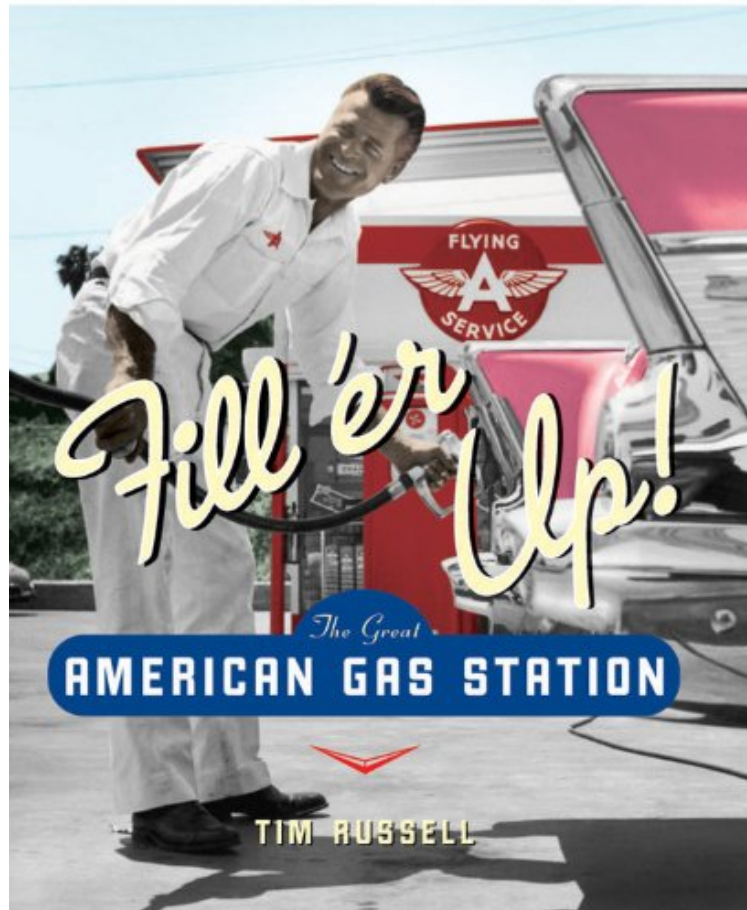


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In the summer of 1958, before enlisting in the Army, I worked at the Hill Top Truck Stop, several miles outside Seymour, pumping gas in the evenings and on the night shift. How well I remember climbing up on semi-trucks to clean the bugs off windshields! I don't remember what gasoline we carried, but the Truck Stop had a small caf, where my sister worked; that's how I got the job in the first place. The owner was a mechanic and fixed flats. I did not have to do anything but give full service; although in the evenings and over night I also sold pre-packaged sandwiches that my sister had prepared. I also remember the many gimmicks the gas stations used to get regular customers to come back. In the early days they gave the kids a cartoon strip of an aviation hero (though I don't remember the hero's name), a goldfish in a plastic envelope, Green Stamps (?), or special glassware. My wife would send me to the same station every time to be sure to get one of their glasses she was collecting. I also recall the time I drove into a station and asked them to check the oil, water and air, and was told, "We don't do that any more." I was shocked. The Texaco man was no more. People my age will enjoy the memories this book brings back. Maybe even the younger generation that heard their parents and grandparents speak of the "full-service" gas stations will want to see what it was all about. But to everyone who reads this book, I think it will give them a taste of Americana, and a time when service meant something. Well worth the small price. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Fill'er Up! The Great American Gas Station By Jane I purchased this book for my husband and he loved it. Ended up buying four more to give as gifts - all the guys went crazy over the book, what a nice gift for someone who loves cars and a walk down memory lane. I would highly recommend this book - it is awesome!!!!

The days of full service gas stations are a thing of the past, but it will never be forgotten in the minds of many petroliana enthusiasts. Catchy slogans, architecture and color schemes of the station itself, incentives and giveaways, stamps, and clever advertising from the first few decades of the twentieth century until today's fully stocked convenience stores are covered in this book. The highly detailed text also offers a glimpse of what was happening to the gas stations in Europe and serves wonderfully as a comparison with the gas stations in North America at the time. Vintage photography and advertisements provide a wonderful visual trip back in time to the days of being greeted by a smiling attendant every time you pulled into the gas station.

About the Author Tim Russell has had a lifelong interest in gas stations. He is a native and current resident of London, and attended college in the United States. From the time he was a young boy, he has been fascinated with petroliana and has amassed an extensive collection and knowledge of the subject.