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# MVCC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Happy July 4th!

What a great newsletter we had for May/June. Dozens of photos and articles really summed up Camp Plymouth. Thanks to Johnny for going the extra mile to make it happen. Locally I had the Chowchilla Armed Forces Day Parade on the 13th of May. I had the GPW, CCKW and Soviet D-30 Howitzer in the parade with several other MVCC'ers. After the parade, we displayed the vehicles at the fairgrounds and had a great deep pit barbecue.

The Eagle Field event was well attended with about a dozen MVCC'ers including first timer, out going Central Coast VP Charles Tope. Charles has his own event coming up in August along with the Monterey Convoy, more details in the newsletter.

I hope everyone can get out and have fun on the 4th. There's lots of local parades and events, so show those MV's off!

Kurt Lesser is recovering from some serious health issues and we all wish him the best and a speedy recovery. As such as, JoAnn needs to focus on Kurt and the family, she is stepping away as Wagon mistress for the fall meet. Jennifer Tanis is filling in and will be receiving the reservations forms and answering questions. **NOTE THE EMAIL IS STILL THE SAME, mvcccampmistress@yahoo.** For those who don't know Jennifer, she ran the club raffle at the past two April meets and is a local to the area. Also the 49'er didn't give us the same block of sites so some moving around will be done. If your favorite site is not in the MVCC block and you still want it, you can contact the 49'er and forgo the club discount.

Heard that the MVCC of Oregon cancelled their meet. We hope things can be worked out for the next one. I, for one, will make it a point to go to their next meet. That group is a strong supporter of our meets and they have hosted some great MVPA Conventions in the past. If fire season is late this year, I'm making the trip down to the SCMVCC Rally in Lytle Creek and spend some time with our So Cal friends right after our meet.

For the WW2 crowd, the Spirit of '45 in San Jose is on August 12th. I had an amazing time last year and have been looking forward to it again this year.

For our members outside of the VP areas, you now have your own representative! Dan McCluskey has been appointed as special representative to the MVCC. Dan is the past President of the SCMVCC and a MVPA Convoy leader. From our friends up in Canada to our friends down in Florida let Dan know is going on. In future newsletters, Dan will post information and news from around the greater MVCC world.

One last thing, get those balloons in folks!

Till next time,  
Chris



*Napa Valley, Chris and I on a road trip*

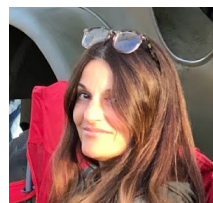
*You have to save them, you just have to, Chris and his new Project*

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## Good Moring MVCC

What's going on in the MVCC? Summer events are going on, please check the calendar page in this newsletter for the latest.

**Kurt Lesser update.** Kurts surgery went great, unfortunately there have been some setbacks. Please check JoAnn Lessors update article on Kurt in this newsletter.

**Wagon Mistress position-** Dude to Kurts having had heart surgery and some complications, JoAnn will be handing over the Wagon Mistress position to Jennifer Tanis, temporarily, until Kurt is up and running around in his military vehicles. JoAnn wants to give Kurt her full attention. Jennifer, with a little persuasion, has agreed to fill in. [www.mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com](mailto:www.mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com) or (209)304-2592

**Ron Fitzpatrick's Open House:** Thank you Scott Tanis for taking me to the Ron Fitzpatrick's Jeep Parts Open House in Central Point, Oregon. This was my first time to this annual event. If you haven't been to it I recommend it. The road trip there was super cool because I got to see Mount Shasta for the first time because I-5 goes right past it on your way to Ron's. I got to see that Shasta Lake and that it was absolutely full, Scott mentions he had never seen it full like that in his lifetime.

While at Ron's event, Scott and I got to meet and talk to Dean Harvey, from Joe's Motor Pool, and Scott got to pick the brain of Don Gleason, owner of "Zelda" the M3 Half Track. We also got to hang out with Jimmy Strauss (Jimmy Strauss Jeep Restorations) and Nick Hopper and Tyler Ruzzuto. Nick and Tyler drove Nicks 1946 CJ2A Jeep from Diamond Springs to Central Point, Oregon, for the event, that's 400 miles each way, with no top, averaging 45 miles per hour on back roads. Its important to note that both Nick and Tyler are 21, hence the ability to do so, lol. When I saw Nick on Friday Night he looked like Christopher Loyld playing Doc Brown in Back to the Future! Ha. Needless to say his hair was pointing straight back.

If you order parts from Ron's then this was your opportunity to see where your parts are stored, picked and shipped from. Rons a great host, everyone there got a free lunch, free drinks, a free RFJP's t-shirt and a tour of the place. Thank you, Ron and staff, for putting on this cool event.

Yes, Tyler Rizzuto and Nick Plesnicoff drove a 900 mile round trip to Ron's event in Oregon in Nick's 1946 CJ2A!! Awww to be young! Lol.. That's *them in the photo to the right*—>



L-R: Johnny, Ron Fitzpatrick & Scott Tanis



*Thanks Scott for taking me on this road trip. I got to see Mouth Shasta for the first time and I got to see a lot of "Hippies" in Northern California/Southern Oregon, lol.*



Ron Fitzpatrick's shop, photos by Johnny



Lunch at Ron's Open House.



