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# MVCC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Chris Thomas, MVCC President**

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Hello MVCC

I hope everyone is staying cool in the summer sun. The Fall Camp Plymouth is just around the corner so please let JoAnn know if you're coming. The last newsletter had your ballot for club officers, please mail it in so your vote counts.

Up Coming

The Spirit of '45 event is August 13-14 at History Park in San Jose. This is a great World War Two event and last year they missed marking the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WW2. More information at [www.spiritof45.org](http://www.spiritof45.org)

In addition to our Fall Camp Plymouth in September, we have been invited to be a part of NAS Lemoore's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary event on September 2. The last time we took part in a change of command ceremony there and from start to finish it was a great time, I look forward to being there again. It's ok if your mv is not USN marking as they are also remembering the WW2 Lemoore Army Air Field. And armor is welcome.

For those who are in the traveling mood, down in Anaheim on Saturday, September 25, 2021 @ 10am-3pm. I know this group though Jack Beckman, NHRA Funny Car driver, and they work hard to raise money to help our vets. More Info at [www.infinitehero.org/heroes-hot-rods/](http://www.infinitehero.org/heroes-hot-rods/)

Later, Chris

*Chris Thomas and John Azevedo at the Gustine 4th of July of July Parade. Photos by Johnny Verissimo*



Chris Thomas at the Gustine 4th of July



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## MVCC Secretary/ Editor Johnny Verissimo

What's going on in the MVCC?

**Parades! LOTS of them up and down the West coast.** That's what's going on in the MVCC. If you have a military vehicle then you know parades were made for you and your MV. If you want to top it off you can put a siren on your MV and make the kids go so crazy you would think they just ate a bucket of sugar or saw Santa Claus with an X BOX in hand. Kids love Military Vehicles that's for sure so when you add parade and military vehicles you get happiness for both the kids, your military vehicle and yourself, it's a win win situation.

**This July 4th as every July 4th** we took our military vehicles in the Gustine 4th of July Parade and we always drive up front with the local VFW Joseph G. Rose Post 7635 . We have been doing this for at least 15 years. After the parade we drive over to the park where the festivities are and we display the vehicles. A big thank you to John Azevedo for coming from as faraway as Tulare and Chris Thomas from Chowcilla. We had 3 jeeps, a convert trailer, 2 GTB's, 4 trailers with 1000lb bombs, 1 Command Car and 1/4 ton trailer. If in 2022 you find yourself with nothing to do on July 4th give us a call and come on over with your MV.

**The MVCC Fall Meet is next month!** Time flies. This is a smaller meet but a meet with just as much heart. You never know what you gonna find. You get the best luck when you least expect it when it comes to finding parts, so I've noticed.

**MVCC is working on the Spring Meet 2022.** One of the showcases will be the GTB Ford Burma Showcase that POC Don Gomes is working on. If you have a GTB Burma in any condition we want to see it at the showcase. You can call Don Gomes (209)765-1273 with an questions. The 2nd Showcase is the M151 Ford Mutt Showcase. Its been a long time coming but its here! If you have a Ford Mutt in any condition please bring it to this showcase. I used to own a 1966 Ford Mutt that I now regret selling so I know how fun they are. All showcases will have awards given and many photos taken.

**I bought a 1944 US Navy Signal/Search light.** Yup I did. I couldn't pass it up. As all of you know I have health issues so I know life can be short, far too short, so I'm gona live it up and enjoy life. WW2 stuff make me happy, so, I'm gona be happy lol. I just thank God I have the Coolest Wife ever. Christina has always been the most supportive spouse since 1990 when we got married. Having a supportive spouse helps but so does hiding stuff or blending stuff in, lol... A Big thank you to Don Gomes for welding the light stand for me. I can't weld anymore so Don takes that up for me.

**Up Next,** the huge New-man Fall Festival. We should have at least 10 military vehicles in that parade and display. If your interested please call Don Gomes for more information. This parade is in September.

Enjoy your summer,

Johnny...



