



Shop Manual

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President's Message

You should be receiving this issue of the Shop Manual just a few days before Christmas. More and more towns seem to be doing Christmas Light Parades these days. I know Gorham had theirs a couple of weeks ago and some of my coworkers at my event security gig were working one in Saco last night. I haven't been able to participate in one yet, but it is my goal to have the fire truck in Gotham's light parade next year. It should be pretty straight forward since the Kodiak has still has its own working on board generator. Hopefully some of you have had a chance to participate in one of these parades in your area this year. If you did, please send pictures to either myself or Clayton and we will get them in the next newsletter.

Sadly, we have lost a few chapter members and family members since the last newsletter. In no particular order...

Shortly before the Late Fall Gathering, we received word that George Barrett had passed away. George was our newsletter editor (and newsletter assembly host) and PTC Board member for several years. He was very involved in the "Great Train Robbery" - when antique trucks from across New England brought the former Edaville Railway home to Maine to become the Maine Narrow Gauge Railway. George was also very active in the Boothbay Railway Museum and will be remembered for his wealth of knowledge about vintage construction equipment.

A few weeks later, Terry Ohman passed after a brief but intense battle. Terry and her husband Lars served together as Secretary and Treasurer of the Pine Tree Chapter from our founding as a chapter well into our second decade. Although many of us remain unclear as to who did which job, it has long been assumed that Terry did the better part of both jobs. Many of the things we still do at shows and events today can be traced back to Terry.

Chapter member Doug Ellis' mom Dolores passed away somewhat unexpectedly recently. Dolores was a wonderful lady and a dear friend to my mom. Dolores is now reunited with her dear departed husband, Ollie.

Most recently our Vice President, Tom Hudgins lost his dad, Hart Hudgins. I only met Tom's dad in passing at truck shows a time or two, but through Tom's stories and photos I think I understand the essence of the man - a trucker's trucker. Hart trucked up and down the eastern seaboard from his home base in Virginia for most of his professional life. I hope Hart finds a new ride up there with big power and a 13-speed.

Please keep George's, Terry's, Dolores' and Hart's families in your thoughts as this is certainly one of the toughest times of the year to be dealing with the loss of a loved one.

It is time to begin the paperwork that wraps up 2024 and start planning for the 2025 season. The 2025 business meeting will include an election. Officers and Board of Directors. Clayton Hoak has again agreed to serve as the nominating committee. This is a critical election for the Pine Tree Chapter as we have several vacancies coming up (President, Secretary, Treasurer and possible Board of Directors positions). Any Chapter Member (must be in good standing with PTC and ATHS dues) interested in running for any position within the chapter should contact Clayton as soon as possible.

I think that's about it for now. Time to put up a few more Christmas decorations and maybe get a little shop time before I go back to hauling gravel tomorrow. Hope to see you out on the road, at a concert in Portland or at a PTC meeting soon. *Peter*

Editor's note – Pine Tree Chapter member Carl Waterman, from Waldoboro, ME also recently passed.

RAMBLINGS.....This is going to be a tough one.....I usually try to be on the light side, this time I have sad news. Some of you already know my wife Terry passed away on November 16, 2024, after a short battle with lung cancer, surrounded by family. Many of you more senior members of the Pine Tree Chapter will remember when she and I shared, for many years, the dual role of treasurer, and secretary. That was back in the days when records were kept on 3 x 5 file cards, and a loose-leaf binder. Her non calculator math skills were right to the penny, and I licked the stamps.

She was always most supportive of my membership in ATHS, ATCA, HCEA, ACMOC, and attended many of the National Conventions around the United States making new friends wherever she went. The social aspects of these gatherings went far beyond the trucks. While we guys kicked tires and told tales of trucking, the girls would gather, socialize, and generally had something for us to enjoy after looking at trucks all day. Memories of the Brooklyn, CT show, sweltering heat, and a fresh layer of bovine ballast on the grounds comes to mind.

Our visits to Jan & Joe Phelan's Compound, camping with others pond side up in Perkinsville, VT and gathering around all-night campfires with the Green Mountain Chapter... Oh I could go on.... Our first tour in the B-75 Mack was to be with the Mass gang, another memory. Our Owls Head Show was a must do. Daytime, Terry would man the table with other supporting wives and girlfriends, and at night, always the rooftop gathering at "Tarpaper Beach" on top of the Navigator Motels. Chapter Tours, especially to Shin Pond, ME are in the record books.

Last, by far, not least, were the multi-year gatherings at Watsons Wheels and Water Show, on beautiful Brandy Pond. Oh, lord if those campfires could talk... all night long under the stars, with at times, a dozen or more campers. What started as a two-day show, went from Wednesday afternoon thru Monday noon! If you were there for one or more adventure, you know what I am talking about. Watson's was referred to as the "best kept secret show" of the year. Over the past years, we made many friends from coast to coast, but now is the time to say good bye..... Love you, Lom..... LP

And another Firetruck by Doug Wakefield

While working out in the yard, late one afternoon a while ago, a neighbor and lifelong friend who is also a town selectman pulled into my driveway. My Friend, Chuck and I spent a few minutes catching up on local gossip, the beautiful early fall weather and current events before he asked me if I would have any interest in the only firetruck that the Town of Lowell still owned. It is a fifty-two-year-old Ford that was retired from service about twenty years ago and has been parked outside ever since. The Town felt that it had little or no value and would receive little attention as a public offering. The select board sent him to tell me that if I was interested, to make them an offer and I would own it.

