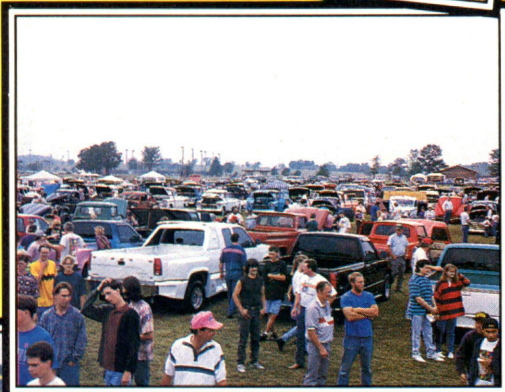


"All Truck Round-Up"

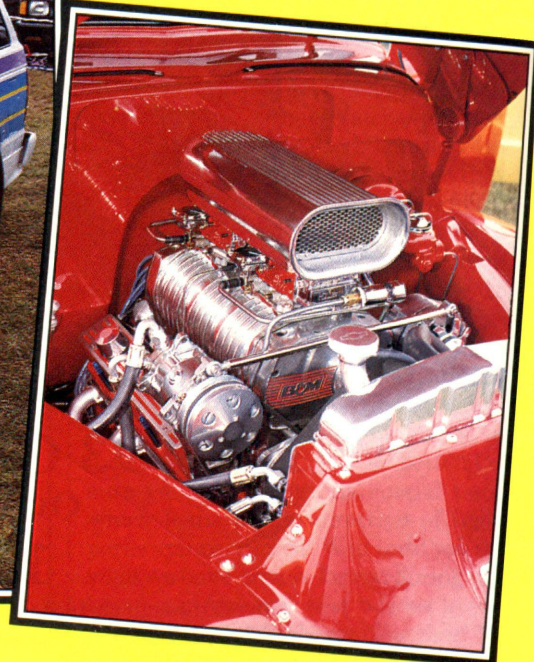
Truckers from across the country converged in Fort Smith, Arkansas, for a fantastic weekend to benefit the Gregory Kistler Children Center!

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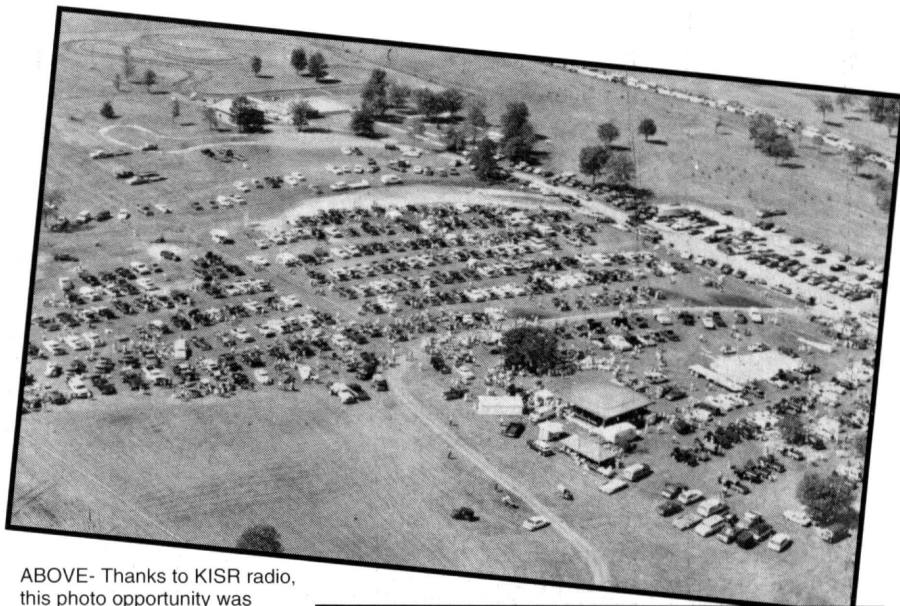
September 26 and 27, 1992 played host to a weekend of excitement as truckers from across the nation gathered at Ben Geren Regional Park in Fort Smith, Arkansas to celebrate the fifth year of the "All Truck Round-Up." Presented by Classic Trucks, the proceeds of the event were donated to the Gregory Kistler Center to benefit physically handicapped children.

