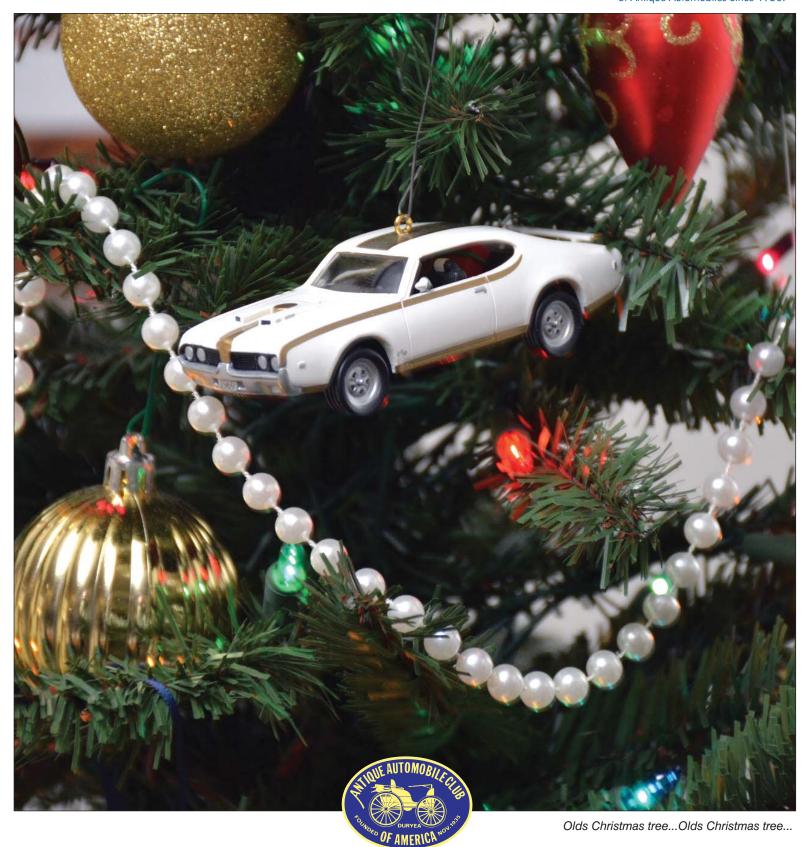
THE WESTERN ROUND-UP



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Our monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month except December and January beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post 982, 158 American Legion Road, Latrobe, PA (Pipetown). You do not have to own an antique car to join us.



2017 Calendar

January 22, Sunday - Western PA Region Annual Meeting Dino's Sports Lounge, Route 30, Latrobe. 1:30 p.m., Social hour; 2:30 p.m. Annual Meeting - reports, awards, elections; Dinner, approximately 4:00 p.m. See registration flyer in this issue of the Western Round-Up or on the region website.

February 9-11, AACA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

April 6-9 - AACA Southeastern Spring Meet, Charlotte, NC hosted by Hornets Nest Region

May 26-27 - AACA Eastern Spring Meet, Huntington, WV hosted by Huntington Region

June 4-9 - AACA Founders Tour (1932-later), Gettysburg, PA hosted by Gettysburg Region

SPECIAL NOTE: Charlie Schifano has reserved hotel rooms for the 2017 Arthritis Foundation Show in Dublin, Ohio and Das Awkscht Fescht in Macungie, PA Please contact him ASAP if you are interested in attending either or both of these outstanding car shows.

July 13-17, 2017 - Arthritis Foundation 35th Annual Classic Auto Show & Cruise-In, Dublin, Ohio

Featured Marques: Lincoln 100th Anniversary, Camaro 50th Anniversary, Firebird/Trans AM 50th Anniversary, Cougar 50th Anniversary, Porsche 928 40th Anniversary, Rolls Royce

Special Show Features:

GM Futurliner

Part of what was once an amazing educational fleet.



1910 Buick Bug

Created in just three weeks, this aerodynamic race car broke speed records and introduced new innovations.



