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Al Hansel did a great job on his M151A2 and M416 Trailer.

Thanks for the pictures Al.

Dave

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WAGON MISTRESS UPDATED INFORMATION

Jo-Ann Lesser 408.238.8277

Tower Park is wrapping up renovations, they have asked the MVCC to wait on reservations for our April 2019 Camp Delta meet. Reservations for current MVCC members will be open October 1, 2018 and everyone else on November 1, 2018. This meet will be a 4-day minimum event however, early birds are always welcome. The MVCC will have campgrounds 2, 3, and 4 same as in years past. We will not have new campground 1 (sites 1 thru 84). As we are starting over with this meet, all reservations will go thru the Tower Park reservation system 209.369.1041. After this year, reservations will go through me JoAnn.

Go to www.towerparkresort.com and check out the current campground map. Choose a site that will best accommodate you. Some sites are no longer back-to-back sites and are now 70' pull through's. We will be tight on spaces as we've lost about 50 sites to cabins and redesigned sites. Sharing of sites is encouraged however, Tower Park will not split the bill. This will need to be worked out on your own. If you will be needing a dry tent site you will need to contact me directly 408.238.8277.


At the time you make your reservation you will be asked to place a deposit of 50% of the cost of your stay. The remaining balance will be due at time of check-in. Anyone looking for a tent site will need to confirm with Tower Park that the site chosen will accommodate tent stakes. Rates for sites was published in issue 4 of the MVCCNEWS.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Please contact Richard Johnson for reservations and info (619)993-5284 or killroy321@hotmail.com visit our website WWW.SCMVCC.com

April 23-28, 2019 Camp Delta. Tower Park

No vendor fee except camping fee.

Contact: Tower Park Resort 209-369-1041

After Oct 1, 2018

Mention MVCC when getting your spot reserved for the 25% member discount. Problems contact

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June 22-24 2018 Dodge Power Wagon Rally
Hollister Hills State off highway park. 16th year.
Military Dodge trucks welcome

Campsites, Catered food and raffle.

For details: www.dodgepowerwagonrally.com

July 4 2018 10am Morgan Hill Parade will step off. 142nd Fourth of July parade. Line up at Fourth and Monterey St. www.morganhillfreedomfest.com
POC: Kurt and Joann Lesser 408-238-8277

July 15th 2018 8am -2pm San Jose Militaria show and sale Napredak hall 770 Montague Expwy, San Jose, Ca (408) 275-9730

July 4th 2018 Morgan Hill Parade,
<https://www.morganhillfreedomfest.com/parade/#info> JoAnn Lesser, mamalesser@yahoo.com
POC is Kim Sievert.

July 4th 2018 Redwood City 4th of July parade.
<http://www.parade.org/> NOTE: Requires invitation to participate. Needs MVCC POC

July 4th 2018 San Jose parade "Rose White and Blue Parade" <https://www.rwbsj.org/>
POC :Peter Wong. pskwong2000@yahoo.com there No military vehicle group registered!!! create one!

August 3-4 2018 Spirit of 45 WW2 Living History Celebration. History Park at Kelly Park, 635 Phelan Avenue San Jose Ca 95112. (408)287-2290

September 8, 2018 Hot San Jose nights

S.T.E.A.M. This event has grown both in size and popularity. Events include Tank Rides-displays, Aircraft rides and displays, Military Vehicles and a autocross just to list a few. For More info:

www.hotsanjosenights.com

September 7-9 2018 Ferndale Ca. Concours on main street any/all Military vehicles welcome Be judged for prizes.

Go to www.ferndaleconcours.org

Contact info Pat Wille 707-786-7150

September 15, 2018 Chowchilla Car and Bike show Food, Music and awards. For more info call 559-665-5603

September 12-16 2018: Camp Gridley Butte County Fairgrounds, Hosted by the NRG www.northernrecongrouop.org

September 18-23, 2018 Fall Camp Delta
Second largest annual Military Vehicle gathering and swap meet in the West.
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AT THE FRONT



Dave Ball, MVCC President
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Hello Everyone:

I hope you all are working on your projects and enjoying this great weather and local events in your area with your Military Vehicles.

