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**Gerhart's  
20th  
Annual**

**ALL**

**MACK  
Meet**

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by Dave Zsido**

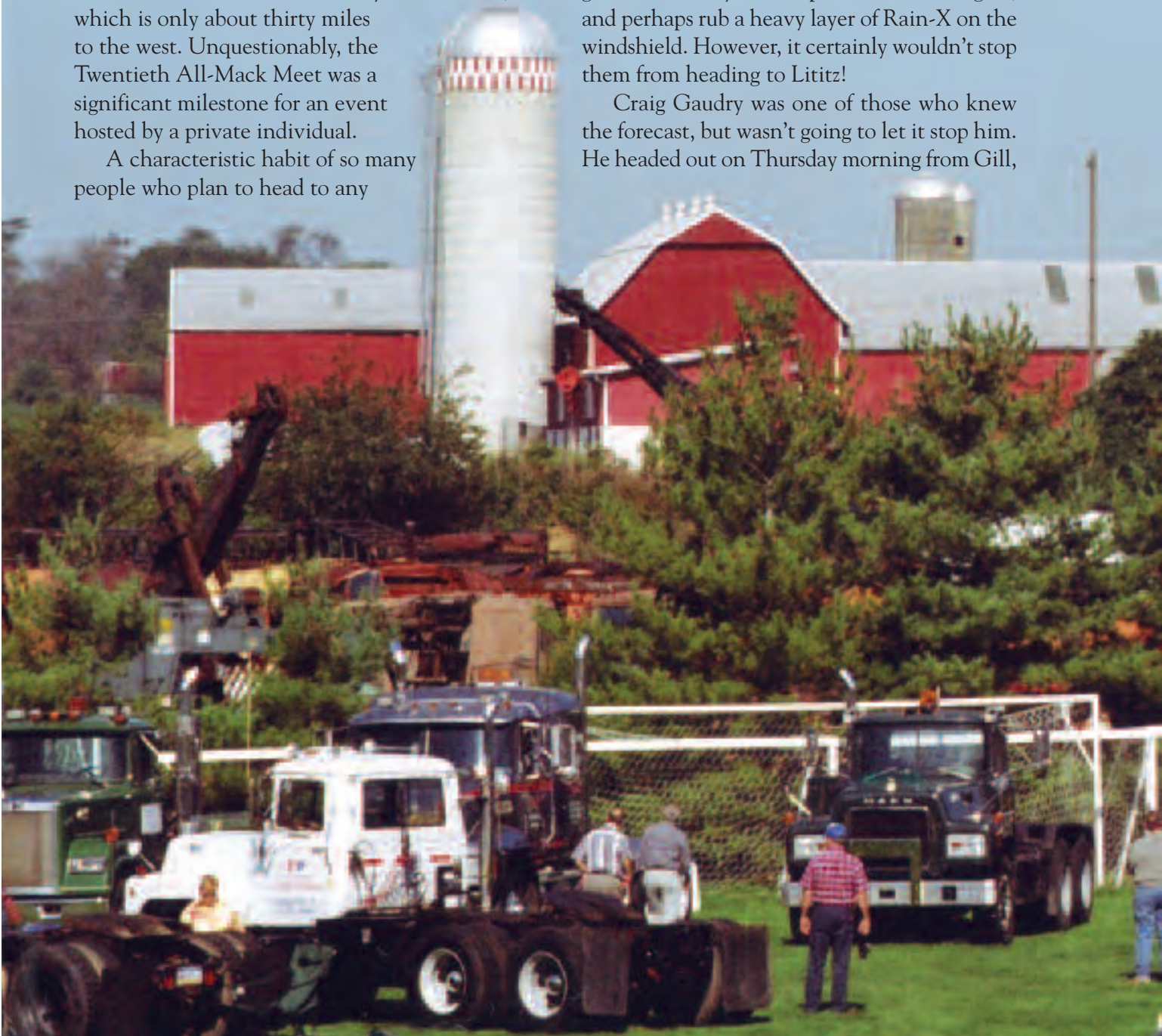


**F**or twenty consecutive years, Brunnerville Road in Lititz, Pennsylvania has heard the roar of truck engines as Mack truck enthusiasts made their way into the expansive yard of Roger Gerhart. The All-Mack Meet has developed the distinction of being one of the final large gatherings of antique trucks in the Northeast before the onset of winter. The Meet always has been scheduled to take place on the weekend prior to the Wednesday that marks the start of the Annual Fall Hershey Flea Market, which is only about thirty miles to the west. Unquestionably, the Twentieth All-Mack Meet was a significant milestone for an event hosted by a private individual.

