

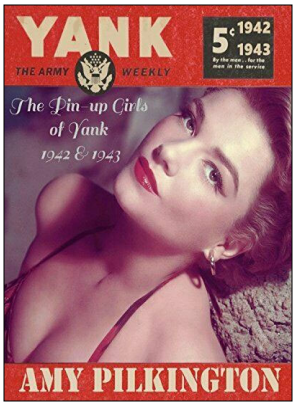
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THE M50 SERMAN— “ARE YOU TALKING TO ME?”



One of the tanks in the Battlefield Vegas collection is this ex-Israeli M50 Sherman. It used to be part of the collection belonging to the late Jacques Littlefield. Photo by Chris Hughes and his article about his trip inside!

MVCC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Hey MVCC!

What a difference a couple of weeks makes. With everything opening back up people are really ready to get out and do things. I only have to look at the turnout from Camp Plymouth and the people asking about Eagle Field to know we are on our way back to normal.

Speaking of Eagle Field, the weather forecast calls for 88-91* for the highs. With the evening breeze, that makes for some good driving and sitting under the shade and talking weather. Once again The Swamp will be cooking up free dinner on Friday night with a hanger party after. Saturday night is the Eagle Field Dinner with the proceeds going to restore Eagle Field. All the events we had last year are returning, plus a few new ones. Anyone can come early and stay late, it's always laid back at the field. As for aircraft, we have a couple who are locked in and several who are trying to make it with maybe a special flyby. If you need or want to sell items, just bring them out. We have unlimited space. If you have armor, we have only one real rule, you must have a spotter/walker when driving in the hanger/camping areas.

Soon the club website will have a flyer pdf file you can print for any local events or just to have in the glove box when people ask about the club and hobby.

Ron F. is having his big open house and we'll have a report about it in the next newsletter. I really wanted to go but the vintage drag racing at Eagle Field is that weekend and I work on the Crash/Rescue Crew.

Once again, thanks everyone for a great Camp Plymouth and have a great summer of MV fun.
Chris



MVCC Members at Chowchilla Event

Photo by Johnny Verissimo in Chowchilla



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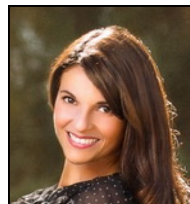
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What's going on in the MVCC?

At the MVCC HQ office I am putting this newsletter together as soon as possible because I like being on a schedule of June 1st newsletter arrival. Also going on at the HQ office is paying MVCC bills from the MVCC Spring Event. By all accounts it looks like our Spring Meet was a huge success.. Also at HQ I'm processing dues/renewals to the MVCC.

On Saturday May 15 Don and Myself participated in the Chowchilla Parade that was started 75 years ago to celebrate WW2 Veterans coming back from the war. Personally I had a great time. Thank you to Chris Thomas for inviting us and for transporting my 1/2 Command Car to and from Chowchilla. We had 1 Cushman, 3 Jeeps, 1 Command Car and 1 CCKW participate in the parade and then displayed at the Chowchilla Fairgrounds while food takeout was being given . We really lucked out on awesome weather.

Eagle Field: My upcoming plans are to attend the Eagle Field Military Vehicle Rally in Dos Palos, California. If your wondering where Eagle Field is well its just South of Los Banos just a few miles form Interstate 5 (HWY 5). Its super easy to get to. The Eagle Field MV Rally is a MVCC Sanctioned event. Venders sell for free. There is unlimited space for driving, parking, camping etc. I do believe the MVCC HQ trailer will be there.

There will be a "Secret Decoding Mission" again this year at Eagle Field on Saturday at 10AM. And as always there will be prizes!

This is an election year. Look for ballots that will be mailed to your home. Please vote then mail them back to the address listed.

I wanted to mention that I met the Utah Military Vehicle Club Newsletter Editor Pet Park and Southern California Military Vehicle Collectors of California Editor Al Wollonciej at the MVCC Spring Meet. As the MVCC Editor it was a pleasure to meet these two gentleman. I respect these two men because I know it's a lot of work to put a newsletter together. Its not just "cut and past" lol. I've read both their newsletter articles about the Camp Plymouth and I was impressed. So thank you to these two gentleman for supporting the MVCC and as I am MVCC Editor I would like us to support these clubs as well. Strength in numbers as always.

In this newsletter you will find 2 articles that were written by MVCC members Chris Huhges and David Simon. Thank you guys for the articles. Chris has sold me on going to Battle Field Las Vegas! David, it was good to see you again, thank you for writing up an article on Chowchilla Event.