1906 Baby REO

A fully functional one quarter scale 1906 REO used for promotional purposes



August 4-6, 54th Das Awkscht Fescht Car Show, Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA - One of the country's largest antique and classic car shows. Featured car area - by the VCCA, Vintage Chevrolet Club of America.

2016 TOTS on the Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad

by Becky Blank



A classic railcar once used for rail maintenance and inspections now helps spread Christmas cheer wherever it goes.



The Toys For Tots railcar arrives at the Youngwood Railroad Museum.



Santa tries out a new mode of transportation.



Only two reindeer are needed for this railcar.

n Saturday, November 19th, 2016, railcar owners from the all over the Northeastern United States rode on the Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad from Mt. Pleasant, PA to Greensburg, PA, stopping at Cook's Lumber in Mt. Pleasant, Scottdale Rail Station, Tarrs Rt. 31 crossing, SuperValu, Inc., Youngwood Railroad Museum, and Greengate Rd. behind Walmart at the Railroad crossing to collect toys and cash donations for the U. S. Marine Corps' 2016 Toys for Tots Campaign. Event coordinator was John Gonder of Ruffsdale.

The North American Railcar Operators Association (NARCOA) is a national organization that restores railcars and charters railroads around the country for excursions. The railcars or speeders were used by the railroads for track inspection and maintenance. Most railroads now

use trucks equipped with rail wheels and the railcars were sold off to individuals. For more info on NARCOA, visit their website at www.narcoa.org.

Denny and Becky Blank, Bill Holtzer and many other Western PA Region members volunteer to support the U.S. Marine Corps Toys For Tots program each year.

From collecting and donating new toys to sorting and packaging, they helping make Christmas morning magic for many local children.



Minutes of the Annual Meeting January 10, 2016

Please note - The minutes of the November 15, 2016 regular monthly meeting will be printed in the January/February, 2017 Western Round-Up.

he 2016 Annual Meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on January 10, 2016 at Dino's Sports Bar and Restaurant, Latrobe, PA. There were 63 members were in attendance along with 2 guests. Jason Speicher and Fred Nicholls's daughter Ruth Yatzkanic were guests at the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 2:31 p.m. by President Mark Jackson.

Minutes of the 2014 WPR Annual Meeting

The minutes of the WPR Annual Meeting held on January 11, 2015 were printed in the December, 2015 Western Round-Up. President Jackson asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, he then asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Howard Finney, seconded by Gary Wiegand and unanimously approved. Treasurer's Report – 2014 Summary Treasurer Craig DeFloria presented a summary of 2015 income and expenses. President Jackson asked for a motion to approve the treasurer's report. A motion was made by Bob Doppelheuer, seconded by Ron Underwood and unanimously approved.

Audit Committee Report – *Ralph Shearer*

Ralph reported that the committee found all the WPR's finances in order. Approximately \$1,600 worth of checks were lost in the mail for the chance car tickets and not cashed. Craig has approached all of the members who had written the checks and all but one has agreed to reissue a replacement check.

Charitable Donations – *Craig DeFloria*

Treasurer Craig DeFloria reported that the club made charitable donations to the AACA Museum, AACA Library, Westmoreland Cleanway's Fugitive Tire Program, and our Tool Scholarships during 2016.

State of the Region 2015 – Mark Jackson President

Mark Jackson reported that the "state of the region" is good. Mark said that we seemed to have a "white elephant" chance car, and unfortunately folks did not buy

tickets. Mark said he hoped that would change with the 2016 red mustang chance car. Mark said he appreciated all the support of the members and the current board of directors. Mark thanked everyone who helped make 2015 a successful year. Mark said that he was proud to be part of, and to be President again this year. Committee Reports

2015 Membership – *Howard Finney*

Howard reported that the Western PA Region welcomed eight (16) new members in 2015. Six (6) joint members (couples), and four (4) individual members.

2015 Rev-Up Party – *Jill Jackson*

Jill Jackson thanked her committee - Molly Detwiler, Lee Speicher and C.J Maurer, and all who helped with the Western-themed Rev-Up Party in April. The party was held at the Westmoreland Conservation District barn. There were 63 in attendance at the party and many dressed in fun western attire. The delicious meal was provided by Cafe Barista in Greensburg.