*L to R, Don Gomes, Chris Thomas, Jordan Gomes, John Azevedo, myself and Nathan Nunes just before the Gustine Parade. Photo by Christina Verissimo*



*My recent purchase, a 1944 US Navy Search/Signal light in my den. Left-my den is getting crowded .*



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Hello out there in MV land,

Is your summer is off to a good start? Things have been quiet here lately. We missed Eagle Field this year but we did drive down to Hollister Hills for the Power Wagon Rally. There was a good turn out with somewhere around 30 Dodges and a large number of MVCC members. The food and company was excellent and the mud pit provided some good entertainment. One M37 chugged through with ease! The mud pit is not my thing, but we did spend hours on the trails with the M37. I also learned a valuable lesson. If a trail is marked as "intermediate" on the map, make sure you also check the trail markers! It seems some of the trails have evolved into "difficult". This sure kept things interesting. Fortunately, patience and just letting the truck chug slowly over obstacles did the trick. I'm always surprised what you can actually drive over with relative ease in the M37. I've come to understand the advantages of the 230 and lots of gear.

There were no local events that I'm aware of for the 4<sup>th</sup>, but that doesn't mean that it won't be celebrated. If you check below you'll see the Kiwanis 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Danville will take place in **September**! I'll post more details as they come in.

**On the Radar:**

**Saturday, 9/4**

**Kiwanis 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade**

(yes, you read that correctly!)

**Location:** Danville, Starts at San Ramon High School, down Hartz ave, and back to the school.

If you hear of any events in the area please contact me. I need to get back to preparing for a visit from 9 relatives, it's going to be a busy weekend! Hope to see you out with your MV soon.

Andy



KEEP THE SPIRIT OF '45 ALIVE!

Photo by Valsohen Photography

# We are BACK!

**Friday, August 13, 2021**

**1940s Swing Dance | 7-10 p.m.**

Dance under the lights at History Park to the tunes of the big band era, featuring The Swing Solution. Dancing in the street and food trucks! Cash bar. Period attire encouraged.

**Admission \$20 | Parking \$10**

**Saturday, August 14, 2021**

**Living History Day | 11am- 4 p.m.**

Take a trip back in time as the 14-acre History Park is transported to the 1940s with live big band music, swing dancing, fashion and vintage car show, a WWII Tent City, Victory parade, food trucks, and activities for the whole family.

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Greetings MVCC'ers!

It's been really quiet here in Northern Nevada lately. But boy has it been hot! We've been in the triple digits for a few weeks now, and it's just now dropping down to the high 90's.

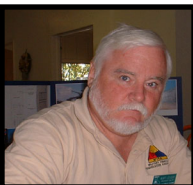
On the MV front, I haven't done much beyond driving the HMMWV around a little, and working on other non-MV automotive projects, and helping out a friend or two with their mechanical troubles.

We didn't make it out for Independence Day, but I think the only parade going was up in Virginia City. So we flew the flag, rolled the HMMWV out front, and gave thanks for our country, our freedom and those that have fought so gallantly and selflessly throughout the years to secure it.

By the time you read this, it should be August, and you should have your campsite paid up for the Camp Plymouth Fall Meet. I haven't been in a couple years now, and I can't wait to be there!

I hope your Summer has been great, and you have had lots of opportunities to drive and share your OD treasures. See you in September!

Keep 'Em Rolling! Sean



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Hello to all MVCC Members,

Hope you all found a cool place to hide through this heat wave! Well the 4th of July came and went and I didn't get my 5th M2 Bomb trailer done in time for the Gustine 4th of July Parade but we were able to take 4 in the parade with my 1943 Ford GTBS Bomb service truck and it was a hit! We also had Johnny Verissimo's 1942 Ford GTBA Cargo truck , Joao Azevedo's MB , Chris Thomas's GPW Ginger , Johnny's 1941 Command Dodge Car Pearl with trailer and Jordan Gomes with my 1942 GPW Betsy with 1945 Convento trailer. We had a great display in the park with all the MV's, Thanks Guys for coming out and supporting us at the Gustine Parade!! You Rock!!

*Photos by Johnny Verissimo*

In June I came across a WW2 1943 Depth Charge that I've mounted on my GTBS Bomb service truck to display with my 3 WW2 100lbs Bombs and 5 M2 Bomb trailers and 1000lbs practice Bombs . Depth Charges are very hard to find and you only see them in museums. If any members know of any WW2 Bombs or Depth Charges or any WW2 relative or Gtb's for sale please contact me at 209-765-1273 Thanks in advance.