If you have a military vehicle for sale or MV parts that you would like to sell just email what you got and some pictures to go along with it and I'll make sure it gets in the next newsletter. **Got an event? Let me know and I'll post it.**

Dude, I don't know about you guys but I got a good shot of olive drab at the MVCC Meet. I'm on a roll of working on my military vehicles and taking them out for drives around town. I think I got a good dose of olive drab fever again.

Stay safe and Stay Cool,

Johnny Verissimo/MVCC Secretary/Editor~



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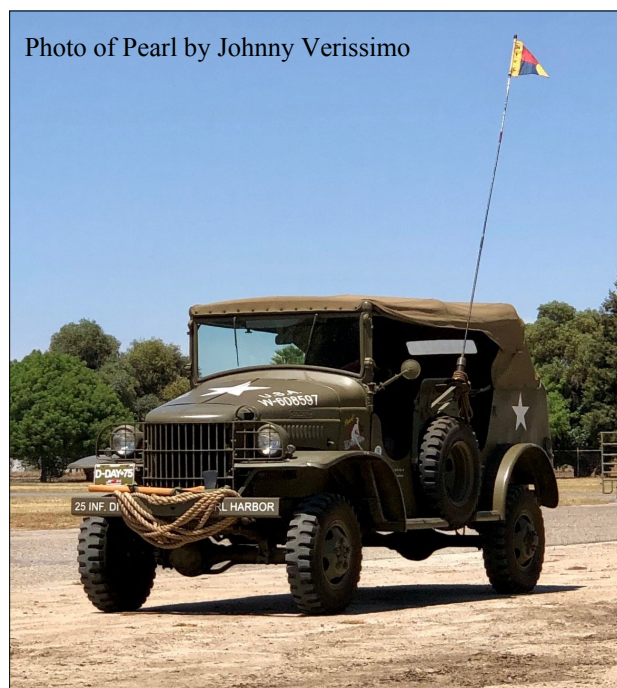


Photo of Pearl by Johnny Verissimo

Chowchilla by MVCC Member David Simon

Hi everyone, for those of you that don't know me I'm David Simon. I have been a member for a year but I have had a pile of metal in my yard for the last decade or more that will one day become a Dodge WC-52. Last year, due to the Covid-19 restrictions, the parade in our little town of Chowchilla was canceled. MVCC President Chris Thomas and myself decided we would not allow our town's Armed Forces Day parade to die and drove Chris's Ford jeep down the parade route displaying the flag and wearing our masks.

This year, it was canceled as well but this was the 75th anniversary of the parade and again, we weren't going to let it go unnoticed. We were joined by Don Gomes, Jim Bertao, Johnny Verissimo, Tony Isaak, my son's Johnathan and Robert, and 3 of Robert's friends (Cody, Jesus, and Alex) in our quest to keep the tradition alive. On Saturday, May 15, 2021, we met at Wilson Middle School where the parade usually starts for our "it's not a parade" drive. There were 3 jeeps, a command car, and a Cushman airborne scooter (strapped in the back of a pickup because it's not street legal) that mostly followed the traditional parade route down Robertson Blvd. in Chowchilla and finished the journey at the Chowchilla Fairgrounds.



The vehicles were then displayed from 11am - 2pm for the public while they waited to pick up their drive through BBQ beef lunch that is traditionally part of the festivities at the Chowchilla Fair (except for the drive through part) while we sat in the shade and enjoyed eating ours. Next year we hope to resume having an actual parade so put the 3rd Saturday in May on your calendar and come join us.

David...

Photos by David Simon



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Hello MVCC'ers!

Greetings from the East side of the Sierra. And before I say anything else, I need to say, "Wow! What an incredible and fun Spring Meet"!! I've talked to a lot of long-time members over the years that sometimes grumble about how the old meets "used to be" and were a lot better with lots more bargains, lots more going on, and lots more folks in attendance. Well, I think I now fully understand what they've been grouching about! The 21 Spring Camp Plymouth was nothing short of epic in my estimation. We had 2 awesome showcases, one of which I was able to participate in. Personally, I managed to sell more goodies than I ever have, sold goodies to people that I usually can't give my money to fast enough, and managed to buy things I never imagined I would ever find for such a low price, and actually came home with money in my pocket!

I'd like to say a special thank you to all of the Board, and all the Members that worked so hard to make this meet happen. You guys are awesome!!! With the last year of uncertainty, and all that stuck at home, pent up energy, I think we all needed this meet, and I was no exception.