2015 Annual Picnic – *John Ross Kuhns*

John Ross spoke about the Annual Picnic. The Western PA Region's 2015 Annual Picnic took place on Sunday afternoon, on July 26th. Over sixty members attended the picnic. Post Avenue Catering from Latrobe provided their traditional picnic pig roast feast along with roast turkey, potatoes, rigatoni, fresh corn on the cob and rolls. Members brought along a nice variety of savory desserts to share. John reported that he believed everyone that attended the picnic had an enjoyable time.

2015 Car Show – Dave Sheetz

Dave Sheetz reported that the Western PA Region, Annual Car Show on September 6th was a huge success on every level. Dave thanked all who helped. Carol Calabrace believes we had one of our best registration numbers. Dave thanked Connie Schifano and everyone for donated and helped with the Bake Sale. Dave also thanked Vickie Kuhns and family for working with the Chinese Auction. Dave reported that approximately 300 cars were on the show field.

65th Western PA Region Anniversary Party

- John Ross Kuhns

Mark thanked John Ross for chairing the Anniversary Party. The party was held in conjunction with our August 18th Monthly Meeting. The members were treated to a full course meal featuring a steak dinner. The dinner was catered by Chef Dato's Table of Derry. Lenny Lavin entertained during dinner with his Elvis Tribute Show. Over 70 members attended. Mark thanked Joe and Tammy Vrable for arranging the entertainment.

Christmas Party 2015 – Craig & Casper DeFloria

Mark thanked Craig and Casper for chairing the Christmas Party held on December 5th at the Ramada Inn located in Greensburg. The party included a Murder Mystery Show, souvenir photos. The region also collected for Toys for Tots at the Christmas Party.

2015 Chance Car Ticket Sales – *Alice Shaulis*

Alice reported that the chance car winner was Terry Valore of Latrobe. Alice also reported that 2,028 tickets were sold by 38 club members. The 2015 chance car was a 1988 Corvette Greenwood Edition Convertible with only 36,000 original miles with an automatic transmission and air conditioning. Once again John Ross Kuhns, and John Kuhns, Sr. stored the car and along with Mark Jackson mad arrangements for the availability for ticket sales. Alice and Ron Shaulis managed the tickets.

Alice said a special thank you to all of the members who helped with the Chance Car this year. The Chance Car winner was Terry Valore of Latrobe. The winning number 1857. John Ross Kuhns sold the winning ticket. There were 2, 28 tickets sold of the 5,000 available. Twenty six (26) members earned "free" WPR memberships by selling at least (40) tickets. The top Chance Car ticket sellers this year were: 1st-Howard Finney with 240 tickets sold, 2nd –Denny Blank with 165 tickets sold, 3rd –Tom Ulishney with 121 tickets sold and 4th –Ron Shaulis with 112 tickets sold.

Alice reported that the 2016 featured chance car will be a red 1966 Mustang Coupe, six cylinder, automatic with a black interior. The tickets also will feature a cash option in 2016. Tyou can win your choice of the 1966 Mustang or \$8,000 cash. The winner will be determined by the PA Big Four Lottery number drawn on Saturday, October 29th at 7:00 PM.

President Jackson asked for a motion to destroy the 2015 Chance Car ticket stubs. A motion was made by Howard Finney, seconded by Denny Blank and unanimously approved.

Tours – *Mark Jackson*

Mark thanked everyone who helped host or participated in WPR tours this year. Mark reviewed the tours of 2015.

Spring Tour – Bob and Dorothy Thomas and the over the ridge drive to Scottdale on May 16th. Fourteen members and guests in five cars braved an initial thunderstorm and occasional light rain on our Region's first tour of the year. Mark thanked Bob and Dorothy and Al Wirick for working on the tour.

