

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

**Minutes from October 17, 2010 Meeting
The Moxley's, Street, MD**

The meeting was held at the Roy Moxley's home in Street, Maryland. There were 27 members in attendance and several visitors.

John Milliman called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm. The membership thanked Roy, Butch, Sandy, Mike and Julie Moxley for hosting the event. The set-up, surroundings, food, and weather were great. The Chapter appreciated the extra effort in getting the Moxley truck fleet set up for everyone to enjoy.

President's Message

John Milliman reported that this would be his last meeting as President of the Chapter, and added that it had been a pleasure and honor to work with the Chapter for the last two years. He thanked those who helped him carry the load during his tenure in office.

Treasurer's Report

Andy McWilliams was unable to attend the meeting. John Milliman reported that Andy called to say there was little activity since the last meeting.

Membership Committee

John advised that Carolyn Vannatta, Membership Committee Chair, was collecting dues for anyone who needed to pay. Carolyn added that the Chapter was now at 80 members. There were no new members in attendance.

There was a question regarding Youth Membership, and John Vannatta said that there is a Youth Membership.

News from National

John Vannatta offered congratulations to newlywed Bruce Geil. He also thanked John and his team for the last two years of service. The Chapter is in good shape. He sees many other chapters and this Chapter is able to get its business done and have fun. Hopefully, we can keep that going.

The ATHS's 40th Anniversary Album should be wrapping up by the end of the month. They are still looking for participation and hope to get as much in the Album as possible. The National

has made \$27,000 already on the book. The Album is a good product. There is also a DVD and a softbound book available at a cheaper price.

The Chapter will take a group photo after the meeting to be included in the Anniversary Album.

John Vannatta reported that National is considering putting the contents of the Wheels of Time on-line. There are many reasons to do it. It will certainly appeal to those people who already do a lot of reading on the computer. It also will help with the international membership. It costs more to mail the magazine outside of the US. Plus, the information (especially in the Want Ads section) is outdated by the time the magazine arrives to the member. National is unsure how to market this change but it will be coming.

The National conventions are still tracking. The next one in 2011 will be in South Bend, Indiana. In 2012, it will be held in Springfield, Massachusetts which will be fairly close for this Chapter. In 2013, the convention will be held in Seattle, Washington. The Board just approved Springfield, Missouri for the 2014 convention.

While in Winchester, Bill Johnson was there from the National Office and they had a visit from representative of Gateway Gettysburg (hotel) in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. She is working with ATHS on a proposed convention at that site for 2015. There are 117 acres with hotels and facilities. It is near the Gettysburg historical sites. It may be the only place left in the country that could hold the entire truck show.

National has taken note that the conventions have gotten so big over the last few years, that many of the individual chapters can't really handle all aspects and time commitment it takes to put together the convention. From now on, conventions will be totally managed from Kansas City.

For the 2011 Convention in South Bend, National could not get a firm commitment from Notre Dame until too late in the game. That has left the hotel recommendations somewhat spread from one end of the city to the other. John described the pros and cons of each location, especially as it relates to traffic and distance to the show field. In order to encourage more people to support the designated "host" hotel, National is going to offer free breakfast as part of the registration package. The November-December issue of Wheels of Time will have the details regarding the registration.

John Vannatta talked a bit about the Convention planned for South Bend. There will be a cruise on the last day out to Schroyers. There is a museum there. The Chapter can leave Sunday and participate in the cruise, and continue east afterwards. We can drive a few hours, sleep over then continue home the next day. There is nice 4-H camping facility on the fair grounds. It is tight but real nice.

John Vannatta asked how many plan to attend the 2011 Convention and there was a good show of hands (11) to make the estimated 600 mile trip. He talked a bit about the current method of convoying to shows and the need to re-think that. The convoys are getting to be too unmanageable. He thought the Chapter may be victims of its own success. One idea is to plan a lunch stop and the evening stop. Everyone will know of the two meeting spots ahead of time. If

people want to stay with the convoy, they can. If they prefer to move along, they can do that also. It takes longer at a fuel stop if there are 12 trucks getting fuel. If there is a breakdown, 12 trucks pulled off on the side of the road can be dangerous. Cell phone numbers will be important for any breakdowns and no one will be left behind. This just gives more options for the trip.

John Vannatta commented on the “family membership” which will be discussed later in the By-laws changes. The language was taken directly from the National membership application: “2 voting members at the same address.” The cost at the National level is an additional \$10. However, there is no additional cost for the B-W Chapter members.

John Vannatta mentioned that R.L. Jackson had asked several years ago, and has inquired again, to see if there is an interest in getting a special Maryland license plate for ATHS members. The plate would be good only for vehicles up to 1-ton. There needs to be at least 25 members who are willing to buy the plate in order for the State to make them. There was a show of hands and there was very little interest at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Macungie Flea Market

John Milliman reported that this issue had been discussed by the Executive Committee and their recommendation was to lay it to rest. It is a struggle to get helpers from loading, to sitting at the booth, to re-loading at the end of the show. It is not worth the effort. It would save Herman, and others, a lot of work.

The B-W Chapter can still park the trucks together and have the easy-up set up behind the trucks.

The Chapter takes in maybe \$300 from the Swap Meet (and some of that may be from mud flaps) and pays \$90 for the space. Then the Chapter also has to complete paperwork to the State of Pennsylvania for the sales tax on the sales.