I have been thinking about this since 2016 and I'd like to bring it up since everyone says it behind the curtain but won't say it out loud:

**WHY are we still having our April and September events on weekdays and not weekends? I think with the loss of tons of members due to aging out we might want to re think this or at the very least give it a second thought?** One of the most common questions we get is "WHY is your event on the weekdays, I work on weekdays."

Instead of doing our Thursday and Friday why not Saturday and Sunday? Or Friday-Saturday? Sure, you can still come as early as you want, but have the main days be over the weekend. Its been explained to me why its done on weekdays, it has its merits. My nephews and god and daughters, who are major WW2 buffs, can never make the meet due to it being on school days or workdays and their parents work for the County and State governments, so they wouldn't have rides to go anyways. It's weird, it's kind of like **self-sabotage**, it's like we purposely want to limit ourselves to growth or continuing the tradition of our hobby. We rarely see a lot of families at our events, I normally don't see new comers, its hard to recruit new people when they are at work and can't attend the event.

**-The upside to weekends?** Bigger crowds, more vehicles (because if your gona pay a crazy amount of money in fuel costs to bring your MV to an event you kinda want it to be seen. More venders (because if you are gona spend all the time to load stuff to sell and make a huge display you want to sell some of it). Young Reenactors work on weekdays, so its hard for them to make it. Does anyone have any objection to making new friends and keeping the hobby alive and well.

**-The upside to weekdays?** You have to be retired or out of work to attend Camp Plymouth, unless, your boss is really understanding. I know that Christina, your treasurer, has to pull all kinds of strings to get to Plymouth on the weekdays, its not easy for her. On the upside, its less competition for you to buy what you are looking for because there are less people, on the other hand, if you have less people, you might have less venders. Leaving the event early does give some the time to get home before the week starts. There are upsides to driving home on a Sunday. Or you do want to get home by Sunday so you can rest and get ready for the week ahead.

**Example;** My family can't attend Camp Plymouth due to work. My daughters, who haven't been to one of our events since graduating colleges, my daughters are WW2 buffs, my youngest daughter has a large collection of records from the 1940's, she's a Big Band fan. They used to volunteer in the MVCC booth, they are 29 and 27 years old. But now that they have jobs, they can't attend on weekdays. My nephews, who can name every tank used in WW2, one is 13 and one is 10, are major WW2 buffs, they collect 21 Century Models and Soldier of Fortune WW2 models, they have never been to one of our events due to school and their parents work. So I ask myself, is this odd?

Anyways, the above is my personal opinion and the opinion those who can't attend due to work on weekdays. I'd love to hear from you- PLEASE email me your questions, comments, or concerns on "MVCC Weekdays vs Weekends?" I'm at [istanbull@sbcglobal.net](mailto:istanbull@sbcglobal.net) I'd love to hear both points of view.

**Thank you** to Bill Lander for his article on the Best of the West Show in Santa Margarite (will be there next year!) and thank you to Robin Bartel for his article on the rare and pretty cool gas can that have some stumped.

Thank you to the real life Rosie The Rivetor Joyce Schramek for attending Eagle Field Dinner Dance and Fly In. She's got an amazing story to tell. She lived through everything we read about today in history books, magazine and online history groups.

If you have a military vehicle I want your story! Please send me articles and photos or your military vehicles. You can reach me at [istanbull@sbcglobal.net](mailto:istanbull@sbcglobal.net)

If you have an event that his military history/military vehicle related and want to promote it let me know.

Johnny...

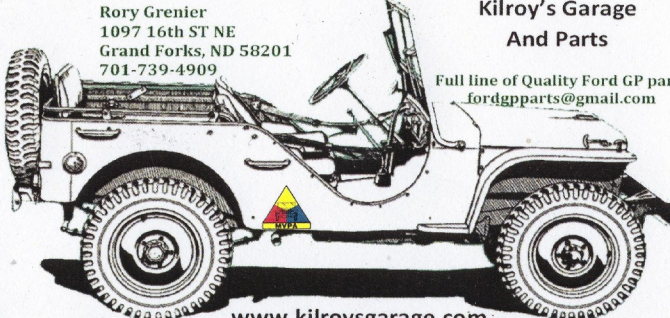
**General George S. Patton riding in a modified jeep in La Haye-du-Puits Normandy - July 1944**



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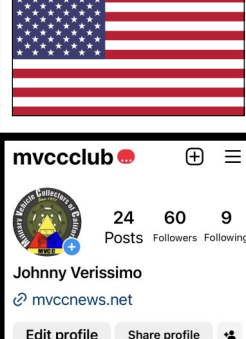


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Howdy MVer's,

I hope everyone is enjoying this perfect weather. Not too hot, not too cold, just right for working on your MV! I took advantage of the dry, warm days and finished painting and stenciling the 1966 Cushman Lobster. As I mentioned in previous newsletters, I chose Vietnam era semi-gloss O.D. green #24087. The wind was low on paint day so I had minimal overspray. I got the stars from "Delta Team Decals" [www.deltateamdecals.com](http://www.deltateamdecals.com). The stars are good quality, fast delivery and good prices. The only thing this Cushman needs is a new set of tires. Otherwise, it runs and drives great and all the lights, horn etc. work.



My HEMTT has left my stable to pursue a new career. She's going to be a movie star! Yep, that's right, the HEMTT is proud to join David Wang at armytrucksinc. David and I struck a deal so the HEMTT will now be in the movie business. I loaded up the spare tires, a tow bar and all the other associated stuff. David's driver showed up and we loaded the HEMTT promptly on his truck. Off to Georgia she goes!