I plan to be at Eagle Field and maybe a 4th of July event.

I have been working on the command car and getting a few of the trucks I plan on parting with ready to sell.

Tower Park is opening the new waterpark the first week of July and most of the campsites are completed as well as cabin installations. There will be a new campground map soon.

Here is a link to the park's brochure. <https://towerparkresort.com/2018-brochure/>

Hope to see everyone at the many events this summer and hope you all get time to work on your projects. Enjoy and be safe.

“Keep ’em Rolling, Floating and Flying”

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Your MVCC Quartermasters at Petaluma. L to R Johnny Verissimo, Christina Verissimo and Don Gomes. These three Members work very hard to make sure the MVCC trailer gets to the meets and other events, and they setup and man the tables. Don Gomes has volunteered and is storing the trailer at his dairy. Besides designing T-Shirts and working to keep the clubs standard items stocked, they try and create new items for our members to wear and add to their collection of MVCC collectables. The MVCC store is operated by volunteer members and all of its sales income is used to make more items. Most items are sold at a small \$2 or \$3 profit except shirts which are usually break even. Johnny also takes orders by phone or email and ships the MVCC Quartermasters items to members. On page 18 is a small listing with those items. If there is something you would like to see added to the clubs store, please let Johnny or Don know. I want to thank all the volunteers that work to keep the MVCC Quartermasters trailer in service and those that volunteer to man it at our events. Dave Ball

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I don't know if I can take two parades in one day... twice the chance of one of my famous breakdown's. Hmm... maybe if I take two different vehicles one of them might make it home under its own power. Here's how things have been going lately...

A couple weeks ago I was running the DUKW engine when it suddenly died. I took a look under the hood (which weighs about 250 pounds and has no helper springs when you open it) and found fuel leaking from the inlet fitting on the carburetor. I tightened the fitting only to have the treads strip and the fitting spin loose. I took the carburetor off and discovered it was not just a fitting, it was the seat for the needle valve, which is typical of a Carter BB carb. But this one has no markings. It took me a week to figure out what kind of carb it is; it's supposed to have a Zenith – I even ordered a carb kit for a Zenith carburetor from Tom Wolboldt. As I was examining the fitting (before I removed the carb), I fumble fingered it and dropped it into the bilge, under the engine, never to be seen again no matter how hard I looked. I even removed two of the 3-1/2" drain plugs and pressure washed the bilge. No luck. So I looked online and found a replacement from a place called "Carb Junkies" in Georgia for a whopping \$6.95 with free shipping. The fitting with a new needle arrived a couple days ago and I used some high-tack sealer to install it. Now looking for a Zenith carb. Last week my V8 CJ2A had a dead battery. After charging the battery overnight, the jeep decided to have a stuck thermostat when I got it started again; stuck open so it would only warm up to 140F.

So I replaced the thermostat with a 180F unit. Now it warms up to 155 (go figure, but it might be the new gauge made in India). Better than 205, I guess. While I was running it to test the thermostat, the alternator decided to charge at 40+ amps, with a fully charged battery installed. I replaced the voltage regulator (electronic, made in China) and fixed that problem. I figure it was probably shorting out, which caused the dead battery in the first place. Next step is to check the actual coolant temperature with the heat gun ...as soon as I replace the dead 9V battery in it.

A couple days ago, my Weasel threw a track as I was driving up the driveway to put the hardtop back on it. Broke clean in half and wound itself around the rear bogies. Luckily it broke in front of my garage. Only problem is, both of my '43 GPWs are now blocked in the garage. I think it's time to rebuild the right-hand track with the George Smith belting system, but I will probably just repair it (again) with the Dave Porter tire tread band splice method just to get it to move out of the way. Haven't figured out how to uncoil the broken track yet but it may involve a certain 400 pound gorilla named Scott. Still need to get the top back on it.