Now that I've had some time to reflect on the Spring Meet, I have learned a valuable lesson: Don't try and tow a HMMWV on a trailer over the Sierra with a 1008 CUCV pickup. While it will do the job, it just may not finish the job on the same day you started. While I can't express enough gratitude for my good friend Ron loaning me the truck & trailer for that purpose, it's become quite clear that I need something bigger and with a LOT more torque and horsepower to haul my toys around. But thanks to long-time MVCCer Bill George, I didn't have to do the same job in reverse. Bill was gracious enough to come to my rescue at Plymouth and haul my HMMWV home behind his very nice (Don't tell him I said that) Ford F-350. Thanks Bill!

With Spring Plymouth in the rearview, we here in Northern Nevada are turning our attention to Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day parades. I have a Memorial Day display for Honor Flight Nevada in Reno for a couple hours in the morning, then I race up to Virginia City where Savoy 6 will be holding my place in line for the Memorial Day parade. Time for some HMMWV preventative maintenance!

I hope you've got your spot reserved for the Fall Camp Plymouth! So between now and then, keep that OD iron in tip-top condition, drive them as much as you can, and always share them, their history, and honor those who operated them in defense of our great nation!

Keep 'em rolling! Sean

Photos by Utah Military Club Editor Pete Park (UMVC)



“Toadman’s Spring 2021 Tuscaloosa to San Jose Road Trip by Chris Hughes”

While many of you were attending Camp Plymouth this past April 28 thru May 1, I was on another road trip as the end of April is when the University of Alabama is finished with their Spring semester. This means it’s time for me to fly back ‘Bama to help my daughter move out of her apartment and then drive home with her. It also means that I get to visit some old and new military vehicle displays along our route home.

After several delays, we hit the road on Friday, April 30. The first leg of our trip had us going to Ft. Smith, Arkansas. The only stop other than for gas on this leg was about a 15 minute detour off of Interstate 22 into Fulton, Mississippi. In Fulton, there is a Mississippi Army National Guard Army with an early M60 tank on display. The M60 is in overall good shape. It does have some minor damage, such as a torn canvas gun shield cover and a bit of rust and flaking paint. Considering that it was last painted in 2006, I wasn’t disappointed in its condition.

Photos by Chris Hughes

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Day two of our trip had us going from Ft. Smith to Canyon, Texas. There were two vehicle stops on this leg. The first stop was to the Armed Forces Memorial in Roland, Oklahoma. This small park is about 20 minutes northwest of Ft. Smith. On display at the park are a M101A1 105mm howitzer, UH-1H Huey, and a M60A3 tank. The M60A3 display is one of the rare monument vehicles that I have seen that is actually under cover and has a low fence to deter people from climbing on it. Like the M60 in Fulton, it too is in good shape. The M101A1 is out in the open on a concrete pad. Other than the usual rust, it’s in reasonable shape as well. The Huey is mounted on a twin-post pedestal, about 12 feet off of the ground. Compared to the other two pieces, the Huey’s condition isn’t so great as it has one broken window while another one is open. Needless to say, the open/broken windows allow the interior to be exposed to the elements, so who knows how it looks inside.

From Roland, it was a roughly two and half hour drive to Oklahoma City for a quick visit to the 45th Infantry Division Museum. I had visited there back in August 2019 and wanted to stop by again to get some additional pictures of the vehicles that are displayed outside. Visiting in early May is much better than early August as outdoor temperatures this time around were about 25 degrees cooler with substantially less humidity. The outdoor display area has 25+ vehicles, 6+ aircraft, and 6+ towed artillery pieces. Inside, the museum covers the history of the Oklahoma territory, the Civil War, Indian Wars, and everything else up through current times that involved the 45th Infantry Division. It is a museum worth visiting if you’re ever in Oklahoma City. MVPA members can see my article about the museum in the December 2019/January 2020 issue of Supply Line for more details.



Day three had us traveling from Canyon to Flagstaff, Arizona. This day featured no military vehicle stops. However, day four had us heading to Las Vegas for multiple days with Battlefield Vegas(BFV)! I had visited BFV four times in the past prior to this visit, with my daughter accompanying me there in March 2020. After that visit, she had expressed “interest” in shooting a flamethrower. Amongst all of the vehicles and firearms in BFV’s collection, what else do they happen to have? You guessed it, flamethrowers!