This month I participated in the Vacaville CA Fiesta Days parade with the folks from the Roland Freedom Center. They are good group of folks and have a nice museum. I've been staying in contact with them and offer MVs whenever possible for events, car shows, displays and parades. I hope to grow the number of annual events with this group and I'll post upcoming events in the newsletter so you all can participate as well. We assembled at the museum and prepared the vehicles with banners, etc. It was perfect weather with a high of 80 degrees. After preparing the MVs we convoyed over to the parade area. The convoy line up was WWII jeep followed by WWII halftrack. Next was the M35A2 and my M543A2 wrecker took up the rear. We had no issues getting to the parade staging area and had plenty of horn honks and thumbs up along the way. As many of you know, parades are a "hurry up and wait" kinda event. There was plenty of time to sit around and chat with old and new friends and answer questions about the vehicles from curious onlookers. After the parade, we convoyed back to the Roland Freedom Center and shared a nice lunch. Thank you Joe Schwarz for bringing your M53A2 and for the food.

I'm working on a deal to add another MV to my collection. If all goes right, I should have it by next month. I also have a line on some really big green iron. I'll have to keep you all in suspense until next month before I reveal what I'm adding to my stable and what the really big green iron is all about. As always, send me any events, projects etc. so I can share them in this newsletter.



Big Mike





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### CAMP PLYMOUTH, by JoAnn Lesser

I'm sorry that I failed to get an article into the NEWS for the May/June newsletter. It's been a bit hectic around our house. On May 4<sup>th</sup> Kurt had open heart surgery to replace a faulty valve, a bypass and also an aortic sleeve to help with aortic stenosis. He was in the hospital only 6 days and came home a rock star. No issues at all with the recovery. A week later we were back a Palo Alto VA hospital with an irregular heartbeat. Medication to fix the problem and sent home the same day. A week later he was readmitted to VA with a gastric bleed due to the blood thinner he was taking. Another 4 days away from home. OK, enough was enough! No! On June 5 he had a blood clot that caused a minor stroke. So, he is now back at VA hospital. There is very little damage and is recovering nicely. Still a little muddled in his thinking but overall doing well. Now, on to Camp Plymouth news.

Sunday, September 10 will kick off the early bird arrivals. Wednesday, September 13 is a big move in day with Sunday, September 17 a "go home" day. There are some issues this year that anyone attending should be away of. The 49'er did not give us the same sites that we have had in the past September's dates. We do have all of the cabins and the sites between the cabins on the Hwy 49 side of the park. We do have most of the sites across from the cabins and the row behind that. The sites we do have are: 120-126, 141-159, 163-173, 177 179, 180, 181, 183, 185, 184-191, 01-9, 10-22, 301-326. The reasoning behind this is that the park wants our group all together rather than spread out around the park. If your "regular" site is not listed you have been moved. The roster of attendees has been sent to the 49'er, Chris Thomas and Johnny Verissimo with the names of those that were moved and those that are still in their "regular" sites. There is also a change with the attendees at the Fairgrounds. All registrations whether 49'er RV or Fairgrounds as well as fairgrounds payment will go directly to Johnny Verissimo. Please do not send to me for this September's event as I will be taking some time off to help Kurt with his recovery.

Hug your people folks! Jo-Ann



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## THE 21-DAY SALUTE TO AMERICA

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

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



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

- Contributed by Matt Siragusa





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Greetings from the Central Coast.

On a sunny afternoon in May I was traveling back from Fresno to my home on the central coast and decided to take a short side trip and journey to Eagle Field which is just south of Dos Palos, California. Eagle Field was built in 1942 and filled an immediate need training Army Air Corp cadet. In the thirty months that the field was in operation over 5,000 cadets received their primary flight training. Upon graduation they would go on to more advanced training in bomber, fighter or cargo aircraft. As I entered this shrine for World War II flight training, I couldn't help but be taken back to a time in our nation's history when the call to war was ever present and a sense of urgency was the order of the day. As I strolled outside the original hangar and gazed at the runway in the distance you could almost see and feel what daily flight operations would have looked like. Eagle Field is a time capsule and what a place to teach our younger generation the causes and effects of World War II.

Chris Thomas and the current owner Joe Davis invited my family to attend the dinner/ dance fundraiser on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and I am so glad I took them up on their offer. It was a great time and so neat to see how many folks still care about the preservation of American history.

**I am inviting one and all to the Monterey Peninsula on Friday August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, for the first Historic Military Vehicle Show for Monterey Car Week. We are working in coordination with Monterey Convoy to tour the beautiful Monterey Peninsula and then end up at our show and display areas. Please see our flyer in the newsletter.**

