

# Images of Patriotism Highlight Many of the Trucks in This Year's Show

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awards ceremony.

Many of the 93 trucks in this year's truck show displayed images of patriotism, with eagles, fighter jets, and the American flag depicted on many, and one standout was the tractor-trailer belonging to Steve and Brenda Lewis. The Lewis tractor is decorated with airbrushed images of fighter planes and jets. On the hood is a jet passing through a plume of smoke as it breaks the sound barrier. On the trailer is a tribute to victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks and to American soldiers.

Mr. Lewis named the trailer "Honor Guard," and images of a soldier's funeral, an Apache helicopter flying across the sunset, and soldiers with the American flag adorn one side. The other side depicts the World Trade Center's twin towers, the Statue of Liberty, and firefighters draping a flag on top of the Pentagon after it was hit by an airplane. On each side, more images can be seen in the clouds.

On the back of the trailer is an image of soldiers paying tribute to a falling comrade, and on the front are the names of the first responders who died in the World Trade Center.

Mr. Lewis, along with airbrush artist Jim Shively of Piqua, Ohio, painted the trailer in two weeks, just in time for the St. Ignace Truck Show.

"What we did usually takes four



**St. Ignace third grade students and their teacher, Amy Metz, point out images in the clouds on Steve and Brenda Lewis' "Honor Guard" trailer, which was displayed at the St. Ignace Middle and Elementary schools Friday, September 15, along with Bob and Shelley Brinker's pirates-themed rig.**

to six months to do," said Mr. Lewis, "but because the truck was on the road so much, we only had two weeks."

"He was painting so much that he would fall asleep as he was painting, sometimes," said Mrs. Lewis. "They worked really hard on it and they put in a lot of long, long hours."

On Friday, Steve and Brenda Lewis of Monroe joined the Brinkers in a display of their trucks at the St. Ignace Middle School and Elementary School.

Mr. Lewis' truck, owned by

Bogie's Express owner Bo Trout, was one of seven trucks that participated in the truck show's newest category, the Wash and Show, which allows truckers to display their rigs and participate in the Parade of Lights, but not compete for awards.

"We decided to just display it this year because we didn't have time to polish it and wax it up good enough to compete," Mr. Lewis said. He plans to add images dedicated to Flight 93, which passengers crashed in Pennsylvania after being hijacked on September 11, 2001.

Both the Brinkers and the Lewises travel to truck shows across the country, and by year's end, the Brinkers will have been in 12 shows, with a Miami show coming up.

Both couples agreed the St. Ignace Truck Show is their favorite,



**Two of the Truck Show's judges, St. Ignace Mayor Paul Grondin (left) and City Manager Eric Dodson, make haste in a golf cart downtown while judging the 93 registered trucks.**

mostly because of the show's Parade of Lights.

This year, more than 100 trucks showed off their many lights, making a convoy across the Mackinac Bridge, turning around in Mackinaw City, and then going through downtown St. Ignace.

"You don't get a chance like that at any other truck show," said Mr. Lewis.

"The parade is great and the

town's people are great," said Mr. Brinker. "That's why we always look forward to coming back."

Mr. Brinker said truck shows offer a chance for truckers to create a better image of themselves to the public.

"A lot of people have a bad perception of truckers," he said. "Shows like this give us a chance to boost a positive image of us. It's a great time because everybody is cel-

ebrating trucking."

Truck Show coordinator Ed Reavie said this year's show was successful.

"We had 93 registered trucks show up during a depressed economy and high fuel prices," he said. "I think that is a great turnout. The number of vendors was doubled and we had great weather. I think everyone was pleased with this year's show."



**Jay Bumpus II, 15, of Hillsdale, stands next to his 1966 Autocar rig, which won him second place in the Working Bobtail, More Than 24 Years Old category. He and his brother, John, and his father, Jay Sr., all competed in this year's truck show. Jay II plans to follow in his father's footsteps as a trucker. He will get his driver's license in October but he'll have to wait a few more years to earn his commercial driver's license for truck driving, as the minimum age is 18.**



**Rod Obbink's 1978 California Transfer earned him three Truck Show awards. The truck is used to carry bulk commodities. Pictured are (from left) his wife, Amy, Mr. Obbink, and their granddaughter, Erin. The Obbinks are from Holland, Michigan.**

## Judging Results of This Year's Truck Show

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- 1966 Ford Fairlane, Fred Mann, Greenville
- 1955 Chevy Pickup, Bryan Johnson, Manistique
- 1972 Chevy Chevelle, Michael Levi, Mason
- 1968 Chrysler Newport, Gary and Gail Olger, Belding
- Mayor's Pick, Car**
- 1954 Chevrolet Bel Air, Clete Combs, Holly
- Mayor's Pick, Truck**
- 1955 Chevy Pickup, Bryon Johnson, Manistique
- Nostalgia-Productions Pick**
- 1954 Chevrolet Bel Air, Clete Combs, Holly
- Mackinac Ford Sales Pedal Car Show**
- Best Car**
- Juanita Rhoades, Remer, Minnesota
- Best Truck**
- Juanita Rhoades, Remer, Minnesota
- Best Custom**
- 1960s General, Zachary Cymbalski, Petoskey
- Best Original**
- 1949 Austin, Ardy and Bob Barclay, Brights Grove, Ontario
- Best Restored**
- 1949 Austin, Ardy and Bob Barclay, Brights Grove, Ontario
- Best Display**
- Dan Czar, Redford
- (Drive-in Movie, Christine Plant, Mackinac Bridge)
- Best Paint**
- 1947 "Mr. Peanuts" Tractor, Christine Brown, Moran
- Best Interior**
- 1960s General, Austin Cymbalski, Petoskey
- Best Special Interior**
- 1949 Austin, Ardy and Bob Barclay, Brights Grove, Ontario
- Sweepstakes Award**
- 1949 Austin, Ardy and Bob Barclay, Brights Grove, Ontario

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## Peripheral Artery Disease

Nearly 75% of those with PAD do not have any symptoms and many people mistake the symptoms for something else.

**Q:** What exactly is Peripheral Artery Disease?

**A:** Fatty deposits build up in the inner linings of the artery walls restricting blood circulation, mainly in arteries leading to the kidneys, stomach, arms, legs and feet.

**Q:** Are there any symptoms that might indicate I have Peripheral Artery Disease?

**A:** The most common symptom of PAD is a painful cramping in the hips thighs or calves when walking, climbing stairs or exercising. Typically this pain goes away with rest and returns when you walk again.

Many people mistake the symptoms for something else.

**Q:** Who is most likely to have PAD?

**A:** PAD can happen to anyone, regardless of age, but it is most common in men and women over age 50. While PAD occurs in both men and women, women are less likely to experience symptoms. Individuals with high blood pressure or high cholesterol are also at risk.

**Q:** What are the health risks of PAD?

**A:** People with PAD are at increased risk for heart attack, stroke and aortic aneurysm. Left untreated,

PAD can lead to gangrene and amputation. Heredity or family history, smoking, diabetes, heart disease, obesity, high blood pressure and high cholesterol also can contribute to PAD.

**Q:** How is PAD diagnosed?

**A:** PAD is easily diagnosed in a simple, painless way. The most common test is the ankle-brachial index (ABI), an exam in which a special stethoscope is used to compare the blood pressure in your feet and arms.

**Q:** What are potential treatments for PAD?

**A:** Most cases of PAD can be managed with lifestyle changes and medication.

**Q:** What should I do if I, or someone I care about needs to be tested?

**A:** Consult with your primary care physician/family doctor or call Northern Michigan Hospital HealthAccess at 1.800.248.6777.

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