June Tour – Mark reported of the Sunday, June 14th tour to Main Street Motors and the West Newton area on Sunday afternoon on June 14th. Most of the group gathered to begin the drive at the Greensburg Ramada, while a few others opted to meet up at Gary's Chuck Wagon and La Grande Banquet Room in West Newton for a late lunch. Mark reported that 27 Western Region members were on the tour.

Overnight Bus Trip to Harrisburg Mecum Auctions, AACA Museum, Hershey Chocolate World and Tanger Outlets — Mark thanked John Ross Kuhns and John Kuhns for putting together a great bus trip to Harrisburg. Fifteen WPR members were treated to the two day trip that took place on July 31st and August 1st.

Progressive Dinner Tour – Mark thanked the Chairpersons in charge of the Progressive Dinner Tour. Salad – Bill and C.J. Maurer, Dinner – John Ross and Blair Kuhns, and Desert – John, Sr. and Vickie Kuhns. The tour was on August 22nd with 40 members participating.

September Tour – Hosted by Myron and Connie Shoaf – Drive to Fayette County, New Geneva Stoneware Company and Albert Gallatin estate. Mark thanked Myron and Connie for an enjoyable, well planned tour. The tour was on September 26th with 18 region members participating.

AACA Founders Tour, *Northeastern Ohio* –A discussion about the tour was conducted with the member that attended agreeing on how nice it was to have a group of Western PA Region members in attendance

October Bus Tour to the Hershey Car Show – Mark spoke of the October 10th bus trip to Hershey for the Hershey Region's AACA Fall Meet. There were 14 members and guests on the bus. This was the 60th Anniversary of this famous event which has been hosted by the Hershey Region AACA since 1955.

Fall Bus Tour to Moundsville, West Virginia – Hosted by Ron and Alice Shaulis. Mark thanked Ron and Alice for hosting the tour. The October 24th tour visited the

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West Virginia Penitentiary, Grave Creek Burial Mound, and the Marx Toy Museum. Thirty-four members rode along with about 10 members from the Johnstown area Flood City Region AACA participated in the tour.

Newsletter - Mark Jackson

Mark thanked all who submitted articles and photos to the Western Round- Up. Mark presented a collection of 2015 Western Round-Ups to WPR Historian John Kuhns, Sr.

Mark presented special awards to two members that consistently contribute to the Round-up. These were the Western PA Region AACA first "Chrome Quill Awards". The awards were presented to Fred Nicholls and Al Wirick for their years of story contributions to the Western Round-Up.

Website – Mark DeFloria

Mark thanked all who sent in items for the WPR website. Mark reported that there were 63,309 visitors to the regions web site since 1997, with 3725 this year. Mark asked the members continue to forward any information that may change such as email addresses.

Apparel – *Jeff Speicher* – *Mark Jackson*

Apparel is now available to order at Big Frog, Route 30 West, Greensburg. Existing club inventory will be sold at a discount at monthly meetings in the upcoming months.

AACA 2018 Grand National Meet – *John Ross Kuhns*

John Ross spoke about the possibility of the Region hosting the 2018 Grand National Tour. John Ross said that he planned on having an initial meeting in February.

Western Pennsylvania Region Awards – *John Kuhns* John presented the Region's Annual Awards.

Paul P. Bell Award – for the most unique passenger vehicle displayed by a member at a WPR event was presented to Ed Hurst for his 1914 Chevrolet.

Foster Fike Restoration Award – Given in recognition of the best, fresh restoration of an antique automobile was presented to Chuck Speicher – 1937 Packard Convertible.

Jack Clark Service Award – In recognition of the Region member who contributed greatly to the success of the Region was presented to Mark Jackson.

John Ross Kuhns III Participation Award – Given in recognition to the member for driving an antique passenger vehicle the most times during the year to Region

events and activities. John Ross Kuhns was presented with this award. John again challenged other members to bring out their antique automobiles.

Director Service Award Mugs were presented to Mark Jackson, Mark DeFloria and John Kuhns, Sr., for completing their two years of service as Directors.

