

Richard Crane Memorial Big Rig Truck Show Results

The following is a list of award winners from the 13th Annual Richard Crane Memorial Big Rig Truck Show in St. Ignace Friday, September 12, through Sunday, September 14:

Best-of-Show Non-Working
Warren Nyland of Martin, 1996 Kenworth

Best-of-Show Working Combination
Jeremy Hassevoort of Holland, Michigan, 1986 Peterbilt 359

Best-of-Show Working Bobtail
Robert and Shelley Brinker of Grayling, 2000 Freightliner Class XL

Truck-Lite Qualifier
Jeremy Hassevoort, alternate Brian Hitchcock of Webberville, 1996 Peterbilt 379

Richard Crane Memorial Award
David Sercombe of Jackson, 1997 Freightliner COE with Van

Mackinac Bridge Authority Award
Bobtail: Robert and Shelley Brinker

Combo: Ron Baird of Thorntown, Indiana, 2000 Peterbilt 379 with Tanker

Mayor's Choice
Bobtail: Rob Martin of Tecumseh, 2006 International CXT

Combo: Larry Brown

Peoples' Choice
Arvid Blaisdell of Michigan, 1926 Ford M-T

Participants' Choice
John Vanderwal of Hudsonville, Peterbilt 359 with Van

Judges' Choice
Bobtail: Brian Hitchcock

Combo: Gary Koner of Sugar Grove, Illinois, 1966 Freightliner T5164DD

Bobtail With Sleeper, less than 100,000 miles
Curtis Travis of Hamilton, 2008 Peterbilt 389

Hood Bobtail With Sleeper, new to 5 years
Rick Hitchcock of Webberville, 2005 Peterbilt 379

Hood Bobtail With Sleeper, 6 to 10 years
Jeremy Meekhof of Hamilton, 1999 Kenworth W900L

Hood Bobtail With Sleeper, 11 to 24 years
Royce Gritter of Byron Center, Peterbilt

Bobtail Working Intense Custom
Robert and Shelley Brinker

Bobtail, 1983 or older
John Bumpus of Hillsdale, 1963 Peterbilt 351

Day Cab Bobtail, 1984 or newer
Charlie Haines of Holt, 2005 Freightliner 120 michspec

Company Bobtail, 1984 or newer
Ron Pinckney of Wyoming, 2007 Peterbilt 379

Bobtail Wash and Show
Ted MacDonald of Ortonville, 1997 Peterbilt 379

Combo, With a 1983 or older power unit
Steve Dryfhout of Holland, Michigan, 1977 Kenworth W900A

Combo With Van/Ref
Jeremy Hassevoort

Combo Working Intense Custom
Steve and Dennis Mitchell of Blissfield, 1992 Peterbilt 359

Combo With Dump
Rod Obbink of Macatawa, 1978 Peterbilt 359

Combo With Platform
Phil Knowlan of Coldwater, 1994 Peterbilt 379

Combo With Multi Axle
Chad Smith of Wheeler, 2006 Peterbilt 379 with Dumptrain

Combo With Specialized
Duane Hertz of Warren, 2006 Freightliner Coronado

Company Combo
Ron and Carol Commissaris of Wyoming, 2005 Peterbilt 379X with Reefer

Combo Wash and Show
David Sercombe

Antique Bobtail
Steve VanZytveld of Macatana, 1982 Peterbilt COE

Antique Combo
John Vanderwal

Non-Working Intense Custom
Dean Bugg of Curran, 1984 Peterbilt 359

Special Interest
Warren Nyland

Factory Interior Day Cab
Rob Martin

Factory Interior Cab and Sleeper
Rick Koster of Byron Center, 2005 Freightliner Columbia

Customized Interior
Colin Stuart of Harvard, Illinois, 1984 Peterbilt 359

Paint Without Graphics or Murals Bobtail
Ron Pinckney

Paint Without Graphics or Murals Combo
Ron and Carol Commissaris

Paint With Murals Bobtail
Rob Martin

Paint With Murals Combination
Steve and Dennis Mitchell

Paint With Graphics Bobtail
Warren Nyland

Paint With Graphics Combination
Chad Smith

DOT Approved Lights Bobtail
Brian and Marie Patrick of Chelsea, 2007 Peterbilt 379

DOT Approved Lights Combination
Phil Knowlan

Lights Unlimited Bobtail
Robert and Shelley Brinker

Lights Unlimited Combo
Rod Obbink

Factory Engine
Warren Nyland

Customized Engine
Robert and Shelley Brinker

Mackinac Sales on the Waterfront Pedal Car and Car Show Results

The following is a list of award winners from the Mackinac Sales on the Waterfront Pedal Car and Car Show in St. Ignace Friday, September 12, through Sunday, September 14:

