

**Press Release for the Granpa Cratchet Puppetmobile
Featuring Granpa's General Store Delivery Truck – The Golden Rule
Tour**

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Headline: Old Man Gets Ticket – For Bad Driving and Bad Jokes

Watch out! Here he comes, that mad-cap oldster in a checked shirt and overalls rumbling right through the middle of our event. It's Granpa Cratchet in his little pick up truck out making deliveries from the general store. As he drives you can hear him yell out, "Stay out of the way! No brakes, no steering, no eyesight, no sense of direction!" Granpa says, "My driving is so bad the police wrote me a season ticket!" And, "My driving is so bad they have a tow truck meet me at every intersection." My personal favorite is, "You don't like the way I drive, stay off the sidewalk."

Granpa Cratchet is the invention of Sam Bowman, who grew up on the farm near his hometown of Sharpville, Indiana. Sam got the idea for his Puppetmobile from an old fashioned delivery truck ran by Virgil Carter and his family. Virgil used to drive his nineteen forties international, that looked a lot like a cross between a school bus and a gipsy wagon, around the country side selling groceries on the roll. He'd drive right into your driveway and you could shop for all your groceries without ever leaving home. Now that's an idea that even modern stores haven't thought of!

Sam designed and built this miniature truck on the farm in his shop. It has horns, lights, a squirting radiator and all kinds of silly sounds.

Granpa's favorite cross joke is, "What do you get when you cross Bat Man, Robin and a steam roller? Flatman and ribbon!" Then he proceeds to guffaw at his own joke for about five minutes.

Granpa himself is a professional puppet like you'd see on national TV. Sam, who writes all his own material says most of his ideas for patter come from real. He has logged over a thousand jokes including hundreds of bad driving jokes, cross this with that jokes, knock-knock jokes, silly farmer jokes, jokes about politicians and on and on it goes.

Granpa also does a great job of teaching the kids old fashioned lessons like safety first and work together. This year he will be teaching about the golden rule, treat others the way you want to be treated. Parents love this clean, family strolling show and Granpa is always sure to teach the kids about the good ole days. You and your kids can visit his web site for free games, stories, jokes and activities at www.oldcoot.com.

Granpa Cratchet will be driving all around in his miniature old truck cracking lots of jokes, handing out one liners and hugs to al the kids as he teaches the golden rule. So head on out and make sure to ask him about his big stage show at the Granpa Comedy Theater, too. All brought to you free, by the (Event name),