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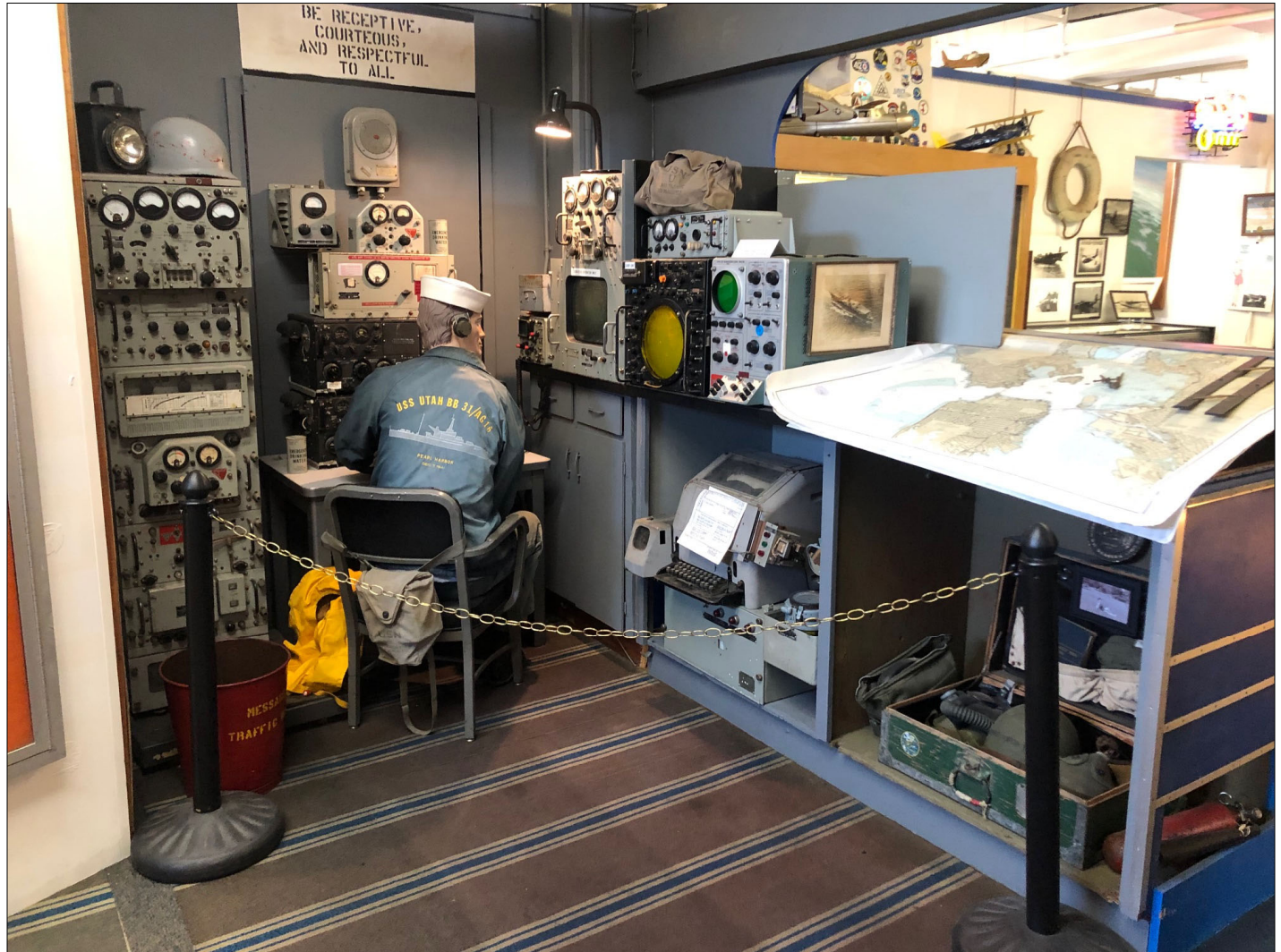
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MVCC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Hello MVCC,

Well summer is almost over and I think everyone is ready for cooler days. Camp Plymouth is around the corner and I'm crossing my fingers the wildfires don't get worse. I hope to see everyone there, even if just for a day. The Club Booth/Trailer will be at the fairgrounds this year and only open on Thursday and Friday of the meet, membership renewals will not be taken.

A couple of sharp eyed members noted the club's info was missing from the MVPA directory in History in Motion, the short answer is the MVPA wanted our membership list. What was finally given was the senior officers info (all MVPA members) and nothing else. So, we're back in the directory. The membership list is for MVCC use only, it's not sold, traded, or loaned. I, as MVCC President, have to ask the club secretary for members contact info because we don't keep it on other computers.

We're still working on 80th Pearl Harbor events, most of the bay area locations are finalizing plans and we'll pass that on to you.