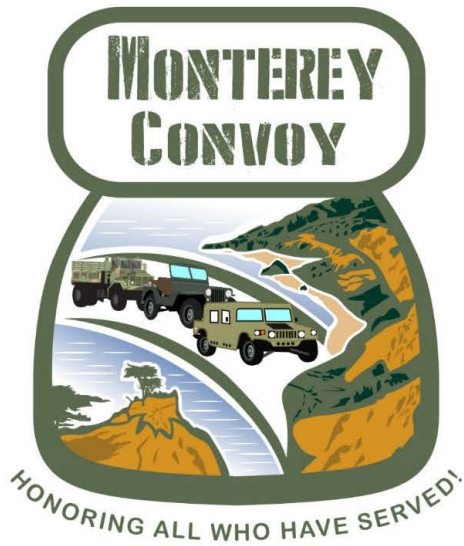


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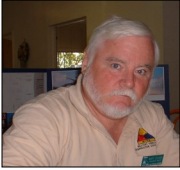
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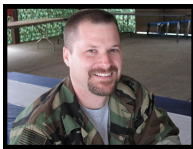
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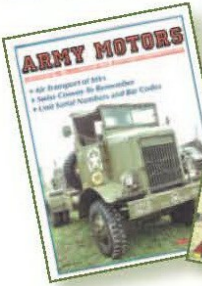
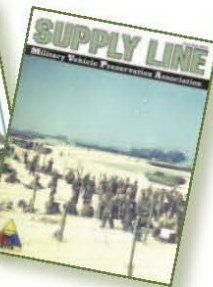
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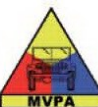
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The California Auto Museum in Sacramento held their annual Memorial Day car show on May 29, 2023. They invited military vehicles to participate once again. Dennis Larson (museum docent and M38 owner) coordinated the military vehicle display and provided these pictures. They had 6 military vehicles show up (well... 5 MVs and a CJ) to support the Memorial Day Car Show - three M38's, a '39 Dodge truck, an M151, a CJ3A, and the museum's '43 Ford GPW. Thanks Dennis! Glad to see we had some local MVs on display. Keep up the good work!

Dave



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Hello out there in MV Land!

Hope you're well and enjoying the start of summer. The students and I finished up school on the 9th and I'm thrilled to be done. The students still have a case of "COVID Hango-ver" and this caused me a bit of frustration. Hopefully it will dissipate by the Fall. My M37 projects are slowly plodding along. The world's slowest engine rebuild continues, but at least it encouraged me to get the 50 year old valve grinding machine I picked up sorted out. It is in super nice condition, but was missing some critical parts. The skills learned chasing MV parts transferred well here! Teaching the students to grind valves was an experience. For many, patience is not one of their strong points, but it's pretty fun to see them get all excited when what was a crusty old valve looks like new :).

On the radar there's the Danville July 4th parade. We won't be able to make it, but the American Legion is looking for transport. If you're planning on going, give me a call so I can pass the info on to them. If you have questions do the same :). Here's some info:

**Danville July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade**

Since 1975 the parade has been organized and conducted by the Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley. This year's theme is "Celebrating Our Educators". The parade lasts about 2 hours. We will be supporting American Legion Mt. Diablo Post 246. It's a fun parade and we typically provide transport for Post 246. For more info see the link below:

<http://www.srvkiwanis.org/>

**Staging: (based on past practice) Assemble at 0800, Tuesday the 4th of July**

We will 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.

**Parade Details:** Parade steps off at 0900.

If you have any questions about the Danville event or have any information on other events please contact me so I'm able to get them in the newsletter!

Take Care and Happy Summer,

Andy

Bike/  
Motorcycle show-  
case at  
Camp  
Plymouth,  
myself  
and Henry  
and BSA



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# UPCOMING EVENTS



**July 4th, 2023** - all the Military Vehicles we can get. For the largest 4th of July Parade in the country. The Veterans of Alameda are requesting this call. There will be one long line of Military History in This Parade, Barbecue to follow. Contacts: Joe Loparo, or Larry Pirack (510-813-5273) (510-612-8955) Thank You

**July 14 to 15th**—34th Annual All Militawry Show and Sale sponsored by the Military Vehicle Collectors of Oregon. Kliever Armory 10000 NE 33rd. Portland, Oregon. Free parking. Contact Steve Greenberg (503)939-3211 [sgreenb810@aol.com](mailto:sgreenb810@aol.com). **Flyer in this newsletter.**

**August 12, 2023**— Spirit of 45 in San Jose at History Park. POC is Robert Corpus (Executive Director) [www.spiritof45.org](http://www.spiritof45.org) 408-887-3311. Anything WW2 related is wanted for this event especially WW2 vehicles and people dressed in WW2 ear attire including but not limited to uniforms. There is food and a Big Band plays at night under the stars.

**August 18 2023**—3rd Annual Veterans Appreciation Military Vehicle Convoy and Picnic, Pacific Grove California. 10AM. Its free to attend but vehicle registration is required. Flyer on page 3. Victoria Cambell (818)324-8174 [info@montereyconvoy.com](mailto:info@montereyconvoy.com)

**August 18, 2023**— Historic Military Vehicle Show. Monterey Car Week. Catered Dinner, Live Music, **Free Tickets to all military vehicle participants.** WW2 Military Vehicles, Hot Rods, Collector Cars. 2555 Garden Rd. Monterey, Ca. Contact Charles Tope— [ctope@employonet.com](mailto:ctope@employonet.com) Th is a first annual event, get in on the coolest car show in Monterey during the famous Monterey Car Week. Flyer in this newsletter.

**September 11th-17th 2023**—The MVCC Fall Meet in Plymouth California. For more information keep an eye out in the following MVCC newsletters. For space reservations contact JoAnn Lesser( MVCC wagon master). [www.mvccnews.net](http://www.mvccnews.net)

**September 27th to 1st October**— SCMVCC So Cal Rally 2023. Lytle Creek. Sonita Ranch Camp Ground. 900 S Ford Rd. Lytle Creek, CA. 92358. For Camping Reservations contact Richard Johnson (619-993-5284. [www.scmvcc.com](http://www.scmvcc.com). Military Vehicles & Vendors all week.