In order for the flamethrower shoot to happen, I booked one of BFV’s outdoor adventures for us. The outdoor adventures take place at their “Forward Operating Base” or FOB that is located about 40 minutes south of Las Vegas, in Jean, Nevada. At the FOB, visitors can drive armored personnel carriers, shoot various small arms, ride in tanks, and fire howitzers and tank guns.

The outdoor adventures are all day affairs, with ours taking place the day after we arrived in Vegas. Our package included driving a M113 APC, shooting multiple small arms, shooting both a .50 caliber machine gun and a .50 caliber sniper rifle. Topping it off was the flamethrower shoot. Needless to say, my daughter was very happy with the events of the day, as was I. We were also treated to riding around in an ex-Israeli M50 Sherman tank. This tank, as seen in the accompanying photo, maybe familiar to some of you as it used to belong to the late Jacques Littlefield. It is now fully operational, including its 75mm gun.



In July, I'll be driving back to Tuscaloosa again as my daughter will be starting her senior year at 'Bama. The itinerary is already planned out with another visit to BFV along with some stops to several monument vehicles and museums that I have yet to visit. Look for the article on that trip in September.

1. M60 Fulton: Our first stop was in Fulton, Mississippi to visit this M60 tank. It's in pretty good shape considering how long it has been sitting out for.

2. M42A1: This M42A1 Duster is an example of the many vehicles on display at the 45th Infantry Division Museum in Oklahoma City.

3. M101A1: The small town of Roland, Oklahoma has an Armed Forces Memorial that has three pieces of military hardware on display, including this M101A1 105mm howitzer.

Front Cover. M50, One of the tanks in the Battlefield Vegas collection is this ex-Israeli M50 Sherman. It used to be part of the collection belonging to the late Jacques Littlefield.

Photos by Chris Hughes

4. FOB: A partial view of the Battlefield Vegas "FOB". Several of the M113 series APC's are seen here along with three of their tanks. All three tanks are equipped with live main guns that can be fired by customers.



5. Flamethrower: I'm seen here operating a M9 flamethrower at the Battlefield Vegas "FOB". My daughter shot it as well.

6. CandV: A happy father-daughter team after a day of fun at Battlefield Vegas. In the background is a M50(left) and Leopard 1 series(right).

Chris...?





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I'm not sure that the "Editor" is looking for another report before the next Newsletter or not, but just in case here is all I have.

Donna and I have just "jumped through hoops" to follow Hawaii's rules to travel to their state. They require (at least at present) a "negative" Covid test 72 hours before boarding a plane to the state. So if we are "negative"; we are all set to go, for two weeks. Fortunately California does not have that requirement to get back home.

Donna is not looking forward to attending the "Eagle Field" event so my trusty gunner (for parades) John Dick may join me at that event. Don't worry about her as she will be joining me for a "Porsche" event in Paso Robles for a dinner and wine tasting at the Jack Creek Cellars.

Of all of the photos in the last Newsletter, I didn't see any of Donna and me. So here are two that a friend took. Also I was wondering if anyone took a photo of John Neuenburg and me when we did our little drive around in my jeep wearing our "duffel coats" and looking like lost LRDG & S.A.S. officers. Events in the local area are beginning to show up.



June 18th & 19th –Monterey Rock & Rod Festival. <https://www.montereyrockrod.com/>

June 18th & 19th - Eagle Field Event

June 26th – Classic Car Show – Veterans Transition Center – Ft. Ord'-<https://www.vtcmonterey.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/CAR-SHOW-REGISTRATION-2021.pdf>

Monterey is listing a 4th of July Parade but with "scant information" at this time.

August 13th Friday (during Monterey Car Week) Pacific Grove Concours Car Rally. <https://pgrotary.org/annual-pacific-grove-concours-auto-rally/event-registration-schedule/>



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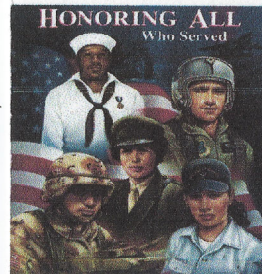


