

**Joys and Happiness**  
**Mike's Truck**  
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Lloyd and I were sitting out on the deck when Mike and family arrived on Friday. The horn started blowing as they came in the driveway and, as I went to the door, I could see the reason for the excitement. Mike was driving his refinished truck!

We need to go back a few years – about 20, I think. At least before he and Anita were married. He had bought a '72 Blazer and decided he would like to take it apart and re-do the whole thing. He started asking various family members if he could use a garage for a few months. We all said "no" except Honey who had no idea what she was getting involved in. At the time, Mike and Anita were married and living in Ypsilanti which was fairly close to Ann Arbor. I think the two months lasted two years until they bought their present house and he moved all the parts to his own garage.

Time goes by and with work and three kids, there was very little time to work on the truck. When he left his job last fall, he made the commitment to finally finish the darn thing. Well, he did a great job and his beautiful blue and white truck runs. It might be a bit of a gas guzzler, but it runs. He was a happy guy and there was a happy family to see the project finally finished.

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