

St. Ignace in September: *Everyone* Is a Fan of Those Beautiful Trucks



Spectators walk State Street in downtown St. Ignace, perusing the 95 registered trucks in the 14th annual Richard Crane Memorial Big Rig Truck Show. Weekend weather was sunny and summer-like for this year's show.



Ron Baird with his 2000 Peterbilt and Heil trailer combo, which earned him and his employer, Hoffman Transportation from Channahon, Illinois, the Best of Show Non-working award at the 14th annual Richard Crane Memorial Big Rig Truck Show. Mr. Baird kept a bag of plastic pellets in hand during the show to show spectators what he hauls for the company.



Lights blur beneath the Mackinac Bridge toll plaza Saturday night, September 19, as 105 semi trucks cross the bridge, headed back to the annual truck show in St. Ignace as a part of the Parade of Lights, which takes them from St. Ignace, on a loop through Mackinaw City, and back. Enthusiastic crowds line up to see the trucks along the parade route.

At right: George Wacker of Manchester with his 1931 Ford Model AA gas and oil truck, an exact replica of the truck his father used when he delivered fuel to homes and farms for Standard Oil. Mr. Wacker displayed his truck during the St. Ignace truck show Saturday, September 19, winning an award for Best Antique Combo, 1966 and older. He said it took 30 years to find all of the parts and put the truck together.



Curious crowds mill around Bo Trout's tribute to those who lost their lives September 11, 2001, a truck and trailer combination with murals of the twin World Trade Center towers and the names of all first responders who died during the disaster. The Kenworth W 900, owned by Mr. Trout's Bogie's Express of Tecumseh, won a handful of awards during the weekend truck show in St. Ignace.

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Ron Baird of Thorntown, Indiana took home the Best in Show award for non-working trucks for his 2000 Peterbilt and 2000 Heil trailer, operated for Hoffman Transportation of Channahon, Illinois. The huge tanker truck is

built to carry millions of plastic pellets from a plant in Coleman to plastic producers elsewhere.

The 500-mile trip to St. Ignace was worth it, Mr. Baird said. He was happy to win and said he always enjoys meeting people and talking trucking to those at the St. Ignace show, which he has been to

seven times.

"It's a nice place to visit," he said, and mentioned the lakeside location as a plus. At "no other show are you sitting on the water like this."

Complete truck show judging results will be published in a future issue.


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