

## ATA Today

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“Keeping the ATA tow network informed.”

### ATA Trucking Customer List

ATA is now providing services for **Tandem Transport**. If you spot any ATA customer in trouble, please report the company, unit number, and location to ATA immediately. The call will only be acknowledged if it is called in to our dispatch center at 800-618-6946 ext 222. Do not start work until you receive permission to proceed from ATA.

### One Reference/One Invoice

Please remember to only send one invoice if you are given only one reference number at dispatch. If there are two parts to the call, please combine them on one invoice to ATA. We may receive one invoice and not the other and bill it to the customer unaware that a second invoice is part of the same call. Once the call is invoiced and closed, we can't bill the customer again.

### American Towman Baltimore Tow Show

ATA will have a booth at the Baltimore Tow Show. We want to invite everyone to stop by. Please let us know if you are planning on being there and we'll make sure we look for you.

Yes I will be attending the CTTA Tow Show \_\_\_\_\_

Tow Company \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_

### Tower of the Month

ATA Congratulates **Monster Towing** out of Higley, AZ as tower of the month. The crew at **Monster** is always ready to help ATA at anytime with anything. The dispatchers here really enjoy working with them and are extremely pleased with their overall performance. Congratulations to everyone at **Monster Towing**.

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**John & Karma Chordas Remembered-A Tribute to the Founder's of John's Body Shop in Binghamton, NY**

***John's Body Shop has been a tower for ATA for many years. Recently, the co founder of John's Body, Karma Chordas, passed away following her husband John who passed away in 2001. Here is the story of this fine couple and their business of 58 years.....***

John Chordas grew up in Altoona, Pennsylvania. He worked long, hard hours in the coal mine until he joined the US Air Force during WWII. After his tour of duty was completed, he operated a trolley car in Philadelphia where he met his wife of 55 years, Karma. They moved first to Hancock then to Binghamton, N.Y and together established John's Body Shop in 1949. A hard working couple, they raised their family while building John's into a strong & successful business.

Over the following years, both John & Karma volunteered their services to their community. Karma was instrumental in the founding of the Broome Volunteer Ambulance Service while John assisted by repairing their vehicles at no charge. Together John & Karma purchased & donated the first three vehicles in service for the Broome Volunteer Ambulance Service.

John & Karma could be found at many accident scenes helping to extricate the victims, both the severely injured as well as fatalities, before the Jaws of Life was an available tool.

John & Karma's unselfish caring for their fellow man did not end there. Many times they opened their home to stranded travelers; often times during holidays. Easter Sunday in 1974 is a grand example of their compassion for others. This Easter found a bus load of people stranded in a ditch. Not only did John & Karma tow the disabled vehicle, but they also brought all the weary travelers to their home where they fed them Easter dinner & made them comfortable until arrangements could be made to get them on their way again.

Over the years John & Karma were kept busy with their towing of light & heavy vehicles as well as auto body work & painting. Also included in their work were unique paint jobs such as simulators for Singer Link.

John & Karma both remained active in John's Body Shop until John passed away 2001 & Karma in 2007. Today John's Body Shop remains a successful business in both the auto body repair field and the towing industry. John & Karma's sons, Jack (John) & Chris, have worked hard to not only keep the business a success but to expand on the business their parents founded with Wreck Master Certification along with equipment suitable for today's heavy duty needs.

They continue their parent's legacy of helping out their fellow man not only with towing, but ensuring unfortunate people have a place to stay & a good hot meal.

Jack & Chris also remain active in assisting emergency services and the local Fire Departments. They often donate wrecked vehicles for training purposes and have even



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hosted a training session in their storage yard this past summer with several Fire Departments on the scene to reap the benefits offered. Jack & Chris plan to continue following in their parents footsteps.

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