

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

**Minutes from August 14, 2010 Meeting
Hollywood, MD**

The meeting was held at the annual picnic at Gary and Sally Callis' farm. Timmy Pilkerton (Dale's son) reported to the Secretary that there were 77 people (and children) in attendance. There was a good turn out of trucks (including Chesapeake Antique Fire Apparatus Association fire trucks).

John Milliman called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm. The membership thanked Gary and Sally for hosting the picnic; and Billy Marlow for being the Chief Chef.

Minutes

The Minutes from the April 26 meeting in Leonardtown had been distributed via email and on the BW ATHS web site. Copies were also available at the meeting. By motion and second, the Minutes from the meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Andy McWilliams was unable to attend the meeting. John Milliman gave the highlights from Andy's report. Since February, there has been \$1,045.94 in income (dues and mud flaps). The expenses since that time totaled \$1,685.95 (mostly from the BMI show and the donation to National ATHS in memory of Fred Craig). The checkbook balance as of August 2 is \$4,130.19. The only outstanding bill would be for the approved expenses from the picnic.

John added that the Club had received a nice letter of appreciation from the National for the donation on Fred Craig's memory. He added that he brought the generic show banner (first used at the BMI show) for the membership to see.

Membership Committee

Carolyn Vannatta reported that the BW Chapter has five new members, for a total of 79 members. She has mailed, emailed or delivered a current roster to all the members. She also sent out a recent update with the new members.

The membership welcomed Jim and Louise Golobic, new members from VA, who were attending the picnic.

News from National

John Vannatta stated that every member should have received the yellow card from Harris Publishing who is putting together the ATHS's 40th Anniversary Album. He wasn't pleased with

the composition of the card and thinks it may have sent the wrong message. He emphasized that this effort was generated totally outside of the ATHS but has been sanctioned by the leadership. This is an attempt to create a comprehensive catalog of the people and vehicles that comprise ATHS. The organization will have a limited benefit financially, but that was not the initiative to sanction the program.

It is important to note that no one is under any obligation to buy the book. No matter what it looks like, ATHS is primarily interested in collecting the information. From the examples he has seen, John said the end result is very nice and felt folks won't be disappointed if they do purchase it. He encouraged the members to call them with their information. If you don't do it, expect a call from the publisher as they attempt to include as many people as possible.

The Fall meeting for the National Board of Directors is in September. The National Convention will be in South Bend, Indiana next year. Since it will be discussed at the meeting in September, John will report back to the Chapter at the meeting in October.

Old Business

BW T-Shirts

John Milliman reported that he had distributed the BW ATHS t-shirts to the members who had ordered them. He had some left over if anyone was interested. He also asked those who had not yet paid for their shirts to please do so.

The BMI Show

John Milliman reported that the BW Chapter truck show was held at the Baltimore Museum of Industry on June 26. It was an incredibly hot day. There were 21 trucks in attendance. The truck and membership turnout was just fair. The club might want to have some discussion as to whether we can have a truck show at the BMI in the future. We may still want to support the BMI with a "Member Day" rather than trying to make a truck show work in that venue.

There was considerable discussion about a truck show at BMI and the history of the relationship with BMI. Mike Boteler said that for about 20 years the Vintage Chevy Club did what we have been trying to do and they are no longer there. If we just have a get together there, that would be okay.

The BMI needs to have revenue sources to sustain them. The major problem is that if we have "booked" a truck show and a wedding or two comes along, the truck show will be bumped.

A work day is one thing; a show is something else entirely. We can not have a sizeable truck show at the BMI because of parking limitations.

Mike Boteler and Henry Fowler will head a committee to explore options for an alternative show venue. All the members are encouraged to help with this effort. John Milliman emphasized that he was not asking for a plan, just some ideas that are worth pursuing.

Mel Thomas commented that as an organization, the BW AHS should be doing something and not just going to other shows.

Henry Fowler said that there have been a lot of negative comments made about having the show at the BMI and that has probably turned a lot of people against even bothering to attend or bring their truck. He thought if the details of the show could be worked out ahead of time, with detailed guidelines, perhaps a show could work there.

Mike, who has been the main contact with BMI, said there are more dynamics going on than just a truck show. It is not big enough for more than 50 trucks. It is just not the right venue. If we PUSH for a real truck show there, the BMI will likely say, "No."

It was agreed to funnel ideas to the Committee and possibly move it to the Fall since we no longer have Parlett's -- perhaps two weeks after Winchester. Mike thought there may be other groups that could use the Chapter's help -- parks, schools, etc.

Peggy Milliman reported that the 50/50 raffle from the BMI show earned \$73 for BMI and \$73 for a Baltimore resident. John added that there were additional BMI show plaques if anyone wanted one.

Club Mascot / Raffle

Walt Lang donated a die cast Shell Oil truck to raffle at the picnic. He offered a second die cast truck for the current (and future) President to keep for the club.

Officers Slating Committee

John Milliman asked for a volunteer to head the Nominations Committee for elections for the next meeting. Vice President Billy Marlow will automatically move up to President. The position of Secretary (which is vacant now), Treasurer and Vice President will be open. Mel Thomas went to elbow someone and the membership took that as a volunteer gesture. Mel will have a slate of candidates for the next meeting. Anyone who is interested in serving should contact Mel.

Review of By-laws

John Milliman said that the Executive Committee has not had a chance to look at the Chapter By-laws yet but hopes to have something by the next meeting. John Vannatta was going to see if National had a "template" set to use as a guide.

New Business

Tri-State Truck Show at Winchester

John Milliman said that the Chapter had been invited to lead the Parade of Power again this year and run the ATHS membership table. Bill Johnson is coming from National and will bring goodie bags. Anyone wanting to volunteer at the Membership table, let John V know. If there are no volunteers, members will be “drafted.”

John Vannatta briefed that the convoy to Winchester will leave Leonardtown Thursday morning the 23rd at 8 a.m. The route will be via MD 234 to MD 301S over the Harry Nice Bridge, then VA 206, VA 3 to Fredricksburg and 17N to 50 into Winchester. Anyone desiring to join should call him to set up a meeting place.

Fall Meeting

Since Parlett’s is closed down, we need to find a new place for the Chapter’s Fall meeting. The Jessup truck stop was suggested – just to meet / eat, unable to bring trucks. Billy Marlow offered his place. October 10 or 17 would be the date for pot luck with trucks. Billy will check his calendar and the information will be in the Driveline newsletter. [Note: Roy Moxley came over after the meeting and offered his place for the Fall Meeting. Information and directions will be sent out in the next Driveline newsletter.]

Adjournment

Mrs. Jesse Walter won the die cast raffle; and that concluded the business meeting. All adjourned so some could help clean up.

Peggy Milliman
August 15, 2010