**October 7-8, 2023** - TENTATIVE. SS Jeremiah O'Brien Liberty Ship 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cruise and MV Display. San Francisco. See update article this issue. The August event will not happen because scheduled shipyard work has been moved into August. They are thinking about inviting our WW2 MVs on Fleet Week weekend. They do Bay cruises both days and are out there during the air show acts including the Blue Angels. I am still building a list of interested WW2 MV owners, see my info in the article. John Neuenburg

**October 14-15, 2023**—Central Coast Airfest-military planes, demos, etc. Santa Maria Airport 3217 Terminal Drive, Santa Maria, CA 93455 [www.centralcoastairfest.com](http://www.centralcoastairfest.com)

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**FRIDAY**  
• BBQ Lunch  
• Dinner

**SATURDAY**  
• Membership Meeting @ 10am  
• Jeep Run  
• BBQ Dinner

\*Military Vehicles & Vendors All Week  
\*Coffee & Pastries Each Morning

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Contact Richard Johnson  
**619.993.5284**

\*Please Note:  
Camping must be prepaid by August 15th  
Minimum 3 nights  
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ESTHER WILLIAMS, 1940's

## A labor of Love, Joyce Schramek

At Eagle Field, in Dos Palos, California, a young girl of 15 clammers out of an oil truck and onto the wings of a plane, swiftly filling its tanks with gas and oil before it roars down the runway, a young Army recruit just learning to fly behind the controls. Her sister, just two years older, sits in the cab, hollering at her younger sibling to hurry so they can fuel the next waiting aircraft. Both young women have put their high school educations on hold to work at the airfield, because if they hadn't, they (and the rest of their family) wouldn't be eating that night.

Born in 1926 in the state of West Virginia, the seventh child of ten, Joyce grew up in the middle of the Great Depression, her childhood spent working alongside her parents and siblings on their Kentuckian farm, so the family might survive. Joyce's father had a job and a decent wage at the local boiler plant but feeding a family of 12 was no easy task. "Everything we ate, we grew!" Joyce says. "We raised a cow for beef, one for milk, chickens for eggs and poultry, and Mother would put up over 100 quarts of fruit every year with her canning. We'd even make syrup from the sap of the trees that surrounded our house."

As the Depression deepened, Joyce's father lost the job that had kept the proverbial wolf from their door, so he struck out to find work, eventually landing in Texas with relatives. It wasn't long after that his wife and children joined him in the Lone Star state, and Joyce remembers fondly a season spent picking cotton alongside her cousins on her uncle's ranch. Though the work was hard, often starting at dawn and ending with the sunset, Joyce smiles fondly at the recollection. "When you have to work to eat, you learn to enjoy it," she quips.

Traveling across the country wasn't easy, in those days. Money for gasoline and food was hard to come by, so frequent stops were made to pick up enough work to get to the next destination. After the cotton season in Texas was over, Joyce and her family continued westward, working in Phoenix for a season before finally arriving in California more than a *year* after their departure. The family would spend the next 4 years working as farm hands on a ranch just outside of Dos Palos, the owner so impressed by the hardworking family that he had a series of cabins built just so they could live together.

Just before Christmas in 1941, the world radically changed when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor and the nation was thrust into the middle of World War II. With most of the men heading off to serve their country, it fell to the daughters, sisters and wives left behind to find work and feed their families. At just 15 years old, Joyce was one of these young women, giving up her high school education to spend her days gassing up the planes at Eagle Field. Once just a small country airfield used by little more than crop dusters, the United States Army took it over in 1942, turning it into a training base where newly-recruited pilots were taught to fly before they headed overseas. "My sister, she drove the truck and I'd hop up on the wings of the plane and fill 'em up. It's so sad we have to have a war to put everyone to work," Joyce remarks.

In 1942, his oldest sons now grown and off fighting, Joyce's father headed north in hopes of finding better work, ultimately landing at the shipyards in Richmond, California. Three of his daughters would join him on the job, the two oldest finding positions as welders, while younger Joyce was hired as a burner. Since girls under the age of 18 weren't permitted to work in the shipyards, Joyce had to lie about her age, going from 16 to "19" overnight. Dressing daily in head-to-toe protective gear like leather aprons, elbow-length gloves and steel-toed boots, Joyce spent her teens with an acetylene torch in hand, piecing together metal work on the "Liberty" ships—large freighters that carried supplies and ammunition to the fighting men across the sea. When asked about the working conditions in the shipyard, Joyce just smiles. "When you've been working all your life, it wasn't really that big of a deal. And it was good money, the most I'd ever made."

When the war ended in 1945 and there was no longer the need for ships (or those who built them), the sisters were summarily dismissed from their positions and sent on their way. The family was lucky enough to relocate to a suitable plot of land just outside Stockton, and it was just a short while later that Joyce would meet the man she'd marry. "I was working up at Camp Beale and I'd already made up my mind I would never date any of the young men there. They'd all just come back from the war, and I knew that *any* girl was looking pretty good to them by then," Joyce chuckles.

Five of Joyce's brothers served in the army forces during the war. Joyce is a real life Rosie the Riveter!

