



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

On August 24th, 6 of our Redwood Chapter members met in Williams for breakfast before heading north to attend the Pacific NW Truck Museum Show. That night we enjoyed a great pig barbeque with all our favorite beverages, hosted by Dan Thomas at his Medford home. He also had about 8 of his many restored antique Mack trucks on display. Great time had by all.

Next morning we had a great breakfast, one hour north of Medford at Heaven on Earth restaurant and arrived at Brooks about 2pm.

The facility at Brooks, Oregon is called Antique Powerland and houses trucks, tractors, engines, logging equipment, a train, and a steam powered saw mill. Many things to view and do. Friday night meal was supplied by Cummins Northwest and there are food vendors on site all weekend. We headed south late Saturday arriving home Sunday. I am happy to say I have not had a flat tire lately. Perhaps I have turned the corner. This was Pacific North West Truck Museum's 25th anniversary show. Many antique trucks and many more show and shine trucks. Redwood Chapter was well represented but always room for more! Dane Petersen

~ Dane Petersen, President

Vice President's Message – Ed Couderc

I was very pleased at the turn out for our annual show in Napa.

We had 29 trucks and a few nice autos also. My thanks to Steve Drew and Curtis for having the General Equipment Shop immaculate as usual. It is so nice to have shelter from the elements for our group. Thanks to 3 axle Kevin for checking people in and selling some shirts. An extra big THANKS to Katey and Tim for figuring out the food logistics and spending most of their day getting us feed and watered. Charlie did not give a treasurers report but spoke kindly about the

Saturday, August 5th, 2017 BBQ

4 PM Social Time

6 PM Dinner

Dane & Margaret Pertersen's Vineyard

Healdsburg, CA

Steak and sides will be provided by the club.

Bring something to drink.

Trucks welcome!

Please RSVP by August 1st 707-433-4065 or 707-486-0253

or email Dane Petersen <dane@avispmail.com>

passing of John Pinã. Thank you, Charlie. We missed Dane, but he wanted me to remind you that August 5, 2017 is BBQ time at Dane & Margaret's and his vineyard in Dry Creek. Hope to see you there!

A Great Trip to ATHS National Show 2017 by Allan Nelson

Day 1: May 21, 2017 The first day for 4 geezers and their trucks heading to Des Moines and back from Sonoma County. Trucks are '62 Pete with Ed Couderc, '47 Sterling owned by Ronald Waltenspiel and driven by Juaquin Ortiz, '88 Mack cab over owned by Dan Thomas and driven by our president Dane Petersen and myself in a crossbred '54 LTL Mack. In a Ford Pick up were master mechanic Steven Paul and Ronald. This is an easy day, only going to Winnemucca. Dane and Ed had to stop in Sacramento to get Dan's truck. The rest of us stopped at the closed Antelope CHP scales and were soon joined by a motorcycle officer asking what we were waiting for. When we told what we were doing and where our destination was he looked at the age of the trucks and operators and said REALLY ! He went on his merry way and Dane and Ed caught up and we headed up the Big Hill. At the top of Donner Summit, at the water relief stop, we met a man and his wife from Australia who knows trucks and also knows Tony Champion and other truckers from Down Under that come to some of the shows in the USA. Small world. Arrive Winnemucca 3 pm and Ed says his turbo is actin up. Steven and I look at it and it is only a plug missing causing an exhaust leak. Have plug, quick fix, off to dinner.

Day 2: May 22, 2017: Dane has trailer tire flat. Seems to happen every trip. Dane must have shares in Goodyear. He catches us later at Wells, NV as we are eating. He has the only truck that will stretch out to 75 MPH. Onto to Evanston, WY for the night.

Day 3: May 23, 2017: Overnight rain and it is cold at 5 am. Adjusted fan belts on Ed's truck and mine. You have to have a tool box with these old rigs. This will be our longest day (580 Miles) so I put Patsy Cline on the jukebox and I am sure others have Jones or Loretta keeping them company. At Little America, while eating breakfast, in come the Sacramento gang. Dennis Chan, Gayland Baker, Manuel Andrade, Mike Colton and Duane Brusseau. They had left Salt Lake at 4 am. They also drive a bit faster than us. Heading across the plateau of Wyoming we see in the distance huge power plants and refineries. They are not intimidated in this state like California, as the highway exits to these plants are named after the Companies facilities. 2 days before we arrive I - 80 was closed in stretches for

snow and wind. There is still snow on the ground in mid-May. Good reason to live in California. George Straight says we can “Still make Cheyenne” but we continue on past it to North Platt, Nebraska.