Yesterday my F150 set a check engine light. The OBD code said it had a lean condition on both cylinder banks, meaning either a defective MAF (mass airflow sensor) or too much air was getting in and the computer couldn't compensate with enough fuel to stabilize the air/fuel ratio. So today I removed the MAF, cleaned it, and erased the check engine light with the code reader. On a road test down to Rancho Cordova to buy a couple batteries for other projects, the check engine light came back on (of course...).

After researching some more, I decided to look for a detached hose or loose air duct and found a loose hose under the throttle body cover. Seems it fell off when I was cleaning the throttle body last week after it started to stick closed on cold starts.

The truck and the jeep are back on the road, but the Weasel is a different story. The DUKW carb is back together but not back on the DUKW engine yet. Maybe tomorrow...

Let me know if you know an Irish Chant for getting rid of gremlins... I'm not making this stuff up! The thought occurred to me that maybe they're jealous because I have too many toys.

Dave

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The Camp Roberts Historical Museum has received a new donation in the form of restored Ford GTB aka Burma Jeep last week. The vehicle was first purchased in 1947, the black and white photo, in Washington State. Based on markings the owner found during restoration, it had been assigned the one the Pacific Naval Air Bases (Naval Supply Depots) in WW2 up there. That's a story in its self. He eventually sold it a friend, but eventually recovered it, in really bad shape, and 10's of thousands dollars later appears to have done a near perfect job of returning it back to its original glory. If your in the area, stop by and check it out. Thanks go out to the Phen Family of Santa Clarita. Dirk Hale

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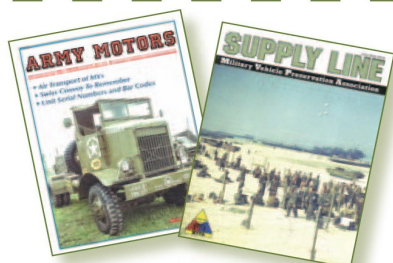
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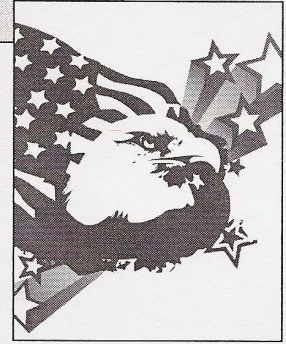
THE 21-DAY SALUTE TO AMERICA

There is a little-known law that sets aside a period to honor the United States. This law was passed in 1975 and states “...that Congress declares the 21 days from Flag Day, June 14th, through Independence Day, a period to honor America, that there be public gatherings and activities at which people can celebrate and honor their country in an appropriate manner”.

- #1. Display our flag every day during the 21-day period
- #2. Pledge allegiance to our flag each day.
- #3. Urge various organizations to promote America, and unity among all Americans
- #4. Stimulate love and admiration for our National History and traditions during public ceremonies.

Every community, group, and individual may participate in the nation-wide effort by helping the handicapped and the aged, and by encouraging the young to understand the opportunities and responsibilities inherent in our constitutional system.

Contributed by Matt Siragusa



The next page and a half have pictures taken at Camp Petaluma 2018. Credit for pictures go to Johnny Verissimo.







As most know, my Command Car WC-24 had a SNAFU moment right when I needed it to start to go over to the Dodge Showcase. Needless to say Johnny and I spent a few minutes each grinding on the starter before we realized we were not going to have any luck that way. After checking a few things I noticed there was no power getting to the voltage gauge. It usually shows a discharge when the key is turned, so I set about looking for the lead under the hood from the battery to the dash. It was not that big of a deal and took about two minutes as it was obvious once I got an eye on it as it was just hanging in mid air near the steering column and had broke its connection right at the ring terminal.