You can read more about Joyce and her life at [A Labor of Love \(eskaton.org\)](http://A Labor of Love (eskaton.org)) and <https://youtu.be/mE6qcotgCD8>

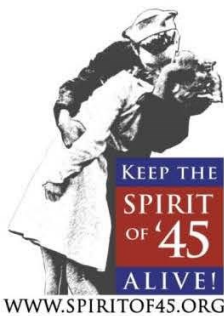
Thank you to Joyce's daughter, Roberta Schramek, for sending me the information on her mom.. And, Thank you Joyce...!



Joyce Schramek



Joyce's family



# Saturday, August 12th, 2023

## History Park at Kelley Park, San Jose

Transport your WWII military vehicle back to WWII at Spirit of '45 Day and Swing Dance  
**(Period correct MVs, STOCK ONLY)** New Event Hours: 2pm-10pm  
All vehicles **MUST** be parked by 1:30pm. 635 Phelan Ave, San Jose, CA 95112



**Limited to 25 automobiles. Don't DELAY Register TODAY! Registration DEADLINE August 5th.**

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YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ MAKE \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy#: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, in consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate, by execution of this form, accept the risks inherent in the event, and hereby release **Spirit of '45 and History San Jose**, their volunteers, committee, staff and agents from any and all loss, liability or damage caused to the Driver, Co-driver, or Driver's property including claims for negligence arising from said event. I understand that my automobile's insurance will be solely responsible for any property damage or liability claims that occur at said event. I hereby give my permission for any and all photos/videos of my vehicle to be used for any publications

Driver signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Submit your registration to: Spirit of '45 at 1650 Senter Rd. San Jose, CA 95112  
Or Email: robertjcorpus@gmail.com Robert Corpus at (408) 887-3311





**MVCC Sept 10-16<sup>th</sup> 2023 Camp Plymouth Registration**  
**FALL MEET**

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**4 night minimum stay 13-16<sup>th</sup> 2023** at 49er RV Resort– No tents at 49er RV Resort

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check Out Date \_\_\_\_\_ **Payment in full paid to Camp 49er by Aug 8<sup>th</sup> -2023**

Assigned Site # / # of Nights /	Description of Site, Pick one	
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**Amador County Fairgrounds, 18621 Sherwood St. Plymouth, Ca. 95669**

No minimum stay for dry sites, no RV's, 1 vehicle & 1 tent per site, **4 night stay for water/electric sites April 13<sup>th</sup>-16th 2023**

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check Out Date \_\_\_\_\_ **Payment in full to MVCC by Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 2023**

Assigned Site # / # of Nights /	Description of site, Pick one	/ Per Night / Total
	(\$35) Dry Tent – Military _____ Civilian _____ (\$35) Dry Car – Pickup Camper _____ Utility Trailer _____  (\$45) Water/Electric – Tent ___ Military ___ Civilian ___ (4 night stay for Water/Electric) No RV's	

***No refunds after Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 2023***

**Fairgrounds camping payment should be made to: Military Vehicle Collectors of California, 850 Elm Ave, Gustine, Ca, 95322 C/O Christina Verissimo.** For more information: mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com . All vehicles operating on public roads must be currently registered/ have insurance coverage.

In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate, participant and spectators, by execution of this entry form, release and discharge the producers of any and all known or unknown damages, injuries and or losses.

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Please Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## SS Jeremiah O'Brien Liberty Ship 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cruise and MV Display Update Event Will be Rescheduled or Cancelled

By John Neuenburg

I wrote an article in the last newsletter about this MV display and Bay cruise in San Francisco so I won't repeat it all here. It turns out their scheduled visit to the Mare Island drydock for maintenance has been pushed back to August, so the weekend of the 19<sup>th</sup> is out. They won't do it in July because of an event in the Pier 35 building and September is too close to Fleet Week. They are considering inviting our display on Fleet Week weekend, October 7-8, 2023. They do bay cruises both days and are out there during the air show which will include the Blue Angels. The air show is also Friday as is the Parade of Ships.



*In 1994 they sailed the ship to England and France for the Normandy 50<sup>th</sup>. Many of the crew were WW2 Merchant Marine or Navy Armed Guards!*

They are checking with the Navy about the use of the pier building for O'Brien volunteer parking plus our display and tow vehicle parking. As I mentioned, they moved the ship from Pier 45 ½ to a high visibility spot at Pier 35 West. But a Navy ship might be tied up on Pier 35 East and the Navy will have say over what happens in the building or not. The Navy might have say over a MV display outside by the O'Brien. We would have to drive through the building to get out those doors. If that is OK but parking tow vehicles inside is not, then I would try to find another place to unload and park. Those driving MVs to the pier would not have that issue.

If all this works out and we receive cruise boarding passes for MV participation, it will likely be for Sunday, not Saturday because they normally sell out on Saturday. It would be lost revenue to include us then.

Having a free parking place during Fleet Week weekend not far from air show center and all the shopping and dining places would be a rare treat.

I am building a list of interested people and their WW2 MVs and if they can display both days or only one, and if they want to stay aboard the ship Friday and/or Saturday. So please contact me at 415-847-2801 or in [garage@hotmail.com](mailto:garage@hotmail.com). I will post this tentative event on the MVCC forum on [www.G503.com](http://www.G503.com) with updates in-between newsletters.