Generally, it seems to be the same four or five people working the Swap Meet, trying to sell the same old stuff.

John Vannatta commented that over the last five years, the Chapter did not have very good stuff to take to Macungie. He felt the Chapter needed to rejuvenate the effort or stop doing it.

John Milliman suggested that everyone think about this and the issue would be settled at the next meeting. Herman and Henry should be consulted before the next meeting for their input. What is left can go to scrap or freebies for the membership.

Chapter Truck Show

John Milliman reported that the Executive Committee discussed the pros and cons of the Chapter having a truck show each year. Their recommendation was not to have a Chapter truck show.

This past year at BMI, the helping hands were not as many as we needed. The venue was not so great and the commitment from BMI was always uncertain.

Billy Marlow commented that the first year at BMI, when it was just a picnic, was a great day. Another Chapter day there would be nice, but not a truck show.

Mike Boteler added that the Chapter has a lot of activities all year. Some members are already overwhelmed. What use to be three or four events a year, now is three or four events each weekend! We have a lot of trouble picking dates for events we want to schedule, like meetings, because we all have a lot going on.

When asked if a truck show is required for a Chapter, John Vannatta responded that some chapters need something in order to keep them vibrant. In our case, we have so much going on in this area (such as Winchester, Macungie, the Tri-State show), we don't really need to have our own show. The purpose of a truck show is to promote the B-W AHS and we are doing that already whenever we are together, or at a show.

One member commented that it wouldn't be a problem if he could get his wife to keep him in the lifestyle he would like to be accustomed to.

In relation to BMI, Jay Scott asked about the Esskay truck at BMI. He has done some work and has a lot of paperwork. He wanted to know the status of the truck. Mike Boteler said the museum is not sure if they can start the truck because of liability issues. He suggested Jay give all the receipts and documents to BMI.

Until a proper venue presents itself, we will vote on foregoing a Chapter truck show until that time. It was moved, seconded and approved that the matter of a Chapter truck show be moved until next meeting for a final discussion and vote.

Update to the B-W Chapter By-laws

John Milliman said that the By-laws Committee met to go over the current Chapter By-laws. The recommendations for changes are updates to bring the By-laws in line with National and other actions that are the nature of the B-W Chapter (having what we are doing in writing). Some were minor corrections in spelling and grammar. John distributed copies of the proposed changes, which were highlighted in bold face print.

- Add family membership, including voting rights and dues
- Re-wrote the Treasurer section that was taken directly from the National template
- Term of Officers – newly elected officers begin their term January 1 following the election. If there is a vacancy, the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, can fill the vacancy until the next election.
- Meetings – what constitutes a quorum to conduct business (10%)
- Dues - section added about individual and family membership. Same dues whether you are family or individual
- Committees – added examples of Ad Hoc Committees

- Amendments – beefed up. A request for an amendment to the Bylaws must be submit it in writing and clarified the sequencing for approval
- Article 9 – Dissolution of the Chapter. This language came from the National template
- Article 10 – Affiliation – This wording came from the National template

The original By-laws and the proposed By-laws will be emailed to the membership. A summary of the changes will be published in the November-December issue of Driveline. The changes can be discussed further at the winter meeting and voted on then.

Report from the Nominating Committee

Mel Thomas, Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers for the 2011-2013 term.

Billy Marlow, President
 Jesse Walter, Vice President
 Colleen Guy, Secretary
 Kathy Reeder, Treasurer

Willie Axt was proposed as Sergeant-at-Arms.

John Vannatta said that Henry and Andy would like to continue to handle the mud flap sales as a team. They will need to give a report to the Treasurer who will bring it to the meeting. There was a suggestion to give them seed money and let them handle it. Mel Thomas also suggested that Henry present the Chapter with the current inventory before they form a separate committee. It was moved, seconded and approved that the new President ask Henry and Andy to work up a plan and present it to the Chapter at the winter meeting.

There was a motion and second, to approve the slate of officers for the 2011-13 term as presented. The motion carried with no opposition.

B-W Group Picture for the ATHS Anniversary Album

There was a motion and second to approve the \$100 fee for a B-W Chapter group photo submission for the Anniversary Album. The motion carried unanimously.

B-W Chapter Overall Inventory

John Milliman requested that there be an accounting of all the Chapter “stuff” that any of the members may have. This would be *anything* that belongs to the Chapter – files, papers, books, t-shirts, old photos, banners, easy-up, tent, etc. Peggy was asked to send out an email requesting the information and offered to present the data to the new President at the next meeting.

Winter Meeting

It was moved, seconded and approved that the next meeting will be at the Country Pride restaurant (Jessup Truck Stop) on Sunday, January 16.

Junkyard Tour in April

John Vannatta mentioned that R. L. Jackson organizes a junkyard tour sometime in April. The Chapter has been invited to attend. He will get the details and present the information at the January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Workday at BMI

There was discussion about continuing to participate in projects at the Baltimore Museum of Industry as a goodwill gesture. Mike Boteler will contact them to see what would be a good time in March, and what projects they may be needing help with.

Adjournment

There being no further business, at 2:53 p.m. it was moved, second and approved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Milliman

APPROVED: January 16, 2011