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Hi All,

As always, the world finds me busy with trucks, not complaining, it seems to satisfy a crazy harmless addiction...Nathan and I just got the last of Dad's trucks over to Kingman, including the International crew cab and the "Donald Duck". Both trucks made the trip flawlessly after some minor prepping and I was able to stay there longer than 5 minutes for the first time since they moved. The crew cab gets lots of attention on the road, a common question we hear is "Who built that?" I guess most non truck folks don't remember International pickup trucks... The Donald Duck (1970 IH D400) is a kick to drive with an 8V71 Detroit and a 13 speed, I had fun screaming across the desert in that. I continue to work on Larry Laughlin's '79 GMC C35, not a restoration, but I am slowly bringing it back to life from a long hibernation starting in 2008 according to the tag. I hope to have that roadworthy very soon to make it's wake up voyage from Yucaipa to Montclair.

We just finished up at California Trucking Show. This is huge trucking industry trade show where we have been invited to promote ATHS. We ate breakfast at Zeke's Eating Place in Ontario, and with no hunger or complaints after breakfast, Zeke's is in the running as a new breakfast meeting spot. We depleted a huge portion of our old t-shirts, Wheels of Time, and other ATHS swag inventory at the show. It was a profitable weekend for us and I think we took a couple hundred pounds off the club trailer. Thanks to all that came out and helped that weekend. Ken Lund gets a special thanks for doing all the heavy transporting.

A few weeks before that we attended the San Diego Chapter's Annual show at Bate's Nut Farm in Valley Center. We met for breakfast at Penfold's Café in Temecula then convoyed into the show where we met up with the Dalton Fleet. Adam and crew put on a great show as always, about 80 trucks in attendance. One of our newest members, Richard Nuthall received a trophy for being most original with his very original looking Kenworth W900a, quite fitting on KW's 100th anniversary year. (continued)



A few weeks back, Ashley Donaldson aka "Miss Flatbed Red" visited our chapter from Ohio. She is an official AHS "social media ambassador." She is known in the truck world for her truck drawings and on YouTube for touring a truck with her camera while interviewing the owner about the truck. She did 13 vehicles from our chapter that day, be sure to look those up on YouTube. She even had the privilege of visiting a with Terry Klenske and we all heard some great stories from days gone by. Be sure to "like" and "subscribe" her on any online platforms you might see her on, this is how she makes money while at the same time promoting AHS. I spent the day touring with her and got to tour a detailing products factory/distribution center that sponsors her. The owner has offered our chapter a tour, perhaps this can be a future event for us. He recommended we tour on a weekday to see it in operation.

I'm long winded today, I usually go into future events, but I'm sure you'd rather see trucks instead. Be sure to check out Ken's Happenings portion of the newsletter for a current calendar. One last thing before I go today: **We need a Newsletter editor.** The next newsletter after this will be by our next editor, whenever we find that person. Ken and I will continue to contribute, but we need someone to piece it all together and distribute it. Please get in touch if you're interested. I promise we won't throw you into the deep end, we will show you the ropes. This can be done from anywhere; you don't have to live near the rest of us. In the meantime, make sure I have an email address for you or someone close to you that does computers. I will continue to send updates and event information/coverage via email.

See You All Soon!!! ~Chris

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

Betty Gunther and family would like to invite you all to their yard in Long Beach.

"Come ride on a rail car, sit in the S.P. caboose, kick the tires on an old truck or two, lean on some old tractors and see all kinds of neat rusty stuff."



American Truck Historical Society
 Military Vehicle Collectors Club
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ALL MEMBERS & FRIENDS INVITED

DIRECTIONS

- Take the 91 Riverside Fwy toward Long Beach
- Exit on Cherry Ave (southbound)
- Proceed south 1/2 mile to Curry St (1 block beyond Harding)
- Turn Left on Curry St and continue to the end of the block
- Gunther's Yard is the last lot on the right

HOURS: about 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM



In loving memory of George Gunther (1921-2008)

Featured Truck:

1981 Kenworth W900a

Owner: Richard Nuthall

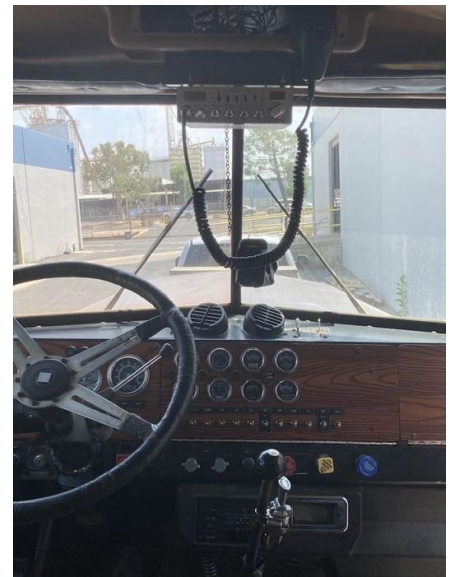
Factory stock, 60" Bunk, 3406, 15 speed (big hole against the dash), axle ratio unknown, but Richard assures us "she'll run"

Richard was good enough to share the story of his truck with me via email, rather than me mess it up, here it is right from the man himself:

I found the the truck on truck paper, it was the right combination of price and proximity, it was in Phoenix. The guy that I bought it from bought it from the owner's daughter after he passed away. he used it to cart hot asphalt throughout the west, he was the 2nd owner, I believe the original owner was from Fresno but I have no info on him.

The first time I looked at the truck I decided to pass as I figured I would need a workshop and it seemed like it was more than I was willing to take on, so I jumped right back in my truck and headed back to LA, it was a long day. A few weeks later my brother was visiting and after a quick text message he had found me a place to park it at his company's facility in Perris, and meanwhile the seller had dropped the price by \$5k, so it was all coming together. The arrangement was made if we got the engine fired up and it sounded good we had a deal. At one point I hoped to drive it back from Phoenix but I quickly came to my senses!

So April 2022 she arrived in Perris on a flat bed-and 4 hrs later she was off and parked in her new home! She had been parked for 25 years so wasn't sure what I was going to find, to date this is what I've done; Sleeper Boot,8x air suspension bags,new brake hoses and diaphragms,new maxi cans,1x hub seal,10x new tires,new dash brake and wiper valves,refurbish dash and replace all switches,new transmission air shift lines. This winter I plan on working on the interior-new floors,re-upholstered seats,new head liner and steering wheel and a sound system. ~ Richard Nuthall





San Diego Chapter ATHS 2023 Show







Calendar of Events

ATHS-SCC MONTHLY BREAKFAST –

Usually Held the 3rd SATURDAY each month, unless conflict with another event. We've added a 2nd location to assist members in LA-Orange counties, and planned some on Sundays to assist those who work on Saturdays. We will alternate between Goody's in Colton and Roadside (Formerly Brandon's) Café in Corona.

Check the Breakfast Schedule for dates and locations.

Goody's Restaurant - 551 S. Hunts Lane, Colton, 92324 – Ph# 909-370-1063.

Big trucks ok..

Roadside Café – 4714 Green River Road, Corona 92880 – Ph# 951-734-2700

Big trucks ok.

BREAKFAST SCHEDULE

November 18 – Saturday – Goody's, Colton

December 16 – Saturday – Roadside Café, Corona

PAST EVENTS

September 16 & 17 – Grand National Truck Show – Fairplex, Pomona

Website: rodshows.com

This was the first "just trucks" show. In addition to the display of show vehicles in the Fairplex buildings, trucks were allowed to display in a parking area near the buildings for a price slightly above the general admission price. This is something the club should consider next year.

September 17 (Sunday) – San Diego Chapter Truck Show.

Some members met for breakfast at Penfold's Cafe and convoyed to the San

Diego Chapter Annual Truck Show at Bates Nut Farm, Valley Center.

October 14-15 California Trucking Show – Ontario Convention Center

This was a large trade show and event. SoCal ATHS was given a booth at no charge again. We sold a large amount of past inventory of t-shirts, and signed up new members. Thank you to all the members who helped staff the booth. We hope to be invited to attend next year.

FUTURE EVENTS

November 18 (Saturday)

Inglis Classic Car Show

11am to 3pm

17229 Lemon St, Hesperia.

Contact Chris to assist with our promotional booth.