A short note on the newsletter. The Post Office is again raising postage rates and are starting a plan that will slow mail delivery by days. So the newsletter will cost more and arrive later. The board is working to keep costs down and keep the dues the same. So some of you may get the newsletter days before or after others if you're mailed your newsletter. Please think about signing up for the online newsletter if you want to get it quickly.

Till Next Time..Keep'em Rolling.

Chris





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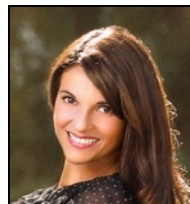
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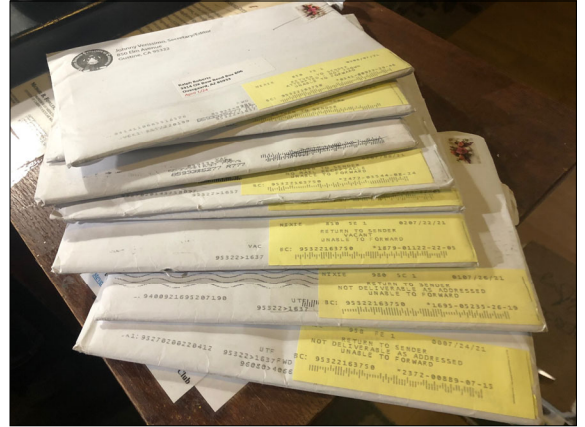


MVCC Secretary/ Editor Johnny Verissimo

Whats going on in the MVCC?

The September Fall Meet is HERE. Go, enjoy, have fun, meet old friends, buy new things and make new friends. One of the best parts about being a MVCC member is meeting new people and making fast old friends.

Newsletter getting to you on time? I doubt it if even at all. Lately I have been noticing that I am getting more and more returned newsletters back to my address after I had mailed them out a week prior. I've heard of members not getting their newsletter or it getting to their home a week later or 2 weeks later. I don't know what to say about it because its out of my hands. Every month I mail out the newsletter a few days before the 1st of each month and Sean (webmaster) puts the newsletter on the MVCC webpage on the 1st. We try to make sure everyone gets the newsletter about the same time but the USPS is out of our control. All the address on the returned newsletters are correct, all of the addresses have been getting the newsletters for years and years but for some reason they are being returned and some of the returned newsletters look like they went through a hurricane. I say hurricane because some are returned wet or torn up, lol. I don't know that's about?



Returned newsletters? Strange stuff.

Postage Stamps. Postage stamps are taking a bump. I believe it is now going from .55 cents to .58 cents for "first class forever stamps." I haven't been told what the newsletter 2 ounce stamp is gonna be yet? For those that don't know the MVCC newsletter takes a 2 ounce .75 cent stamp. I understand it is going up as well. For those who get their newsletter online this won't hurt the MVCC.

Election results will be posted in next months newsletter. MVCC needs volunteers for our meets, please volunteer! :)

At the moment I have the carburetor for my GTB Ford at the Carburetor Factory in Sacramento, Ca. Can't wait to get it back and install it in my GTB.

Clubs in the military vehicle world. I've been in contact with other club editors to see if there is a way we can all help each other in any way possible. Clubs I'm in touch with are **Southern California Military Vehicle Collectors of California**, editor is Al Wollonciej, **Utah Military Vehicle Club**, editor is Pete Park, **Idaho Military Vehicle Preservation Association**, editor is Ron Powell, **Puget Sound Military Vehicle Collectors Club**, editor Ivan Urnovitz, **West Sound Military Vehicle Preservation Club**, editor is Steven Ward. We all believe in strength in numbers. We want to thank all these club editors for doing all they do!

Tshirts for 2022! Quartermaster Don Gomes and I are working on ideas for the 2022. If there is a military vehicle you would like to see on the Tshirt please send Don an email with your thoughts. All ideas will be taken into consideration.

Our trip to the Alameda Aviation Museum in Alameda California was outstanding! Thank you to the volunteers and Larry Pirack for the tour of the facility. Christina and I enjoyed ourselves very much. Christina's favorite part was the Pan Am exhibit and video presentation. If you like model planes then this is your museum to visit! Christina and I will try to hit more museums in California. Photos on the following page...

RIP—Long time MVCC Member John Perry from Crows Landing, Ca. passed away recently. Thank you John for always supporting the MVCC.

I want to thank Phil Kern for always submitting the super fun monthly Quiz!.. If you have something MV related for sale please send me your ad and about 4 photos and I'll get it in the next newsletter.

Unfortunately the 60th Anniversary Celebration at Lemoore Navy Air Station has been postponed due to covid protocols.

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MVCC Secretary/Editor



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Hello 510/925 MV'ers,

The tail end of July ended up being more exciting than anticipated around here. On 7/28 the MVCC gained a new member, Henry, who was born a bit earlier than anticipated. Needless to say, Hilde and I have been busy. I still can't figure out how to fit the darn car seat into the M37. Hilde nixed using bungee cords to hold it to the troop seats...

