

1945 WILLYS OVERLAND ARMY JEEP



The vehicle credited with winning World War Two is again coming to the Arthritis Foundation Auto Show! For four years, Barney Goodwin and Carla Gardner have displayed their 1945 Army Jeep along with a display of vehicle accessories and GI gear from World War Two. This display honoring veterans from all wars will again be located on the knoll immediately in front of the Crowne Plaza Hotel's main entrance.

The vehicle is a 1945 Willys Overland Jeep model MB army jeep. Built in Toledo Ohio, this vehicle reflects the industrial war effort. It is outfitted with every correct accessory. The earlier models were very austere. But by 1945, the Jeep came well equipped with everything from a basic hand tool set to even a tire pump. Other interesting accessories include starter hand crank in event the starter failed, vehicle decontaminating apparatus in event of a chemical attack as well as a shovel and axe – known as a Pioneer Kit – and oil can and grease gun.

Due to the public's high interest in this display and Barney's enjoyment of Jeep history, Carla has joked that Barney will lose his voice after two days of teaching people about the development of the Jeep. He will show technological features of the vehicle such as materials used in assembly and how well designed and thought out this vehicle was in preparation for the war effort. For example, he shows how the head light assemblies even hinge up to become shop lights for each side of the engine. Or as a spot light as necessary. And he points out how everything has its special place on the Jeep.

This particular Jeep is outfitted in combat configuration boasting a real, 30 caliber Browning Machine Gun – a real head turner! Generations will remember the Rat Patrol series on 60's TV. It also has an M1 Carbine rifle in the rack on the windshield frame. All weapons displayed are retired and de-milled, useful for static display only.



We are again honored to participate in the Arthritis Foundation Auto Show. Our favorite show, we have made many friends, contacts and subsequently helped others with their Jeep restorations. Come visit us on the knoll this year! For further information about this Jeep and services offered by Barney's Jeeps, contact us at barneygoodwin@hotmail.com or call 740-466-5476.