Keeping The GTB History Alive

Central Valley V.P Don Gomes



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For the RV Village she will tell you when to contact their office to make a payment. For the fairgrounds, all site rentals will be paid to the MVCC

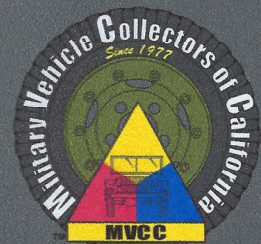
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## Coffee & Donuts on the Runway, Sonoma 8/15/21

By John Neuenburg

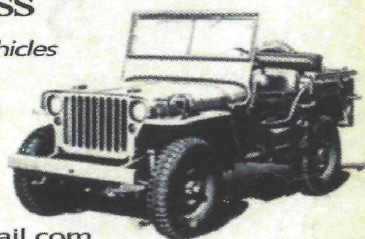
Sonoma Valley Airport in the wide spot in the road called Schelleville between Sonoma Raceway and town of Sonoma is hosting another "cars and coffee" type event with a twist - it will be on a runway and taxiway and include classic and ex-military airplanes! There are many based at this airport. It will be Sunday August 15 from 0800 to 1030 which means vehicles will start showing up at 0700. How about we have a MV display and group photo next to a P40N or P51? I don't know if they will fly anything but last time they had an aerobatic box authorized and several planes took their turn. If you think you will be there, send me an email so I know how much space to grab. Location is 29982 Arnold Drive, Sonoma, CA

If you want to make a day of it, for those not familiar with Sonoma it is a nice tourist town for lunch, shopping, or wine tasting especially around the town square. Good place to take a date. Another option is to take a [b]warbird ride[/b] after the show! The owner of the airport operates Vintage Aircraft Company and they offer rides in Stearman biplanes, SNJ-4 advanced trainer (Navy version AT-6 Texan), P51D Mustang, even a rare, factory two seat P40N which had three combat kills! They have an aerobatic option in the biplanes and the front seats are modded to fit two slender people. They take walk-ins on the weekends but confirm that at 707-938-2444. Website is [www.vintageaircraft.com](http://www.vintageaircraft.com). Tell them I sent you! (they are my landlord)

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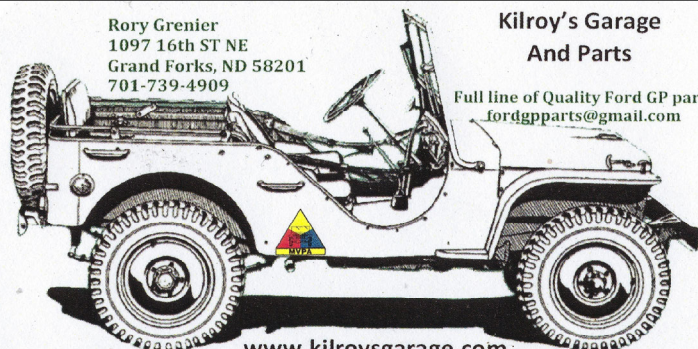
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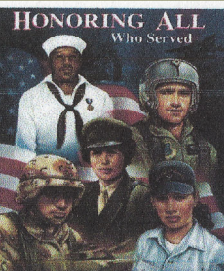
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Hello North Bay West and beyond,

Well as I write this article I am down for 24hrs as I am currently assigned to the Beckworth Complex Fire, North of Reno. The fire is 90K+ acres and will be a couple weeks until it is not a threat. Fire Season now is in full swing and that means life goes on hold.

Always on the hunt for OD I spotted a nice close cab Dodge ½ ton truck as I arrived in the small town of Doyle, Ca. I spotted it in the darkness of the night and was able to snap a few pictures this morning as I came off the fire line this morning. It continues to affirm that there are still rigs to be found and saved.

I hope all of the membership had a great Independence Day! I'm sure the rigs were rolling in many of the local parades and celebrations.

Next event coming up is the Spirit of 45 at the History Park in San Jose on the 13 & 14 of August. Great event to bring your vehicles to! Living history, Big band swing dance and car show. Come on out!

