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Hi MVCC!

So November is here and rather than me talking about club stuff, I want to take time to remind everyone about Veterans Day: A short history of Veterans Day: Veterans Day in October? Yes! Why?

Veterans Day honors all who have served our country in war or peace — dead or alive — although it's largely intended to thank living veterans for their sacrifices.

The Great War as it was known, officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919. However, the fighting ended about seven months before when the Allies and Germany put into effect an armistice on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, November 11, 1918.

That date was largely considered the end of "The war to end all wars" and named Armistice Day. In 1926, Congress officially recognized it as the end of the war, and in 1938, it became an official holiday, primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I.

But then World War Two and the Korean War happened, so on June 1, 1954, with the urging of veterans service organizations, Congress changed the commemoration by changing the word "armistice" to "veterans" so the day would honor American veterans of all wars.

Congress passed the Uniform Holiday Bill in 1968 to ensure that a few federal holidays — Veterans Day included — would be celebrated on a Monday. Officials hoped it would spur travel and other family activities over a long weekend, which would stimulate the economy. The bill set Veterans Day commemorations for the fourth Monday of every October. Yes, October!

On October 25, 1971, the first Veterans Day under this new bill was held. There was a lot of confusion about the change, and many states were unhappy, choosing to continue to recognize the day as they previously had — in November. Within a few years, it became pretty apparent that most U.S. citizens wanted to celebrate Veterans Day on November 11th, since it was a matter of historic and patriotic significance. So on Sept. 20, 1975, President Gerald Ford signed another law, which returned the annual observance to its original date starting in 1978.

World War I was a multinational effort, so it makes sense that our allies also wanted to celebrate their veterans on November 11th. The name of the day and the types of commemorations differ, however.

Canada and Australia both call November 11th "Remembrance Day." Canada's observance is pretty similar to our own, except many of its citizens wear red poppy flowers to honor their war dead. In Australia, the day is more like to our Memorial Day.

Great Britain calls it "Remembrance Day," too, but observes it on the Sunday closest to November 11th with parades, services and two minutes of silence in London to honor those who lost their lives in war. And they too wear red poppy flowers to honor their war dead. And one last thing - It is Veterans Day, not Veteran's Day nor Veterans' Day.

So please, on this day above all, thank the veterans and to all our members who are veterans - thank you from the MVCC.

Chris...

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What's going on in the MVCC?

The MVCC lost a long time MVCC member Jim Porterfield. Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Jim Porterfield.

John Duckett won an award in Reno: Congrats John on getting an award at the Hot August Nights Car Show in Reno Nevada for your 1941 Dodge Radio Command Car!

The Dodge Boys are the new POC's for the Military Dodge Showcase at the April 2023 MVCC Show and Swap Meet. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Duckett or Tim Coolbaugh. Flyer to come soon.

This Month's Articles: Huge thank you to Victoria Johnson Campbell (*Personal Normandy Family History article*), Chris Hughes (*Museum Travels article*), Robert Lentz (*Ford GTB Restoration article*) for your awesome articles. I couldn't do this newsletter without MVCC members like the above. Thank you for answering the call.

Victoria's Family History in World War 2 is definitely something to read and admire the afford and sacrifice her family made. Just one of the 100's of thousands of reasons we pay our respect on November 11th. Article on page #6.

Just a heads up: June 6, 2024, will be the 80th Anniversary of the Normandy Landings. Christina and I are planning to go with Chris Thomas, fingers crossed I'll be on that plane, lol.

I see James Bundgaard's WW2 Chevrolet 1.5 Ton was used as a prop for a female pinup model and photographer, AGAIN, lol. Photos and article in this newsletter. Congrats James and thanks for sharing. I think it would be cool if I got more MVCC members vehicles with pinups on them.

Thank you Dennis Larson for sending in photos from the Capital Airshow. I'm a huge fan of photos of events.

T shirts: As I write this Don Gomes (Quartermaster) and I are working on the 2023 MVCC April Meet T shirt artwork. We hope to have to final print in the December newsletter if possible. If you reading this has any ideas are request on what vehicles should be on the 2024 T shirt, please shoot me an email.

Reminder, Classifieds are free. If you have something MV related please email me photos and info and I'll get it in there. Also -Event Calendar is free. If you have an MV related event going on in your area and want it in the MVCC newsletter just hit me up with an email and I'll get it in for you.

Don't forget the to mark your calendars for the **One and Only MVCC 2023 April Spring Meet and Showcase!!** Come by the booth and introduce yourself to your MVCC Board members. We at the booth are first and foremost MVCC club members so come mix and mingle.

As Always, talk to you next month... :)

Johnny Verissimo

Photo on the Right-I bought it on ebay



WWII Kau Kau Korner Crossroad of the Pacific sign Waikiki Hawaii Photo



1941 Dodge 1/2 Ton Command Car

MVCC MEMBER GETS AWARD AT HOT AUGUST NIGHTS IN RENO

John Duckett won an award in Reno: from John himself: “

Received my photo from the Hot August Nights 2022 winners' celebration on Sunday morning. They told us there were over 6,000 cars there this year, and only 37 were recognized during the big show on Saturday. First time taking a vehicle to the show, and really never though my 1941 Dodge WC16 Radio Command Car could come close to competing with some of the unbelievable cars that were there. Nice to take some historic rust, shine it up, and be recognized. Everyone at the show really seemed to enjoy the history which is really what it's all about for me.”

John Duckett...



PASSING OF LONG TIME MVCC MEMBER

I got the following from Jim's daughters:

Good evening. We are the daughters of Jim Porterfield. We wanted to get word to the group that we lost dad on September 20th. The group (MVCC) was so important to him and we feel some of the best times of his life were the meets and camping with the group and it was heartbreaking to him when he became too ill to attend anymore.

Regards,

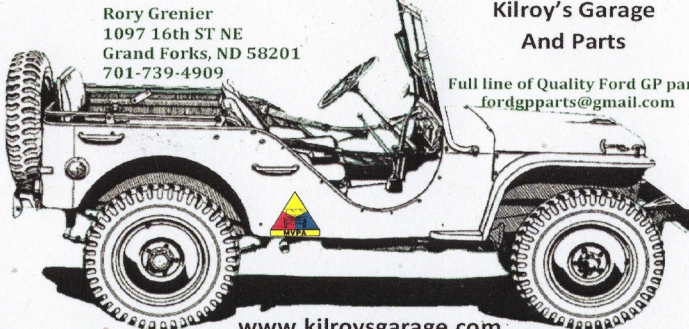
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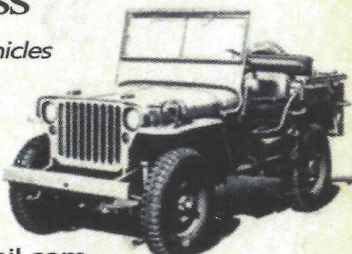


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Honoring the 75th Anniversary of a Life Sacrificed in the Hedgerows of France, 1944

By Victoria Johnson Campbell

My brother Marc and I decided to organize a family trip to Normandy France for the 75th Anniversary of D Day to honor all of our family's WWII service. Our dad (*still living*) served in Italy in the US Army's 349 Infantry Regiment of the 88 Division; one of his duties was as a jeep driver for his commander. Dad's brother Zach spent 21 months flying combat missions in North Africa as a Squadron and Group Armament Gunnery Officer in the 12th Bomber Command, 12th Air Force, including Operation Torch, before being wounded. Dad's other brother, Harold, served in the Army hospital corps, travelling with the field hospitals all the way from New Guinea to Japan. Dad's sister served in the 2nd Women's Auxiliary Army Corps, R & S Battalion, Company 5. While our dad and his siblings all survived the war, one member of our family, Burke Joe Scates, did not. He was a private in the US Army who died in 12 Jul 1944 Normandy in the intense hedgerow fighting. The staggering losses his unit experienced, coupled with the failure of command, caused the Army to change to how its troops fought thereafter in the hedgerows of France.



