



# The Dispatch

Keeping the ATHS Board of Directors & Chapter Presidents Informed

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## **ATHS Goals**

The mission of the American Truck Historical Society is to collect artifacts, information, photographs, and other relevant materials pertaining to the origin, development, and progress of the motor truck transportation industry; to verify and establish the authenticity and accuracy of the collected information and materials; to place or arrange for placement of all objects, gifts, artifacts, and other items on display for educational purposes that relate historically to the development of the motor truck industry; to serve as a repository for donations, gifts, and bequests.

## **ROUTE 66 CONVOY**

Mark your calendars for the Route 66 Convoy taking place September 6-15, 2012. Daily truck shows will be held at TA and Petro truck stops at each of these 10 locations: Morris, IL; Troy, IL; Joplin, MO; Oklahoma City, OK; Amarillo, TX; Albuquerque, NM; Gallup, NM; Kingman, AZ; Barstow, CA.; and San Bernardino, CA. Each show will begin at 11 a.m. with trucks from local ATHS members, an ATHS booth display, and booth displays by the Prime Movers and Heavy Hauler sponsors. Convoy trucks are to arrive at each site no later than 4 p.m. for roll call to qualify for a convoy keepsake available only to those who complete the entire route from Morris, IL to San Bernardino, CA. Upon arrival in San Bernardino, CA, convoy trucks will join the ATHS Southern California Chapter's show trucks in the Route 66 Rendezvous held each year!

The \$100 per truck/driver participation price includes a Convoy hat, Convoy shirt, commemorative chock block, daily check in card, and a route guide. Each participant will make his or her own hotel and eating arrangements. More information and registration is available online.

## **WHEELS OF TIME**

Coverage of the 2012 convention and truck show will be included in *Show Time*, which will be mailed with the September/October issue. The July/August issue will be in the mail soon!

## **2012 CONVENTION & ANTIQUE TRUCK SHOW**

ATHS would like to give a BIG thanks to all the volunteers and host chapters who helped organize the show in West Springfield, MA. This year's show was a marvelous success with 1,002 trucks as the final count. Registrations haven't been counted yet, but total profits should be posted in about a month or so. We are especially thankful to the Pioneer Valley Convention and Visitor's Bureau and the Eastern States Exposition for their generosity and assistance. We hope to see all of you at next year's show in Yakima, WA, May 30 – June 1, 2013.

## **ATHS WEBSITE**

Reminder that various ATHS forms, such as membership, awards, chapter show insurance requests, logo use request, etc., are all available on the ATHS website. This year's Board of Directors meeting minutes, *The Dispatch*, policies and procedures, classified ads, calendar, etc., are also available at [www.aths.org](http://www.aths.org). The ATHS roster and archive copies of *Wheels of Time* and *Show Time* are available online in the Members section. Check it out!

## **RVP REPORTS DUE JUNE 30**

If you are a board member, please turn in your RVP report by June 30.

## **2016 CONVENTION**

2016 convention submissions are due by August 1, 2012. This will be a western region show. The location(s) will be presented at the October 2012 board meeting in Yakima, WA.