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Hello from Cars & Places! Welcome to eNews, our weekly update on the automotive world and area happenings. If you are a new reader, welcome! We hope you enjoy our tidbits of news as we ramp up our new magazine.

The Holidays are here! Do you know what gifts to get that car nut in your life? It is sometimes difficult to think of something, especially if they seem to have "too much car stuff". Of course, to most car nuts, there is no such thing as too much. Well, have no Yuletide fear, we are here to help. (If you are the car nut reading this, just print it out and casually leave it lying around, maybe with your "wish list" items in red.)

One easy to buy, no-fail gift is a DVD movie with a good car-chase. The gold standard by which all car-chases are judged is Bullit, starring Steve McQueen. This movie, set in hilly San Francisco, features a 1968 Ford Mustang fastback and a Dodge Charger. Rumor has it that McQueen did a lot of the driving. The cinematography and sound are great. Bullit was filmed before computers were used to enhance much of what we see in movies today. Some recent flicks with heart-pounding driving scenes are Gone in Sixty Seconds with Nicolas Gage and the Dukes of Hazard. Actually, the Dukes DVD is best for the bonus features on the disc, you get to see what really happens to a stunt car when it lands after those over-the-top jumps. DVD's are great because you don't have to sit through all the other stuff, just skip right to the cars! The recent movies can be purchased at many local stores, the older classics can be found online at stores like www.amazon.com.



If you like traveling, a AAA membership is a great gift. The maps and Tourbooks alone are worth the membership.

Membership also includes roadside assistance and towing features to help keep a bad day from getting worse. A new feature helps locate the best price on gas! Check out www.aaa.com for membership information.

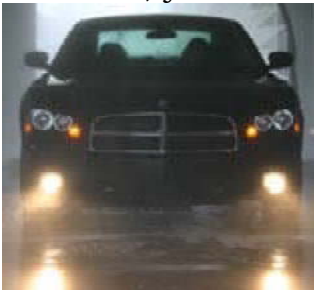
If you are technologically beyond maps, maybe one of the new portable GPS units is up your alley. Several manufacturers, such as Garmin, Magellan and Tom Tom have small units with full mapping capabilities including door-to-door routing and a pleasant voice to talk you through the turns. Their websites are www.garmin.com,

www.magellangps.com and www.tomtom.com.

Tools are always a sure-fire gift. A small toolkit that can be carried in the trunk of a car is a helpful accessory. Sears has a nice tool catalog that can be given to that hard-to-buy-for person along with a gift card. See www.sears.com for more on their Craftsman line of tools.

Most car nuts, especially ones into classic cars, will appreciate a die-cast miniature of their favorite vehicle. Several on-line sites sell these scale models. Use our Google search tool at the top of the page and search on "diecast" or "die cast". Also check out www.diecast.org.

Of course, you will never go wrong with the real thing. Of the cars we have tested this past year, some that would make great "gifts" include the Mazda MX-5 Miata and the Dodge Charger R/T. It all depends on what they like, sporty roadsters or real American muscle cars. And, in case you're wondering, my wife does read this!

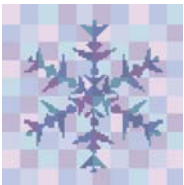


Places to Be!

Take a tour of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania with Father Christmas! This special tour will take place each weekend in December. The tour begins at 7:30 pm, leaving from 65 Steinwehr Avenue in Gettysburg. The Eisenhower National Historic Site will host An Eisenhower Christmas from now until the end of December. The home and farm of President Dwight D. Eisenhower is decorated for Christmas using trimmings from the period. Other Gettysburg area events include a Holiday Ball at Patriot Point on December 10th and candlelight tours of Civil War era homes. Schedules, maps and complete details are available at www.gettysburgfun.com.



In the mood for Holiday music! Try a Christmas concert by the City of Fairfax band on December 17th at the Fairfax High School auditorium in Fairfax, Virginia. The annual concert features Daisy Jackson and is hosted by John Lyon. The concert is free but tickets are required to ensure seating. See their website at www.fairfaxband.org.



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