Before the war, Burke was a cook. On 24 Jul 1943, he enlisted in the Army at Fort Leavenworth KS as part of the 28th Regiment infantry Regiment, which was assigned for WWII to the 8th Division. They initially trained in desert warfare in anticipation of deployment to North Africa, but the training changed as the Army's focus shifted to the planned invasion of Europe. The 28th was then shipped to Ireland, arriving 17 Dec 1943 at Enniskillen, Fermanagh County Northern Ireland where the regiment spent 1/3 of its time in specialized training for night fighting. On 29 Jul 1944, Burke's unit boarded a convoy of four troop ships and twelve motor transports that steamed out of Belfast Harbor carrying the 8th Division to Europe. On July 4, the Regiment disembarked at Utah Beach. On July 7, it was ordered to take over a section of the line, one kilometer south of La Haye du Puits under command of Major General William C. McMahon. The plan for the Division was to attack to the south, passing through the 82nd Airborne Division, taking over the center of the Corps front.

At the time the 8th Division entered battle, 28 days after the D Day invasion, the Allied invasion armies held only a few square miles of the territory of France. The city of Cherbourg had recently been retaken by the allies, and the Germans had been driven from the northern tip of the peninsula to a point just north of La Hayre du Puits. From there, the enemy line extended through Carentan and St. Lo eastward to Caen and the Orne River estuary. German resistance in most sectors was very heavy, even against already achieved air superiority.

McMahon ordered repeated frontal attacks against the Germans who were dug into the hedgerows, including attacks where the units' flanks were unprotected. The 121st was advancing due south abreast with Burke's regiment, the 28th Infantry, with the 121st on the left. For two days, Company E of the 121st was pinned down and moving very slowly about 500 yards south of the main road between La Haye Du Puis and Carentan. The allied troops suffered a very high casualty rate and became dispersed.

On 9 Jul, McMahon's second in command, General Nelson Walker, attempted to rally the troops and effect a breakout, but was killed by German machine gun fire along with other officers accompanying him.

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PFC Geraldine Johnson
(our aunt)
Served: Company 5,
R&S Battalion,
2nd Womens Auxillary Army
Corps



Burke Joe Scates US Army



Major Zach Johnson (our uncle)
Served: 12th Bomber Command,
12th Air Force - Operation Torch



Tech Sgt 4 Harold Johnson (our uncle)
Served: 6th, 8th Armies, 351st Field
Hospital

On the morning of 10 July, McMahon ordered the regimental commanders of the 28th and 121st regiments to again advance in another frontal attack; they both refused, citing the risks of high losses of the troops. McMahon relieved them both of command and replaced 28th Infantry Regiment commander Colonel Lester A. Webb with Lieutenant-Colonel Henry B. Kunzig, who was subsequently killed on 14 Jul 1944 and had to be replaced by Colonel Kenneth E. Anderson. McMahon replaced the 121st Infantry Regiment commander Colonel Albert H. Peyton with Colonel John R. Jeter. The new commanders ordered their men to again engage in frontal assaults on 10 Jul. Both regiments continued to suffer unacceptably high casualty rates. Burke was one of the men killed on 12 Jul 1944; his son Terry was 7 when his father died.

When news of the high casualties from 10 Jul to 12 Jul reached upper command, the decision was made to relieve McMahon of his command late on the night of July 12. He was replaced on July 13, 1944 by Major General Donald A. Stroh. Stroh is credited with changing the hedgerow fighting technique to side-slipping and flanking movements, which did not expose the men to as much intense fire and more effectively disorganized the German defense. This technique was adopted by the Army for the rest of its fighting in the hedgerows and resulted in fewer allied deaths.

Burke is buried at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial Colleville-sur-Mer, Departement du Calvados, Basse-Normandie, France, PLOT Plot E Row 19 Grave 16.

Marc and I each acquired Ford GPW jeeps; mine is a 1942 and Marc's is a 1943. We undertook restoration of them in our spare time, including working on Marc's jeep one week in Sep 2018 in 105 degree heat in his metal shop building, and got them done enough to put them in a container and ship them to France for the 75th anniversary. My husband suggested we name the Jeeps "Willie" and "Joe" after the characters in the Mauldin cartoons, so we painted the names on the sides of the jeeps. We attended D Day ceremonies on Utah beach, toured the invasion beaches in our jeeps and visited Burke's grave at the Colleville



cemetery on June 8, 2019. The ceremonies were very moving.



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Bubble, Bubble, Toil and Trouble, the \$5 Electrolysis Tank

This has been useful as my students and I salvage parts from the BBQ'ed M37 I picked up from Peter B. As you may recall it was a victim of the Napa fire in '17 and sat under an open skylight until we drug it down to SLHS this summer. The truck has quite the patina to say the least! We decided to tackle the winch system as a project. The big bits of the LU-4 winch are mostly aluminum, but the brackets, bumpers, shafts, etc. are steel. Some of the steel parts were pretty rusty. This is where our \$5 electrolysis tank comes in. If you're patient and don't do anything silly, it works great! You'll need the following:

- (1 pr.) Safety glasses
- (1 pr.) Dish gloves
- (~5 Tbsp.) Washing Soda (sodium carbonate)
- (1) 12v, 2A battery charger w/o any fancy monitoring bits
- (1) 5-gallon paint bucket
- (1) Piece of scrap iron, we used a cast iron timing gear, lots of meat and surface area
- (1) Conductive Rod that spans the bucket, we used an inner tie rod ☺
- (1) Non-conductive Rod that spans the bucket, we used a stick
- (2') Wire, we used scrap 12ga (?) insulated wire that was left behind by maintenance
- (4') Bailing wire or uncoated coat hanger

You'll want to do this in a well ventilated area since hydrogen and oxygen are byproducts of the electrolysis. Wear some safety glasses and gloves too. Washing soda in the eyes would sure be unpleasant! So here we go:

