

Join us for the

National Toy Truck 'N Construction Show!

by Debbie Behne

The 32nd Annual National Toy Truck 'N Construction Show will be held Aug. 12, 13 and 14 at Wyndham Indianapolis West, 2544 Executive Drive in Indianapolis, Ind.

"Plan to come early and stay for the whole show to join in the fun we are planning," said Cathy Scheibe, publisher of *Toy Trucker & Contractor* magazine, which sponsors the National Toy Truck 'N Construction Show. "It's no secret that the past three years have been difficult for many of us, but this year's show promises to be the best one we've done in many years. We have talked with the hotel and their scheduled remodel is on track. Ball-



Ken Reimer's Tri-State Commodities Inc. display featuring Aaron Hoffmeister's trucks.

rooms are finished. All hallways and doors are again open. The rear section where we had floor level vendors and our hospitality room three years ago will again be available for us and those vendors who were in that area."

A special feature for the 2022 show: Ken Reimer and Aaron Hoffmeister plan to have on display an 8x8-foot diorama

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Auctioneer is Darren Bock
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of the Tri-State Commodities Inc. yard, located in Greeley, Colo. Reimer is building the diorama and Hoffmeister will be furnishing trucks from his Tri-State collection.

Tri-State Commodities Inc. was started in 1971 by Ivan D. (Jack) Shupe, who has been in the trucking industry almost his entire life, according to the company's website. Over the last 40 years, he has watched Tri-State grow from a small one-truck company to a fleet of almost 50 trucks. Shupe is still working at Tri-State Commodities, although he leaves the operation of the company to his two sons, Grant and Gregg, who have worked at Tri-State since graduating from high school. Other family mem-

bers involved in the business are Grant's wife, Wendy, who began working for Tri-State in 1983 and is now president of the company; Grant and Wendy's son, Chad, who has also started working at Tri-State; and Gregg's sons, Preston and Elliot, who plan to work for the company to continue the family tradition.

Another feature of this year's show will be a live auction. "We talked with our auctioneer, Darren Bock, and he tells us he has some very nice pieces going onto the auction and expects to have the online catalog ready by mid-July," Scheibe said. "We are also contacting a few people we know to see if they would like to put some unique pieces on the auction that you

will truly want to see in-person. Keep watching our website for further information on the auction."

Anyone with an item to be considered for this auction should contact United Edge Auction at 419-298-1100.

In addition to his help with building the special Tri-States diorama, Hoffmeister is also in charge of this year's Indy Model Buildoff.



Model Buildoff will be held
on Saturday, Aug. 13.

Updated information about this year's event can be seen at the Facebook page (National Toy Truck and Construction Buildoff).

As far as an update on the show truck, Scheibe gave this report in the June issue of *Toy Trucker & Contractor* magazine: "2021 transfer dump: Currently being built. Expected delivery September."

"2022: There would have been order blanks in this issue, but waiting for approval of the blanks from Bobcat and Peterbilt. Look for them in the mail and on-line."

They are currently being built."

"We expect to have some actual samples of each truck at the show that you can at least pick up and touch," she added.

About 50 vendors and several manufacturers will set up for this year's show, which features a variety of collectible trucks and construction toys.

Show hours are noon to 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday. General admission is \$10 for adults for all three days of the show; children ages 12 and younger are free with a paying adult.

The show, now in its 32nd year, followed talk about a publication devoted to the toy truck hobby between Claire Scheibe, at that time publisher of *Toy Farmer*, and Gary Anderson in the early 1980s. The result was *American Toy Trucker*, a newsletter, with Gary as



2021 Show Truck
Kenworth T880 will be
delivered late 2022.



The 2022 Show truck -
Peterbilt Model 579 Semi
Tractor with flatbed trailer
and Bobcat S76 Skid-Steer
Loaders

publisher from 1983 to 1986. In July 1986, Dennis and Marge Lowry purchased the publication from Gary and then, in 1990, Claire and Cathy Scheibe took over, changed the name of the publication to *Toy Trucker & Contractor* magazine and the first issue was published in March 1990. The Scheibes, who had experience with hosting the National Farm Toy Show, sponsored by *Toy Farmer*, started the annual National Toy Truck 'N Construction

show to spotlight die-cast truck manufacturers, along



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The Jet Races will be held Friday, Aug. 12 (weather pending).



with toy dealers and custom truck builders.

At first, the event alternated show sites between Dyersville, Iowa, and Rochester, N.Y. At that time, Ertl was still producing trucks in Dyersville and Winross made trucks in Rochester. For the past several years, it has been held in Indianapolis, except for 2017, when it made a one-year return to Dyersville.

The National Toy Truck 'N Construction Show usually draws collectors from around

the world, who get a chance to talk to representatives from many of the die-cast companies which produce the collectible replicas, as well as families who appreciate the friendly atmosphere and various events featured at the show.

Cathy Scheibe made a suggestion in her June *Toy Trucker & Contractor* column to those planning for the show: "To help save some gas money to come to the show, load up a vehicle

with friends and join us for the best time ever. See you there."

For more information about the show or its featured model, call *Toy Trucker & Contractor* magazine at 800-533-8293 or 701-883-5206 or visit www.toytrucker.com.

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