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TOWER PARK RESORT 2018

The MVCC will be returning to Jellystone Tower Park Resort in 2018. The dates for this event are **September 16-23, 2018**. If you were assigned a site and attended in September 2017 your name and site number have already been sent to Tower Park reservations and they are awaiting your deposit for 2018. **209.369.1041** There is a 4 day minimum stay required and deposits are 25% due prior to **February 1st, 2018** with a second installment of 25% by **July 1st, 2018**.

The remaining balance is due upon arrival. If you did not attend in 2017 and need a site please let me know. Any sites showing no deposit after July 1st, 2018 will be offered to members and non-members that wish to attend.

KOA PETALUMA 2018

Now that the dust has settled on our September 2017 event at Tower Park, it is time to start ramping up for Camp Petaluma **April 23-28, 2018**. This is a 4 day event however, if you would like to be an earlybird just let KOA know your preferred arrival date.

There have been quite few requests for site moves and new reservations. Some folks that have been assigned sites currently have **NO** deposits on them. Please call KOA at **707.763.1492** and get a deposit on your site! When contacting KOA please confirm your arrival date. Sites with no deposits by **February 1st, 2018** will be offered to members and non-members that wish to attend. Any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Jo-Ann

AT THE FRONT



Dave Ball, MVCC President
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Hello Everyone:

Well it's here, the last newsletter of 2017. 2017 is a year that will go down in MVCC history. Besides being the 40th Anniversary of the founding of our club, it was a year that saw many changes.

After Tower Park KOA was purchased by Jellystone Park, the MVCC was forced to move the Spring meet to another venue. After an extensive search, Camp Petaluma, also a KOA, has filled that need. We had our first meet there in April and while there were some bugs, the MVCC board is working, even as I write this, behind the scenes to try and mitigate as many of these problems as possible in preparation for the second annual swapmeet there.

The annual fall swapmeet was held as usual after several meetings with the Jelly Stone management team to work out the bugs at Camp Delta, Jellystone Park. The fall event will remain at Camp Delta for the foreseeable future.

The club now has a quartermaster's trailer (mobile PX) and the club's inventory is being updated with new items. A link to these items was placed on the MVCC web page. Stop by the webpage and check it out. I spoke with Woody at Camp Petaluma KOA and there is quite a bit of campsite changes going on. Please try to double up on these sites as many are 70-foot-long. That is twice as much room as most sites at Tower Park. The more people with camping sites reserved in the park, the less we have to worry about day use parking if the fields are muddy. If you are coming just for the day, plan for offsite parking. Remember if you double up with a friend the fee is reduced. Its \$10 a night per person to camp in the group tent area. This is another good plan to get inside if coming for just a night or two. There are opportunities to camp in a GP medium tent as well, but you need to talk to Greg Lalonde and see how much room is available and what you need to bring such as a cot. Also remember that there are guest wrist bands available. You need to tell the office who your guests are when you check in. The wrist bands are made by the park staff and kept in the office at the registration desk, so your quests can pick them up when they check in.

Stay tuned to the newsletter for changes as we put more info out about the spring swapmeet.

That's all for now, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

"Keep 'em Rolling, Floating, and Flying,"

Dave Ball

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 24-29, 2018 Spring Meet Petaluma KOA.

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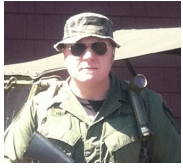
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Hello North Bay West and beyond,

Well another Veteran's Day behind us. I hope that we all were able to participate in some kind of Vet's Day festivities. I was able to drive the WC-3 to her first Petaluma Veterans Day Parade. It was myself, Greg La Londe, and my son (Wyatt) had a very pleasant drive from Napa to Petaluma. It was a gorgeous day no rain in site! We all rallied at our staging area at the Vet's Hall parking lot, where we kicked tires, talked about the fires, saw most of the regulars, and met some "new guys" to the parade. Thanks to Stefan Fisher and his wife Becky, who made the long trek from Eureka! They brought down their 1943 BMW motorcycle and trailer!! I counted 35 rigs that met at the Vet's Hall. I know there were about 10 others that were spread throughout the parade. As always the town came out to support and celebrate our veterans!

Now that we are in the belly of the holiday season, I encourage the members to get involved with some kind of holiday event and incorporate your MVs. In addition if there are members that already participate in an annual event and are looking for more rigs or volunteers, let your area's VP know.

Member Ryan Shelly is hosting his Winter Expedition again this year at his family cabin out of Somerset. This was a fun trail event last year and should be a lot of fun again this year. The dates for this trip are February 22nd -25th 2018. I will have contact info on upcoming events section.

It is almost time to pull the rigs in for a bit of winter maintenance. Give these ol' road warriors some well-deserved TLC.