Election of Officers

Each year there are three director openings. President Mark Jackson asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Director candidates include Mark Jackson, Mark DeFloria and John Kuhns Sr. No other candidates came forward. Mark Jackson asked for a motion for the Secretary to cast the ballot for the three members running to fill the three available director positions. A motion was made by Howard Finney, seconded by Tom Ulishney and unanimously approved.

Announcement of 2016 Officers

After a brief organization meeting between the 2015 Directors the followed Director positions were announced.

President - Craig DeFloria

Vice President – John Ross Kuhns

Treasurer – Mark Jackson

Mark DeFloria – Secretary

Publicity Director – Ron Shaulis

Safety Director – John Kuhns, Sr.

Adjournment

President Jackson asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Howard Finney, seconded by Gary Wiegand and unanimously approved. The meeting concluded at 3:45 PM.

Dinner and a visual presentation "2015, A Look Back at Our 65th Year" of our Region's 2015 activities was narrated by Mark Jackson following the meeting.

-- Respectfully submitted by Mark DeFloria, Secretary

Festive Christmas Party & First Ever Chance Car Auction cap off the Year



After a great holiday dinner buffet at the Greensburg Ramada, Western PA Region President Craig DeFloria conducts a creative Christmas trivia game with prizes for those with the highest scores.

he Western PA Region Christmas Party helped get the holiday season off to a great start on December 3rd at the Greensburg Ramada. Members in attendance numbered 69, all dressed in their holiday best.

Photographer Ray Adams was on hand again to take Christmas portraits by the Ramada Christmas tree display before dinner. Colorful portrait prints in protective album sleeves were then delivered to attendees later during the party.

All enjoyed tastey hors d'oeuvre and a delicious holiday buffet dinner, which was followed by a fun Christmas trivia game conducted by hosts WPR President Craig DeFloria assisted by his son Casper. Questions ranged from naming all eight of Santa's reindeer to identifying the make and year of George Baily's car in Frank Capra's classic holiday movie, "It's a Wonderful Life." (1919 Dodge Brothers touring car). Prizes were presented for the most correct answers.



Denny and Becky Blank and Bill Holtzer provided U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots collection boxes to help brighten Christmas morning for local children. Attending members generously donated 25 toys and 2 books.

Many thanks to Craig and Casper for hosting another wonderful Christmas Party!



Chance Car Auction

Since the winner of the 2016 Chance Car ticket chose the \$8,000 cash option instead of the 1965 Mustang, the Mustang was auctioned off at the Ramada after the Christmas Party. President Craig DeFloria served as the auctioneer for our Region's first ever Chance Car Auction, which was open to Region members and guests.

The starting bid was \$8,000. There was some spirited bidding in the room, which ended with long-time WPR member Dave Davis making the winning bid of \$12,250.

Thank you Dave, and we hope you enjoy the Mustang.

AACA Confirms Western PA Region's hosting of the 2018 Grand National Meet





After much study and discussion with the University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg Campus and communication with AACA National, 2018 Grand National Meet Chairman John Ross Kuhns recently received word from AACA National that the Western PA Region will be able to host the 2018 Grand National Meet with a set limit of 500 cars maximum.

John emailed letters to the AACA National office and directors with concerns about space limitations after seeing first-hand how the recent Grand National hosted in Williamsport, PA grew to over 600 cars, and learning that Pitt-Greensburg may be losing some parking spaces to a construction project in 2018.

There will be no 2018 Grand National planning meeting in January, but John Ross will provide further information at the Western PA Region Annual Meeting at Dino's in Latrobe on January 22, 2017. A planning meeting will be announced for February. We are planning to have a 2018 Grand National information booth at the AACA Annual Meeting Trade Show in Philadelphia February 9-11, 2017.

We hope you enjoyed being with us in 2016 and hope you will renew your memberships in AACA and the Western PA Region for 2017.