- 1) Fill the bucket with water to about 2" from the top.
- 2) Add 1 Tbsp. of Washing Soda per gallon of water. More is not better.
- 3) Strip about 3" from each end of the wire you dug up.
- 4) Attach your scrap iron (sacrificial anode) to the wire. We wrapped one end of the wire around one of the "spokes" of our timing gear.
- 5) Hang the sacrificial anode to about ½ the depth of the bucket from your non-conductive rod leaving about an 8" tail of wire.
- 6) Prepare the stripped end of the wire to hook to the charger's positive lead.
- 7) Now hang your part(s) from your conductive rod with the bailing wire and place them in the bucket. Do not let them touch the sacrificial anode.
- 8) Once everything is arranged in your bucket you may connect the positive lead from the charger to the sacrificial anode (scrap) and the negative lead to the conductive rod supporting the good part(s). DO NOT GET THIS BACKWARDS, you'll sacrifice your good part!!!!
- 9) Plug in your charger and set it to 12v, 2A. Don't be tempted to increase the voltage or current, it will not improve the process.
- 10) Watch your solution, you will see some tiny bubbles forming and raising to the top if it's working OK.
- 11) Wait. This process is slow.
- 12) Turn off your charger, unplug it and disconnect the leads.
- 13) Check your parts. They likely have a black coating that can be easily removed and no rust.

If you're doing parts that are particularly rusty you'll want to remove the sacrificial anode and clean it occasionally to improve efficiency.

This process has been working great for us and the kids are getting a kick of seeing parts they thought were junk being made useful again. In fact, some have been using the tank on some of their stuff!!! Can't beat that for \$5 of Washing Soda.

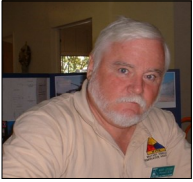




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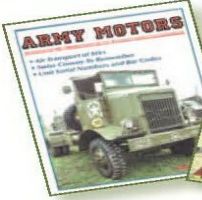
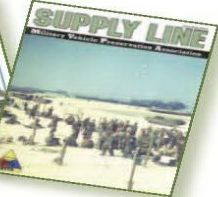
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UPCOMING EVENTS



November 5, 2022-The **2022 Los Banos Veteran's Parade** will be on **Nov 5th**. The parade kicks off at 11am. They want all military vehicles to be there at 9:00 am to get lined up. An Army National Guard C-130 will do fly-bys at noon. The parade terminates at the veterans hall where there will be a great hot dog lunch. There will be reserved parking on the street in front of the hall for the MVs to be on display. The crowd does converge on the VFW Hall to view the displayed military vehicles and enjoy the hotdog lunch open to everyone. Contact Don Gomes for details (209)765-1273

November 6, 2022 - **Tri-Valley Veterans Day parade**. Its theme is "Military Medic's and Corpsmen". POC Andy Shyers 510-832-4322 mvcc510925@gmail.com

November 11th 2022-Turlock Veterans Charity Golf Tournament November 11th 9am , Gustine Veterans Parade November 11th 10am, POC Don Gomes (209)765-1273

November 11th 2022 -**Lemoore Veterans' Day Night Parade** sponsored by the Lemoore American Legion. Line-up is at 4PM, parade starts at 6PM. If interested, contact Corey Firman at firmanc@hotmail.com or 253-267-2456.

November 11th 2022 -**Porterville Veterans' Day Parade** sponsored by the Porterville American Legion. Line-up is at 8AM, parade starts at 10AM. If interested contact Richard Rietkerk at richardrietkerk1@yahoo.com or 559-737-1388.

November 11th 2022 **Veterans Day parade in Petaluma** rain or shine and we assemble around 10AM at the Vets Hall off Petaluma Blvd South. Next to the bowling alley. Come if you haven't done it before. Minimum 25 MV's always show and the whole town comes out to celebrate. See you there!

November 11th 2022 -**Verterans Day Parade**, Downtown Gustine, CA. Meet at my house 9AM, parade starts at 11AM, after parade we drive to the Turlock Veterans Charity Golf Tournament to display our military vehicles at golf holes. POC Don Gomes (209)765-1273. istanbull@sbcglobal.net

November 11th 2022- received word from Tim S. that the **Danville Veterans Memorial Building** will be hosting two events Veterans Day weekend. The Veterans Memorial Building will be open **November 11th and 12th from 9-5 and from 10-5 on the 13th** with a variety of displays (see attached flier). There will also be a **Veterans Day program on the 11th which begins at 11:00** in the Main hall.

I've attended this event in the past and it is excellent! We've been able to display our MV outside to help support the event and the Veterans Day program is always excellent.

If you plan on bringing an MV to support please contact me so I may help coordinate your parking with those running the event... Andy...

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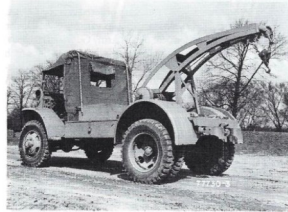
I hope all is well in your neck of the woods. I want to give a Big Thank You to Matthew Gruss a friend I met at Camp Plymouth a few years ago. It all started with me asking Matthew if he had time to drive to Battle Creek Michigan to Bob Brown's "the Ford GTB Guru's" place 6 1/2 hrs. away from him to pick up my GTBB wrecker crane. It's a 141 N Marquette power crane that was used on the 1943 Ford GTBB wreckers which there was only 50 made. Matthew and his Dad did the trip all in one day and while they were at Bob's they took a tour of Bob's collection to admire all the GTB's around his place, unfortunately Bob wouldn't sell anything! The next step was to get the crane loaded up and get it back to Wisconsin to Tracy my shipper's yard. The reason I had Matthew pick up the crane was because Tracy my shipper wasn't going to make it to Bob's for a couple of months and before the weather got bad.

So now my shipper Tracy has the crane at his yard and I'll just have to play the waiting game till Tracy comes to California, I just hope its not too long away. Please Stay Tuned!

Keeping The GTB History Alive!

Don Gomes

The most interesting of these new models, and by far the rarest of the entire Burma Ford family, was the GTBB Wrecker-Service truck. A total of only 50 units were built. The GTBB was intended as a light-duty, flight line service vehicle. It was to supplement the much heavier 7 1/2-ton and larger wreckers for the Headquarters Squadron (administrative unit) of each Naval Air Station. The intended distribution was one truck per station. Just how widely these trucks got issued, I don't know.



The first of the fifty Navy Model GTBB Wrecker/Service trucks. Not readily visible, but stowed on the rear deck, are a pair of telescoping boom supports, (legs) that fit into a socket at the end of the boom to offer additional support for heavy lifts. Courtesy of the Ford Archives.



Left to right - Matthew Gruss & Bob Brown

Marquette Model 141N being loaded in Michigan



Marquette Model 141N

1943 GTB Bomb Service Truck

By Robert Lentz

When I was asked by Johnny to do a write up on my '43 Ford GTB Bomb Service Truck, all the way from Jacksonville, FL, I was more than honored. Honored to spotlight my MV project but also my friend Herschel Shepard, without whom this would not have been possible for me.

