



### **Presidents Message:**

On Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> about 34 of our members met at the River Rock Casino for dinner, a glass of wine and truck conversation. Nice evening that I think everyone enjoyed.

It is that time of year, cool and rainy, I mean very rainy... so get to work on your favorite antique.

We have a busy schedule this year as the National meet is in Reno.

May 31 – June 2

On the way to the Reno show, the Jim Dobbas family is sponsoring a BBQ at Donner Summit. Highway 40. It is on May 30<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 3pm.

It is time to register for the national and get a truck tuned. Early bird registration ends March 31. Check out all the events for the year in this newsletter, our website <https://redwoodaths.org/> and the national web site <https://www.aths.org/>

Safe Travels,

Dane Petersen

President



## **Member Activities**

By Vice President Ed Couderc

Member Allan Nelson has taken on the project to liquidate the contents of 3 trailers from the A.W. Hays Museum. All the items that were around the trucks when they were displayed in Woodland, CA have been stored for 5 years and they now belong to ATHS National. Allan along with Carlton Hill and Ed Couderc spent 2 days in Reno unloading the contents and sorting through 150 cartons, heavy displays, toy trucks and other “stuff”. They were helped by member Bev Davis, regional director for ATHS Manual Andrade, Duane Brusseau, Bruce Thomas and some helpful hands from Jim Dobbas ranch. 3 full 40’-45’trailers were unloaded and non-valuable items were disposed of. The remaining will fill the contents of 1 trailer.

One of Carlton Hill’s drivers delivered one of the empty trailers back to Dalton Trucking in Fontana. Dalton’s dispatcher was quite surprised as he thought the trailer was gone forever. He seemed to recall that when it was delivered to Woodland August 2013 that it would be returned in about “6 months”. Time does fly!

Nelson’s goal is to either have an auction of the items at Reno during the National Truck Show or load them back into a trailer and send them to Kansas to be displayed at Headquarters. A decision will be made in February by ATHS National.

The trucks that were at the Hays Collection are now owned by National Automobile Museum, the successor to the Harrah’s Collection. The Museum hopes to build a new wing someday to display them. The trucks, except for the 35 that were sold two years ago, are still in storage in Reno after being relocated in 2013.

## Member Profile ~ Bob Palmer

We ask members to send in facts about themselves. This month our profile is about Robert Palmer.

Bob Palmer spent his whole life around trucks. During WW 2 he remembers riding in a model BC Mack 3 axle & pull trailer with a load of apples from Miller Fruit on Grant Street in Healdsburg. Later Bob's father bought a Stewart Truck and hauled logs and lumber. By then Bob was underneath his Dad's trucks doing greasing and maintenance duties and learning the many problems that "old" trucks have.

After completion of high school, he worked as a mechanic and driver for local companies in town. He then signed on with J P Wadleigh Trucking hauling fruit and concrete pipe locally and when winter came, Wadleigh moved the trucks to Yuma, Bob hauled produce from Arizona and El Centro to the Bay Area with Mack tractors. The Utility semi and pull trailer he drove was previously owned by RB Cunningham in Healdsburg and his father had pulled the same set when it was new. Back to Healdsburg in the summer hauling lumber.

Using his skills as a mechanic he worked for Opperman and Son, Kasier Sand and Gravel (those pink Peterbilts) and a couple of other firms ending up at Redwood Reliance Peterbilt as the service manager. During this time he started, with a partner, P & S Truck Repair in Healdsburg and after his partner retired Bob became the sole owner. P & S closed in 2012 when Bob retired and with his wife Lindsey moved to Southern Oregon.

Since he started his fascination with trucks around a Mack and drove various Macks over the years he is restoring a 1954 LTL 2 axle tractor which was purchased new by J P Wadleigh, Bob's employer way back when. Powered by a 320 Cummins charger motor, it drives through a 5 speed Mack and 3 speed Brown – Lipe transmission to a Mack double reduction single drive rear end. He is adding a Reliance semi and pull trailer to complete the unit. As with many restorations it always takes longer but should be on the streets by year end.

Bob states that "trucks have be good to me" and is happy to be good friends with other truck owners in Sonoma County

**Treasurer Report & 2019 Dues**

Year end 2018 the clubs bank balance is \$ 7,100.37.

The Club is financially sound and the majority of our members have sent in their dues for 2019.

If you have not sent in your dues please do at this time. *Remember you must belong to the National ATHS to be a Member of the local Redwood Chapter.*

For national membership/dues information:

<https://www.aths.org/membership>

The 2019 dues are \$15.00 for the Redwood Chapter

Mail check payable to Redwood Chapter ATHS and Mail to:

Jim Ryan 19 Emerson Street San Francisco, CA 94118

Include your name, address, phone and email address

Our membership of 57 folks stretches throughout Northern California and reaches into Utah, Colorado and Oregon. Our newest members joined this December and March:

Peter Langdon from Loma Rica, CA

John Brayton from Petaluma, CA.

Bill Irwin from Orland, CA

Paul Kleiber from South San Francisco, CA

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The Redwood Chapter of the ATHS has a website... find our current calendar, browse event and meeting photos, read newsletters and keep current with your local chapter of ATHS.

**<https://redwoodaths.org/>**

## **2019 Upcoming Events**

**Redwood Logging Show Eureka Fairgrounds** March 14-16

Contact Dennis McFarland (707) 485-6136 for Information

**Chapter Meeting Ronald's Shop 4791 Dry Creek Rd** Apr.13, 1 pm

Come see all the trucks you read about in WOT last year.

Bring a friend. Lunch Provided.

**Central Cal Chapter Show in Plymouth** April 26 -27

**Dobbas Family BBQ Truck Run** May 30 11am

see ad in WOT page 71

**National ATHS Show in Reno** May 31–Jun 2

**Chapter Truck Show Napa,CA** June 15

(1 week later this year) 9-3 pm

**Central Coast Cal Cooler Truck Show** July 20

**Nipomo,CA**



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