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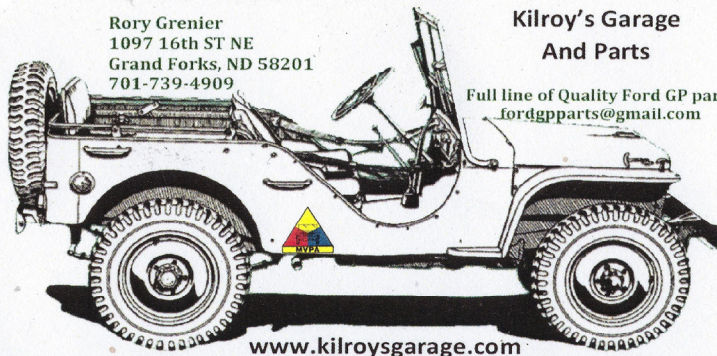
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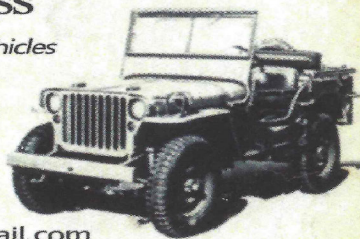
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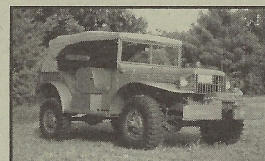
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MVCC WAGON MISTRESS JOANN LESSER

Camp Plymouth, Jo-Ann Lesser

Well, April 2021 meet is now behind us. WOW, what a show! I'm pooped! We had a great turnout with 120 at the RV park and about 90 at the fairgrounds. Now, on to the dates for **September 2021. Tuesday, September 7 through Saturday, September 11, 2021!** Look for the registration form in the June issue of the newsletter. Registration and payment must be made **prior to August 8, 2021.** The system at the 49'er snatches back any sites that have been assigned to us, that don't have deposits 1 month prior to our event so get your registration and payments in quickly.

Yes, I know it's the week of Labor Day. This, unfortunately is our only option for a fall meet. All dates at the Fairgrounds and RV park have been spoken for through the month of October. The weather will be warm in September with no rain, which is a good thing. When calling the 49'er with payment remember to verify your arrival date. A Sunday or Monday arrival may not be possible because of the Labor Day weekend crowd.

April: Monday 25 through Saturday 30, 2022 4 night minimum stay Wednesday April 27 through

Saturday April 30 at the 49'er RV Resort and for water/electric sites at the Fairgrounds.

Look for the registration form in the newsletter beginning January, 2022.

September 2022 dates are being finalized and will be published as soon as I get them.

I would like to thank all that helped over at the Fairgrounds with check-in. Everything seemed to go smoothly and I had no complaints. Sorry, I take that back. The 49'er is in the middle of a large solar installation and the gate between the 49'er and the Fairgrounds was not open. This did cause some grousing but, everyone worked it out by using foot power or hitching a ride on a jeep or mule.

As always, I am available to answer questions or concerns. mamalesser@yahoo.com or mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com or 408.238.8277



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Hello 510/925 MB'ers,

After Plymouth two weeks ago we were headed over to the Alameda Naval Air Museum for their Car Show and Swap meet. The weather was perfect and we ran into JoAnn, Kurt and Lee which was a welcome surprise. Unfortunately, we never did find Larry to say hello, but we saw his Jeep. In addition to Larry's Jeep there were an array of other MV's including a Unimog 404 w/ 4 doors, a decked out HUMVEE and others. I have a soft spot for Unimogs, but Hilde's comment that the M37 looks more "practical" got me. I may not sell her on a Unimog, but she did say the M37 is PRACTICAL!!!

On the Radar:

The event at the Claremont has been CANCELED.

Saturday, 5/29

Camp Lee Post-COVID Muster

Location: 10550 Patterson Pass Rd., Livermore, CA

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June 6/25-6/27

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Assigned Site # / # of Nights /	Description of site, Pick one	/ Per Night /	Total
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I had a great time at Camp Plymouth. The Weasel performed well and drew lots of attention when it was running around the Fairgrounds, and also when it was just sitting still. Send me some pictures of it if you have any! (dnporter56@comcast.net).

Coming up on June 18th and 19th is the Eagle Field MV Rally. For those that have not attended this event in previous years, it's something you should make an effort to attend. Set on a WWII training airfield complete with intact runway (usually with some restored warbirds present), a WWII hangar and lots of stored as well as active historic military vehicles, it's an eclectic place seemingly frozen in time, sitting out in the middle of a lot of open space. The MV gatherings there have been growing the last few years, to the point where quite a few MVCC and other MV club members bring their vehicles and camp out for a night or two. Come for the day or come for the whole weekend. There's an MVCC sponsored dinner on Friday night and a catered sit-down dinner in the hangar on Saturday night. There's usually a parade and at least one driving event around the airfield and also free range driving each evening with people like Nick Bombini hauling loads laughing people around the grounds in the back of his CCKW.