As early as Friday morning, trucks from as many as ten different states began the arrival process into the Fort Smith area. The Ramada Inn played host to most of the participants in attendance, as well as being the center point for much of the evening's activities. All-in-all, Friday was a check-in and roam-around kind of day. Truckers from across the nation spend the evening in a hotel parking lot, tailgate-style atmosphere, swappin' stories of past truck shows late into the evening.

Saturday morning arrived as the members of Classic Truckers were greeted by a procession of close to 400 trucks lined up along the highway leading into the gates of Ben Geren Regional Park. Once the trucks were parked on the lush green ground, participants and spectators alike were treated to a fun-filled truck oriented weekend.

Straight from the get-go, it's plain to see this is not your "normal" truck show. With hundreds of donated door prizes, a huge show area, and a well stocked vendors row, this event compiles everything associated with trucks into two fun-filled days. Add a volleyball match, valve cover derby, cruise-night, poker run, stereo contest, blind truckers maze, and several other games to keep the public busy on both days, and you've got yourself one fun packed weekend!

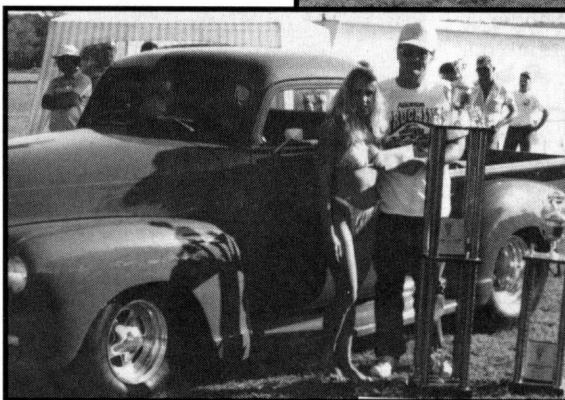
To top it all off, the members of Classic Truckers gave away not one, but TWO trucks! First off, a 1991 GMC Syclone, sponsored by Jim Grizzle Tire Company



ABOVE- Thanks to KISR radio, this photo opportunity was made available. From a higher perspective, it's plain to see this event really draws a large crowd!



RIGHT- Here's a look at the '91 GMC Syclone that was awarded to Judy Crawford of Van Buren, Oklahoma. Sponsored by Jim Grizzle Tire Company and Reeder Simco Truck Centers, this GMC generated a large donation for the Gregory Kistler Center.



LEFT & BELOW- When the members of Classic Truckers say "All Truck," they mean "All Truck." In fact, this year a six foot tall, best-of-show award and \$150 cash was presented to each, a mini and full-size truck.



LEFT- Dealers were on hand displaying the latest in truck accessories. A few steps down were several swap meet styled vendors selling many hard-to-find objects.

and Reeder Simco Truck Center was on hand with 3,000 ten dollar chances being donated to the Gregory Kistler Center. Participants, as well as spectators were welcome to become involved in this drawing, with the winning ticket being held by Van Buren, Arkansas, local, Judy Crawford.

The following drawing was strictly for the truck show participants in attendance. The vehicle was a classic 1950 Chevy pickup purchased by the club and restored to its original condition. The winners of this wonderful door prize was Troy and Debbie Nelson of Shawnee, Oklahoma.

With the cleaning process complete and the swap meet vendors set-up, the crowd of spectators arrived. And arrive they did! In fact, the park filled with thousands of truck enthusiasts capturing their chance to view some of the nation's best trucks on display.

By Sunday afternoon, both of the give-away trucks were presented, and the trophy ceremony began with the best-of-the-best driving up to receive their awards. As the last participants left the ground the voice could be heard for miles that this event would be a must attend event next year by all! With enthusiastic members of Classic Truckers making every effort possible to bring the enjoyment of truckin' to all, it's no wonder so many "dyed-in-the-wool" truckers attend.

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Last but not least, here's a photo of the members of Classic Truckers in front of the 1950 Chevy pickup that they restored and gave away to one of the lucky participants who attended the show. With close to \$18,000 donated to the Gregory Kistler Center this event was again a success for all!



Check out this fine custom, hundreds more were on hand as several truck enthusiasts enjoyed this year's "All Truck Round-Up."



ABOVE LEFT & RIGHT- Games and events play a large roll in the good time had by all at the "All Truck Round-Up." Here's just two of the many events that were held over the fun-filled two days in Fort Smith. The first is the "valve cover derby" and the second is the coveted "blind trucker relay."