



## American Trucking and Industry Leader Hall of Fame Opens on October 15 with Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony and First Inauguration of Inductees *ATHS Members Gather on October 16 to Celebrate 50 Years*

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (October 15, 2021)** – Four big names in the trucking industry will be inducted into the American Trucking and Industry Leader Hall of Fame (ATIL Hall of Fame) on Friday, October 15, 2021.

- Clessie Lyle Cummins, founder of the Cummins Engine Co
- Jack and Gus Mack, founders of Mack Trucks, Inc
- Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association
- Dave Nemo, trucking radio icon

Representatives from each of these inductees will be present at the awards presentation. “No transport industry Hall of Fame could exist without paying homage to these elite inductees. The impact they have on the industry is ongoing and everlasting. The American Trucking and Industry Leader Hall of Fame honors the pioneers of the trucking industry, whether they are drivers, company owners, or innovators to the industry,” said Tom Mullen, ATIL Hall of Fame Chair.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony officially announcing the opening of the ATIL Hall of Fame and the first inductees is on Friday, October 15, 2021. This is being held in conjunction with the American Truck Historical Society’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at the ATHS home office in Kansas City at 10380 N Ambassador Dr., Ste. 101, Kansas City, MO 64153.

### **Order of Events Friday, Oct. 15, 2021**

9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast, Sponsored by Hagerty Insurance
10:00 a.m.	Opening Ceremonies
10:15 a.m.	Board Chair Address
10:30 a.m.	Presidential Address
10:45 a.m.	Executive Director Address
11:15 a.m.	Awards Committee Chair Address
11:30 a.m.	Archives Committee Chair Address
11:45 a.m.	VIP Addresses
Noon	Lunch sponsored by Vander Haag’s
2:00 p.m.	Hall of Fame Welcome
2:15 p.m.	Hall of Fame Induction
2:30 p.m.	Hall of Fame Ribbon Cutting
2:45 p.m.	Hall of Fame Unveiling
3:00 p.m.	Hall of Fame Q&A
3:15 p.m.	Open House for Attendees

The ATIL Hall of Fame is housed within the American Truck Historical Society (ATHS) in Kansas City, Missouri — the crossroads of America. “We are excited to announce Walmart Transport as our first committed corporate member of the Hall of Fame. Attend the presentation and find out more, says Mullen.

On Saturday, October 16, ATHS celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with an Open House, inviting its members to visit the Zoe James Memorial Library, the Visitor Center, and the newly developed American Trucking Industry and Leader Hall of Fame.



ATHS recognizes its [50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration sponsors](#): Hagerty Insurance, Vander Haag's Inc., Bridgestone, Inland Truck Parts & Service, Sercombe Trucking Co., Big Rig Upholstery, Mercer Transportation, and NHH Services. Visit the ATHS website at [ATHS.org/50thAnniversary](https://ATHS.org/50thAnniversary).

### **American Truck Historical Society milestones**

March 1971: ATHS was founded in Dearborn Heights, Michigan, relocated to Birmingham, Alabama in 1977, and in 2001, moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where it is today.

October 1972: ATHS is recognized as the authorized organization to collect/preserve trucking history. Today the ATHS houses the Zoe James Memorial Library, which hosts a collection of more than 100,000 digitized and original photographs, 35,000 pieces of sales literature, and 45,000 books and periodicals.

October 1980: The first *Wheels of Time* magazine is published.

1972: First annual convention.

1980: First historic truck show. The shows have grown from 23 trucks in 1980 to over 1,000 trucks today! The ATHS National Convention & Truck Show now rotates between four U.S. locations.

May 2021: To honor the trucking industry and the companies and professionals who have gone above and beyond, ATHS developed the American Trucking and Industry Leader Hall of Fame (ATIL Hall of Fame). The trucking industry is crucial to the U.S. and its economic success.

October 15, 2021: A ribbon-cutting ceremony announcing the official opening of the ATIL Hall of Fame. The first ATIL Hall of Fame induction ceremony welcomes four icons.

October 16, 2021: ATHS Member Celebration Open House beginning at 9:00 a.m.

#### **About ATIL Hall of Fame:**

The American Trucking and Industry Leader Hall of Fame (ATIL Hall of Fame) was formed in May 2021 to showcase corporate and association award programs, along with individual trucking industry leaders. By bringing the best of the best awards programs to one location—transport industry workers, their families and those who have a passion for trucks, its people, and the industry, can experience first-hand the history of and pride for the trucking industry. ATIL Hall of Fame is housed within the American Truck Historical Society's in Kansas City, Missouri. For more information visit [ATILHallofFame.org](https://ATILHallofFame.org)

#### **About ATHS:**

The American Truck Historical Society (ATHS) was formed to preserve the history of trucks, the trucking industry, and its pioneers. ATHS is international in scope, with almost 20,000 members and 100 chapters spanning 23 countries and all 50 United States. ATHS has almost 100 chapters. The Zoe James Memorial Library hosts a collection of over 100,000, digitized and original photographs; 35,000 specimens of sales literature, more than 45,000 books and periodicals, along with an extensive collection of scale model trucks. The ATHS home office is located in Kansas City, Mo., U.S.A. More information about ATHS, including library hours of operation, can be found at [ATHS.org](https://ATHS.org)

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