There's a Museum there, run by Joe Davis, with lots of interesting Militaria on display. I usually make at least one run into Dos Palos, the little town just north of the field, for lunch or breakfast. I've included a few pictures from previous Eagle Field events to give you an idea what to expect. Hope to see you there!



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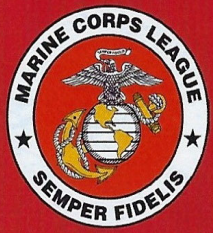


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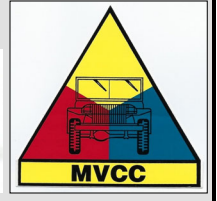
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Howdy MVer,

I hope everyone has settled in since our huge April meet. I'm still unpacking. Seems like it took me less time to pack than unpack. Last month I mentioned an M37 that Mike Strange was restoring. Mike has been tearing down this truck and meticulously repairing and restoring each panel. Like many of us, he is not body repair man nor an automotive painter, he's just a hobbyist like you and I.

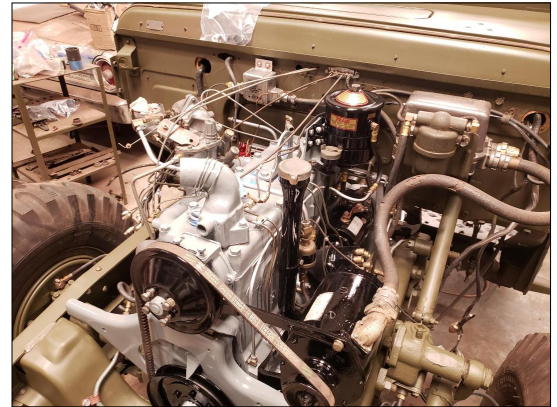
Each panel was removed, body work performed then painted. Here are the panels waiting for assembly.

Mike even took the time to paint the motor. He hand bent the fuel lines. Great attention to detail.

He is moving from California to Missouri and his house sold so he had to pick up the restoration pace in order to have it ready for the move. After a couple weeks of assembly, his M37 is ready to travel.

Great job Mike!

As always, please share your events and projects with me so I post in our newsletter.....
BigMike



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Hello MVCC members!

I hope everyone had as good a time as I did at Camp Plymouth. For myself it's like a little kid going to Disneyland. When I bought a M2 bomb trailer at Camp Plymouth I felt like a 5 year old that just found a new bike under the Christmas Tree! Where can you go to and find bomb trailers, bombs, rare NOS parts and have excellent food in Wine Country? camp Plymouth is where.

My goal/dream is to have 6 bomb trailers with 6 1,000 pound bombs being towed behind my GTBS bomb service truck. As you all know making my goal happen will take time and a little money but very worth it when it's done!

If anyone knows where I can find a 1,000lb bomb or M2 bomb trailer let me know.

I'm excited because Eagle Field Military Vehicle Rally is June 18 & 19! This is an event that is growing and has room to grow. Hope to see you all there...
 Don.

Article by MVCC Member John Neuenburg

Camp Plymouth Camping Option
By John Neuenburg

Marilynn and I had a great time at Camp Plymouth! Those who stayed home missed a good one. Lots of MVs, stuff for sale, and people. Some are thinking the Fall version will be bigger than in 2019.

Speaking of Fall and the Spring 2022 meet, I want to tell you about our first time renting a travel trailer. In recent years we have been renting cabins, and the studio we used at 49er had some negatives. I looked into the RV and trailer renting market and discovered two broker websites that help owners rent their equipment: www.RVshare.com and www.Outdoorsy.com. Plug in your dates and location if you plan to pick it up from the owner, or your destination if he is going to deliver and pick it up. Close means a lower delivery fee. Options will display on a map and thumbnail listings are shown. You can sort trailers by type, length, price range, and including toy hauler, even utility. RVs can be sorted from class A to truck camper. See one in your price range, click on it, and see the details including many pictures, if the owner offers delivery/pickup, cancellation policy, fees, etc. You can ask the owner questions.

I shopped these sites for a 22-30 footer. Then I searched the internet again and found a commercial company in Sacramento, Advantage Caravans, who has listings on their own website www.advantageRVRentals.com. This turned out well because there was no broker fee and no insurance charge which is mandatory on the broker sites whether a static rental or driving it.