Stay cool,

Scott Rohrs

North Bay West VP



Photos by Scott Rohrs



If you have any questions or have information regarding a meet or activity in your area, contact your regional vice president or any of the officers to let them know. Be sure to visit our website for any last minute activities or changes to activities/events. Please submit information regarding upcoming activities to the newsletter editor at least two months before the scheduled event. All articles must be submitted to the newsletter editor by the 14th of each month. **MVCC News Editor John Verissimo, (209) 918-0488 istanbull@sbcglobal.net or www.mvccnews.net**

# MVCC WAGON MISTRESS JOANN LESSER

## Camp Plymouth

Seems like our April meet was just last week but, here we are planning for September! September Camp Plymouth dates are Tuesday, September 7 thru Saturday, September 11, 2021. Please be pro-active in your planning. Many sites in the park will be booked for the Labor Day weekend. If you plan on arriving September 4, 5 or 6 please call the park and verify that your site will be available for those dates. (209.245.6981) For this event don't assume that your site will be available for early check-in. Call or mail me for site number at 408-238-8277 or mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com August 7, 2021 is the deadline for deposits to the 49'er! Camping at the Amador County Fairgrounds? You will need to fill out a registration form with your site request. Please write clearly as I may need to phone you if I have questions.

Lately I have had quite a few calls regarding the MVPA. Many think that because they are members of the MVPA they don't need to be members of the MVCC. These two organizations are separate entities. You will not get MVCC member benefits because you are an MVPA member. Please pass the word if you know of an MVPA member that comes to our event and is looking for MVCC benefits. MVCC members get up to date info thru the newsletter and our members only web page also members do get first dibs on spaces and cottages at our events.

Be safe out there when having fun over the 4<sup>th</sup>! As always, I can be reached a number of ways. Phone, 408.238.8277 or email, mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com JoAnn....

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**August 13 and 14, 2021**, "Keep the Spirit of 45 Alive" in San Jose, Ca. Friday the 13th Dance. Saturday 14th, History in the Park. History Park 635 Phelan Ave. \$10 admission. Bayareaspirtiof45 on facebook for more info. Flyer is in this newsletter. 1940's era dance, show and meet.

**August 15, 2021: Coffee & Donuts on the Runway**. Cars 'n Coffee type event for cars, trucks, MVs, warbirds, and classic airplanes too. Sonoma Vally Airport 29982 Arnold Drive (Hwy 121), Sonoma. 0800-1030. MV display, photo ops by a warbird. Free coffee and more. See article for afternoon options.

**September 2, 2021**, Naval Air Station Lemoore's 60th Anniversary. Event will look back at Lemoore's AAF roots during WWII and the Navy's presence since the 60s. Vehicles to include armor and displays are requested.

Please contact Corey Firman at [firmanc@hotmail.com](mailto:firmanc@hotmail.com) or 253-267-2456 if interested.

**September 5th, 2021 The 50th Newman Fall Festival**. The parade starts at 11AM. This is a huge parade then car show at the park where all the festivities are. The car show will include military vehicles. This is a great place to parade your military vehicle and then display it where many will be able to admire them. POC is Don Gomes (209)765-1273

**September 7th to 11th 2021: The MVCC Fall Swap Meet**. For reservations contact JoAnn Lesser [mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com](mailto:mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com). For more questions concerns or comments contact Chris Thomas (559)-871-6507 [moparacer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:moparacer@sbcglobal.net)

**September 29th - Oct 3rd 2021** -SCMVCC, Southern California Military Vehicle Collectors Club, Southern CA Rally in Lytle Creek at Bonita Rancho camp ground. **President -Lt. Dan McCluskey 805)501-8979** Email [mcccluske@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mcccluske@sbcglobal.net)

**November 11th 2021** Gustine Veterans Day Parade, POC is Don Gomes (209)765-1273. This is a small parade. The local veterans really appreciate the military vehicles. Check for your local Veterans day parades.

**April 25th to 30th 2022: The MVCC Spring April Meet and Showcase in Plymouth California**. The biggest Military Vehicle Show and Swap Meet on the West Coast. For reservations contact JoAnn Lesser [mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com](mailto:mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com). For questions, concerns or comments contact Chris Thomas. (559)-871-6507 [moparacer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:moparacer@sbcglobal.net)

PLEASE fill out and mail in to reserve your spot at the 2021 Fall / September Meet..!



