

# Many Travel Long Distances To See Tractors

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caravan, then the next and the next, until, by the time the last tractors passed by, the dogs would be worn out from all the fun.

Poking fun at each other and their tractors was another pastime, he said.

For Mr. Oliver, the allure of tractors is clear.

"They're toys!" he said. "If you've got toys, you may as well play with them."

While the tractor show is a chance to socialize with other tractor owners, it is also a family event. Linda Dorr of Lawrence said the parade is one of the rare times her brothers and children get together.

She grew up on a farm. "We drove these tractors," she said. "We helped our parents with them. It's born into us."

As the tractors crossed the bridge into St. Ignace, the drivers were treated to a hero's welcome. Groups of people staked out spots in the grass by the road and crowded along the street, cheering at every one that drove by while snapping photographs.

The show drew a mixed crowd. Some spectators were in the area and dropped by for a look at the menagerie of Deeres, Chalmers, and CO-OPs, while others are experts about tractors and the engines that make them run. Several of the experts traveled many miles to see the spectacle.

Rudy Hemmor of Cheboygan weaved his way in and out of the lines of farm machinery parked at Kewadin Shores Casino in St. Ignace after the bridge crossing. Having farmed with his father as a child, Mr. Hemmor is knowledgeable about the history of tractors and their mechanics. He said he has always been impressed by the foresight put into their design.

The shape of the tractor, Mr. Hemmor said, was designed so farmers could see the maximum amount of ground beneath them.

The Oliver Hart-Parr model 70 tractors were ahead of other models

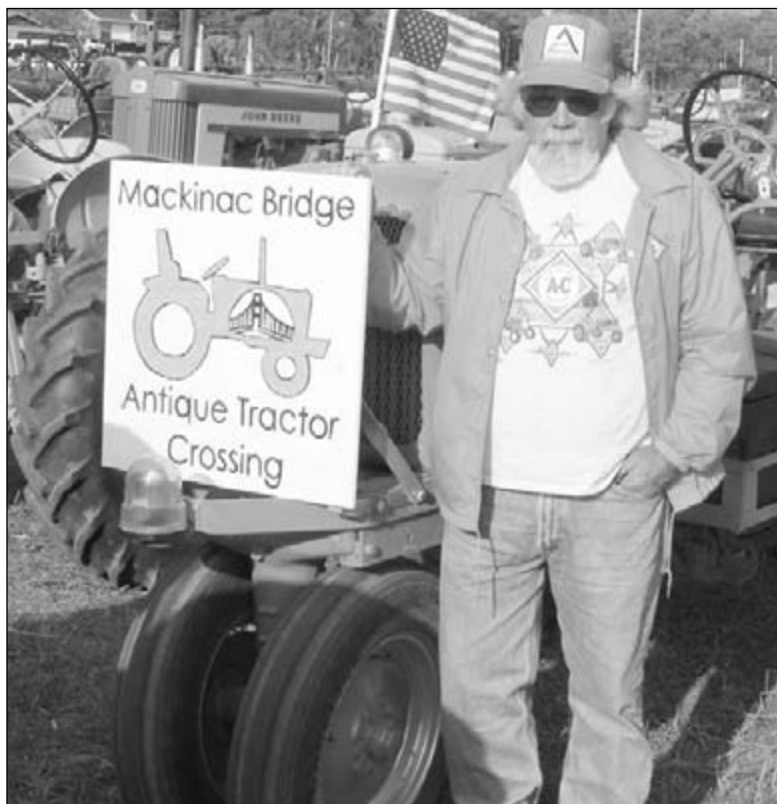
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Max Armstrong, co-host of television's "This Week in Agribusiness," led the tractor parade across the Mackinac Bridge. Here Dawn Edwards of the Mackinaw City Chamber of Commerce presents Mr. Armstrong with a welcome basket filled with local goods.



While crowds wander the grounds at Mackinaw City's Historic Village to see hundreds of vintage tractors before their parade across the Mackinac Bridge, Tim Stewart of Lawrence (foreground) takes the opportunity to catch a quick nap before the crossing.



Larry Oliver of Dimondale traveled to the tractor parade and show for 325 miles in a tractor caravan. The St. Ignace show marks Mr. Oliver's fifth trip in a tractor caravan.



Mike Shilling attended his first parade across the Mackinac Bridge in his heavily modified Allis-Chalmers tractor. Among the modifications are water bottles for showers, "a skunk to get people off his tail," a phone to call his wife, and a shower curtain that doubles to protect him from the rain.

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## Jenna Aho Earns Master's Degree

Jenna Aho was graduated from Central Michigan University July 24 with a Master's degree in physician assistant studies. Miss Aho also earned an Associate's degree in clinical laboratory sciences and a Bachelor's degree in science technology, both from Northern Michigan University.



Jenna Aho

She resides in Traverse City and is employed by Mancelona Family Practice. She is the daughter of Ernie and Mary Kay Aho and the granddaughter of Glen and Theresa McDowell, all of Rudyard.

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