The truck had sat at one of the former firefighters' home since being retired. He told me that it ran when parked but that when he tried to move it several years later, that the drive axle would not turn. The truck is still in good condition, so I made an offer and just as Chuck said I became the owner of a low mileage 1972 Ford F-750 firetruck.

Checked all the fluids, hooked an electric fuel pump to carburetor, a new battery and presto, the old 391ci V-8 started right up, the belts were squealing because the alternator was frozen solid.

Well, you know what they say, how do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time. So, while waiting for the boys at NAPA to find me an alternator, I determined that the second drive line brake drum and shoes had become stuck together causing the drive axle to be frozen. Firetrucks have what is called a two-drive shift (split shaft) drive line that runs through a center mounted gearbox that turns the pumper or can be shifted to run the drive axle.

As I continue to eat another elephant, I have replaced the alternator, removed the rear drive shaft, towed it home and have freed up the rear brake drum, shifted the pumper gearbox to the drive axle power position and reassembled the drum and rear shift. The next bite is to replace the gas lines and clean or replace the gas tank, and then onto the juice brake system.

Still don't have much money invested and you all know about me and red Ford trucks. I'm looking at it as saving a small part of local history and it is a cool old Red Ford. Stay warm and Happy Holidays, I'll keep you posted!



Nominations Open

The 2025 Pine Tree Chapter Business Meeting (date TBD) will include an election of Officers and Board of Directors (all are 2-year terms). We currently have 3 confirmed vacancies (officers not seeking re-election). These are the offices of President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Any member wishing to serve in ANY capacity should contact the nominating committee. All currently serving Officers and/or Board of Directors members should also contact the nominating committee to confirm their intentions for the upcoming election.

Note: members must be in good standing (dues up to date) with both National ATHS and the Pine Tree Chapter to seek office or to vote at the upcoming meeting.

Nominating Committee - Clayton Hoak (207) 582-3224 or email 1948reo@roadrunner.com

Members and Friends Obituary Information

George Barrett, of Cumberland, passed away on October 22, 2024. George is survived by his wife of 55 years, Angelica, his two children, Melinda and Christopher, and four grandchildren. Services were held on November 23rd in Falmouth. George's full obituary can be found at - <https://www.pressherald.com/2024/11/10/obituarygeorge-kenneth-barrett-2/>

Theresa "Terry" Ohman, of Sabattus, passed away on November 15, 2024. Terry is survived by her husband Lars, her four children (spouses) - Debra (Donny), Denise (Stephen), Lisa (Eric) and Randall; Lars' three children - Christine, Scott and K.C.; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Private services were held in late November in PA. Terry's full obituary can be found at - <https://www.sunjournal.com/2024/12/03/obituarytheresa-terry-ohman-2/>

Dolores Ellis, of Cape Elizabeth, passed away on November 9, 1924. Predeceased by Oliver, her husband of 70 years, Dolores is survived by her sons Douglas (Nancy) and David (Pat); three grandchildren (and spouses) and a great-grandson. Funeral services were private. Dolores' full obituary can be found at - <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/portland-me/dolores-ellis-12071696>

Edward Hart Hudgins, Sr., of Foster, Virginia, passed away on December 4, 2024. Hart is survived by his wife of 60 years, Laura; two sons, Edward (Crissy) and Thomas (partner - William); siblings David, Linda, and Edith (sister-in-law); four grandchildren (and spouses) and four great-grandchildren. Visitation, services, burial and a reception were held on December 13th. Hart's full obituary can be found at - <https://www.faulknerfuneralhcs.com/obituaries/edward-hudgins-sr>

Carl Waterman, of Waldoboro, passed away on October 25, 2024. A life-long bachelor Carl is survived by his sister, Anne (husband Tom, children Marie, Julia and Richard) and brother Jack (wife Debbie, children Tim and Nick); four great-nieces and extended Waterman clan on North Haven. An informal gathering of friends was held in Waldoboro on November 8th. Carl's full obituary can be found at - <https://www.hallfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/Carl-D-Waterman?obId=33551940>

Old truck heaven – photos from your editors’ recent trip to Michigan.



1917 Pierce- Arrow Model R8 5 Ton Motor Truck – one of approximately 7000 trucks (all models) built by Pierce-Arrow. Located in the Pierce-Arrow Museum at the Gilmore Museum complex, Hickory Corners, MI.



1930 Ford Model AA Service Car/ Wrecker - with Briggs slab side body and Weaver 3-ton mechanical hoist. One of 521 built for local garages, service stations and Ford dealerships and sold equipped for \$790.00. Located in the Model A Museum at the Gilmore Museum complex, Hickory Corners, MI.