Lastly, I want to wish the whole membership a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Scott Rohrs

North Bay West VP



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It's been busy over here in the 510/925 area lately and the M37 has been racking up the miles.

After having a good time at Tower Park we were lucky enough to visit Lee Edwards for an "Open Garage" day. That was a treat! Ed Roberts was kind enough to introduce me to some of our members and Hilde and I were able to check out Lee's M5 Stewart Tank. I have a new appreciation for the crews of those vehicles!

Some weeks after adventures at Lee's it was off to the Pleasanton Convoy/Parade with Randy & Traci Parent, Ed Schommer, and some friends. We packed up the M37, M151's, and M38 with passengers and went over the hills and through the woods for the Pleasanton Parade. I suspect it was a bit chilly in the rear of the M37, but we had plenty of hot coffee and donuts to keep the passengers comfortable (?!). Randy and Ed have done this rodeo a few times so things went off without a hitch.

Since the Pleasanton Parade was the week before Veterans Day we were able to visit the event at the Veterans Memorial Building in Danville on Veterans Day. They had a great exhibit in the building and their work to get the community involved has really paid off. On Saturday Randy & Traci brought their M151 and M38 and there was also a UH-1, a Mule, cannon (sorry, didn't get the details, but I did hear something about it being designed to be delivered by glider!), a Harley, and the old M37. There were also some MVCC members who dropped by to say hello. I had a bunch of fun showing the M37 to the kids who came by. They were fascinated by all the levers, the flip up windows, and occasionally the horn!

I'd like to wish everyone a safe and joyous Holiday Season and my heart goes out to all those affected by the fires in the North Bay.

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Couple more pictures from the Veterans day fundraiser put on at the Turlock Golf course by Lee Smith.
Top: John Verissimo's Dodge 1/2 ton Command Car Pearl. Bottom Left: 5 ton "Miss Repair" Bottom Right: Jess Soriano and friend with a M151.
John Verissimo





Page 8, top left and right: Jeeps line up for Petaluma Veterans day Parade. Middle left: Marty Rohrs, Wyatt Rohrs, and Greg La Londe with 1940 WC3. Bottom: Peter Frazier's White M3A1 Scout Car.
 Page 9 top: "Big Rig" Gunned up with a "Ma Deuce" Bottom: Half Tracks and a 1 1/2 ton Chevy Lined up and ready roll!
 Scott Rohrs

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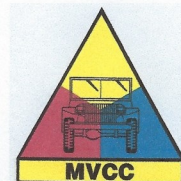
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Al Hansel's 2017 Veterans Day Display in his front yard.

Al Hansel

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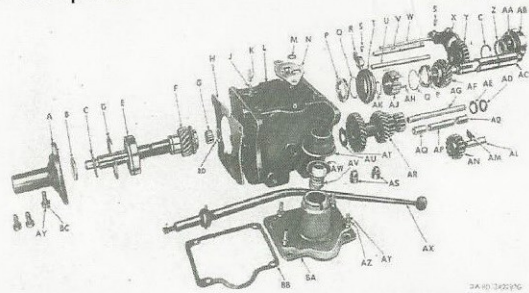
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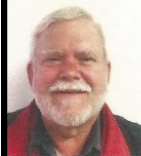
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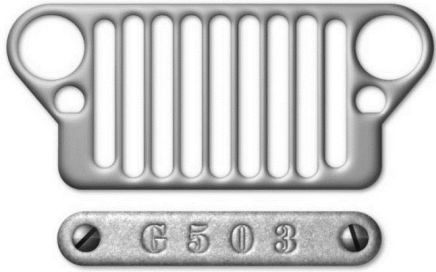


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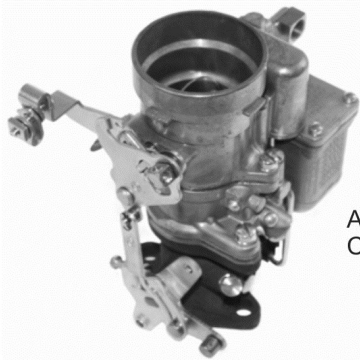
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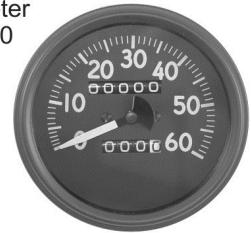
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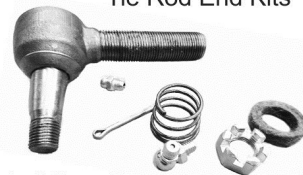