**MVCC Sept 7th to 11th 2021 Camp Plymouth Registration**

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	RV Type(\$51.20)_____		
	RV Premium(\$57.60)_____		
	Studio Cabin (\$124)_____		
	1-2 Bedroom Cabin (\$163)_____		

Amador County Fairgrounds, 18621 Sherwood St. Plymouth, Ca. 95669

No minimum stay for **dry sites, no RV's**, 1 vehicle & 1 tent per site, 4 night stay for water/electric sites Sept 7 to 11th 2021

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Assigned Site # / # of Nights /	Description of site, Pick one	/ Per Night /	Total
	(\$35) Dry Tent – Military _____ Civilian _____		
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**No refunds after August 28th 2021.**

**Comments:**

**Fairgrounds camping payment should be made to** Military Vehicle Collectors of California, 2714 Peartree Lane, San Jose, Ca. 95121 C/O JoAnn Lesser .

For more information: [mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com](mailto:mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com)

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Here ya go:  
Another GTBA

One of the GTBs I acquired a few years ago has an interesting story. Well they all do, but this one has a few twists...

The GTB was owned by a farmer in Fallon, Nevada, inherited from his father. He no longer had a use for it and was planning on scrapping it if no one wanted it. I saw his post on the G503 forum and decided to take it off his hands for little more than scrap value. You can see what it looked like in the photos. It's a GTBA cargo truck and had an extended frame and no bed, but it supposedly ran. The original passenger seat was included, retrieved from a tractor where it was serving as the driver's seat. The original driver's seat was there as well. The blackout driving light was also still there, complete with the original, correct, tombstone guard. The passenger seat and blackout light are a rare find on a GTB project, almost never included with the truck. It had original paint and the markings were still visible, including "US NAVY ORDNANCE" on the hood. The original data plates were still on the engine cover. The winch was missing (can't have everything...) but I happened to have a spare GTB winch, so that wasn't a problem. Too good to pass up! I paid for it and then waited a few weeks for the weather to clear up before making the trip to Fallon to pick it up. As it turned out, the owner (who was in the scrap business) was planning a trip to California and volunteered, for a small fee, to deliver the truck to my address, saving me the trouble of a trip to Fallon. The first thing I did after it arrived was cut off the frame extension and relocate the rear axle to its original position.



While the truck was posted on the "G", a gentleman in Northern Arizona posted that he had an original GTB cargo bed for sale, cheap, to go with the Fallon truck. The bed came with the tailgate, original mud flaps and had an original fuel tank still installed. It even had its military tail lights! I got in touch with him and arranged to pick it up... didn't seem that far to go to get it, all things considered, so off we went with the trailer to Arizona. To date, it's the only complete GTB cargo bed I've ever seen for sale, except for beds still attached to the truck.

So now I have a complete cargo truck, ready and waiting for restoration (too many projects, not enough time...). I installed the cargo bed and I plan on getting it ready for the much anticipated Spring 2022 GTB Showcase at Camp Plymouth. I've driven it and fixed the brakes. I'll most likely end up driving it to Plymouth since I don't have a truck and trailer big enough to haul it. But hey, it's only 32 miles from here to Plymouth...