After my stint in the USN, I was hired by the state of Florida as a Wildlife Officer. I have always had a passion for history and am a hobby mechanic, tinkering on vehicles whenever possible. I molded the two together in 2005 with the purchase of my first WWII jeep project. 4 jeep restorations later I was looking for something different. I saw a period picture of a GTB in the South Pacific and my search began. It was so peculiar looking and so "purpose built," with the face only a mother could love! After a couple years of looking, most seemed to be out of reach, and I postponed my efforts.

In June of 2021, a friend reached out to me and said, "You still looking for one of those bomb trucks? I just met a fella who has one here in town!" I felt it was too good to be true. I've chased many jeeps only for them to CJ2as or CJ5s... No way it could be a GTB! A few phone conversations later and a scheduled time to meet up, it in fact was a 1943 Ford GTB

Hershel Shepard had long admired a GTB in a military salvage yard in Mt. Pleasant, FL, owned by H.A. Parramore. In 2001, through some "back and forth" trading between Parramore and Shepard, the GTB made its way to Jacksonville. The first time I met Mr. Shepard I was instantly in awe. Just a wealth of knowledge and a friend from the start. He was a "purveyor of rusty gold" and had spent most of his life accumulating things that I could only dream about. After a few visits and a plan of attack, the excavation of it began in Sept, 2021. A year later, I am still plugging away at it. Engine running and parts sourced, it's only a matter of months before it is on the road.

**Thanks for the support and best regards, Robert Lentz;
"MVCC member since the 2022 Plymouth Rally!"**



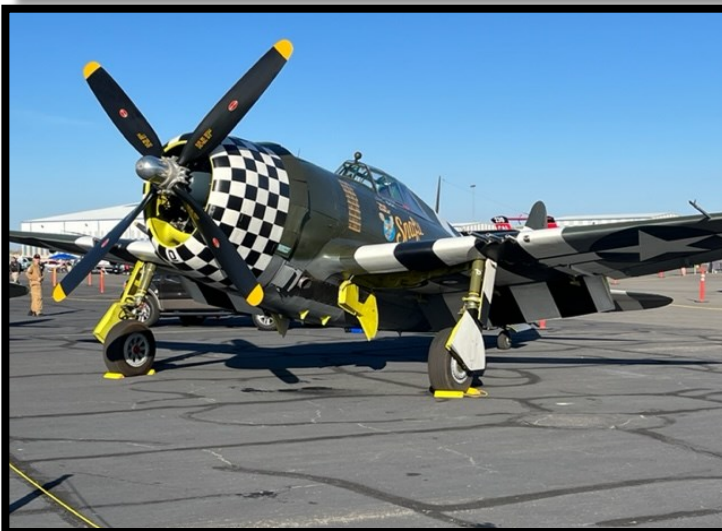
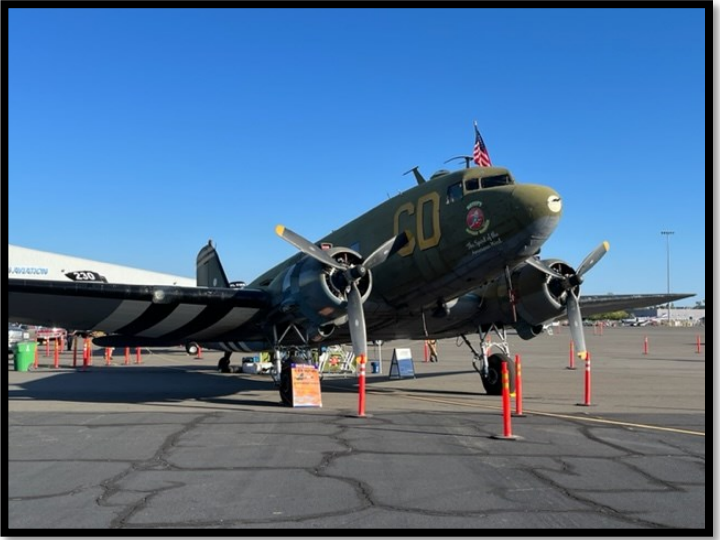
Left to right-Herschel Shepard & Robert Lentz

Capital Airshow

By Dennis Larson

I attended the Capitol Airshow and displayed my M38 jeep. The other jeep on display is owned by a member of the reenactment group I was parked with. We had a good time.

I made it to the Mather Air Show October 2. Lots of planes. Just two Jeeps I believe, a 44 Ford Jeep and my 51 M 38. I joined the NorCal Reenactors led by Jerry Clark next to a C-47.





Mike Fedyk, (North Bay VP East, Divisions), 707, 415, 628 916-809-2969

bigmike405@hotmail.com

Howdy MVer's,

Sorry I missed updating everyone last month, I lost track of time after Camp Plymouth so I'll update over the last two months. Shortly after Camp Plymouth, I participated an event at the Rowland Freedom Center which is located in Vacaville at the Nut Tree airport. The event was called "Planes, Trains and automobiles" and was their first car show. There was a good turnout of hotrods, a few trucks and a couple MVs. I brought my M543A2 wrecker for display.

I attended the Capital Air Show on 10/2/2022 as a company picnic. The show was amazing and I even found a few MVs on display. Two WWII jeeps at one booth and a very clean M151 at another booth.

On the Radar:

November 11th Fairfield CA will have their annual Veterans Day Parade. The lineup is 11:30am. The Rowland Freedom Center will be participating in the parade and will convoy from the museum to the parade. I've participated in the 4th of July parade with this group and the convoy to the parade is probably more fun than the parade itself. If you are interested in participating please contact me directly and I'll get you in contact with the POC.

As always, please share your projects, events etc. so I can post them in the newsletter for everyone to enjoy.

Regards,
Big Mike



Military Vehicle Collectors of California Merchandise 2022



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2022 MVCC Camp Plymouth

T-shirt. This year we chose A
WW2 Theme, Olive Drab T-shirts
Size: S,M,L,XL - \$22 each
Size: XXL, XXXL - \$25 each

Zip Up Hoodie Sweaters, Limited Edition, ONLY 20 MADE!

