy them other places. If someone needs a set of fenders, the Chapter will try to get an order together to save on shipping. ATHS will have a table set up with these fenders at the Macungie show.

**Old Business**

BW T-Shirts

John Milliman reported that the golf shirts had been delivered and the t-shirts would be ready in another week or two. He will get them distributed as soon as he can.

John Vannatta asked about the FIRE shirts and suggested that the Chapter may want to contact CAFAA to work something out. This matter was assigned to the Fire Truck Committee.

Mud-flaps

John Vannatta reported that the mud flaps have been signed for, paid for and delivered. When he was taking care of this, a man bought a set right on the spot.

### The BMI Show

John Milliman said the BMI Truck Show is scheduled for June 26. He asked if the members wanted to make the BMI show a formal event for BW Chapter or keep it a casual event. John Vannatta commented that it's so informal now, that it seems like it is not a show. Mike Boteler said that one of the problems last year was that the Farmer's Market was scheduled for the same day. Different people at BMI are scheduling things; there is an internal organization problem. Lori Finkelstein is the Director of Public Programs and Education and has always been the event planner; Catherine Scott is the Collections and Archives Manager and she takes care of the trucks / museum.

There is no money for this from BMI. Our intention has been to support BMI and draw attention to the museum. Mike Boteler said there is probably only room for 50 trucks.

If we would like to have goodie bags for participants, they are available from National. They have funded items and will provide them to us. We can contact others (if we want to) and also include membership information.

After discussion, it was agreed to get 50 to 100 dash plaques (depending on the minimum order required). Willie's truck will be used for the plaque (John Milliman has the pictures). "Baltimore Museum of Industry" should be included on the plaque. The first 50 trucks will get a plaque. The others will be sold with the money being donated to BMI. There will be a 50/50 raffle.

There will be information sent out to the local media in order to draw in local spectators and participants.

This will be more than last year and we will see how the response is from BMI. John Vannatta commented that our shows have not been very impressive thus far. If we have a decent show, perhaps they will understand what we are trying to do. Perhaps in 2011, they would like to have the Eskay truck on the dash plaque.

John went over the volunteers for the show:

Publicity – John Milliman

Parking – Mike Roache, Jesse Walter, Mike Boteler

Traffic – Bill Marlow, Mel Thomas

Registration – Dot Thomas and Peggy Milliman

There was discussion about having a banner made that could be used for the BMI show. Then it was decided that a generic banner could be used for various events. The banner needs to be large

enough to be seen as someone drives by but not so big that it would not fit in a space at most sites.

Henry Fowler moved that the Chapter purchase a vinyl banner that has the ATHS logo and says Antique Truck Show, with a space for the date. It was seconded and approved.

Henry suggested contacting BMI to be sure they will hang this sign out on the fence a minimum of a week or two weeks before the event (see next item).

John Vannatta suggested we get a commitment from BMI detailing what we need from them (confirm date and time, parking spaces, hanging sign, food vendor – would he be willing to stay for the duration of the show) and what we intend to do (promote the show, donations for BMI, traffic and parking control, goodies, 50/50 raffle, swap meet). We have a verbal acknowledgement from Lori but John Milliman and Mike Boteler will draft a letter formalizing this, as well as asking permission for the banner discussed above. John Vannatta will also compose a letter for someone at National to sign acknowledging the partnership between BMI and BW ATHS.

The show is scheduled for 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The set up and parking / traffic crew should try to get there about 7:30. Rather than holding another meeting regarding the show, John Milliman said it can all be handled on-line.

### Membership Committee

Carolyn Vannatta reported on the progress of updating the Membership Roster. Corrections continue to come in but the new Roster should be ready for distribution very soon. It will be sent electronically, hand-delivered or mailed, as necessary.

Carolyn added that the Committee was initially set up to update the membership data and prepare a Roster. It quickly was put to use as a phone-tree with the cancellation of the Leonardtown car show. Carolyn went through some of the member names who have not been at any of the meetings to see if they should be included in the phone tree. If someone later responds that they want to be on the “call list,” we will happily add them.

Mel Thomas passed out the “new members” list that comes from the National office. Carolyn said a letter had been sent to these people from John Milliman, welcoming them to the organization and letting them know about the local Chapter. Carolyn suggested if any of the members present knew anyone on the list, it would be helpful to touch base with them to let them know more about our local activities. John Vannatta mentioned that some of the new Maryland members may be closer to Mason-Dixon or Del-Marva Chapters. Peggy said that Dane would be sending out the next batch of welcome letters and that contact information for those Chapters would be included.

Carolyn reminded the members that in order to belong to the local Chapter, National dues need to be paid. The local Chapter dues are due January 1.

## **New Business**

### BW By-laws

John Vannatta suggested that the Chapter take a look at our By-laws. The last time they were looked over was 1991. This could possibly take a while to work through it all. It would be a good idea to get a copy of the “standard” by-laws from National to use as a guide. One of the changes needed in the Chapter’s version relates to the “spouse membership” as it conflicts with the National’s By-laws.

It was agreed that the Executive Committee work on this and come back to the membership with recommendations at the next meeting.

### Convoy to Winchester

John Vannatta briefed on the convoy timing and route for the trip to Winchester scheduled for Friday, April 30. The Southern Maryland group will leave at 7 a.m.

### Convoy to Macungie

For the Macungie show, John Vannatta said it will be same as last year. The Southern Maryland group will leave at 8 pm.

### Next Meeting

The next formal meeting will be in August at the summer picnic at the Callis’. The date has to be set and will be in the July-August newsletter.

### John Mercer

Gary Callis reported that John Mercer recently had a head injury.

### Parlett’s

Mel Thomas asked what was the status for the meeting at Parlett’s. Henry Fowler reported that nothing has been done with the farm and property yet. It appears that everything on the Parlett farm will be sold. It will be advertized internationally for public auction.

### Donations to National

There was some discussion and comments about the passing of Fred Craig. John Vannatta mentioned that Fred’s recent passing, brought to mind that donations can be made to National on behalf of someone else.

Mike Boteler moved that a donation be made from the BW Chapter to National in Fred's name in the amount of \$500. It was seconded and approved. Andy will write the check and John Milliman will write the letter to National.

#### Convention DVD's

Mike Roache said he had not received his DVD from the last two conventions. John Vannatta said they are on order and he is uncertain why they are not getting out. There are a number of people waiting. He will check on it.

#### Adjournment

There was a motion and second to adjourn. All approved, including Vice President Billy Marlow who was already working the grill!

Peggy Milliman  
May 3, 2010