For local events we have the **Kiwanis 4th of July Parade** in Danville on Saturday 9/4. I'm not sure if we're going to make it, but if you're planning on attending PLEASE CONTACT ME so I am able to coordinate with the parade organizers. There may be an opportunity to transport Veterans if you have a vehicle with seating available. Here's the website for the parade:

<https://www.srvkiwanis.org/parade> In addition, check the website for the **Red Oak Victory**:

<https://redoakvictory.us/> They have been hosting events again and it's well worth a visit.

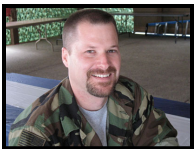
On the Radar: Saturday, 9/4, Kiwanis 4th of July Parade (yes, you read that correctly!)

Staging: Assemble at 0730, Parade steps off at 0900.

Assemble at **Area M** in the San Ramon Valley High School South parking lot [the same area as in recent years]. It is easiest to turn on to Del Amigo Rd from Danville Blvd/Hartz Ave, then Left on Verona Ave, then Left on Love Lane, then Left into the parking lot.

Please contact me if you plan on attending so I can coordinate with the organizers.

Things are crazy around here right now, and I doubt we'll make Camp Plymouth, but we'll be there in sleep deprived spirit!... Take care, Andy



Webmaster: Sean Nichols - etnoise400@hotmail.com

It's your Webmaster here, reminding you to get your DUKWs in order! (See what I did there?) It's almost time for Fall Camp Plymouth! And to be honest, I'm really excited to be there, see everyone, and hopefully sell a few more extra HMMWV parts!

I've been working on a few things here and there, mostly straightening out a bent up HMMWV grille guard for it's new owner, and making slow progress on my non-MV car project.

As I am writing this, we just finished enjoying Hot August Nights here in Reno-Sparks. I was fortunate enough to be able to tag along with MVCC Members Damon and Ron. Ron drove his immaculate '66 Mustang, and Damon drove his beautifully restored '43 GPW. After a couple days of hitting the shows with both vehicles, Ron said that he used to get lots of complements and interest in his Musting, until he started parking next to Damon's GPW. The jeep was a big hit wherever it went, and lots of folks wanted to know more about it. And a few even told Damon about some of their relatives that actually bought a jeep in a crate! Can you imagine that???

Next weekend, Nikole and I will be headed over to the University of Nevada Reno campus, where we will be displaying our HMMWV at the Veteran Services Office Welcome Barbeque. The Veteran Services Office provides support and referral services for all undergraduate and graduate students who are: veterans currently serving either active duty, Reserve or National Guard; vocational rehabilitation and qualified dependents. They asked if we would bring out our truck for a display, and we are happy to oblige!

That's all I've got for now. I hope everyone is staying safe and are not having to deal with the fires. We've had triple digit temps and heavy smoke in Northern Nevada for about 3 months, so it's pretty obvious around here that it's a terrible Fire Season this year.

Stay healthy, stay safe, have safe travels, and I look forward to seeing everyone at Plymouth! ..Sean



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Howdy MVer,

I've noticed the longer I'm in this hobby, the easier it is to spot an MV. I went back to Ohio for a funeral and as we were driving back from Columbus to Cincinnati, I spotted some OD paint ahead of us. We sped up to get a better look. Sure enough, it was a nice clean HMMWV.

Fire season is upon us and this year looks as bad or worse than last year. Last year we almost had to evacuate and I wasn't that prepared. This year we are going to be a bit more prepared. My goal is to convert the HEMTT into a temporary brush fire truck and bug out vehicle. The plan is to load and secure an 1100 gallon tank in the bed of the truck, plumb it to a trash pump and have it loaded with essentials if we need to evacuate.

I loaded the tank into the truck using the self-loading crane. A crane truck sure comes in handy.

Wanted to make some side rails so it's safer to stand in the back of the truck when it's moving. Larry Ryland had some spare troop seats so I repositioned the hardware and cut the troop seats down to fit the HEMTT stake pockets.

I'm pretty happy with the results. It'll take a couple more weeks to finish this project so stay tuned. Looking forward to the fall meet and seeing you all again. As always, please share with me up coming events and your MV projects so I can post them in the newsletter.

Regards, BigMike



Its always nice to see a military vehicle on the road. All photos by Big Mike





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Hello to all MVCC Members

I hope your still trying to find a Cool place to hide away from this Heat Wave unless you're from the bay and are relaxing with 60 to 70 degree weather!

Well I've been working on my last 1000lb WW2 practice Bomb that was in poor condition. So Johnny Verissimo and I decided to cut the nose off so we could get more room to hammer the crushed areas and dents out as you can see in the photos. The M2 Bomb trailer is just waiting for the paint that had been back ordered 2 months ago so I cancelled the order. Johnny found that Pete DeBella Jeep parts sold the same color so we reordered a couple cases. I'm trying to get the last Bomb done for my home towns Fall Festival parade and car show on Sept 5th.