Looked like it had done this before as the terminal was 10 or 15 years old and crimped without solder and of course the wire looked like original 1941 vintage. This brings me to the photo above. There is no better place to breakdown than at one of our events as we will always have an abundance of volunteers even if just to take a look and make a comment or two. I want to thank everyone that came over to help out and Doug Baldanzi for digging a new ring terminal out of his junk box. Thanks, you guys are great. I made it to the Showcase with time to spare. And have another story to tell. This hobby is great!!!

Dave



Couple of interesting photos. Top: USN Base during a rainstorm lots of early rare vehicles far left towing a Jeep is a M-3H-4 1.5 ton wrecker. Far right heading toward the photographer is a Dodge WC 1/2 ton panel truck. USMC
 Bottom: Shows an Army Engineer group Early WW2 practicing bridging. Acme News SF.

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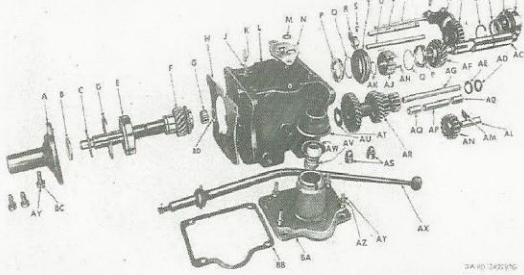
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Johnny Verissimo

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For Sale: 1942 Dodge WF 1 1/2 ton, 4x4 Truck
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P/U bed. Very cool rare war time Dodge truck!!
Comes with a complete extra front clip. Bill of sale
only. Never been registered in CA Original Vin and
ID tags. Missing the passenger door, but local
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Call Scott if interested 415 259 8177 6-18

For Sale: Radio box CH 74-A for WWII Jeep and
Dodge 3/4 ton WC 51 and WC 52. \$125.00
WWII dodge 1/2 ton wood floor board
\$75.00 Dash map board \$15.00
WWII trailer 1 ton metal parts for the wood side
boards \$230.00
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or E-mail glampman@calpoly.edu 6-18

For Sale: M416 1/4 ton trailer original good condi-
tion need lights. Has not been cut or torched. Bed
and fenders in good shape drains work. No rot.
\$1000 Dave 408-805-0065 7-18

For Sale: 1952 Willys M38A1 Jeep has many of
the original parts. Seats front and rear need pads and
canvas. Still 24 Volt. Engine ran a year ago but
rough. Missing top bows and batteries. \$4000 OBO.
Dave 408-805-0065 7-18

For Sale: 1968 M715 Kaiser Jeep US Army
25th Division 725 MT company Cu Chi Vietnam
1966- 1975. Truck has no rot restore or drive as is
with original faded camouflage paint and markings.
Has Chevy V8 professional install and 12 volt.
Nothing has been cut easy to put back to original.
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For Sale: 1945 Willys MB No windshield,
Combat wheels, mostly complete, seats cut, rust in
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\$3700.00

1944 Willys MB Complete, minus motor and trans-
mission. Tailgate cut in. Rust in the usual spots
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For Sale: 1952 M-38-A-1 90 % restored.
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was cleaned and new fuel lines and filters, Engine
was Rebuilt in the 1980's, good compression. Re-
cent tune up, with new spark plugs wires. Has new
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installed. Includes new parts not installed...Painless
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For Sale: Auto hauler trailer (\$3,500):

I purchased the trailer new on Sept. 22, 2007, from Hefty Trailers in Petty, TX. The trailer was custom built for the GPW, will work with other Jeeps. The floor is 10 feet in length, and the width is 63". The EW is 1900 lbs. GW is 7000 LBS. Includes tongue box with new battery for the Warn Winch and storage for straps. Has two axles and electric brakes on all four wheels.