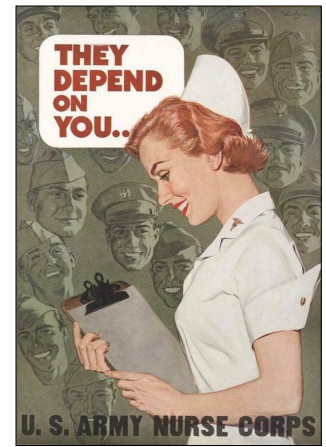
We paid owner Alex \$100 per night, a \$24.48 credit card fee, \$12.00 hygiene supply fee, \$43.75 tax, and only a \$100 fee for delivery to Plymouth, set-up, and pick-up! Total for five nights was \$680.23. A \$100 reservation deposit was the only thing paid ahead of time, non-refundable if cancel. There was a refundable \$500 security fee. Balance was charged the day before delivery. I will pay for propane used. Pretty friendly deal. So the cost per night was about \$140 a day. Then add \$51.50 per day plus tax for the 49er site = \$56.32 per day. Combined per day was \$196.32. I don't know exactly what the big cabins rented for but think not much less than my deal. You will see trailers renting for \$80 per day all the way to big newer ones for \$250+.

Although the one and two bedroom cabins have more room and the ones along 49 can park two trucks, the big advantage for trailers or RVs is you can be where you want in camp. I rented another RV site to have plenty of room for my pickup, sales tables, and two jeeps if I had brought two. Having a travel trailer delivered means you can haul your MV and sales goods with your pickup. Being at the event allows cooking meals and commuting is not necessary, unlike staying at a hotel.

There are not enough cabins at 49er, so that may not be a choice. I heard the local hotels were sold out. Renting a trailer avoids buying one. Camp next to your buddies. There is a lot to be said for pavement, grass, shade trees, picnic table, and the 49er amenities close by.

MILITARY VEHICLE QUIZ #8

- The configuration of the Go Devil engine in an MB/GPW is known as:
A. All of the below B...Flathead C. Side Valve D. L Head
- The “Gama” in the name of the M561 Gama Goat signifies what?
A. The type of engine
B. The name of the manufacturer
C. The special joint between the front and rear portions
D. The name of the designer
- During WW2, who was the commander of the Desert Training Center in Southern California?
A. George C. Marshall B. Omar N. Bradley C. Gorge S. Patton Jr. D. Douglas MacArthur
- How thick is the frontal armor on a WW2 German Tiger II tank?
A. 110mm B. 165mm C. 185mm D. 200mm
- General Douglas McArthur was in command of all UN forces during the Korean War. How many nights did he spend “in country”?
A.. 60 B. 180 C. 0 D. 30
- On a Willys MB, from left to right facing the voltage regulator what are the three terminals?
A. ARM, BAT, FIELD
B. ARM, FIELD, BAT
C. BAT, ARM, FIELD
D. BAT, FIELD, ARM
- The British Army’s postwar replacement for the WW2 MB/ GPW jeep was called:
A. Gypsy
B. Champ
C. Land Rover
D. Dingo
- What was the name of the armored vehicle designed by Dr. Ferdinand Porsche?
A. Elephant
B. Bison
C. Rhino
D. Hippo
- Harley Davidson entered production on which of the following motorcycles during WW2?
A. Scout
B. XA
C. WLA
D. 741
- Which of the following is **not** a man-portable infantry weapon?
A. Ofenrohr
B. Nebelwerfer
C. Panzerfaust
D. Panzerschreck



Major Bummer photo by Johnny Verissimo



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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.

Doug Vandegrift 530-521-9355 Spy_d@ymail.com

FOR SALE - COMPLETE and WORKING radio for Jeep.

Transceiver BC 659, 5 spare tubes, telescoping antenna, handset, earphones type 49456, battery BA-41, alignment tool, Spare front plate, manual. Power supply PE 117, including cable and case with 7 crystals (2) Battery boxes CS-79-N (no batteries) Anti-shock mounting FT-250-A plus legs. Jeep-mounted antenna (6 piece antenna in bag, antenna base, mounting bracket to Jeep). Junction box and under seat tube for connecting power supply to Jeep battery, interference suppressor (no cover)

\$1,400. George Cooper, gcooper@berkeley.edu

For Sale: GPW Engine, Serial Number 144723, no manifolds. GPW block and parts, Serial Number 18971. CJ-2A complete frame with front and rear differentials with 15" Jeep wheels. Contact Alvin Rentsch (707)972-8726

Want To Buy WWII Jeep and Dodge WC 62 parts: Looking to buy a "driver" WWII Jeep. Must look nice and be relatively correct. Not looking for a garage or 100% show queen. Also looking for running boards assemblies, spare tire bracket, and head light brush guards that will fit a 1943 WC 62/63. Lastly, looking for many usable 9:00x16 NDT tires. Thanks, Kalvin 1898kma@gmail.com. Or 805-458-7291.