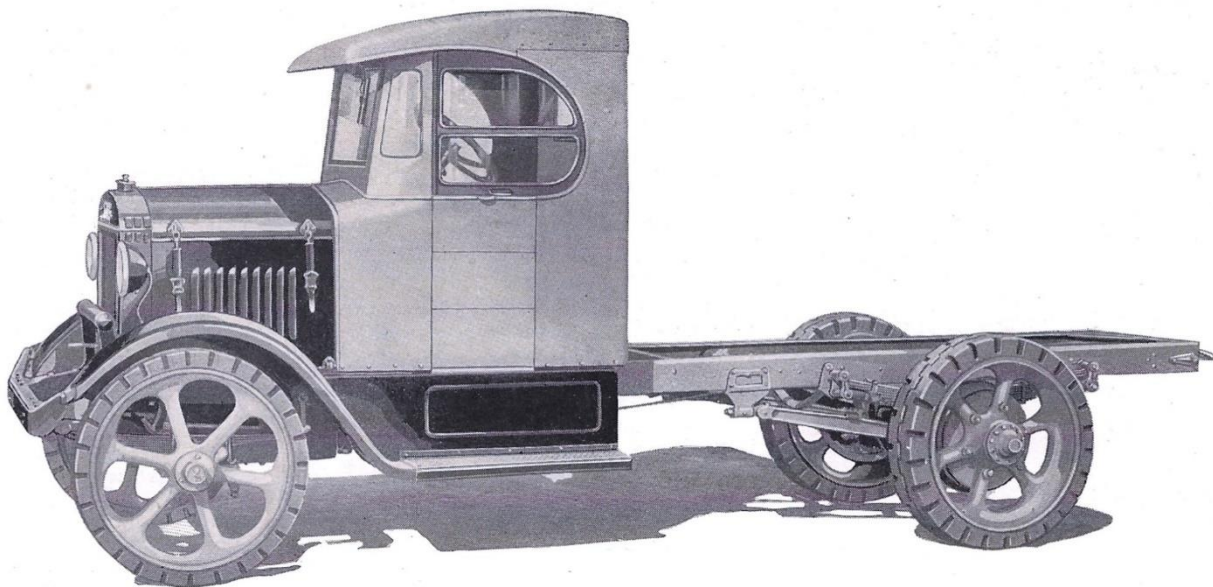
1927 Indiana Dump Truck with 3 ½ cubic yard body. The truck was stored in the 1930's with 16, 209 miles on its' odometer. Restored by Dean Wilhelm, at his shop - Dean's Truck Body, Inc. in Twinsburg, OH and displayed at NATMUS in Auburn, IN.



Harold Dexter's 1st Place Winner of the Model Car Concours Senior Division at the 31st Annual Corvair Fall Affair in Charlotte, NC October 19-21, 2007. Displayed at the Ypsilanti Auto Museum, Ypsilanti, MI.



1926 GMC K-41 2 ½ ton truck. Stored behind the scenes at the recently opened Pontiac Transportation Museum, in Pontiac, MI. The K-41 was also offered as a tractor (K-41T) which was rated at 5 tons.



COMPLETENESS of equipment is an outstanding merit of the GMC series. Surmounted by the standard Cab by Fisher, complete standard electrical and chassis equipment (see specifications, page 7), they are unapproached in the motor truck field.

1925 GMC K-41 from a 1925 sales brochure shown above. Note the hard rubber tires and the driver's (and passenger's) door. The door pushes down and folds under the frame.



1927 International Model 63C with optional chain drive. Displayed at NATMUS in Auburn, IN.



1910 Reliance Motor Truck - Reliance was started in 1904 in Detroit and moved to Owosso in 1908/09. GMC bought Reliance in 1910 and rebadged the trucks GMC in 1912. One of two Reliance badged trucks known to exist this truck is in storage at the Pontiac Transportation Museum in Pontiac, MI.

Local and Regional Events

Wednesday	12/25/24	Christmas Day – Have a Merry Christmas
Thurs – Sat	6/5-7/25	ATHS National Convention and Truck Show – Madison, WI
Saturday	6/21/25	Springtime Truck and Tractor Show – West Enfield, ME

Next issue will have a preliminary 2025 event calendar. Please submit events you would like to see posted in the newsletter to Clayton Hoak – phone (207) 582-3224 or email 1948reo@roadrunner.com.

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.

For Sale: CASE 750-B shovel dozer, 4 cylinder CASE diesel, three shank ripper (never been in ledge) powershift transmission, soft cab, good undercarriage (does not throw tracks) Was running 9/29/24. Call for details; pricing, availability evenings..... Lars (207-375-6515) or Email : peckapohl@roadrunner.com

For Sale: One pair Webb 5 spoke hubs (#3522) with races and 7-inch brake drums for 22-inch Dayton wheels, no bearings (uses #663s and HM212049s). Off of tag axle. Make an offer. Clayton Hoak 207-582-3223; 1948reo@roadrunner.com

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 LCWillis7116@gmail.com 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: jmunson@colemuseum.org

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

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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:

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