Dave

## MILITARY VEHICLE QUIZ #9

1. What do the Mercedes Unimog, Steyr Pinzgauer, HUMVEE and M274 Mule have in common?  
A. Air cooled engines    B. Run flat tires    C. Portal axles    D. Auxiliary transmissions  
B.
2. The British Alvis Stalwart and Dutch DAF military trucks both employ an “H” drive, this indicates:  
A. The cab is split in half with controls on each side  
B. They have driveshafts running down each side of the vehicle  
C. They are halftracks  
D. They are hard as hell to steer
3. Which US Army general was not awarded five stars?  
A. George C. Marshall  
B. Omar N. Bradley  
C. George S. Patton, Jr.  
D. Douglas MacArthur
4. How heavy was the largest tank ever built?  
A. 50 tons    B. 200 tons    C. 150 tons    D. 100 tons
5. In WW2 General Douglas McArthur had his own personal aircraft to ferry him around. Its name was:  
A. Manila    B. Corregidor    C. Luzon    D. Bataan
6. A NEKAF M38A1 is manufactured where?  
A. Belgium    B. Netherlands    C. France    D. Austria
7. In addition to the manufacturer, the British Alvis Saracen APC, Saladin armored car and Stalwart cargo truck had what in common?  
A. Same superstructure    B. Same chassis/driveline    C. Same engine    D. Same crew compartment
8. What drove the propeller on the amphibious VW Schwimmwagen?  
A. Engine crankshaft    B. Power take-off    C. Electric motor    D. Hydraulic motor
9. What feature interested the US Army that resulted in the Harley Davidson XA motorcycle?  
A. Horizontally opposed engine  
B. Driveshaft  
C. Two-wheel drive  
D. Sidecar
10. A “Screaming Meemie” is:  
A. Somebody’s girlfriend in the next campsite  
B. Rocket artillery  
C. Psychological operations  
D. Air raid siren

Now check your answers on page 15th! .....

*U.S. Army nurses sunbathing on deck. Solomon Islands District 1945 World War II.*






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Answers to MV Quiz #9

1. C. All the vehicles noted have portal axles with reduction gears on the ends of the axles.
2. B. On an H drive vehicle a gearbox in the center of the vehicle splits the drive to bevel boxes on each side, which then power driveshafts running down either side, which then power the wheels via another set of bevel boxes. Very complicated and maintenance intensive.
3. C. Patton was a four star general at the time of his death in December 1945.
4. B. Known as the "Maus" (mouse), the combat weight of the super heavy Panzerkampfwagen VIII tank was over 200 short tons, the equivalent of six M4 Sherman tanks. Only two chassis and one turret were built in 1944, and it was to be armed with a 128mm main gun and a 75mm coaxial gun.
5. D. MacArthur's personal aircraft was originally a B-17E named after the peninsula in the Philippines where his troops made a last stand against the Japanese in early 1942. Later he used a C-54 named "Bataan II".
6. B. An acronym for NEtherlands KAiser Frasier, a slightly modified M38A1 was produced initially with imported US parts, and later with locally made parts. M38A1s served the Dutch military for over 40 years.
7. B. After Alvis entered production on the 6x6 Saracen, Saladin and a fire tender on the same basic chassis, the British government asked if they could produce a high mobility amphibious cargo truck on the same platform, which became the Stalwart.
8. A. For water operations the propeller of the Schwimmwagen was lowered by hand to engage a clutch on the rear of the crankshaft by using a hook stowed on the rear deck of the vehicle.
9. B. The US Army was favorably impressed by the German BMW R75 motorcycle's reliability and durability with its rear wheel powered by a driveshaft.
10. B. GIs so-called the Nebelwerfer rocket because of the high-pitched whining sound they made in flight.



## To all from the North

We maybe off the grid, however we will not let this put us down. Our local parade was cancelled, so with now time on our hands we “ adapted and over came”. We invited our friends up here which turned out to be over 30 people. They loved our display, and we hope to have next year the WC 56 in the mix. (Dreamer!)

We had the opportunity to show the next generation what three generations before them did. This is what is so important to our hobby.

I have to tell you, I was a little rusty put up a pup tent... lol ☐

I told everyone that if they wanted a “E” ticket ride to the ground, sit on the WWII camp chairs our lay on cot.



From the North  
Mike and  
Debbie.



*Photos by Mike*



Photos of my GTB Ford Burma Cargo Truck at the Gustine 4th of July



*Photos by Johnny Verissimo*



# CLASSIFIEDS PAGE 1

Way back in November, 2019, a fire ripped through my town of Paradise, Calif. My M151A1 M.U.T.T. Burned to the ground. Heart breaking, to say the least. Now, it's 2021 and I'm now ready to rebuild another M151.

**Wanted: M151A1.** I would like one tilted or in non-op status. It doesn't need to run, and I can fix electrical issues. Hell, I'll take one that's been converted to 12 Volts. So if you have an extra 151 in a field or barn or even in a mini storage, contact me.

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**FOR SALE** - COMPLETE and WORKING radio for Jeep.

