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NEWSLETTER
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Dear Smurf Collector,

The hoopla is over and the Great American Race proved to be a tremendous success for our Club. We now have members in some 60 cities and towns, 22 states and Canada.

Our car, #91, managed to make it across the finish line in New York in spite of the major mechanical problems that threatened to end the race for our car on day one. Mel truly proved himself to be the dauntless driver we hoped he would be! For his determination, and great effort, he won a beautiful trophy: "TO HARD HEAD... HE NEVER GAVE UP." The trophy has been graciously given to the club (with a little arm twisting). A special thanks from Suzanne, Mel's wife.

Mel would like to thank the club members for their letters and cards wishing him (and our Club car) Good Luck. All good wishes were greatly appreciated!

NEW SMURFS: To the best of our knowledge, the following is the last new issue for 1986.

#20224 Baby with Bowl & Spoon (really adorable)

RARE VARIATION WITH BULLY TRADEMARK:

#20034 Smurfette: We refer to this Smurfette as "Flirting Smurfette." Smurfette is TOUCHING HER LONG BLONDE HAIR WITH RIGHT HAND. LONG EYELASHES APPEARS TO BE FLIRTING.

Do YOU have this rare variation? Write and let us know. Interested in selling or trading?...if so, place an ad. You can also now submit your pieces to our Auction Block.

VARIATIONS: Please note, when we skip a number it is because there is no variation known to us. If You have one please let the Club know about it.

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| # 20021 | Sleepwalker: | Yellow, Green, Red, & BlackPompons. |
| # 20023 | Rock'n Roll: | Red, Reddish Orange, & Tan Guitars. |
| #20024 | Watchman: | Yellow Lantern, Red Lantern. |
| # 20025 | Swimmer: | Red Tube-Yellow Suit<br>Orange Tube- Yellow Suit<br>Yellow Tube- Red Suit<br>Yellow Tube- Orangy Suit |
| #20026 | Sitting: | Small Size- Feet Upward<br>Larger Size- Feet Downward |
| #20027 | Thinker: | Small Size, Hand on Toe, Feet Upward<br>Larger Size, Hand on Knee, Feet Downward |
| #20028 | Gardner: | Small Size, Large Size |
| #20029 | Money: | Penny Dull-Matte Finish<br>Penny Highly Glossy Finish |
| #20030 | Torchbearer: | All White with Emblem on Shirt<br>All White with No Emblem on Shirt<br>White Shirt, Red Pants |
| #20031 | Postman: | Blank Envelope<br>Xmas Holly on Envelope<br>Heart on Envelope-Brown Bag<br>Heart on Envelope-Maroon Bag |
| #20033 | Clown: | Portugal Marking is Slightly Larger |
| #20034 | Smurfette: | SEE RARE VARIATION ABOVE |

Do YOU own variations on the list that are not listed? If you do, Please share your information. Send the CLUB a PICTURE. WE WILL NOT publish any variations that cannot be verified by their owners and the club.

PLEASE BE ADVISED that the above variation list is strictly for your INFORMATION! The Club is NOT offering these variations for sale. WATCH OUR "AUCTION BLOCK SECTION."

A TIP FOR COLLECTORS: Save your Super Boxes and all other Boxes from Smurf items. Original Boxes can increase the value of any Smurf item by 50%. This holds true with all other collectable items.

Many members have asked what " Secondary Market " means. Here is a very simple explanation: When an item is no longer manufactured, and cannot be found in stores in the U.S.A. and or Europe, it becomes a "Secondary Market" piece.

How to describe the condition of a Secondary Market Smurf. The following is a suggested guide-line. Please save this for future reference!

MINT CONDITION: Basically New, Pure White, (no greying or yellowing of white). Paint in MINT condition, (no chipping). Boxes included (if boxes were used).

GOOD CONDITION: Possible SLIGHT flaw, but basically in good condition.

FAIR TO POOR CONDITION: Not pureWhite ( greying or yellowing). Paint Cracking, Flaws and or Chips in paint.

However, let's remember that it is common to find a brand new piece with some flaws. We suggest that you keep your Smurfs away from direct heat and sunlight and avoid excess handling, as the natural oils from your hands will soil the WHITE on your pieces.

# Buy~Sell~Trade

AD #

#16 - FOR SALE - BLUE MOON POSTERS- MINT CONDITION

#17 - WANTED - All kinds of SMURF PINS, Especially CLOISONNÉ Submit List & PRICES.