Pedal Cars Best Car
Austin Cymbalski of Petoskey, 1960 General

Best Truck
Christine Brown of Moran, Casey Jones

Best Custom
Zachary Cymbalski of Petoskey, Flamingo Convertible

Best Original
Thomas Reed of Parma, 1958 Murry

Best Restored
Christine Brown, 1950s Mini MoLine

Best Display
Darlene Czar of Redford, VW

Best Paint
Christine Brown, 1937 Ford

Best Interior
Christine Brown, 1941 Chrysler

Best Spec-Interior
Dan Czar of Redford, Lead Poison

Best of Show Sweepstakes
Dan Czar, Lead Poison

Car Show Best of Show
Lloyd English of Orion, 1963 Pontiac

Judges' Favorite
Fred Mann of Belding, 1967 Pontiac

Mayor's Choice
Bryon Johnson of Manistique, 1955 Chevy

Best Station wagon
Randy Norton of Marquette, 1970 Chevella

Best Four Door
Tom and Sandy Ayers of Springfield, Ohio, 1967 Chevrolet

Best Station wagon
Bruce Firesteen of Belding, 1949 Davis

Favorite Custom
Phil Bellerose of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, 1966 Ford Galaxie

Top 10
1. Tom Pickard of Hart, 1955 Chevy

2. Roger Gronzo of Belding, 1964 Pontiac

3. James Hunter of Pickford, 1968 Chevrolet

4. Doug Green of Lake Orion, 1965 AC Cobra

5. Gary and Gail Olger of Greenville, 1968 Chrysler

6. Bryon Johnson of Manistique, 1977 Corvette

7. Bill LeRoy of Kalamazoo, 2001 Corvette

8. Cletis Combs of Holly, 1954 Chevy

9. Mike Forsman of Cheboygan, 1964 Chevy

10. Chaz Roth of Lancaster, Ohio, 2002 Ford

Model Maker Completes Dock To Go With Sainte Marie

By Ryan Schlehuder

Charles Purin has completed his latest scale model, the St. Ignace railroad dock, which compliments the model of the railway ferry *Sainte Marie* he finished last October.

Mr. Purin is a 69-year-old U.S. Coast Guard retiree from Pewaukee, Wisconsin, who has been a model maker for more than 55 years.

The dock model comes complete with the apron, balance beams, and counterweights. It also includes a special three-way turnout, or switch, on the apron, which connected to the tracks on ship, so railroad cars can be switched on and off the ship, just like it was done in the 1900s.

The *Sainte Marie* was built in 1913 for the Duluth South Shore & Atlantic Railway, which operated a railroad line between Marquette and St. Ignace, and the ferry between St. Ignace and Mackinaw City. She could carry 14 rail cars. She left St. Ignace for the scrap yard October 10, 1961.

The dock in St. Ignace, now called Wawatam Park and featuring a boardwalk and lighthouse, was used mainly by the *Sainte Marie* and *Chief Wawatam*, her larger sister ferry, until 1984, when the *Chief* was retired. Much of the ramp remains.

Mr. Purin's *Sainte Marie* model is five feet, three inches long, one foot, four inches wide, and weighs 25 pounds. The project was featured in *The St. Ignace News* October 18, 2007.

The new apron addition matches the ferry in scale.

Getting the tracks from the apron to align smoothly with that of the ship was the hardest part of completing the dock, said Mr. Purin, who has built five ship models and many more railroad models.

"This one was the toughest because of the many curved sections, as compared to working with straight line models," said Mr. Purin. "As it was the first one this large that I have ever attempted, there was much trial and error and lots of second and third attempts to get it right."

"Also, because of the sheer size of the model, it was difficult to move around on my workbench, despite building a huge workbench just for this project. It never seemed to be big enough," he said.

The *Sainte Marie* model and the dock are displayed in Mr. Purin's basement, however, his goal would be to find a home for it in St. Ignace.

"As we anticipate moving in the not too distant future, I'd like to see it displayed in St. Ignace for all to see," said Mr. Purin. "I wish someone would buy it and donate it for public display."

Mr. Purin, a member of the Soo



As seen in the photograph, the *Sainte Marie's* A-frame seagate would lift up to allow the captain, from the pilot house, to see to match tracks of the ship to those of the apron, which allowed the transport of railcars and automobiles to and from the ship. Steering the ship into port and lining up the tracks on the apron with the tracks on the ship was a tedious task.

Line Historical Society, attended the society's annual convention in Waukesha, Wisconsin, Saturday,

September 13, and Sunday, September 14, where, as part of the convention, he held an open house at his home for members to come see his latest creation.

Because of its size, Mr. Purin was unable to bring it to the convention.

The model ship and dock were submitted in the convention's model contest, primarily for railroad models; the contest results have yet to be released.

Next, he is going to focus on a steam tugboat that is half finished.

"I put that on hold when I got carried away with my *Sainte Marie* model," he said. The *Sainte Marie* and dock project "was far from my favorite project, but once I had reached the point of no return, I had to complete it after all the time I had put into it."

Along with the Soo Line Historical and Technical Society, Mr. Purin is a member of the Milwaukee Road Historical Association.



Model maker Charles Purin of Pewaukee, Wisconsin, with his newly completed models of the railway ferry *Sainte Marie*, a ship that plied the Straits of Mackinac throughout the 1900s, and the approach dock in St. Ignace, that includes the apron, tracks, counterweights, and balance beams. (Photographs courtesy of Charles Purin)

Bayside Fall Fest Expanded With More Games, Activities

By Karen Gould

St. Ignace Bayside Fall Fest will offer old-fashioned family fun highlighted by the favorite pumpkin roll down Goudreau Street hill. The annual celebration of autumn begins Saturday morning, October 4, in downtown St. Ignace.