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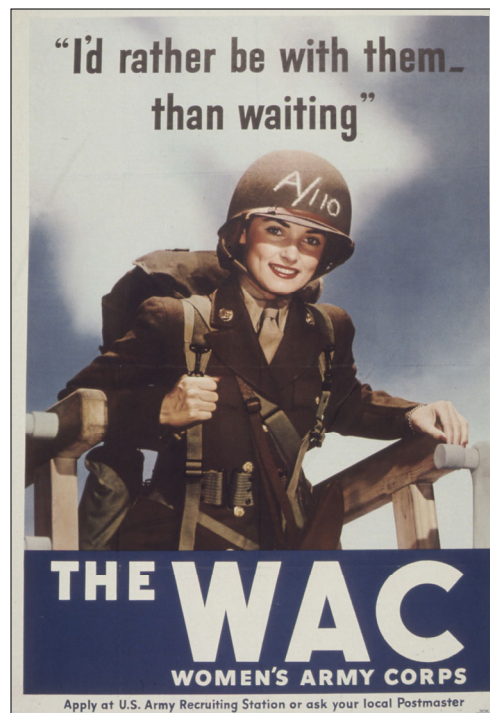
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**For Sale—M-37**  
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### FOR SALE MILITARY VEHICLE COLLECTION

1) **1942 Dodge WC 53 Carryall** in running/driving condition 5 new tires, new master cylinder new wheel cylinders, all lights function correctly, very rare and desirable vehicle. \$45,000.

**SOLD** 2) **1943 White half-track**. Runs and drives, new starter, starts and stops. New front tires. Lights are not connected at this time. All new interior. Seat backs and bottom cushions from Beachwood Canvas. Beachwood canvas cab top as well. \$50,000. Street legal in California.

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## Facebook Market Place by Chris Thomas

What was I thinking? We have all been there. You see an ad for a mv and you just have to have it. Well this is a short story of my latest mv. I've been looking for a WC-51/2 for our local mailman. He likes the look of the trucks and wants one as a father/son project. I've found several project WCs, but all were a little too rough for his skill set. Finally I found an ad on Facebook Marketplace for a mining core drill. The first couple of photos showed the drill head, controls and etc. but the fifth one was a shot of the very nice WC-52 the driller was mounted to. It checked all the boxes for the WC I was looking for – cargo bed, windshield, blackout lights, and good sheet metal. Next was to see where it was at, because we always find stuff on the east coast and the east coast people only find stuff on the west coast. Ashland Oregon was listed as its location. A long drive of about 430 miles, but doable in a day. I made contact with the owner and was told it was in California, not Oregon, great the trip just got shorter. On July 5<sup>th</sup> and with 2 wildfires burning along the route, we headed north to check the Dodge out. 411 miles later, I was checking the truck over. I spent about 45 minutes dealing on price as I crawled under and around the truck looking for cracked frame or other signs it had been abused as the drill rig. The frame and drivetrain all checked out and the engine was correct if not the original for the truck. The deal was made and we were back on the road. 14 hours was a long day but just a warm up for three days later when we left to pick up the truck.

We started at 5:00am and planned to make only one stop up and one stop back to make it back by 8:00pm. We made the trip up towing the trailer in 6 ½ hours – we were ahead of the timeline. Added air to the tires and cleaned the loose items off the truck and loaded it in less than 45 minutes – now we were almost 45 minutes ahead. On to I-5 and heading to Weed we hit a parking lot, traffic just stopped and for two hours there we sat. We only started moving again once Caltrans started removing the cones bottlenecking the freeway from 3 lanes down to one. So we were back to being on time so it was ok. Ooops, I need gas because I ran the truck with the AC on for 2 hours and we need to fuel sooner than planned. OK, now we are behind by 15 minutes, not bad. Not bad till we hit 3 more road work sites. So we pull in to home at about 11 pm.

18 hours, 823 miles! What was I thinking? I was thinking I got a great WC and a great story about it. But one more thing, it's not a WC-52, it's a WC-55/M-6 gun carrier. If the postman still wants the truck it's ok and if not? I always need something bigger than Ginger Jeep and smaller than my CCKWs.

Chris Thomas. WC55



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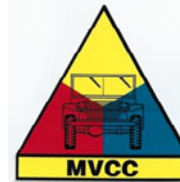
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