

## Gnomes Join Tarantin Tank Event

Customers of Tarantin Tank & Equipment Co. (Brentwood, N.H.) weren't the only guests at the company's annual customer appreciation cookout and golf classic last fall. A number of "gnomes" made an appearance after touring the country, visiting propane companies. Their visit to the event was part of the activities, which included a fun and successful silent and live auction to help raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Maine.

Tarantin added the auction to raise funds on behalf of Julia Freeman, daughter of Russ Freeman, who works for Suburban Propane in Augusta, Maine. Ms. Freeman was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia, a life-threatening disease, in early 2006.

Playing off the theme "Roaming Gnomes," statues of garden gnomes were everywhere—on the golf course and at the cookout. Shown in photo are (from left) Jim Tarantin, Ed Hahn, Robert Brantley, Herb Schmidt, and Howard Schneider. There also were custom-decorated gnomes representing Tarantin managers—Tom Tarantin, Richard Tarantin, Jim Tarantin, and Howard Schneider—that were included in the live auction. The winner of each gnome received a CD with a collection of the gnomes and their recent travels around the country visiting propane companies.



## Truck of Honor



Scientific Brake & Equipment Co. (Saginaw, Mich.) recently played a key role in getting a longtime customer's "Truck of Honor"—a 53-ft rolling billboard that serves as a poignant reminder of the 9/11 terrorist attacks—out on the road. To honor those who died in the attacks, as well as those serving in the U.S. military, Bo Trout, president of trucking company Bogie's Express (Tecumseh, Mich.), commissioned a Trailmobile (Lake Forest, Ill.) freight trailer and artwork by airbrush artist Jim Shivey of Artrigs (Piqua, Ohio). Trout, whose business usually hauls petroleum tankers, approached Scientific with the idea. The Truck of Honor, adorned with images of the Pentagon and the World Trade Center, among other images, was recently driven from Chicago to New York to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. The customized rig was accompanied by members of the American Firefighters Motorcycle Club.