MVPA Convoy Trailer (Cargo trailer) \$8,200 obo 2014, custom built enclosed trailer, made by LOOK, was designed for the Jeep (M38 A-1) used for the 2015, 2017 MVPA convoys. The trailer transported the Jeep from CA to the staging areas in DC and Chicago. The convoy trailer was converted to a bunk house (complete with electricity, heater, lights, desk. for crew once the Jeep was removed. I have invested approximately \$12,000 in the convoy trailer. New Goodyear tires (\$500+) upgraded leaf springs were installed last year. The trailer is fully insulated with the US flag painted on the roof. Both trailers have always been parked inside hangars at the Hayward Airport. For photos. Call Randy at 510-414-1559 or parentvp@yahoo.com 7-18



Dodge M37 seen at Camp Petaluma 2018 USAF.

Johnny Verissimo

Military Vehicle Collectors of California Merchandise



2018 MVCC Camp Petaluma Tshirt. This year we chose a Vietnam Era Theme.

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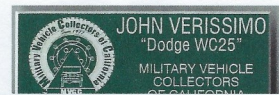


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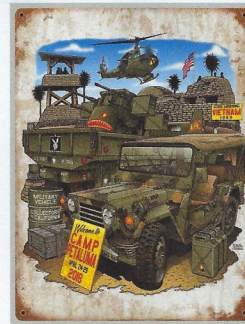
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June 23rd and 24th, 2018 9am-4pm

One mile south of Win River Casino, HYWY#273

@Old Sky Ranch Airport

Military Combat Vehicle Displays, Tanks, Weapon Carries
Jeeps, Transport Trucks and More!

Military History Displays, WW1, WW2, Korea and
Vietnam Small Arms Displays, Plus Civil War Cannon Live Fire

Collector or military vehicle owner,
your participations is FREE. Military artifacts,
surplus weapons, etc., you are welcome to bring them
and set up your table ... It's FREE!



For information on display participation and
vendors -- CALL (530) 739-2562 or
email us: mountainmilitary@icloud.com

Great Food and Drink

Admission is \$3 --- KIDS 12 & UNDER FREE PARKING FREE

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Military Vehicle Collectors of California
*Dedicated to the acquisition, restoration, preservation, safe operation,
 Public education and display of historic military transport*

WE WANT YOU
TO JOIN / RENEW
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MVCC
MEMBERSHIP!



INVOICE

Life Members should disregard this notice. THANK YOU for your support! If you have already renewed, THANK YOU! please check the date code on your newsletter mailing label and membership card. Is your expiration year "2017" ?

If it is this means your membership expires January 1, 2017. Please renew your membership.

Please enter an e-mail address for possible future methods of communication. If you list MV's or related hobby interest, it will show up on membership lists the MVCC Officers receive. Sometimes we want to contact members with certain MV's about displays or movie work. Note that you may opt-out of having contact or hobby information published in the next Member Directory booklet. This is your application. Separate it from the newsletter, or copy it, fill it out, and fold it put it in an envelope with your check inside, apply postage, and mail it. Simple!

* = required fields, please PRINT

*Name _____ MVPA # if applicable _____

*Address 1 _____

Address 2 _____

*City, State, ZIP _____ Country _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

E-mail address _____

I DO / DO NOT want my contact information in the Directory (circle one)

List military vehicles you own (year, make, model) and/or related hobby for the next Directory. Help those with similar interests find you. Use separate sheet if necessary.

MEMBERSHIP (check one)

Term is Jan 1 – Dec 31

- \$35 regular member for one year only newsletter mailed
- \$85 regular member for three years newsletter mailed
- \$25 regular member for one year only newsletter online only
- \$60 regular member for three years newsletter online only
- \$60 business member (includes one, 2"x 3.5" ad in each newsletter (business card). No voting rights. A business member may also hold another class of membership

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Includes membership card. Only spouse has voting rights.

One newsletter delivered per household

_____ Associates @ \$5.00 each per year, badge \$12.50

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Amount enclosed _____

Print associate name and relationship to member

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