

Autocar Donates Custom Engineered DC-64R Refuse Truck to The Environmental Research and Education Foundation

The Mickey Flood Tribute Truck will be on display in Las Vegas at the WasteExpo, June 28-30

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – (June 18, 2021) – <u>Autocar, LLC</u>, manufacturer of North America's first specialized, severe-duty vocational truck, honors the life and legacy of Charles "Mickey" Flood by donating a custom engineered, full-bodied severe-duty class 8 DC-64R to the 2021 Environmental Research and Education Foundation (EREF) <u>Annual Charitable Auction</u>. Proceeds from the auction will support the EREF's scientific and educational initiatives for waste management practices. The winning

bidder will work with Autocar's engineers to design their new <u>DC-64R</u> <u>Refuse Truck</u> to their specifications.

"As a longtime member of Autocar's advisory board and a large proponent of shaping our business into a company that recognizes the importance of environmental endeavors, Mickey helped us establish a lot of the values we stand for when we make our sustainable trucks. We're celebrating a member of our team we will dearly miss by supporting the EREF's continued contributions to improving the solid waste industry," said Jimmy Johnston, president of Autocar. "Such a leader in the industry deserves nothing short of Autocar's BADASS DC-64R. We're excited to honor our friend Mickey's behalf and help continue the solid waste research and education efforts he so strongly believed in."



Mickey Flood

Autocar is honored to have had received Flood's mentorship as part of its advisory board from 2013 to his passing in May. Furthermore, the non-hazardous solid waste management industry is what it is today thanks to Flood's 40 years of experience. Some highlights from Flood's career include:

- Founder of the IESI Corporation, the third-largest non-hazardous solid waste management company in North America
- Vice-chairman and director of IESI-BFC
- President and CEO of IESI from 1995-2004
- Group president of Waste Management from 1989-1994
- Inducted into the National Recycling and Solid Waste Industry's Hall of Fame in 2008



Autocar DC-64R Refuse Truck

The DC-64R conventional truck for severe-duty refuse applications is assembled in Birmingham, Ala. As all DC-64R trucks do, the Mickey Flood Tribute Truck comes standard with a Cummins engine. The workspace of the cab fits three and is spacious and functional with ample foot, leg, hip, elbow and shoulder room and a fully adjustable seat and steering column. But what truly sets it apart in the industrial truck market is the vehicle's BADASS strength, durability and safety attributes. The DC-64R is the first truck ever built to feature ultra-high-strength 160,000 PSI steel frame rails, 24% stronger and lighter than other trucks in the market. Autocar delivers the industry's highest level of body integration, partnering with body manufacturers for parallel engineering of body installation, pre-engineering chassis layout and pre-wiring components that enable seamless body integration. This process increases the truck's reliability and uptime and offers a lower total cost of ownership for the life of the truck. The Mickey Flood Tribute Truck is equipped with a <u>Galfab roll-off hoist</u> and <u>Pioneer tarping system</u>.

Like every Autocar customer, the EREF auction winner will gain lifetime support from the Autocar Solutions team, including 24/7 direct factory support, an extensive North American service network, access to online training and easy parts access.

The EREF's mission is to fund and direct scientific research and educational initiatives for waste management practices to benefit industry participants and the communities they serve. For over 25 years, the generous donations and support of EREF's Annual Charitable Auction, programs and other events have helped the Foundation become one of the largest funding sources for solid waste research in North America. Since 1994, the auction has raised more than \$24 million to further support EREF's mission.

EREF's Annual Charitable Auction is open from June 16 to 30. To participate, text "EREFAuction21" to 76278, click the blue link to register and enter bids on available items.



Mickey Flood Tribute Truck

The Mickey Flood Tribute Truck, the Autocar DC-64R Refuse Truck, will be on display at the <u>WasteExpo</u> in Las Vegas from June 28 to 30, adjacent to the EREF booth. WasteExpo attendees are encouraged to honor Flood's legacy by recording their memories in a tribute book set up at the booth.

"Autocar is grateful to have worked with Mickey Flood for so long and is excited for his legacy to live on through the Mickey Flood Tribute Truck and

support of the EREF's noteworthy contributions to the future of the industry," said Autocar President <u>Jim</u> <u>Johnston</u>, who will be a featured speaker discussing <u>low carbon fuel solutions</u> at the WasteExpo on Wednesday, June 30 from 9:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. in room N227.

For more information on EREF's Annual Charitable Auction and details on placing bids, please visit <u>erefdn.org</u>. To learn more about Autocar, LLC, visit <u>AutocarTruck.com</u>.

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ABOUT AUTOCAR, LLC

Autocar, LLC, manufacturer of North America's first specialized, severe-duty vocational trucks brand with the most advanced direct-to-customer business model, is the only American-owned and operated original equipment manufacturer (OEM) of trucks. Autocar's severe-duty vocational trucks provide customers the perfect tool for their jobs with the most uptime, support and impact on their bottom line. Autocar collaborates with customers to build trucks to their exact specifications and needs. Autocar's purpose-built severe-service truck lines include ACMD and ACX cab-over trucks, the ACTT and ACTT-E terminal tractors and the DC-64 Class 8 work trucks. Autocar Truck recognizes that performance and uptime are everything and offers every customer 24/7 access to its *Always Up* direct factory support center staffed by expert technicians who engineer and build Autocar's trucks. Autocar promises to provide trucks that deliver the best value, provide the best service, provide a complete solution for customers' needs, do the work right the first time and act proactively, timely and with simplicity. For more information on Autocar Truck, visit <u>AutocarTruck.com</u>, or call 833-857-0200.

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