Everyone's welcome to bring your Military Vehicle or Hot Rod to the parade and car show in Historic Newman Ca on September 5th. We expect to have about 10 military vehicles and about 80 classic cars and hotrods. If your interested in participating please text or email me or if you have any questions just ask.

Keep The GTB History Alive!
 Central Valley V.P Don Gomes



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A MV excursion might appear on the schedule

Women's lunch excursion TBA

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* Sunday is a pull-out day, not a show day



RV and travel trailer camping, cabins, vendor, and display space at 49er RV Village. Group discounts

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For ALL camping or vendor spaces, use the camping form on our website or printed in this newsletter, or contact Jo-Ann at MVCCCampmistress@yahoo.com 408-238-8277

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

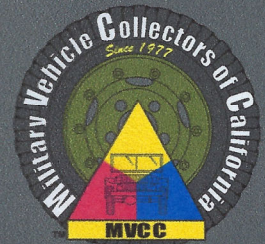
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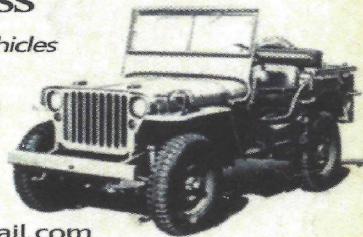
Nothing to report

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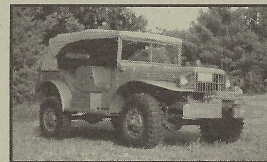


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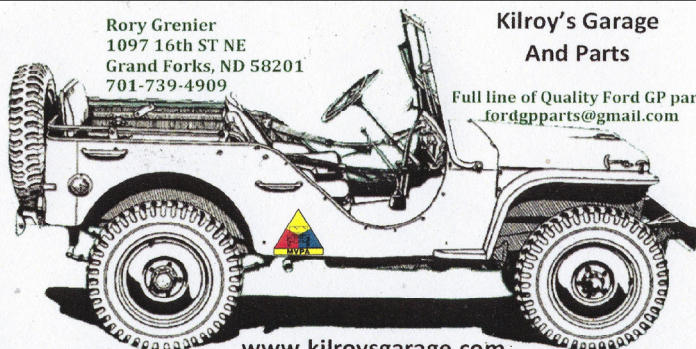
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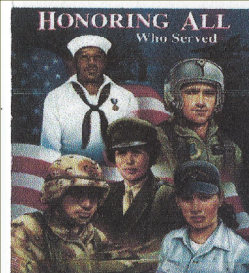
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MVCC Newsletter

Not sure if the election results are in yet. So here may be my last report. Car Week here on the Peninsula has been crazy this year.

I took the Porsche to “The Concourse at Pasadera”. We took one of their new awards (1st time ever) called “The Love Award”. I think it was based on “original owner – 58 years”. Courted, married (54 years) and honeymoon to Las Vegas in the same car.

Then on the 12th, we participated in the 1st MV Convoy; “Honoring all who have served”. Organized by Alan & Victoria Campbell. With a tour through Pacific Grove Beach Area and Pebble Beach. With lunch provided by Alan and Victoria at the “Grill at Point Pinos”. There were four Jeeps and a Command car that came all the way up from Templeton. Alan and Victoria are hoping to make this an annual event with more participation next year.



The next day – Friday the 13th, I took the Jeep to the Pacific Grove Auto Rally. Last time I was there with the Jeep was back in 2017. Prior to that was back in 2013 when I talked Damon Viola into bring his truck and he beat me out of a prize.

Since Damon wasn't there this time; I walked away with a “Blue Ribbon” for the “Best Preserved”. I wasn't sure they were talking about the Jeep or Me.

The only other thing of interest; I had a short conversation with one of Pacific Grove's (Finest). He walked up behind me and asked if I had any idea how many calls the Police Department had about “some guy driving around town with machine guns on his jeep”. I ask “how many”; his answer was LOTS!

As they say “Keep them rolling”.. Jack



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS



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 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. For more questions concerns or comments contact Chris Thomas **(559)-871-6507** moparacer@sbcglobal.net

Saturday September 18, 2021 **All American Bad Ass Car Show, Sonoma, CA**. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Bear Flag Post 1943 and Auxiliary are putting on their 9th annual show at Sonoma Veterans Memorial Building, 126 1st Street West, Sonoma. Public hours 9-3. Family event with 1950s and 60s music, silent auction, food/merchandise vendors, and the "ever popular sparkplug changing contest." Display is open to all 1976 and earlier American-made cars and trucks. I was just reminded about this event at newsletter deadline and will ask if MV owners will have to pay the \$45 registration fee and if they have to register. I have the form. This is a non-profit event by a 501(c)3 non-profit veterans organization. Limited to 150 entries.