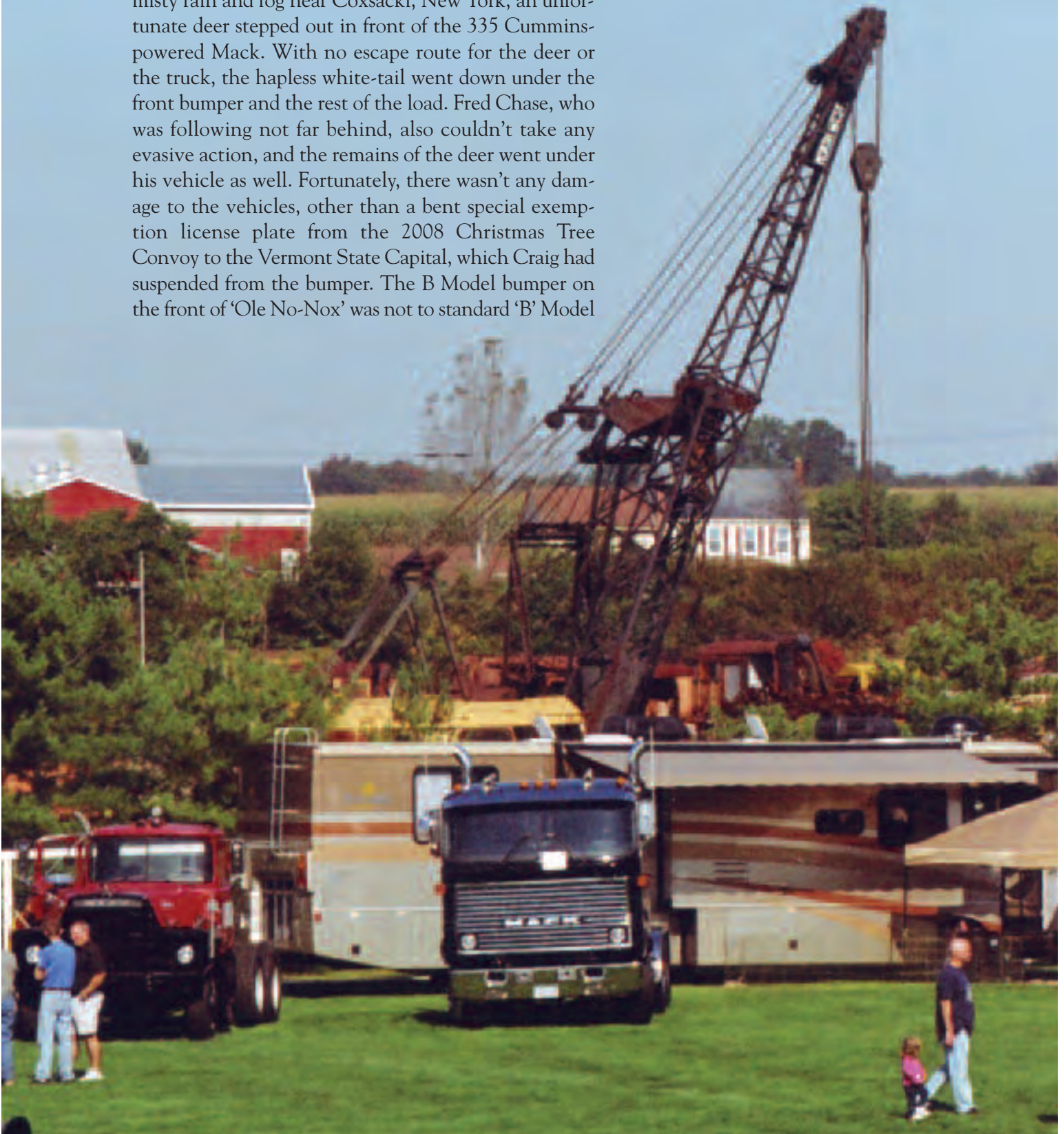
A characteristic habit of so many people who plan to head to any

vehicle show is the need to satisfy their curiosity about potential weather problems. The modern-day ease of being able to check the forecast a week or so in advance via the internet has helped to satisfy that curiosity. For nearly a week prior to the October 2nd and 3rd event, the forecast was far from promising. The weatherman had predicted a 30% chance of showers on Friday and a 70% chance of showers on Saturday. For many, the forecast only suggested that they should pack a little rain gear, and perhaps rub a heavy layer of Rain-X on the windshield. However, it certainly wouldn't stop them from heading to Lititz!

Craig Gaudry was one of those who knew the forecast, but wasn't going to let it stop him. He headed out on Thursday morning from Gill,



Massachusetts, with his 1962 Mack B73LST pulling a trailer with a B65T Mack aboard. As he and the B-73 were cruising down the New York State Thruway in the misty rain and fog near Coxsacki, New York, an unfortunate deer stepped out in front of the 335 Cummins-powered Mack. With no escape route for the deer or the truck, the hapless white-tail went down under the front bumper and the rest of the load. Fred Chase, who was following not far behind, also couldn't take any evasive action, and the remains of the deer went under his vehicle as well. Fortunately, there wasn't any damage to the vehicles, other than a bent special exemption license plate from the 2008 Christmas Tree Convoy to the Vermont State Capital, which Craig had suspended from the bumper. The B Model bumper on the front of 'Ole No-Nox' was not to standard 'B' Model



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