\$10 admission. Call 281-601-2713 for more details and directions

December 4th - Sunday –

Long Beach – Gunther's Yard

The tradition continues! George's family has agreed to host ATHS-SCC, Long Beach Model T's, the local Harley club, WAPA and other groups for the annual Gunther's Yard outing. If you like to see old trucks, Harleys, hit-n-miss engines and lots of neat old rusty stuff you will have a great day. The family also collects food and toys for charity. Hours will be 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Location: 2380 Curry St., Long Beach

Classic vehicles

park inside gate, others on the street. For more information contact Bruce Gunther at 562-708-0392.

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February 3 - Saturday – Fontana - Dalton Trucking Open House -

Time: 10:00am

Lunch is around 12:00pm

Location: Dalton Trucking

13560 Whittram Ave

Fontana, CA 92335

February 11 (Sunday) – Run to Peggy Sue’s road trip (tentative)

February 11th is Super Bowl Sunday and therefore the annual cruise to Peggy Sue’s in Yermo. This is a great event, where sometimes well over 200 vehicles of all types make the run from Apple Valley meeting place to Peggy Sue’s. Prior to the Apple Valley meeting place, a group of vehicles gather at the Mc Donald’s in Cajon Pass at I-15 and Hwy 138.

We will be leaving McD’s at 7:00 am to join up with the cruisers meeting at Hwy 18 and Bear Valley Rd in Apple Valley. From there we will cruise through Lucerne Valley to Barstow and onto Peggy Sues. There is no charge for the event, except optional lunch at Peggy Sue’s. Depending on where you are coming from, it is sometimes possible to make it home in time to watch “the Big Game”. Hope you can make it.

March 3 – Sunday -- Pomona Swap Meet & Featured Club Parking

Our club has been invited to display our vehicles at the Pomona Swap Meet . We will have 20 spaces. We also plan to have a vendor space to sell tshirts. **More details to follow**

**March 23 – Saturday – Yuma – Mike Green “RV World Old Truck Show”
Details to Follow**

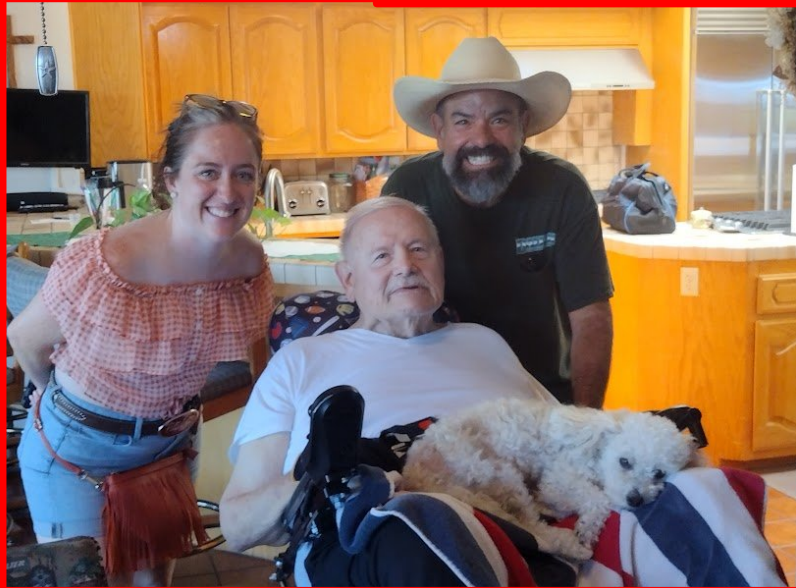
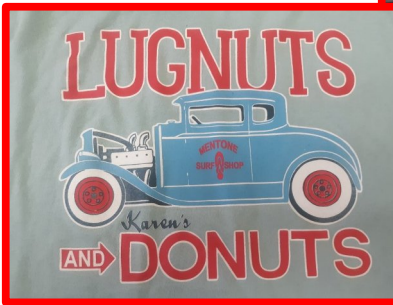


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California Trucking Show

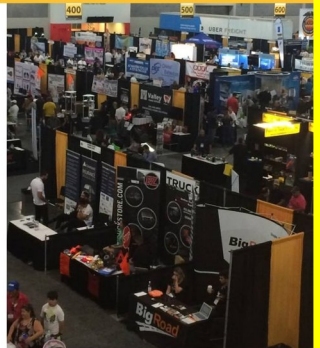


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**Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show, Mar. 2024
March 3, 2024**

Join us, we are the “Featured Car Club”