You may contact me for latest info at in_garage@hotmail.com (preferred) or 415-847-2801. Or contact promoter directly at vfwpost1943@hotmail.com or 707-509-3609. VFWPost1943.org

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

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. For questions, concerns or comments contact Chris Thomas. **(559)-871-6507** moparacer@sbcglobal.net

Photos from John Tedesco from his trip to Winnemucca Nevada. John purchased a GTB Bomb Service Truck and International IH M-2-4 One Ton 4x4 Cargo Truck on this road trip. All photos taken by John. Thank you John for sharing.





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Greetings from the North!

Camp Plymouth Fall 2021 Meet is less than four weeks away as I write this. We'll be there, camping with the GP Small tent (which isn't really very small at 18' across). Hope to see you there! I'm looking forward to Thursday's road trip to Black Chasm Cavern up near the town of Volcano. Should be an interesting trip. See the article by Nancy in this newsletter.

The jeep photos are of my all original, numbers-matching '43 GPW: one of it sitting in the arena at Camp Plymouth, Fall 2019 and others of what it looked when I bought it. It was one of those vehicles that found me – I wasn't looking for one when the owner sent me an email asking how much I thought it was worth. Long story short, I went to look at it and ended up buying it. It had been in the same family since the 1950's. It's now cosmetically restored (body has never been off) with original hood numbers, freshened-up paint, fuel system, brakes, new tires and seat upholstery. It came with its original F-marked top bows, side handles, seat frames and other accessories including 4 combat wheels. Even the front bumper and rear bumperettes are original to the jeep. It has zero rust since it's always been stored inside. It's still 6-volt and runs great. It's the crown jewel of the jeep fleet.



Keep 'Em Rollin' !
Dave



Photos from our trip to the Alameda Naval Aviation Museum in Alameda California

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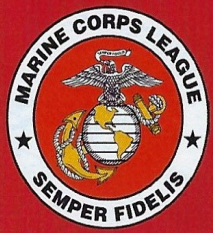

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PRELIMINARY Fall Daily Briefing (as of 15 Aug 2021)

Camp Plymouth – 8 Sept to 11 Sept 2021

Covid Guidelines per current Amador County requirements

ALL WEEK – Swap Meet is open! Please check campsites through the 49'er RV Campground AND the Tent Sector at the Fairgrounds next door for an amazing selection of items. Vendors MUST be in rented campsites, cabins or official tent spaces.

Tuesday, Sept 7

1800 – EARLY BIRD GATHERING. Pool Area Patio. No potluck this year. Bring your dinner or just come to chat. Masks requested. POC – Jo-Ann Lesser

Wednesday, Sept 8

Swap Meet Happening!!

Thursday, Sept 9

Swap Meet Continues!!

0700 until coffee's gone - Early Morning Coffee. Location: Fairgrounds Tent Sector near power/water spaces, under trees.

0930 – RUN TO BLACK CHASM. Gather 0900 - 0930 in the Wolin Arena in the Fairgrounds Tent Sector. Depart as a group at 0930. Discount Admission @ Military Rate - \$15 – Adults over 12 years. \$8 Age 5-12. POC: Dave/Nancy Porter (530-391-5650; The Swamp)

1000 – 1600 – MVCC HQ/Store Open – Site to be determined. Buy the GREAT MVCC Commemorative memorabilia. Support the MVCC!

1400 – WOMEN OF THE MVCC GATHERING (Onsite). Shaded Patio near the 49'er café. (Check back of café first to see if we're there since it tends to stay shady there.) Due to Covid concerns, we won't be sharing food as has been done in the past. But come to visit - bring your own beverage.

1600 – MVCC Board Meeting – Ampitheater (west side of the 49'er – between the inner and outer camping circles) Bring your own chair (BYOC). Rec Hall if rain

Dinner on your own

Friday, Sept 10

Swap Meet Continues!!

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1000 – 1600 – MVCC HQ/Store Open – Site to be determined. Buy the GREAT MVCC Commemorative memorabilia. Support the MVCC!

1100 to 1500 – WOMEN'S LUNCH AND SHOPPING EXPEDITION TO HISTORIC PLACERVILLE. Leave @ 11:00 from the front entrance of the 49'er. We will be heading to lunch, then have time for some boutique and antique shopping. May need masks for store and restaurant entry. POC – Nancy Porter (530-391-5650)

Dinner on your own

Saturday, Sept 11

Swap Meet Continues!! Time for those last-minute finds!

0700 until coffee's gone - Early Morning Coffee. Location: Fairgrounds Tent Sector – near power/water spaces, under trees.

1000 – MVCC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. Open Ampitheater on the west side of the 49'er Resort. BYOC (bring your own chair). Rain contingency: Held at Rec Hall at the 49'er.

“Toadman’s 3rd Annual San Jose to Tuscaloosa Road Trip, 27JUL21-30JUL21”

by Chris Hughes

The summer of 2021 passed by rather quickly for me. Between work and family obligations, I was kept quite busy. And before I knew it, the time had come for me to head out on my 3rd annual road trip to Tuscaloosa, Alabama where my daughter would be starting her senior year at the University of Alabama. Like my previous two trips in 2019 and 2020, I was able to include several military vehicle related stops along the way.