Day 4: May 24, 2017: Flat ground and not many trees. Good for agriculture. Soy beans, corn and cattle. Arrive outside show grounds, clean up our trucks and get ready to check in Thursday morning. 1801 miles Easy trip. Dan Thomas and Carlton Hill arrive from Omaha where they flew to that morning. Carlton rented a minivan to haul 8 of us around for 4 days. He is thinking about retiring and becoming a Uber driver. He provided excellent service.

Days 5-7: May 25,26,27: at the Iowa State Fairground’s. Huge place with well-maintained old and new buildings everywhere and lots of parking space for over 1200 trucks. The Iowa people are very friendly and I met several that knew we came a long way and thanked us for coming to Iowa. The Sterling’s got top billing and were placed inside out of the elements. Ronald’s 3 trucks and the grill to his newest project in between them made a nice presentation from California. The rest of us got a great spot on the entrance road in so everyone came by us as they checked in. Dan Thomas and Gary Mahan arranged this prime location. Trucks were everywhere. I think we saw everything in 3 days. Saturday, last day of show it rained hard for 2 hours but by 3-4 pm it had dried up and so we loaded up our trucks to be ready to go Sunday morning.

Day 8: May 28, 2017: Left hotel 5 am with 530 miles to get to Sidney, NE near the Wyoming border. By now we have figured out that Iowa and California have the poorest roads. Nebraska the best. We spend the night overlooking the corporate headquarters of Cabela’s Outfitters. A huge store also attached to the office building.

Day 9: May 29, 2017: Sidney to Salt Lake crossing the Continental Divide twice 60 miles apart. The Divide looks like a snake on the map and crosses I -80 near Rawlins and again near Table Rock. Couple long pulls to almost 8,000 ft along this route. Getting water out of the radiator cap ! Start thinking head gasket but once water level got a bit lower all was ok. Just a bad seal on the cap. We are in states now that have 80 MPH speed limits. Some of the non-large fleet trucks are running that fast. Hope they have good front end tires ! We fall in behind the CR England and Schneider trucks that run about 65 and have another easy day.

Day 10: May, 2017: 30 Finally got very hot weather. Just out of Salt Lake with the sun at our back and shinning on an overpass, Dane and Ed saw 3 black birds (Ravens?) on the middle support of the overpass. They had made quite a nice nest and did not seem to mind traffic whizzing by. They were enjoying the morning sun West of Winnemucca, NV the Rye Patch Reservoir has more water in it than has been in many years. All our winter rain moved on through Nevada also so the desert looks very healthy. We make it to Boomtown, NV for the night. A short day tomorrow.

Day 11: May 31, 2017: Cool morning and as we are coming over the top of Donner a 200 lb bear runs across all lanes of I -80 and made it to the Boreal Ridge Parking lot. By then a cold rain is with us so our nice clean trucks will look they have been working when we get home. As I start down Donner Pass the Bulldog starts to smell the saltwater of the Pacific and starts to run away from the rest of the group. They all catch up down on the flats and we all arrive home just after lunch

11 Days, 3600 miles, 600 gallons of fuel and a lot of good food and fun.

Maybe Kentucky next year ?

2017 Convention & Truck Show Highlights

Enjoy the record setting 2017 ATHS Convention and Truck Show in Des Moines, Iowa. These videos will give you a feel of this exciting show!

<https://aths.org/2017-convention-des-moines-highlights>

**Save the Date: 2018 ATHS Annual Convention
May 31-June 2, 2018 Lexington, Kentucky!**

Redwood Chapter Show 2017

A very special THANK YOU to the show host's Steve Drew and his Family and the crew at their business 'General Equipment' in Napa.

Great location, plenty of room for all the trucks, nice indoor shade, restrooms, and spectacularly clean shop! We served 60 lunches, had 29 trucks in attendance and a few old cars & motorcycles. Thank you Drew Family!































**The following is a list of shows in the west.
Take some time to visit one of them this summer.**

Aug 5	Redwood Chapter Potluck Picnic (must RSVP)	Healdsburg, CA
Aug 25,26	Brooks Truck Show (503) 463-8701 Jerry Crume	Brooks. OR
Sept 9	Rocky Mountain Chapter Show (801) 580-7532 Art	Salina, UT
Oct 21	Nor Cal Chapter Truck Show (530) 865-8631 Bill Irwin	Orland, CA

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