*1942 WWII 95th Coastal Artillery soldier in canvas topped truck Oahu Hawaii*

*Pinup Girl 1950's Actress Adele Mara*



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

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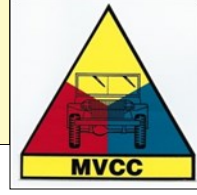
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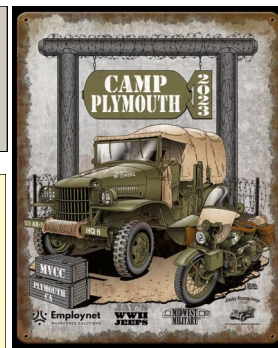
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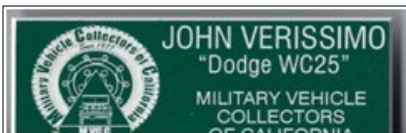
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**For Sale:** GPW Engine, Serial Number 144723, no manifolds. GPW block and parts, Serial Number 18971. CJ-2A complete frame with front and rear differentials with 15" Jeep wheels. Contact Alvin Rentsch (707)972-8726

**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](mailto: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-** Ford Jeep Engine Runs #271-256 (no bolt on's) \$1,400. Ford Jeep Engine, Runs, #133-810 (no bolt on's) \$1,000. Willys CJ Jeep Engine, runs (no bolt on's) \$1,000. Harold Tufenkjian -(559)266-7520 Fresno, Ca.

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



**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.



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**For Sale -** 1942 Ford script parts Jeep - complete as-is - includes grill, fenders, hood, body tub, reproduction rear panel, axels, etc - unregistered frame. \$4,100 OBO.

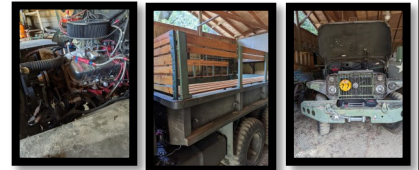
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**For Sale—**M-37 Dodge, 1953, for sale. Santa Cruz, area. \$5800. Call 831-588-3866

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**For Sale-** Ford GTBs and parts as a Lot. Re-built transmission, cargo bed, etc. All GTBs to be sold together. 2 GTBs and 2 Parts GTBs \$5,000 or best offer John Azevedo (559)381-2656



**For Sale-** 2 M100 trailers. 1/2 Command Car, body cut behind front Seat. Fred Kennedy (209)639-9724



**For sale:** 1962 REO M49 Deuce and half with extra oa331 motor and many extra parts, needs to be restored, no title. \$4000. Also 1942 Chevrolet CCKW with non-military boom, needs complete restoration. \$1500. Contact Gregory Hays at 530-677-2519



**Wanted:** For Dodge M37, Crankshaft Pulley, Crankshaft Pulley Hub, Water Pump Pulley for 25 amp generator system. We're replacing the 100 amp system. Contact: Andy, 510-832-4322, [mvcc510925@gmail.com](mailto:mvcc510925@gmail.com)

**For Sale:** NOS Rear Cargo Curtain for a M54 5 ton military truck. The canvas cover is in excellent condition and needs to find a truck to go with it! \$75 or willing to trade for M37 Dodge parts :). Contact: Andy, 510-832-4322, [mvcc510925@gmail.com](mailto:mvcc510925@gmail.com)

**For Sale:** 1966 M151-A2 with M416 Trailer. Current CA Registration. Uncut Jeep Body, No Rust. Running Condition. Comes complete with Radio Mounts, Antennas, Tow Bar, Dash Gun Holder, Trip Wire Cutter, New Tires, Complete Manual Set, and more spare parts that can be listed here. Asking \$17,500. Vehicle is located in Vallejo, CA. Contact Art Doran (925) 366-8610.



**For Sale:** Willys 6cyl Super Hurricane Motor. This motor was a running motor when pulled. Used in Willys P/U Trucks and Wagons from the 50's- the 60's. Will bolt up to T90 transmission. Motor is complete with Carb, Intake, Exhaust manifold, Generator, and Distributer. Black oil on the dip stick. Asking \$800 Scott 415 259 8177



**For Sale:** Military Canvas Tents. 16' X 16' Squad tents w/poles \$250 Hexagon Mountain Tent complete N.O.S. \$200

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**Wanted:** WW 2 Era 8 foot officers wall tent. I live in Colorado but would like to take delivery at Plymouth 2023. I will take it at Plymouth and send it back with me. Cash, NO shipping Hassle. Please contact Russ Morgan 970-669-9099 [morganru@oncimage.com](mailto:morganru@oncimage.com)



**WANTED:** M-37 winch bumper parts. Need both driver and passenger side front bumpers, extensions, winch to bumper angle brackets, pto, pto bracket with handle. Please contact John Sorensen (707)486-2882 or email [rattlecanjohnny@gmail.com](mailto:rattlecanjohnny@gmail.com)



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**For Sale**-M151 series Original - M-4 Machine gun mount assembly. \$900. 2. M-142 machine gun M-60 cradle. \$950. Sold together only. Shipping not included. Brad Carrott (831)345-0372  
Bradcarrott@gmail.com

**For Sale**-M-274 A5, 1968 (Mechanical Mule) \$15,000 obo, Fresh paint, Full electric start. Two front baskets and seats. Driving lights. Extra engine, spare parts. Runs perfect, 13.5 hours on current engine. Tow bar, (N.O.S.). Replaced tie rods. New tires, with spare. Full set of manuals. New steering wheel (N.O.S).