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Everything will be for sale at Camp Plymouth 2022! Come by and check out the MVCC HQ Store for more



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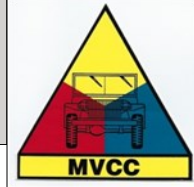
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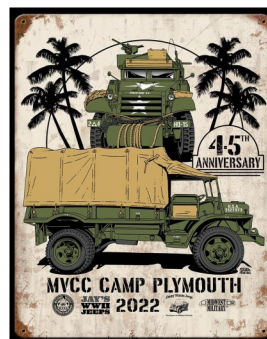
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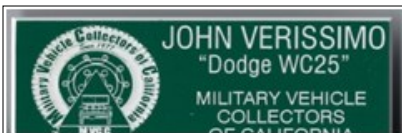


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2022 Camp
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Metal Sign.
11.5 X 14.5 size
\$25 each



Custom MVCC Name Badge

\$10 each
shipped to

MVCC License Plate \$15



How to purchase: You can email or call your order in to **Don Gomes(209)765-1273**. He will let you know if its in stock and give you a shipping quote. **How to pay:** Check or Money order. The club is working on getting a paypal account but its not ready yet. **Shipping:** Average shipping is \$6.99 but if it's a really small order it can be less or if it's a large order it might be more, out of country is more. **Ships from Gustine, Ca.** Email at istanbull@sbcglobal.net Any questions please ask! WE also have a few previous years event tshirts and other stuff like coffee mugs etc. **Mail payment to MVCC**, Christina Verissimo, 850 Elm Ave, Gustine, Ca. 95322

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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

For Sale—M-37 Dodge, 1953, for sale. Santa Cruz, area. \$5800. Call 831-588-3866

WANTED TO BUY: M-8 OR M-20 Running Condition, Wife said new kitchen before I get a tank! Now that the kitchen is finally done, am seeking to get that tank! Please contact Steve.Kummerfeldt@woodplc.com (714) 299-4593 (cell)

Wanted : shock mount for my PE-55 and my BC223 radio. I have been missing these for years and would love to finally find them. Johnny Verissimo (209)918-0488 istanbull@sbcglobal.net

For Sale: M151A1 which has been stored in a garage and is licensed in the state of California. It was last driven about three years ago and everything was in excellent condition. Uncut. There is no rust. Completely original. Asking \$15,000. Call Don Thomas at 310-418-9344. Vehicle is located in St. Helena, California (Napa Valley).



For Sale -1968
M35A2, 465 Hercules
Turbo Multifuel winch
Hard Cab., Contact
Gill (775) 826-1719.



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For Sale: T90A-1 transmission, Spicer 18 transfer, bell housing and flywheel (for Hurricane F-Head engine). Call for more information and photos if interested. I'm located in Goleta, CA. Call Brad at 805-708-3963. Asking \$900 for the lot.



WWII Ben Hur Trailer \$1500.00
1 ton cargo trailer G-518. VG-Fine condition.
All metal body is straight, primered.
Lunette ring hitch. Metal landing wheel. 7.50 x 20 wheels (3).
Spare tire mount.
Data plate: Ben Hur Mfg, Model 41-120, Delivered May 1943.
Located in Foresthill, CA, 95631
Walter (530) 957 4290



For Sale: 1942 Dodge WC-51 Weapons Carrier. Early Model w/Small Fuel Filler. I bought it from the original owner in 2011, who bought it as Surplus in the early 1950's, used it on his farm, and stored it in his shop when not in use. Very clean, complete and straight original truck. Unrestored. Engine has a Rebuild tag from the 1970's, with very few miles since. Runs, but has not been driven since 2015. It will need some attention to drive, including Brakes, Carburetor & Fuel system. Comes with 7 Combat wheels, 5 good tires, 5 new tubes. Parts included, but not installed: NOS Windshield frame, Restored Fuel Tank, Rebuilt Carburetor, Rebuilt Original Fuel Pump. Calif Titled.
\$8500 OBO Matt (408) 398-0036 msira36@aol.com



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For Sale: 1943 Ford GTB Burma Jeep Cargo Truck with Winch and Hydraulic Dump Bed, which runs off the PTO for the Winch. Correct Original motor. Not running, but Engine turns over as normal. Last ran in 2017. \$3500 OBO Matt (408) 398-0036 msira36@aol.com



Wanted: Halftrack. My son, Anthony, and I are looking for a restorable halftrack. Preferable an M3 or M16 with a good solid frame, any condition considered if it is priced right. Anthony has one that he has been working on, but the frame has been extended. So, he would like to get one with a good frame...

John Souza, souzaj3@yahoo.com, 559-313-4480

For Sale ½ ton WWII Dodge truck parts

New wood floorboards and dash map board \$60.00
Transfer case \$100.00
Transmission \$ 100.00
Transmission with PTO \$150.00
PTO \$50.00
Rims \$20.00
Complete re-built MU winch. has been sand blasted and primed. \$1000.00
(2) Command car safety strap body eye
New MU shift fork \$200.00
Rims \$30.00 ea.

203-4674 motor that has been re-built with transmission \$800.00

An auger for Chevy K44. Includes 4 different bits \$400.00 or best offer

Radio box CH-74A fits Jeeps, Dodge and ½ tracks \$50.00

WWII ben hur One ton trailer complete metal bracket set for wood sides \$230.00

CONTACT GREG LAMPMAN CELL (805) 550-5838 OR E-MAIL glampman@calpoly.edu

¾ ton Dodge truck parts

2 speed transfer case for WC 62 and 63
MU2 winch with cable guide \$800.00

\$300.00. M37 complete front axle \$200.00. M37 complete rear axle \$ 200.00

WWII ben hur One ton trailer complete metal bracket set for wood sides \$230.00

For Sale: WW2 37mm Anti Aircraft Gun Carriage for sale. Located in Los Banos California. Contact Jess Soriano (209)769-4058



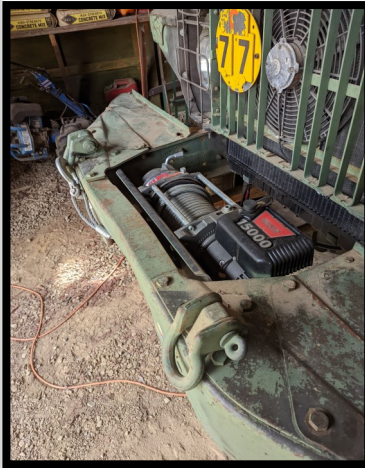
Articles! Articles! Articles! from your neck of the woods. If you have something you would like to see in the newsletter just email it to me and I'll see about getting it in the newsletter, If you're a member in any state and have something you think is interesting please email it to me: Johnny istanbull@sbcglobal.net :) If you want more info on the MVCC check out the web page and we are on facebook in two areas, look us up.

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For Sale: a M211 truck
It has a 505 GM Crate engine, different
4 speed, changed to 12 volt

Chester Berrlow

<chesterb777@yahoo.com>



Seen Around Town – 1943 GPW Invited to Appear at Hagerty Motorlux August 17 2022

The 1943 Ford GPW owned by Dr Marc Johnson and nicknamed “Willie” after the character created by WWII cartoonist Bill Mauldin, was invited to appear at the Hagerty Motorlux event in the company of World War II era aircraft. The Motorlux is a celebration of cars, craft and community that was held on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at the Monterey Jet Center as part of Monterey Car Week. The sold-out event entertained more than 3,000 guests and included a stunning collection of over 150 cars and more than a dozen aircraft as well as gourmet food and beverages created by Monterey Bay’s finest culinary experts. Motorlux benefits the CHP 11-99 Foundation, a non-profit dedicated to helping families of California Highway Patrol officers in times of need.