Day 1 started off with a 0345 departure from San Jose. A little more than 8 hours later, I was at my first stop of the day, Battlefield Vegas (BFV). If you’ve read any of my previous road trip articles, BFV is always a stop. Since my last visit to BFV in May of this year, they’ve nearly finished the restoration of one tank, a PT-76B amphibious tank and started the restoration of another one, a T-54M main battle tank.

The PT-76B is a Soviet design from the Cold War. BFV has restored it to represent a vehicle used by the North Vietnamese Army during the Vietnam War. All that is left to do is install the engine and transmission. The T-54M is another Soviet design. This particular vehicle was manufactured under license in the former Czechoslovakia and based on information plates found inside the tank, was used by the Hungarian Army. BFV obtained the vehicle a few months ago from a collector in Colorado and recently started restoration of it. When completed, it will be a runner with all weapons live.

My next stop should be of interest for the serious beer drinkers in the club. About 10 minutes from BFV is Able Baker Brewing Company. They’re a small brewery with an atomic weapons/Cold War theme. Able and Baker were the code names for the first two above ground atomic bomb tests at the Nevada Test Site. All of their beer names have something to do with the Cold War, military, or atomic testing or have artwork associated with it. The décor of their brewpub includes a silo with bomber nose art painted on it. While there, I purchased a 4-pack of “K-Ration” Imperial Stout w/chocolate. The can label does a nice job of representing the old “K-rat” in beer form. From there it was off to Flagstaff, Arizona for the night.

Day 2 was uneventful as I didn’t have any stops planned other than for gas and lunch. I spent the night in the small cow town of Hereford, Texas. Nothing special here, except that it indeed smelled like cows.

The third day of my trip started off bright and early as I had a 5 hour drive to my first stop, St. Jo, Texas. St. Jo is located about 1 ½ hours northwest of Dallas and 2 ½ hours south of Oklahoma City and has a population of less than 1,000 people. And yet, it is the home of the world’s largest private collection of artillery, The International Artillery Museum.

The museum is housed in a former sewing machine factory that’s not more than 10,000 square feet in size. It was opened approximately 3 years ago. It is owned by Craig Olden who has been collecting artillery and weapons since he was 13 years old. When I asked him his current age, he wouldn’t say, but you can just assume that he was 13 many, many, moons ago. The museum has a fulltime staff of 3 with multiple volunteers assisting with operations.

Inside the museum are more than 65 artillery pieces covering from World War One to the present. The smallest piece that I saw was a twin 13mm anti-aircraft gun mount while the largest was a 155mm Gun M1A1 “Long Tom”. Many of the artillery pieces are of Soviet origin and were obtained from Finland. This museum has one of the largest collections of World War Two Japanese artillery that I have ever seen in one location, having 9 different howitzers and guns. I suspect that only the Russian museum at Kubinka and the U.S. Army’s artillery museum at Ft. Sill have more. There are numerous smaller crew-served weapons such as mortars and shoulder fired rocket launchers. There are also several wheeled and tracked vehicles such as a Saladin armored car and an AMX-13 light tank on display. A small gift shop is situated near the rear of the museum. Additional artillery pieces and ancillary equipment are stored outside.

Admission to the museum is free with donations accepted. If you’re in the Dallas or OKC area, I highly recommend it. For more information, their website is www.artillerymuseum.com. A more in-depth article about this museum will be published in the MVPA’s “History in Motion” magazine at a later date.



Having spent the previous night in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, day 4 began with a quick stop off of I-40 to see photograph a M42A1 Duster self-propelled anti-aircraft gun and a 105mm Howitzer M102. These were located at a VFW and National Guard Armory in Morrilton, Arkansas, about 1 ½ hours east of Ft. Smith. From there, it was another 1 ½ hours or so to my primary stop of the day, the Grant County Museum in Sheridan, Arkansas.

The Grant County Museum covers the history of this small Arkansas county. Like so many museums of its kind, it highlights the history of the county starting in the early 1800's up through the 1970's or so. There are several historical buildings located on the museum grounds along with some old agricultural equipment. However, the 90 minute detour I took off of my route to Tuscaloosa wasn't to see a few old tractors and clothing. It was to see the 20+ military vehicles and accompanying equipment on display at the museum.

Along with the sections covering the history of the county, the main museum has rooms dedicated to the Civil War, both World Wars, the Korean and Vietnam Wars, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Displays feature uniforms, small arms, equipment, and personal items. Displayed with the smaller items are a M29 Weasel, a M38 jeep, and a M43B1 ambulance. These vehicles belonged to Richard G. Harrison, who was a resident of nearby Little Rock, Arkansas. He donated them to the museum in 2002/03.