**WANTED**- DDAY JEEP FRIENDS, I am planning on shipping my jeep to France next year, for the D-Day 80th Anniversary events. I am looking for others who might want to combine shipping with me, to hopefully lower overall costs. I am in Northern California, near Sacramento. Contact Todd at (707) 312-1844.

**FOR SALE:** 1946 Chevrolet Fleetmaster U.S. Army Staff car \$12,000 OBO – New carpet kit and plenty of extras. Contact Jeff Sutherland at Cell (209) 456-1581 or Home/Office (209) 365-1132



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**FOR SALE:** 1953 M-43 Dodge Ambulance ¾ Ton 4X4. \$18,000 OBO- Plenty of extras. 24 Volt, Runs Great, All Original with U.S. Army Colors. Contact Jeff Sutherland at Cell (209) 456-1581 or Home/Office (209) 365-1132



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# Best of the West Show by Bill Lander

June 6, 2023

To: Johnny Verissimo

From: Bill Lander

Subject: Best of the West (Antique Equipment Show) May 25-28,2023

Location: Santa Margarita Ranch, Santa Margarita, Ca.

The 2023 Best of the West Antique Equipment Show was held over the Memorial Weekend. The show featured Military Vehicles, Vintage Planes, Trains, Tractors, Engines, Automobiles, Horses, Mules and Wagons.

There were approximately 40 military vehicles attending the event. Including Oshkosh fire trucks, M-35 2 1/2 ton and 5 ton trucks, Jeeps, Humvees, Vietnam era gun truck, M-37 weapons carrier, WC 54, post WW 1 Trucks, Vietnam era Mule, Half Track, Vietnam era ambulances and many more.

Every afternoon of the show. A memorial ceremony was held with a fly over and a tribute convoy then drove around the event area displaying the military vehicles in operation.

The event was a wonderful way to honor our service members past and present.

Lest we forget.



# The "Mystery can" has a name, by Robin and Carol Bartel

Collectors have been calling this can "experimental" or "mystery can" for many years. Officially to the US Army it was known as Can, Gasoline, 5-Gallon, Model DHC-42.

US Army officer Letcher O. Grice submitted his design to the US Patent Office on 13 March, 1942. It essentially was a cam-lock lid replacing the then standard screw on cap that the 5 gallon fuel container (universally known as the Jerry Can) used. His design was utilized exclusively by the Monarch Company, having the new lids manufactured by the McCord Radiator Company.

On 13 April 1942, 100 such cans were submitted by the Desert Warfare Board, to Headquarters 207th Quartermaster Battalion Gasoline Supply at Camp Young, California, to be field tested. The test consisted of filling and emptying the cans during daylight and blackout conditions, cross country hauling for 15 hours, and normal motor pool operations over a period of two weeks. The results were mixed and several deficiencies were found, i.e. the cap's gasket was easily lost and fuel tended to vent violently when the cam was lifted. The 207th QMGS recommended that the can not be adopted. However the Desert Warfare Board did recommend its adoption if the problems could be corrected. Apparently the problems did get fixed as 69,000 cans were made during the Duration. The new cap received US Patent Number 2365695 on 26 December 1944.



Examples exist dated 1942 and 1943, and some of the caps have the trade name McCORD stamped in them while others do not. The can's opening is threaded inside to accept the early WW2 brass fuel can nozzle, yet it will also accept the cam lever nozzle. During the research for this article I could not find what DHC actually stands for. So the mystery continues.....



Lillian Bond - c.1934

Gas Can photos by Robin Bartel

# Eagle Field Dinner Dance and Fly In by Johnny Verissimo

The June 2-3rd 2023 Eagle Field Dinner Dance and Fly In has come and gone. For some of us, Eagle Field, has become a tradition that you just can't miss. I've heard "it's like stepping back in time" and "like walking into a time capsule" when new people come to Eagle Field. First timers to Eagle Field are always blown away that there is still an administration building, one of the original hangers, the runway and one section of barracks still standing.

**Guest of honor was Joyce O'Connor**, who at 15, fueled PT22 trainer planes, with her sister, 17, at Eagle Field during WW2. It was an AMAZING honor to have her there at Eagle Field. She said she had not been back since the war ended. Thank you to her daughter, Roberta Schramek, for bringing her to the field, and to Robert Corpus, for contacting me and setting it all up. Again, her presence was a GREAT honor to all of us at Eagle Field. **Thank you Joyce...**

Eagle Field, in Dos Palos, California, graduated 5,000 pilots, 2,500 of which are believed to have survived WW2. The last living cadet pilot, who graduated from EF, passed away last year after last year's Eagle Field event, which has bummed all of us a little bit.

This year we had WW2 vehicles, some WW2 trainers, Stearman and PT22, B25 Pacific Princess and some other planes that flew in for the event.

Inside the hanger there was the 21 piece Big Band, the catered dinner, bar, dancing, dessert and outstanding times with outstanding people. Also seen at the event were people dressed in period attire.

Eagle Field Dinner Dance and Fly In is every first week of June. The weather is a determining factor for a good turn out or not. It does get warm in June in the Central Valley. This year we were blessed with good weather. Eagle Field does not have a lot of paved roads, which means the event needs to be sometime after the rains have passed. If Eagle Field eventually does get paved you will then have the option to have the event earlier than later in the year.

Joyce O'Connor



Photos by Dan Gomes

Dinner inside the hanger





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