#18 - FOR SALE - REPEAT OF A SELL-OUT IN OUR LAST ISSUE. New stock now available. "BRASS SMURFS" Set of 6 (2" Tall) Beautiful Addition To Your Collection. Sold in Sets of Six Only:

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| 1-#20002 Normal | 4-#20077 Naughty |
| 2-#20011 Laughing | 5-#20079 Jolly |
| 3-#20021 Sleepwalker | 6-#20082 Shy |

#19 - WANTED - SMURF DISPLAY CASES, 6 sides, 14 compartments on each side. Submit condition and price.

#20 - WANTED - TOPPS SMURF CARDS. Send list and price. Full sets or individual cards O.K.

#21 - WANTED - Italian PUFFI CARS SMALL SCALE Set of 8 cars with SMURFS in them. Send list and prices.

#22 FOR SALE - SMURF TAILOR on PIN CUSHION # 53030(WEST GERMAN)

#23 FOR SALE - Small Smurf House with BLUE ROOF # 40013 (WEST GERMAN)

#24 FOR SALE - " THE SMURF CAROLERS" CHRISTMAS PLATE. FIRST LIMITED EDITION BY W. BERRIE 1982 MINT CONDITION IN BOX. This is truly a beautiful addition to your collection, or give as a Christmas Gift.

#25 FOR SALE - "THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS" 1983 PORCELAIN TREE ORNAMENTS
#8750 BRAINY IN XMAS STOCKING
HEFTY IN XMAS STOCKING
BOTH IN MINT CONDITION NO BOXES

#26 FOR SALE - Christmas SMURFS with CORDS #52900 Drummer,Smurf with Toy Bag, Smurf with Large Green Gift Box, Smurf Praying, Smurf with Candle and Song Sheet, Smurfette with Song Sheet and Candle. ALL MINT.

#27 FREE - The club has a supply of the 1982 Smurf Collectables Pamplets and the 1984 "The Untold Story of History according to the Smurfs VOL.1" pamplets. Send a L.S.A.S.E. and we will send you what you need.

#28 WANTED - Smurf Acrylic keyrings Submit list and prices.

#29 WANTED - SMURF POSTERS Numbers needed: 7006, 7007, 7008,7605, 7612, 7613, 7615, 7606,7616
Submit list and Prices.

HOW TO ANSWER AN AD ...REPLY TO THE AD NUMBER AND SEND TO THE CLUB WITH A S.A.S.E.

HOW TO SUBMIT AN AD... SEND YOUR AD TO THE CLUB AND IT WILL BE PUBLISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. YOU MUST GIVE THE CLUB ALL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE AD. Items, condition, markings, price etc.

# Collectors' Comments

Tom M. from W.V. writes: " I really do appreciate all the effort you made in arranging a trade for me. I probably never would have gotten the Flirting Smurfette without the Club's help. Thank you."

Dusty A. from Texas writes: " I am an auctioneer and Smurf Collector. In the future I would like to host a show where collectors can show their collections and maybe have an auction to sell some of the interesting and unusual SMURFS."

Thanks, Dusty, we would LOVE to have a Smurf Convention and Show.

CLUB MEMBERS shall we set ourselves a goal? What do you think? May we have your suggestions and comments PLEASE. Would you . . . be willing to participate?

# Let's Talk

Question- Dear Suzanne: On one of my Smurfs I have found a different marking that looks like this: W Can you tell me what it means?
SBN. Conn.

Answer- Dear SBN: Yes indeed, this is an unusual mark and you are fortunate to have found one in your collection. I have heard, from a reliable source, that the mark indicates that the Smurf was approved by technicians at Schleich. It is very rare to find this marking.

Note to members: Do any of you have Smurfs marked this way W in YOUR collections? I, personally, have never seen it. Let's try to discover just how rare it really is! Write the club.

## THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE

by GARY S. of N.J

"MEXICO" (1985)

Shopping in Mexico is a unique experience. You will find mostly KNOCK-OFFS. I found some blue unpainted and white unpainted figurines in all the novelty shops. I also found Marionetts in Tijuana and was attempting to "negotiate" a price on an additional piece. The shop owner said "NO" to my offer, so I decided to pick the piece up later, on my way back from shopping. I never found the store or the Marionetts. A lesson well learned: If you see something you want in a foreign Country, don't wait, buy it on the spot. Many times you never get a second chance.

On the Mexican side of the border they sell many different Plaster of Paris Banks. I picked up about 15 different ones.

In Tijuana I found key chains, stickers etc. etc. etc, and Piñada's. I bought 3 huge SMURF PIÑADAS without thinking about how I would get them home on the airplane. To make a long story short, my Piñada Smurfs were a big hit with the airline stewardesses. They each flew home in their own seats "FIRST CLASS" as I sat in Tourist Class with no visitation privileges.

