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## John B. Haines IV's 1930 Mack AC



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# President's Message

As we enter another year it is worth noting that 2024 marks the fifteenth consecutive year that our annual ATCA membership dues have remained \$36. This has been made possible by the leadership, past and present, combined with the generous support of our donors and



volunteers who give their valuable time. Our financial solvency is credited to our low overhead, a volunteer staff which writes, edits, and assembles our publication, Double Clutch magazine. Our advertising, website, and social media outreach also benefit from a similar base of volunteers who are passionate about our hobby. Our ATCA National Meet expenses are covered by registration fees and the sale of the annual National Meet T-shirt's. It would be a challenge to find anything that has not increased in price over the last fifteen years.

We are only a few months away from the 44TH ATCA National Meet set for June 14-15, 2024 in Macungie Memorial Park. The Show Committee is preparing for an anticipated record turnout for "The Greatest Antique Truck Show on Earth." Changes implemented in recent years have expanded the show field area for additional truck parking. This year, upon entering the park, "Day of Show" registrants will be given a simplified registration form on a clipboard. The driver will remain in their truck to complete the form as they move toward the registration booth. This should ease traffic congestion at the entrance and create

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# SWEET LORAIN

By Jeff Lakaszcyk  
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If you were at Macungie in 2021 you no doubt saw it. Up on the hill with its boom raised high was John B. Haines IV's freshly restored 1930 Mack AC with a Universal Lorian 40 crane. Parked alongside John's other trucks at the show, the old Bulldog stood out with its gleaming black paint and bright yellow crane house. The American flag was flying from the front crane support. The old truck had come a long way since John acquired it a few years before.

John first saw the truck on a visit to Jack Comer's in, and right away John knew he had to have it. The nearly 90 year old truck was just a rusty hulk with a broken rear axle and both the upper and lower engines frozen, but it was mostly all there and John could see that it had potential. John struck a deal to buy the truck from Jack and within a few weeks the old Mack was loaded on a lowboy and hauled back to John's restoration shop at Windsor Service in Reading, Pennsylvania.

Art Cooper was John's restoration mechanic and had been responsible for the restoration work on all of John's antique trucks. Art worked for Windsor Service for 56 of his 83 years. When Art first laid eyes on the old workhorse it was in such poor condition he wanted

to throw up. It had been decades since the old truck had operated. A total disassembly of the truck was required. The cab and sheet metal were removed, along with the engine and drivetrain. The boom was removed from the crane and the crane house was completely removed from the chassis. The AC's 4 cylinder engine was soaked in penetrating oil and worked back and forth until it freed up. Luckily it did not have to be rebuilt. The sheet



The crane house needed a lot of sheet metal work.



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