Wanted:
M151A2 manuals, Brad Carrott

Wanted:
RT-524 and RT-442 Radio's set.

For Sale:
Small Siren 24volt for a military Jeep. \$450.00

For Sale:
M151A2 NOS steering wheel. \$170.00
Contact Brad Carrott (831)345-0372

Wanted - Looking for a rebuildable GPW Engine. Prefer early.
Call Lee (707) 328-2316

Help Wanted—Dear Johnny Verissimo,

I own a 1955 Willy's M38A1 and live in Sonoma County, CA. Can you recommend a mechanic or vehicle renovator for me?

Thanks. Paul Bobrow paulbobrow666@yahoo.com

Can someone recommend the right person for Paul? Thanks Johnny...

For Sale: RT-1523 / prc-119 SINGARS radio (demil, nonfunctional, for display only) includes dismantled 8523 battery box. No internal cards or components. No mounts or other accessories Included. Not for export. \$450. Brendan (650)759-3983" **8-20**

For Sale: M211 complete cargo truck, metal cab, winch, was a great runner till rats ate engine wires. M211 Truck Tractor, winch, good parts truck, motor and transmission in it, both trucks go together, best offer. - WW2 Engineer trailer, 5th wheel, 8 wheels in the rear, flat bed, best offer. Mike Killeen, (530)601-7166 **8-20**

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Tom Scott @ 707-339-0698 or tomlauren@sbcglobal.net **11/20**

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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.

SOLD 4) **1944 Dodge WC 52** original 6 V barn find, all wiring still original, all original wood bed new master cylinder, new wheel cylinders. New tires, runs and drives, lights not working at this time. \$12,000.

5) **1945 Ford GPW** very good condition. Runs, drives, starts and stops. New master cylinder, new wheel cylinders, 50 caliber machine gun M 31C pedestal mount, Combat rims and a BC 659 jeep radio. \$25,000.

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7) **K 38 Telephone Trailer**, restored, very rare, attaches to a Jeep. \$2,500.

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email rgracing57@gmail.com or call Herman at 805-964-9449 **8/20**

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For Sale: 1945 Willys Military Jeep. Engine removed, but jeep in good condition. \$10,000.00

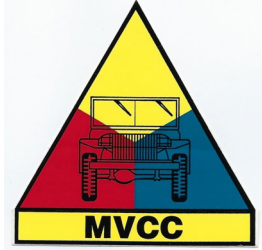
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For Sale: 1941 Dodge WC-22 ½ Ton Weapons

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Answers to MV Quiz #8

1. D. All are names for an engine with valves in the block.
2. D. Roger Gamaunt designed the powered articulated joint between the cab and the cargo bed.
3. C. Patton was commander of the DTC headquartered at Camp Young, and responsible for identifying other areas for training for desert warfare in North Africa. DTC eventually extended from just outside LA to Yuma.
4. D. The frontal armor of the Tiger II was 185mm or 7.3” thick and it was impervious to any Allied anti-tank weapon of the time at combat ranges.
5. C. Although he visited the Korean peninsula several times, reportedly “Dugout Doug” never spent the night there between the time the North Koreans attacked in June 1950 and when he was sacked by President Harry Truman in April 1951. He ran the whole operation from a hotel in Tokyo during that time.
6. C. Repro MB regulators are now running almost \$500 with shipping so you might want to make sure yours is hooked up correctly.
7. B. The Austin Champ was UK’s postwar attempt to create a more highly capable light military vehicle, but the limited additional capabilities did not justify the additional complexity and high unit cost. A Champ cost twice as much as a Land Rover and the production contract was terminated early.
8. A. Porsche designed a tank to compete with the Tiger that featured an unusual gasoline-electric drive system. They were not well received and the few Elephants that were built were deployed as tank destroyers to Italy and the USSR.
9. C. Harley Davidson produced 90,000 WLAs for the US Army. Although 1,000 XAs were also built by HD, they were procured for evaluation and testing and not considered production vehicles.
10. B. Although all are rocket launchers, the size and weight of the smallest Nebelwerfer rockets (150mm or 6” diameter) dictated that the launcher was usually mounted on a trailer or vehicle.



Thank you for taking the quiz, how did you do???

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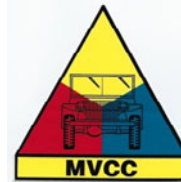
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