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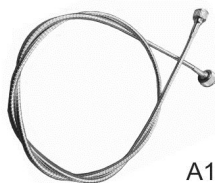
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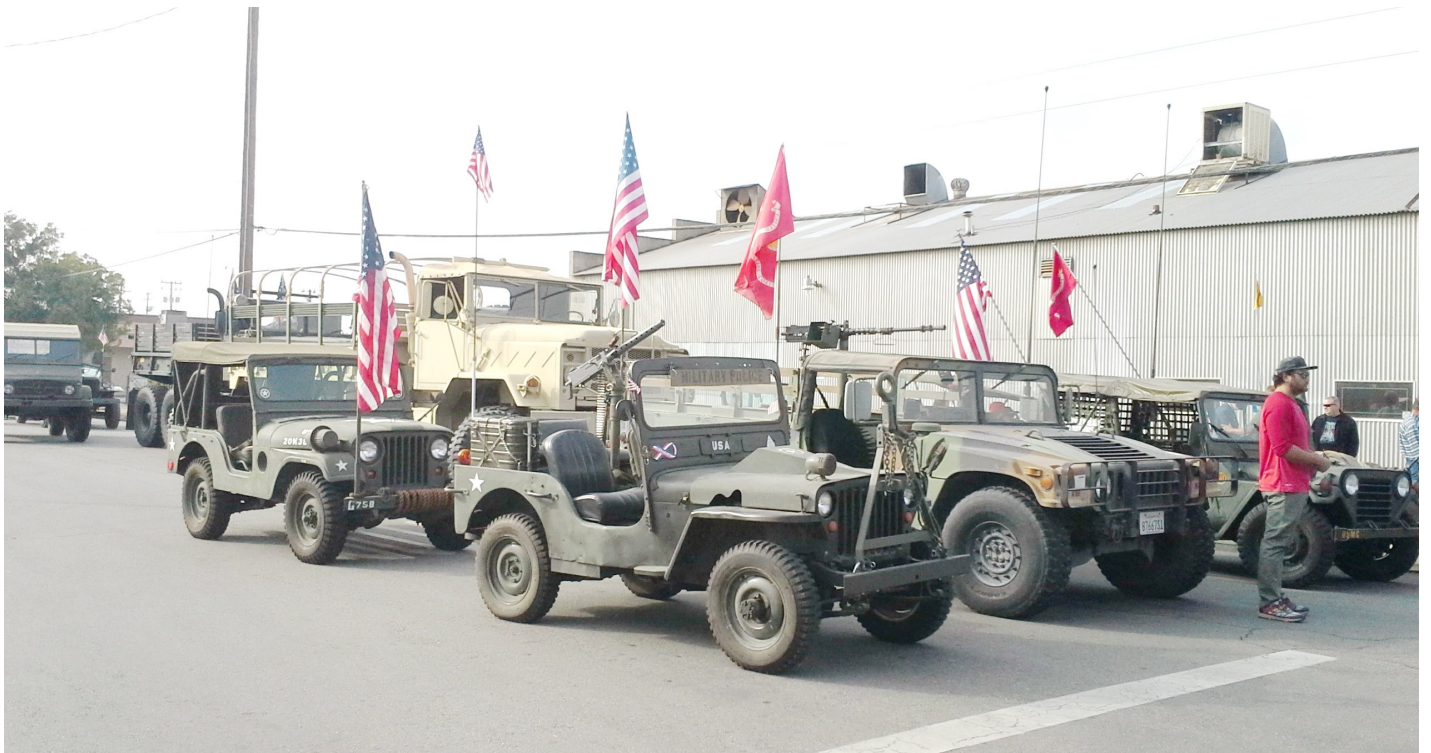
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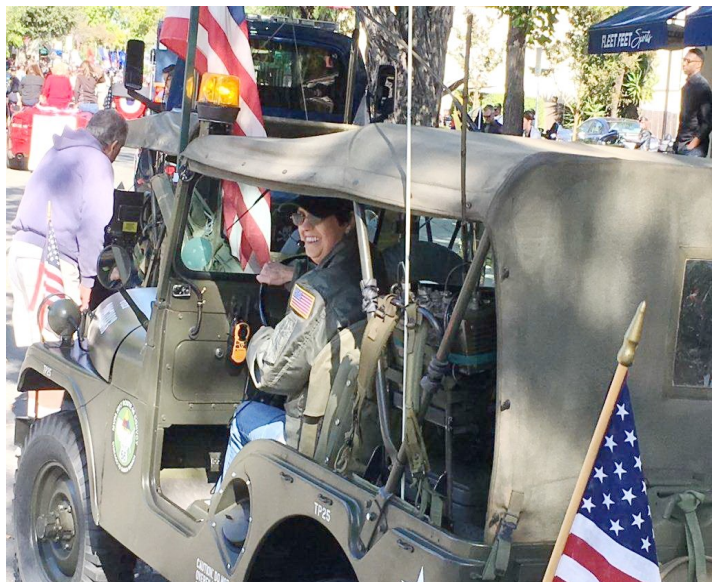
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Right is Traci Parent in her M38A1 I am sure randy is in there somewhere. Andy Shyers



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