Outside of the main museum is an additional building that houses the rest of Mr. Harrison's vehicle collection. Inside of it are 19 jeeps, trucks, trailers, and half-tracks. Included are a M5A4 High Speed Tractor, a M35A2 2½ ton truck that was used for parachute testing, and a favorite of your newsletter editor, a Ford GTB "Burma Jeep".

While not exactly located in a tourist destination, the Grant County Museum is a nice detour to take if you're ever in Little Rock, Arkansas. Their website can be found at www.grantcountymuseumar.com. And like the artillery museum, I will cover them in more detail in a future "History in Motion" article.

From Sheridan, it was a 6+ hour drive to my final destination of Tuscaloosa, Alabama and get my daughter moved into her new apartment over the next two days. Next summer will bring the final Tuscaloosa-San Jose edition of the road trip. I'm already researching some new stops and will be sure to write about them next July.

Photo captions

01: Battlefield Vegas has chosen to restore this PT-76B with North Vietnamese markings. When completed, customers will be able to fire its 76mm main gun.

01a: Able Baker Brewing's "K-Ration" Imperial Stout does a nice job recreating the old "k-rat" design for its can labels.

02: Located in the small town of St. Jo, Texas, the International Artillery Museum packs a large punch for its size.

03: This 37mm anti-tank gun or 37 PstK/36 Bofors is one of many guns at the museum that were obtained from Finland.

04: One of three full-tracked vehicles at the International Artillery Museum is a Canadian-built Sexton II self-propelled gun.

05: The Richard G. Harrison building at the Grant County Museum holds the vast majority of the 20+ military vehicles that he donated to the museum in 2002/03.

06/07: Your newsletter editor made it quite clear that he wanted pictures of the Ford GTB "Burma Jeep" that's on display at the Grant County Museum. Johnny, here are couple just for you! LOL!



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 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

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For Sale: Ford military jeep engine mounted and running complete. \$4,500.00

For Sale: Ford military jeep engine mounted and running complete. \$3,200.00

For Sale: Willys civilian CJ Jeep engine mounted and running. \$3,200.00

For Sale: 1953 Strick military jeep trailer. \$1,100.00 Call Harold Tufenkjian, (559)266-7520. Located in Fresno, California

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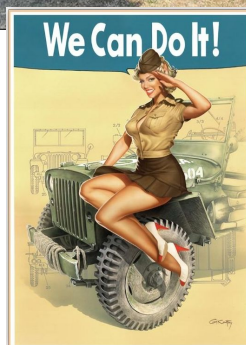


For Sale. M715/725 Service Truck: In good running condition. Very original. Just replaced radiator, water pump oil pan and rocker cover gasket with fresh oil change.

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Asking \$12500.00

John 415 559 9042 paradise@coastside.net.



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WANTED a pair of early ¾ WC seats contact info moparacer@sbcglobal.net Chris Thomas

The Fall Camp Plymouth Road Run Black Chasm Cavern - Volcano

These caves are sort of a hidden secret in Amador County. During the Gold Rush, miners were always looking for places to dig for gold. The first documented exploration of these caves was in 1854 when a group of explorers found the beautiful caves with a bright blue lake and walls full of sparkling crystals. Tours were held back then but the place was pretty much forgotten as the area population decreased with the end of the Gold Rush.

Over 100 years after its discovery, Black Chasm was declared a National Natural Landmark in 1976 for the abundance of unusual and rare sparkling "helictites" that grow throughout the cavern. Today, the original entrance to the cave has been enlarged and a set of staircases and viewing platforms arranged through the cave.

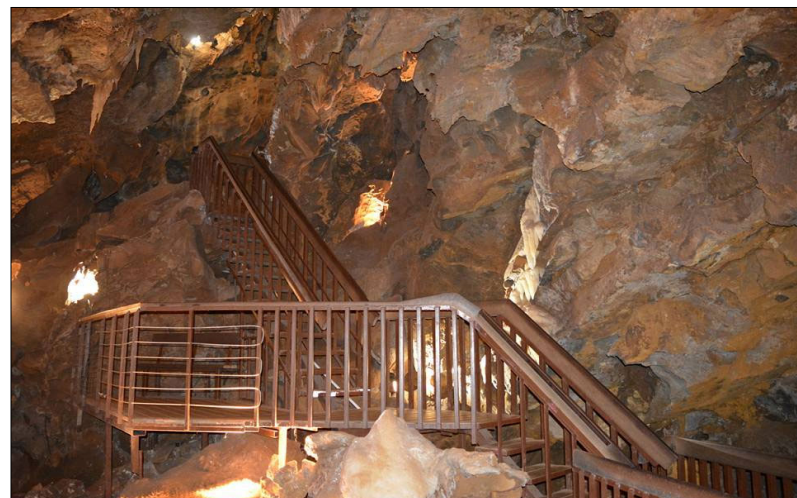
We will be guided on a tour through the cave by an experienced and knowledgeable cavern naturalist. The cavern staff is excited to have us visit and have offered our group the discounted military rate of \$15 per person for adults and children over 12, \$8 per child 5-12, and under 5 years old is free.