SMURF IN SPANISH IS PITUFOS

## The Editor's Desk

Our first three months have been exciting and loads of fun. We have made some truly wonderful friends! I would like to thank Susan, Gary, Tom and Carol for their help and support.

We are trying our best to fill requests, but we have received many requests for Secondary Market pieces. I would like to make a request of ALL MEMBERS at this point: PLEASE go through your collections and offer your duplicates to other member. Without in-put from our members we will all meet with a lot of frustration. Offer trades or put your pieces up for AUCTION. We, the club, are trying our best, but all members must make a special effort to help other collectors.

Our next NEWSLETTER will arrive after the Holidays. Shop for your Smurfy gifts early.

DON'T MISS PAGE 4 !

Have a happy!
Suzanne

LATE BREAKING BULLETIN..... GREAT NEWS! We have just received word from SCHLEICH, in West Germany, THANKING us for creating The Smurf Collectors Club. Best of All, they have given us their support by giving us their list of American Smurf Collectors. Needless to say, encouragement like this is very exciting!

# Auction Block

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| Item #100 | Smurf # 20132 | FOOTBALL (AM) | Made in Portugal, Painted Sri Lanka<br>ORANGE HELMET Mint Condition<br>Opening Bid: $5.00 |
| Item #101 | Smurf # 20122 | COWBOY | Made in Portugal, Painted Sri Lanka<br>Good Condition<br>Opening Bid: $4.00 |
| Item #102 | Smurf # 20087 | WOODCUTTER | Made in West Germany "BULLY"<br>Mint Condition<br>Opening Bid: $4.00 |
| Item #103 | Smurf # 20104 | PIRATE | Made in West Germany "BULLY"<br>Mint Condition<br>Opening Bid: $5.00 |
| Item #104 | Smurf # 20053 | ICE LOLLY | Made in Hong Kong<br>BLUE & WHITE ICE POP<br>Mint Condition<br>Opening Bid: $5.00 |
| Item #105 | Smurfette # 20210 | GOLFER | Made in West Germany<br>Mint Condition<br>Opening Bid: $5.00 |
| Item #106 | Smurf # 20211 | BASKETBALL PLAYER | Made in West Germany<br>NO STRIPE ON SHOES<br>Mint Condition<br>Opening Bid: $5.00 |
| Item #107 | Smurf # 20130 | GRADUATE | Made in Portugal<br>WINE COLOR<br>Mint Condition<br>Opening Bid: $9.00 |
| Item #108 | Smurf # 20148 | BRICKLAYER | West German Variation<br>BLUE OVERALLS<br>Mint Condition<br>Opening Bid: $11.00 |
| Item #109 | Super NO NUMBER-NATIONAL GAS STATION | | Made in West Germany<br>IN BOX Mint Condition<br>Opening Bid: $20.00 |
| Item #110 | Smurf NO NUMBER- HOLDING PIG | | Made in West Germany<br>Mint Condition<br>Opening Bid: $25.00 |
| Item #111 | Smurf # 20025 | SWIMMER | Made in West Germany<br>Yellow Tube-Orangy Swim Suit<br>Mint Condition<br>Opening Bid: $8.00 |
| Item #112 | Smurf # 20031 | MAILMAN | Made in West Germany<br>Heart on Envelope MAROON BAG<br>Mint Condition<br>Opening Bid: $6.00 |

## AUCTION BIDDING TERMS

1- Attached please find your Mail-In-Bid Forms. THESE MUST BE USED. NO BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN LETTERS.
2- Offers to "Top All Other Bids" will NOT BE ACCEPTED!
3- Winning bids must be honered by bidders.
4- Invoices will be mailed to all winning bidders on the day following the close of the Auction.
5- Payment must be received within 10 days, or the item will go to the next highest bidder.
6- Tie bids will be determined by the earliest POSTMARK.
7- No returns WILL BE PERMITTED for any reason after settlement is made with our consignors.
8- Personal checks from FIRST TIME PURCHASERS require a two week delay in shipment while the check clears the bank. USE BANK OR POSTAL MONEY ORDERS to avoid this delay.
9- Results of the AUCTION BLOCK will be published in our next Newsletter.

BIDDING, ON ITEMS IN THIS ISSUE,CLOSES OCT. 30, 1986

## HOW TO SUBMIT A PIECE FOR AUCTION

1- All pieces to be listed in our NEXT AUCTION BLOCK MUST be sent to the Club BEFORE November 10, 1986. This must be done in order to guarantee the condition of all items before publication.
2- State the PRICE you are asking as your OPENING BID.
3- A fee of $1.00 per item will be charged by the club for handling and postage. This fee is to be sent to the Club along with your item. (The $1.00 fee is on 2" Smurfs and Super Smurfs.) For larger items write to the Club before submitting your items.