Thanks,
Victoria



THIS CATALOG IS FOR AUCTION #3! Lot #852

By Johnny Verissimo

The Huge Massive 950 plus Cars and Trucks Auction of Kraupies Auctioneers' NEBRASKA TRUCK HOARD AUCTION is on. Its been advertised by word of mouth more so than any other auction I've heard of in recent history. As I write this the online auction still have a few days to go. I know some of my friends are bidding on some WW2 vehicles like a Ford GTB Truck, Dimond T, CCKW's, Cletrac, Cushman, Dragon Wagons, etc. All kinds of trucks big and small and all vintage. Its one of the coolest auctions I've seen in a while due to the amount of vehicles in a field in the state of Nebraska.

One of the auction items and what I think is the coolest and rarest that I really like is Lot #852 which is the rare 1945 Decontamination CCKW M3A1! One of the interesting things about this CCKW is that the decontamination tank is made out of wood! Yeah, wood.

I'm a big fan of rare military vehicles so this one attracted me quickly. I also fell in love with the Dragon Wagons! There are 2 in this auction. Unfortunately they are heavy, wide and as expensive to retore as a tank I hear say so I dare not bid even though I would LOVE to.

I got the following from a Danish website:

Danish Army Specific: Also the GMC CCKW-353 NBC decontamination truck was used by the Danish engineers. The truck used the M3A3 decontamination apparatus.

Historical: Minor improvements in the design of the M3A1 Apparatus led to the standardisation of the M3A2 power-driven Decontaminating Apparatus in 1943. The improvements included an improved pump, agitator and piping arrangement.

The US Army procured 426 units through WW II and 62 units through the beginning of the Korea war. One of the major problems with the M3A2 was that the wooden tanks were made of cypress sapwood that rotted in the tropics and allowed fungus growth. In 1952 the standardization of the improved M3A3 with a metal tank resulted the M3A2 being reclassified to limited standard. The unit was then obsoleted in 1971

I'll try to post some of the results of the auction in the next newsletter.



1945 Decontamination CCKW M3A1 at the Nebraska Auction

TM 9-2800

STANDARD MILITARY MOTOR VEHICLES
**APPARATUS, DECONTAMINATING, POWER-DRIVEN,
 M3A1 (CHASSIS: TRUCK, 2½-TON, 6 x 6)**

Technical Manuals: Parts List: SNL G-508
 Manufacturer: General Motors Truck and Coach Div. of Yellow Truck and Coach Mfg. Co.

RA PD 308979

Classification: Limited standard
 Purpose: Used by Chemical Warfare Service to transport decontamination material and spraying equipment.

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TM 9-2800

SECTION VIII—TRUCKS
**APPARATUS, DECONTAMINATING, POWER DRIVEN,
 M3A1 (CHASSIS: TRUCK, 2½-TON, 6 x 6)**

GENERAL DATA

Crew	4
Weight	Net (lb) 9,910
	Payload (lb) 5,000
	Gross (lb) 14,910
Shipping dimensions	(cu ft) 1,414 (sq-ft) 157
Tires	Ply 8 Size 7.50 x 20
Ground clearance	(in.) 10
Electrical system	(volts) 6
Capacities	Fuel, 70 octane gasoline (gal) 40
	Cooling system (qt) 19
	Crankcase (refill) (qt) 11
Brakes	Hydraulic

PERFORMANCE

Maximum gradability	(percent) 65
Turning radius (ft)	Right 34 Left 35
Fording depth	(in) 37
Angle of approach	(deg) 54
Angle of departure	(deg) 37
Fuel consumption, average conditions	(miles per gal) 7.5
Cruising range, average conditions	(miles) 240
Maximum allowable speed	(mph) 45
Number of speeds forward	5

ENGINE

Manufacturer	GMC	Model	270
Type	In line, 4 cycle	Number of cylinders	6
Displacement	(cu in.)		269.5
Governed speed	(rpm)		2,750
Brake horsepower			104
Ignition, type			Battery

ADDITIONAL DATA

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Message From Yolo Post 77 American Legion

My name is Will Anderson and I am the Vice-Commander for Yolo American Legion Post #77 in Woodland, CA. We would like to invite MVCC members to join us for our city's Holiday Parade. This year will be the 56th iteration of the parade and it will take place on Dec 10th starting at 10am.

In the past, our post has generally just provided a color guard to lead the parade. This year however, we would like to recognize as many of our community's veterans as possible by having them march or ride in the parade. We are hoping that some of your members would be gracious enough to allow some of our veterans to ride in their vehicles.

Following the parade, our post will be hosting a party to watch the Army-Navy Football game at our hall, located just one block away from the parade route. Any and all MVCC members and their families are welcome to join us for the festivities. We will have our parking lot reserved for their vehicles.

Please let me know if you need any more information from me and have anyone who is interested contact me at (530) 979-6047 (call or text) or at william.w.anderson1991@gmail.com.

Thank You!

Will Anderson
Yolo Post 77 American Legion

Military Motorcycle, Scooter, Bicycle Showcase at the Camp Plymouth Spring 2023 Meet **By John Neuenburg**

This showcase display will be on Friday April 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the 49er Village RV Resort at a location to be announced. This timing will allow people to visit all three showcases planned for Friday. The WW2 Jeep and Military Dodge showcases will be 9-12 and 1-4 at the fairgrounds.

This display will be open to military bikes in any condition and from any nation of former service. Genuine military contract machines only please. We will supply small signs that you can fill out showing make, year/model, owner name, etc., or you are welcome to supply your own sign.



We will get all participants' names and vehicle details for publishing in a future newsletter and military vehicle magazine. The display area might include lawn, so if you are concerned with stability when on your center or side stand, bring a piece of wood for the stand to sit on.

I am the organizer. Advance registration is not required, just show up, but I will appreciate hearing what you plan to bring so I can arrange adequate space. 415-847-2801 or in_garage@hotmail.com. If you will be commuting from hotel or home and want to leave your machine at the event for multiple days, I will have space for it at my RV site.



