

N.C. Transportation Museum
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Antiques trucking into N.C. Transportation Museum

SPENCER, N.C.— They're the working man's vehicle – trucks. On May 13 at the North Carolina Transportation Museum, trucks of the past will be on display from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. for the site's annual American Truck Historical Society show.

The show, sponsored by the society's Piedmont Carolina Chapter, brings trucks of many sizes and models to museum grounds, according to show chairman Lester Brown. Previous shows have featured everything from small pickups to prime movers and service vehicles ranging from the early 1900s to the late 1970s. The variety has included delivery, utility, military and emergency response trucks.

The truck show will kick off a day full of automobile activities in the town of Spencer. Come for the truck show and stay for the Spencer Cruz-in, a 4-9 p.m. event which is rapidly growing in popularity and attendance.

The older trucks offer spectators a chance to glimpse the mechanical workings of a by-gone era, including such long-forgotten features as solid rubber tires, wooden or wire wheels, and chain drive.

The show is not judged, but truck owners can participate in a "slow" race, set for 2 p.m. Drivers must creep across a distance of 50 feet while idling in low gear, with the door open so judges can see that they do not touch the brake or throttle. The slowest truck gets bragging rights.

Any truck that is at least 25 years old is welcome. Trucks must be registered by 11 a.m., and there is a \$10 registration fee. The first 100 trucks will receive a free dash plaque. To pre-register, call Brown at 704-636-5384.

Spectators are welcome and admission is free. For information on the show or the museum, call 704-636-2889 or 1-877-NCTM-FUN, or visit www.nctrans.org.

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The North Carolina Transportation Museum, located in historic Spencer Shops, the former Southern Railway repair facility for steam locomotives, is part of the Division of State Historic Sites, a division of the Department of Cultural Resources. The museum offers free admission and is conveniently located just a few minutes off I-85 in Spencer, N.C., and about an hour from Charlotte, Greensboro or Winston-Salem.

The Department of Cultural Resources is a state agency dedicated to the promotion and protection of North Carolina's arts, history and culture. For more information about the Department of Cultural Resources go to www.ncdcr.gov.