The festival will take place from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. in the downtown district from the municipal marina to Little Bear East Arena. New for this year are contests and games, and two tents for children's events. Many activities, which will take place even if it rains, are free to the public.

A pie-in-the-face auction will raise funds for an area charities or organizations. Three pies will be tossed by the highest bidder in each of three categories, which will include people representing the city, the school, and local sports. Each group will take its turn facing the bidders, and one of them will face the pie.

Certificates will be given to the winners of three new games. Children and adults will compete in separate matches to earn the top distance in a pumpkin seed spitting contest. Also new is the toilet paper mummy wrap. The game will give teams of children a chance to wrap one of their players in one roll of paper. The team that finishes first using all of the paper will win. Children also will be challenged to eat a doughnut dangling from a string. The first child to do so without using hands will win.

Preregistration is required for three events, including a bake-off, children's drawing contest, and turkey building contest. Adults will bake pies and children will compete with any dessert they make. A turkey building contest is open to ages seven to 17, with the goal to build an original and creative turkey from any materials. Maximum size of the turkey must be two feet by two feet. A coloring contest is open to children ages four through six. They can submit a fall-themed picture for judging. Registration forms are available for these events at the Chamber of Commerce, St. Ignace Areas Schools offices, and Gros Cap School.

Two Belgian draft horses will pull a wagon for riders, and participants can pet the large working horses.

Other activities will include apple bingo, hay rides, pizza eating contest, pumpkin weight guessing challenge, pumpkin painting contest, bean bag toss, a bounce

house, scavenger hunt, pumpkin sale, bake sale, and free admission to tour downtown museums.

Also, the Farmer's Market will be at the marina from 10 a.m. until noon offering garden fresh produce and local crafts.

An Allied EMS Ambulance will be on site to tour and the St. Ignace Fire Department will hold

an open house with the theme of preventing home fires.

Under the children's tent will be free apple cider, doughnuts, and a barrel of peanuts.

Live music from Crossing X and Catholic Girls Gone Bad is scheduled under the big tent until 8 p.m. Local restaurants will offer soup and bread for sale, and beer

and wine also will be available. Cider, doughnuts, and peanuts will be free. Tickets for food and drink in the tent will be available for \$1 each.

The Bayside Fall Fest is organized by members of the St. Ignace Business Association, the St. Ignace Special Events Committee, and volunteer Marcie North.

Planning Commission Loses One Member

Reaffirms Decision at Mackinaw City

By Paul Gingras

The Mackinaw City Planning Commission voted 7-1 to place two un-zoned, village-owned waterfront parcels in the marina commercial district, and took no action on a suggestion to add allowed uses to the district at its Thursday, September 11 meeting. The district prohibits hotels, motels, and retail operations.

Commissioner Paul Allers voted against the recommendation to zone the parcels marina com-

mercial (MC).

The decision reaffirms the commission's July recommendation to the village council. The council sent the matter back to the commission for reconsideration after its members voted to place two privately owned, adjoining parcels in the general business B2 district Thursday, September 4. Those two parcels are owned by Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry, which protested that zoning the parcels MC would damage the company.

B2 allows a full range of commercial operations. The change in the potential use of the adjoining properties prompted the council to send the matter back to planning.

Commissioner Jeff Hingston, who also sits on the village council, suggested that the uses in the MC district are too restrictive and proposed allowing retail business and other. The area could change owing to the presence of B2 zoning, he pointed out, and he also cited the large state marina nearby.

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City Takes Businessman to Court Over Sign

A hearing that may settle a dispute between Village Inn Restaurant owner Ron Dufina and the City of Mackinac Island over the use of a tricycle delivery cart to promote his restaurant will be held in 92nd District Court in St. Ignace at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 30.

Mr. Dufina was issued a citation for unlawful display of a non-conforming sign earlier this month after he chained the tricycle cart to a wood post at his Balsam Shop building on the corner of Hoban and Main streets, down the street from his restaurant.

Mr. Dufina has been an outspoken opponent of the city's sign ordinance since the city amended it last July to ban the use of free-standing signs, including sandwich boards, which City Council believes are a hazard to fire safety and traffic flow. Mr. Dufina believes such signs attract business and that store owners should be allowed to use them, especially in this depressed economy.

Mr. Dufina owes \$110 for his first citation and \$210 for the second, issued by Police Chief Jim Marks, who also turned it over to District Court.

City attorney Tom Evashevski will represent the city at the hearing, while Mark Dobias of Sault Ste. Marie will represent Mr. Dufina. Judge Beth Gibson will be presiding.



The City of Mackinac Island contends this tricycle, placed on the property of Ron Dufina's Balsam Shop on the corner of Hoban and Main to advertise his nearby Village Inn Restaurant, is in violation of the city's sign ordinance, which outlaws freestanding signs.