I've included some photos I took last September when my son and I toured the cave and found a way to get out of the heat. There is also a walking trail nearby that may be open. There, you can see the remains of hydraulic mining 150 years ago that washed away topsoil on the local hillsides.

Hope you'll join us for this fun drive to Volcano on Thursday morning, Sept. 9. Meet at Wolin Arena at the Fairgrounds at 0900. We will depart in a group at 0930 to convoy to this beautiful and historic Black Chasm Cavern. It's a 20-mile run each way. (Military vehicles encouraged, but more modern conveyances allowed.)

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MILITARY VEHICLE QUIZ #10!!!

By Phil Kern

1. During land operations in Vietnam with the LVTP5 series of amphibious vehicles, US Marines typically rode where?

- A. On the front B. On the top C. On the rear D. On the sides

2. “Kubel” in the name of the VW Kubelwagen means what?

- A. Slow B. Cart C. Transport D. Bucket

3. On most WW2 vehicles the wheel lugs on the driver’s side are left hand thread, why?

- A. To keep the lug nuts from backing off
B. To facilitate manufacturing
C. For supply purposes
D. To ease repairs

4. A “grouser” is:

- A. a whiny club member B. Track extension C. Exhaust deflector D. Shell ejector

5. How many parts does the M151 series of ¼ ton vehicles have in common with other military vehicles?

- A. Almost none B. Over 2,000 C. About 1,000 D. Approximately 500

6. The M135/M211 series of 6x6 military trucks was notable for:

- A. The first to use a diesel engine
B. The first to have a dropside bed
C. The first to have locking differentials
D. The first to use an automatic transmission

7. A “fume extractor” would normally be found where?

- A. Exhaust system B. Tank barrel C. Ventilation system D. Campground latrine

8. What propelled the WW2 LVT series of amphibious vehicles in the water?

- A. Tracks B. Propeller C. Water jets D. Outboard motor

9. What does the “L” stand for on the Harley Davidson WLA?

- A. Overhead valves
B. Shaft drive
C. High compression
D. Chain drive

10. Adolf Hitler had a nephew who:

- A. Served in the US Coast Guard
B. Served in the US Army
C. Served in the US Navy
D. Served in the US Air Force

Answers on page #22



Answers to MV Quiz #10

1. B. Although the P5 series was armored, the Jarheads typically rode on top of the vehicle because 456 gallons of gasoline was stored in the floor, leading to unpleasant circumstances if the LVT struck a mine.

2. D. Kubel is German for "bucket", referring either to the bucket seats or the shape of the body, depending on which source you consult.

3. A. With flat faced lug nuts the epicyclic motion and flex of the wheel would eventually work the left side lug nuts loose. Detroit solved the problem by going to conical lug nuts.

4. B. Grousers are extensions of a tank's track, typically on the outside to provide better traction in mud and reduce ground pressure.

5. A. Except for standard M-series parts like gauges, spark plugs, coils and tires, the M151 has few parts in common with other contemporary military vehicles.

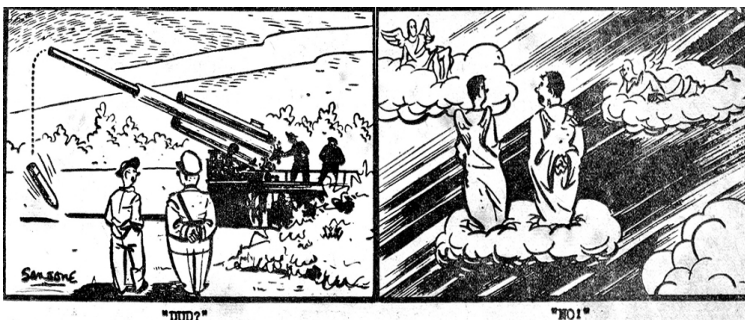
6. D. GMC manufactured the M135/M211 series of 6x6 trucks with an early version of their Hydramatic automatic transmission. Commonly referred to as "Hydraphobia" by collectors.

7. B. On modern tanks the fume extractor is located about halfway down the barrel of the cannon and draws fumes out of the crew compartment after a round is fired.


8. A. WW2 LVTs were propelled only by the tracks during water operations. Extensive experimentation was performed during the war to determine the best shape of track shoe for water propulsion.

9. C. For a short time HD also manufactured a few civilian "WW" series motorcycles which had a lower compression 45 cubic inch engine.

10. C. Hitler had no children, but his half-brother had a son William Hitler (last name later changed to Stuart-Houston) who emigrated to the US and served in the Navy during WW2.







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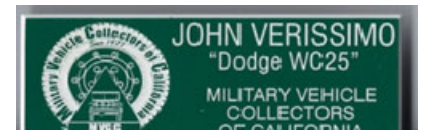


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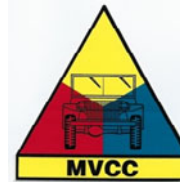
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