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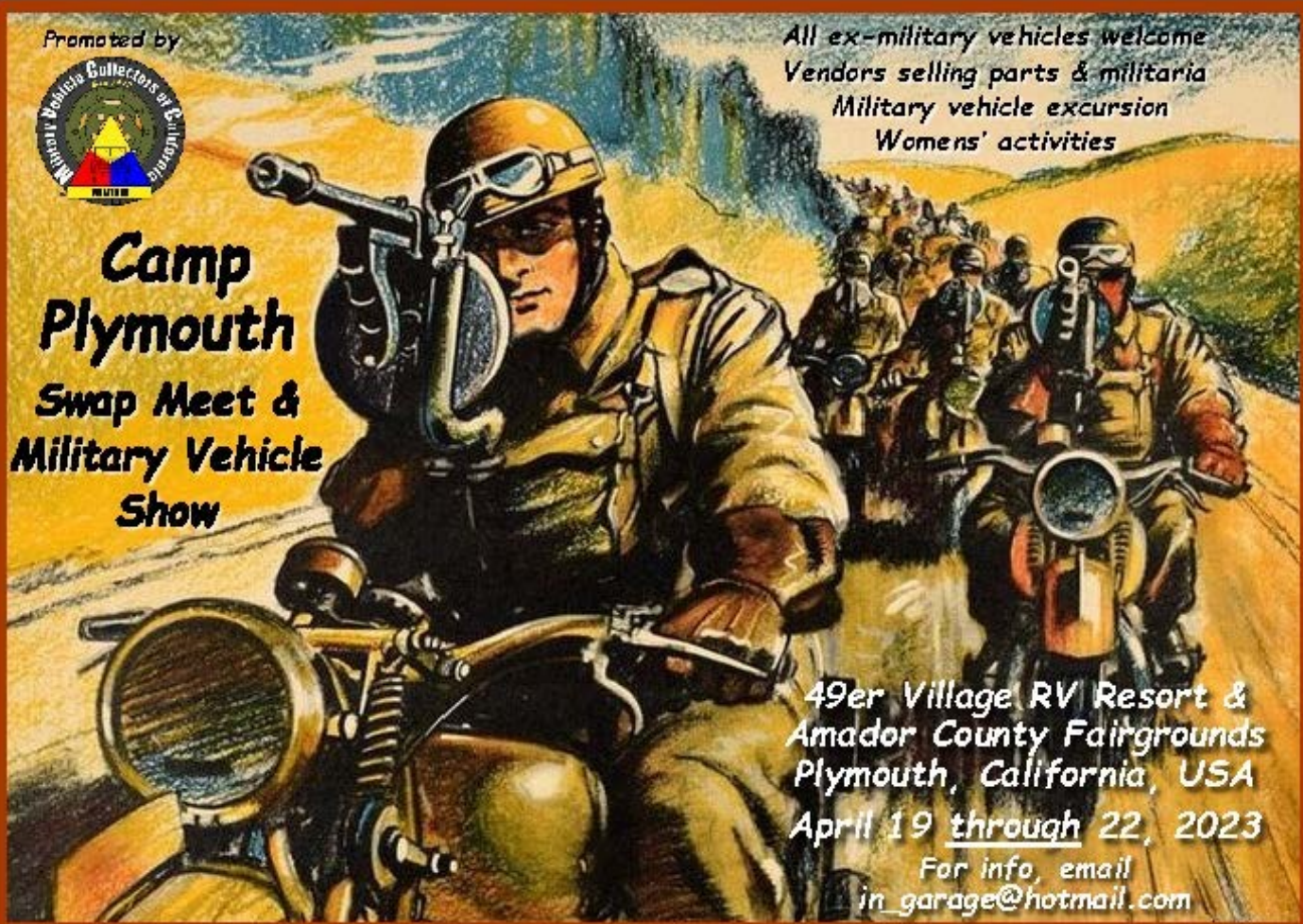
1945 Decantamination CKW M3A1

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All ex-military vehicles welcome
Vendors selling parts & militaria
Military vehicle excursion
Womens' activities

Camp Plymouth Swap Meet & Military Vehicle Show



49er Village RV Resort & Amador County Fairgrounds
Plymouth, California, USA
April 19 through 22, 2023
For info, email in_garage@hotmail.com



"THE LARGEST ANNUAL HISTORIC MILITARY VEHICLE EVENT IN THE WEST"
2023 SHOWCASES: WW2 JEEPS, MILITARY DODGES, AND
MILITARY MOTORCYCLE, SCOOTER, BICYCLE SHOWCASE



Courtesy: theliberator.be

No formal judging. No admission, parking, vendor, or vehicle registration fees! Details will be on www.MVCCNews.net

Friday April 21 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

See bikes like:

- Harley-Davidson and Indian motorcycle
- BSA motorcycle Nimbus motorcycle
- BMW motorcycle Swiss bicycle
- Cushman scooter
- Columbia bicycle
- BSA paratrooper bicycle
- Compax paratrooper bicycle
- Excelsior Welbike scooter
- Royal Enfield Flying Flea



*It is not too early to plan for the
Largest Annual Historic Military Vehicle Event in the West!*

CAMP PLYMOUTH SPRING 2023 SWAP MEET & MILITARY VEHICLE DISPLAY

April 19-22, 2023 📍 Plymouth, California*



jeep showcase April 2019

JOIN US AT THE 49ER VILLAGE RV RESORT AND ADJACENT AMADOR COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS IN THE SCENIC, HISTORIC, CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH COUNTRY!

NO MV registration, all welcome, any condition

Swap meet for professionals & amateurs. **NO seller fee**
but sellers must rent a campsite or cabin

FREE admission and parking

Friday featuring a **WW2 JEEP SHOWCASE**

Friday featuring a **DODGE SHOWCASE**

Military Vehicle Excursion

Women's Lunch Excursion

Visit historic Old West towns, many local wineries,
and other California tourist destinations!

* **Tuesday is a set up day, Sunday a pull-out day**



28 Dodges at a past showcase

RV and travel trailer camping, cabins, vendor / display space at
49er Village. Group discount block of sites

Inexpensive tent or truck camping, vendor / display space at the Tent
Sector at adjacent Amador County Fairgrounds. Bring shade
Visitor parking and MV commuter display area

Facilities at 49er Village include pool, spa, clubhouse, restrooms,
showers, laundry, store, café

Space rental, hotel info, and RV/travel trailer rental suggestions on
the MVCC website. Campsite coordinator is Jo-Ann at
MVCCCampmistress@yahoo.com or 408-238-8277

Closest major airport is Sacramento International.

**AND join us for the FALL
2022 Camp Plymouth
9/14-17/2022
See website for details**

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The Nebraska Truck Hoard! Oct 27, 2022


HUGE Truck & Vehicle Auction!! 950+ Trucks and Vehicles! Diamond T, Autocar, White, MacDonald, Federal, REO, Stewart, FWD, Studebaker, Jeep, GMC, Ford, Chevrolet, Dodge, & others! I'll post results in the next months newsletter. Below are just a few of the military vehicles being sold on this online auction. Rob Van Fleet is the owner who is selling his collection of vehicles. **Kraupie's Real Estate & Auctioneers** are the company running the online Auction which ends on Oct 27th, 2022.

