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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**THE BOARD AND GENERAL MEETINGS
 HAVE BEEN CANCELED UNTIL
 FURTHER NOTICE.**

2020 EVENTS

**PREVIOUSLY LISTED EVENTS ARE CANCELED
 OR ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

Happy June Birthday

June 10 – Lori Stewart
 June 11 – Peggy Swanson
 June 14 – Linda Strong



June Anniversaries

June 7 - Dick and Sue Albanesius
 June 27 – Ken and Connie Shearer
 June 28 – Frank and Sara Tantillo



The All American Jeep, Part II: The Rest of the Story

by Frank Tantillo

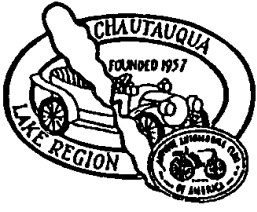
With the attack of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, the need for more vehicles was clear. To facilitate production, the US Army issued a second production contract to Ford to manufacture the Jeep according to the Willys MB design. That way there would be multiple factoring producing the Jeep in case one was attacked by enemy saboteurs. Over the course of the war (WWII) Willys and Ford combined to produce more than 637,000 Jeeps. American Bantam produced around 2600 vehicles and most were sent to British and Russian forces.

The Jeep's features made it well suited to conditions encountered on a variety of battlefield conditions such as a floor mounted push-button ignition that meant that a soldier in the field didn't have to look for keys. The lack of doors made it easy to get in or out of the Jeep quickly. Four-wheel drive and fuel efficient with a spare gas can meant that you could go approximately 300 miles. Despite being designed for a reconnaissance vehicle, the Jeep was capable of mounting a 30 or 50 caliber machine gun or anti-tank weapons or a rocket launcher behind the two front seats.

Soldiers found the Jeep had a number of other uses. The flat hood provided chaplains an altar to hold services or as a platform where officers could address their troops or even drain a bit of warm radiator water to shave!

The Jeep had many names such as the Bug – Blitz Buggy – Beep – Puddle Jumper – and the Iron Pony. Many say the name Jeep came from the term 'general purpose' (GP) and was shortened to Jeep. Another explanation was that the work Jeep appeared in a Popeye comic in the late 1930's referring to Eugene the Jeep, a magical being who helped Popeye and his friends in their adventures. Others in the Army claimed that Jeep was a name given to Army grease monkeys that date back to World War I days. Whatever its source, the name was popularized when a reporter for the Washington Daily News asked a Willys test driver what the vehicle was called. Repeating the name that he had heard soldiers at Camp Holabird use "Jeep", the name stuck.

The Jeep proved to be a remarkably versatile vehicle with a rugged and durable nature that made it an indispensable part of the American war effort.



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