We had some great times this past year including:

- presentation of our Scan Tool Scholarships,
- a fabulous Rev-Up Party at Mammoth Park,
- a scenic and scrumptious Progressive Dinner Tour,
- a terrific Summer Picnic at the Cooperstown Club,
- an amazing joint tour with the Pittsburgh Corvair Club to the National Museum of the United States Air Force,
- a record-breaking Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique Auto, Custom and Street Rod Show at Legion Keener Park,
- a wonderful tour to the Frick Car and Carriage Museum and the Clayton Mansion in Point Breeze,
- a colorful Pumpkin Run to Ohiopyle for the Buckwheat Pancake Supper and
- a return visit to the amazing, historic collections of Mike Miller.

You must renew your AACA national membership before renewing your Western PA Region membership.

You can renew with AACA on their website, www.aaca. org under "renew", or you can use the renewal card that comes within the clear plastic wrap around *Antique Automobile* magazine.

There was a yellow Western PA Region renewal form in the October Western Round-Up and again in this issue. Even if you earned a free 2017 Western PA Region membership by selling 40 Chance Car tickets in 2016, you must fill out and submit a membership form to be included in the 2017 roster and on the mailing list.

All renewals must be made before the Western PA Region's 2017 Annual Membership Meeting on Sunday, January 22, 2017, or a \$25, penalty fee applies.

Special note - if you are a new member and joined in July of 2016 or later your Western PA Region membership is good through the end of 2017. However, you must renew your AACA National membership and submit a completed 2017 Western PA Region membership form.

Most Important - The best way to get the most out of your membership is to participate in tours and events and come and enjoy our monthly meetings! Even better - plan a tour, host an event, make a presentation at a meeting.

September 18, 1915. AUTOMOBILE TOPICS



THE WESTERN ROUND-UP

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Special thanks to the following for sharing their time and talent to help produce this issue:

Denny and Becky Blank, Mark DeFloria and Jill Jackson

How Can The Youth Afford This Hobby?





By: Jim Elliott
Vice President Judging Administration

I've never actually counted, but I know I've attended hundreds of car shows. One question that always bothers me is "How can I afford this hobby?" My answer is standard there are many affordable collector cars available. No one has to start with a perfect Full Classic to enjoy our hobby.

I started with a 1966 Chevrolet Corvair convertible that my parents bought new as their first "second car". While being reliable, inexpensive transportation, Corvairs are regularly available for sale.

Chevrolet's "waterless wonder" came in multiple body styles including a two-door coupe, four-door sedan,

convertible and station wagon, as well as the passenger van, rampside pickup and panel truck. Engines and transmissions can be swapped among all models.

Options included turbo-charged engines, power convertible tops, telescopic steering wheels, and automatic transmissions.

Most of the mechanical parts needed to restore a Corvair are being reproduced and can be purchased on the internet and delivered to you with-in days. Even the most difficult to find trim parts can be located at the Hershey flea market.

Corvairs can be purchased in average condition for slightly more than the original 1960's list prices. They are an excellent entry level car for a young person to actively participate in our hobby. The Corvair's large trunk provides ample storage room for touring.

The timeless Corvair styling is always noticed so the Corvair owner must be ready to enjoy discussing his car with others. It seems everyone used to own one or had a relative who did.

If there wasn't a Corvair in your past, maybe there will be one in your future.

-- The Rummage Box



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Western Round-Up Classifieds

Wanted - Antique Cars

Any make, any model. No projects, Original condition preferred.

724-771-5170

Wanted - Garage Decorations

Gas pumps, oil cans, oil bottles, air pumps, pinball machines, tin/porcelain signs, old toys - Marx, Buddy L, Anything neat! What do you have? 724-771-5170

For Sale - Trunk mat (carpet) for 1949-1952 Chevrolet, in original box. Custom made to fit, medium gray in color. Complete with instructions and also material to cover spare tire well. (This material is different from the mat material.) May fit other GM cars of same vintage. Asking \$75 plus shipping costs if required. Call Jim Heatherington at 412-672-0914.

For Sale - 1965 Corvair 110 h.p. engine with four carburetors - \$200.

Wire wheels for Ford Model A

Phone Guy at 724-837-8376

Classified Ad Policy

Classified ads for antique or classic cars or parts are available free for Western PA Region members. After four issues the ad will be pulled unless it is renewed by phone or written request (email or letter) Please notify the editor if the item has been sold.