Lot 970 | GMC 6X6
Army, Runs




500.00 USD
12 Bids
3d 21h 30m

Lot 533 | WWII
Command Car w/



500.00 USD
12 Bids
3d 1h 49m

Lot 576 | 1954
GMC M60 6x6 Army



510.00 USD
15 Bids
3d 2h 3m

Lot 639 | WWII
White Armored 1/2



2,550.00 USD
34 Bids
3d 2h 23m

Lot 648 | WWII
Command Car




520.00 USD
13 Bids
3d 2h 26m

Lot 904 | GMC
Army Truck, GMC



720.00 USD
17 Bids
3d 21h 9m

Lot 382 | VWWII
Diamond T 6x6 Air



600.00 USD
17 Bids
2d 21h 57m

Lot 141 | 1942
Pacific Tank



1,000.00 USD
12 Bids
2d 20h 40m

Lot 581 | 6x6 Army
Truck




140.00 USD
4 Bids
3d 2h 5m

Lot 616 | 1947
Pacific Tank



1,025.00 USD
22 Bids
3d 2h 16m

Lot 852 | WWII 6X6
Fire Tanker Truck



610.00 USD
7 Bids
3d 20h 53m

Lot 969 | Mack
Army Dump Truck,




1,525.00 USD
23 Bids
3d 21h 29m

Lot 833 | Army
Power Wagon



2,025.00 USD
28 Bids
3d 19h 50m

Lot 579 | WWII
Chevy Army Truck



400.00 USD
18 Bids
3d 2h 4m

Lot 365 | 1940
GMC Howard




5,300.00 USD
68 Bids
2d 21h 52m

Lot 822 | WWII
Dodge Ambulance



660.00 USD
18 Bids
3d 20h 51m

Lot 914 | WWII
Burma Jeep




670.00 USD
20 Bids
3d 21h 13m

Lot 1016 | 1940s
Cushman Lobster



2,650.00 USD
39 Bids
3d 21h 44m

Lot 1031 | Old
Buda Airplane Tug



140.00 USD
5 Bids
3d 21h 49m

Lot 1059 | M2
Cletrac High Speed



1,050.00 USD
35 Bids
3d 21h 57m

Chinatown Car Show in San Francisco by Andy Shyers

In September we were contacted by Mike Mak of TPS Motorsports. Mike organizes the Chinatown Car Show in SF. It's in the heart of Chinatown and they close down 6 blocks on Grant Ave for the event. Mike was looking for some MVCC support for both the Cathay Post Booth & Boy Scout Troupe 3 Booth at the show. The Cathay Post is the oldest post for Chinese American Veterans in the USA and dates back to before WW2. Boy Scout Troupe 3 is over 108 years old. Jim stepped up and headed down for what turned out to be a great adventure!

I'll let him tell you about it! (Please see the attached document.) This is the second time I know of that Jim and his truck have been involved in photo shoots with models. Go figure!!! Andy...

Déjà vu, again? This car show was something else. Arrived on time, got situated [kind of], was resituated 3 times, was the only Military truck, and wearing my 'Dickie' kakis, brown polished boots, tan tie, and Campaign hat. Then the fun started, I kept track of the foreign travelers that stopped by and lost count of how many, but 15+ different countries, not to mention duplications. Even missed a few. The photographs by the public - - unfathomable - - most of them were shots with me and one to four others. Individuals brought me something to drink, water, and even good quality take-out food from local Chinese restaurant. The Déjà vu occurred when a professional photo shoot crew showed up with a knock-out model - - sensuous, sultry, sensibly dressed, beautiful, and very personable; and not just a couple of shots, at least two cameras with posing directions - - move: this way, that way, now over here, over there - - she was all over the truck. I broke out my camera and documented the process with the promise from the professional photographer to send me some of the pictures (did not happen). The killer--there were awards for different categories and I would have won first place by default in the Historical Military Vehicle category but for -- I was NOT registered.

What an experience, adventure, and gratifying with all the kudos, thank you[s], for my service and the truck - - WOW!

Everyone was enlightened about the truck and why it is unique, appreciated seeing the truck, and having seen a Historical Military Truck in amongst all of the show cars. Even though I was unprepared for the onslaught, I believe it was a success.



Adapt, Modify, and Overcome,.. James Bundgaard~



Rowland Freedom Center “Planes, Trains, & Automobiles” show

by Chris “Toadman” Hughes

The Rowland Freedom Center is located at the Nut Tree Airport in Vacaville. Formerly known as the Center for Freedom & Flight, the Rowland Freedom Center is a small museum that focuses on aviation with several aircraft on permanent display and a rotating line up of aircraft on loan. However, they do have multiple military vehicles in their collection including a M561 Gama Goat, Saracen British APC, a M2A1 Half-track that is on loan to the collection.

On September 24th, the Rowland Freedom Center in Vacaville hosted it’s first ever “Planes, Trains, & Automobiles” show. For the show, the museum invited local car clubs, model railroad clubs, and military vehicle collectors to display their vehicles and collections. Along with the clubs, there were displays for Star Wars and Top Gun.

For a first-time show, the turnout was quite good. More than 25 classic cars and hot rods were displayed. Multiple model railroad groups attended and displayed modular layouts in N, HO, and O gauges. Several military vehicles were brought in for the show as well, including the beautiful M543A2 5-ton Wrecker owned by Mike Fedyk, MVCC North Bay VP East. Another highlight of the show was a privately owned Spitfire Mk XVII that flew in several days before the event.

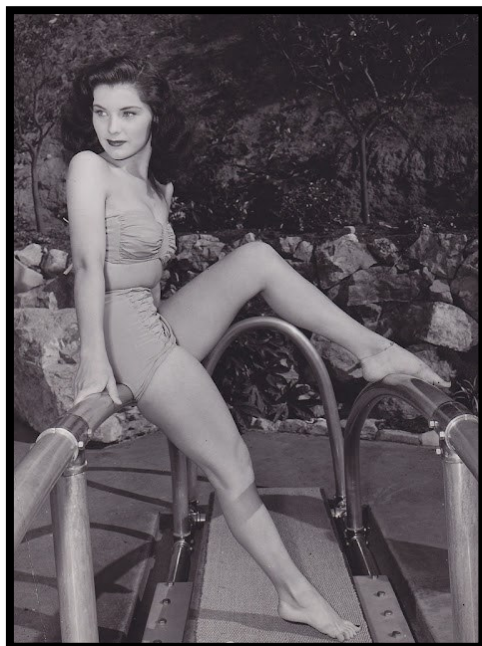
The Rowland Freedom Center is located at 300 County Airport Rd, Suite C4 in Vacaville. Their regular business hours are 10:00 am to 4:00 pm daily. Visit their website, www.rowlandfreedomcenter.org for more information.



Photo #1



Photo #2



Debra Paget - c.1951



Photo #3

PHOTO CAPTIONS

1. Seen here is the entrance to the Rowland Freedom Center. There is plenty of parking for the museum in front of and across the street from the museum
2. Inside the museum are several aircraft and numerous artifact displays.
3. One of the aircraft on permanent display is this Naval Aircraft Factory N3N-3 trainer.
4. The model railroad groups had their displays set up next to this World War Two Spitfire Mk XVIe. This aircraft had flown in several days before the show.
5. The museum has several military vehicles in its collection, including this M2A1 Half-track.
6. Displayed on both sides of the museum were various classic cars and hot rods.
7. A M561 Gama Goat is another one of the museum's military vehicles.
8. MVCC North Bay VP East, Mike Fedyk is seen here with his M543A2 5-ton Wrecker.



Photo #4



Photo #5



Luana Patten - c.1957



Photo #6



Photo #8



Photo #7



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