Photos are acceptable and will be used if there is room. The Round-Up editor and WPR are not responsible for typographical errors or misinformation.

Please submit all classified ad requests to: Mark Jackson, Editor, 133 Alexander Avenue Greensburg, PA 15601 724-832-9074 email: rpmguy2002@yahoo.com



Name That Car

by Mark Jackson

November's Car (Mascot)





As he picked up and glanced through his *Round-Up* at the November monthly meeting, Dave Sheetz was the first get to me correctly identifying November's little chrome mascot as belonging to the American Motors Gremlin. Austin Kyslinger then emailed me also correctly identifying the mascot and correctly citing 1970 as the year the AMC Gremlin was introduced into the marketplace. Jim Heatherington then called correctly identifying the car and added that the Gremlin was introduced on April 1, 1970, which was April Fools' Day. Preliminary designs on an airline "barf bag" and introduced on April Fools Day – sheesh, this little car had a very "Gremlin-ish" premier.

I remember when the Gremlin came out with its unique deep slant "hatchback". From my experience, it was a niceriding, tough little car. Our family never owned one, but several of my friends did. I also remember a TV commercial for the Gremlin where an attractive young lady pulled into an old service station for some gas. A grungy old gas station attendant came over. He eyeballed the shape of the car noticing the odd hatchback and asked, "Where's the rest of your car, Toots?"

The Gremlin was one of the first of a generation of new sub-compact American cars, which eventually included the Chevrolet Vega and Ford Pinto.

December's Car



It was busted and rusted and needing lots of love sitting on a trailer at Carlisle earlier this year. What was this once proud beast? Be the first to contact me with the correct year and marque and win a big bag of Utz Potato Chips. Contact me in person. Email to rpmguy2002@yahoo.com or call me at 724-832-9074. Good luck.

The War and the Road Map

by Larry R. Huffman, Clutch Chatter Tri-County Region AACA, Linville, Virginia

uring the 1920s and 1930s, as travel increased on America's improving highways, the road map became an essential item to keep travelers aware of their point of origin and their destination as well as the important points along the way. The oil company road map had become a standard promotional item for all of the

major oil companies and were distributed at no cost to the motorists who stopped at their stations.

However, when the United States became involved in the war late in 1941, rationing and mileage restrictions limited the amount of travel and the oil company road map became a temporary victim. Not only were the maps not as necessary, paper became another rationed item and limited numbers of road maps were produced during the war years. Texaco road maps during the war period carried a request for the motorist to conserve paper

and not throw away the road maps. Also, since road building was also limited during the war, there was little need to update maps on an annual basis.

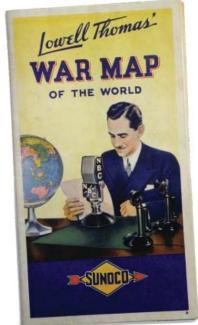
The war did, however, create a need for information on the progress of the war and the map makers and

the oil companies responded to this need. Many of the major oil companies produced war maps, which provided information on the action in the various theaters of World War II. Censorship rules did limit the types of information that were included on these maps "In the interest of national defense certain vital military establishments have been omitted from these maps" was stated on the Sunoco war map.

Rand McNally produced maps for Sunoco that were endorsed by Lowell Thomas, one of the most famous news broadcasters of the day.

Not to be outdone, General Drafting produced the Esso war maps with different maps for the European, North African and Pacific theatres. H.M. Gousha, the third major map producer, also designed and distributed these war maps.

These maps played a vital role in keeping Americans informed and, in a day before television, provided a colorful and visual record of the war. It was another example of how American businesses contributed to the war effort.



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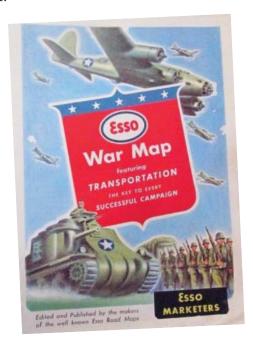
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