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# MVCC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Hello MVCC Members,

Well we made it to 2022, goodbye 2021! This is the club's 45<sup>th</sup> year and we all hope it will be one for the record books. We're about 3 months away from Camp Plymouth and time is flying by. I hope everyone has their reservations in with JoAnn by now, if not you may end up in the overflow area near The Swamp.

Again, I'm calling on members to dig out your old event/club photos so we can make an anniversary video. Also if you're coming just for the member dinner, so let us know so we can have a good head count. The rumor mill was running hot with a story of the club maybe moving the dates for April, no we are not nor are we planning to move the event- yes I had someone email if we were moving back to Tower.

I hope for a large turnout for the showcases this year. Each is very different so we should had some real gems. I have added a new MV to my collection and will be showing it in the Barn Find Showcase. Let's set some records for M151s and GTBs this year and show the MV world that the MVCC is back and our meets are a must see event.

Speaking of events, both SoCal and Arizona are having meets soon as well and I would like to see a strong MVCC showing to support our sister clubs. If enough members are going to either or both, maybe we can convoy down.

Well that's it from HQ. Next month I'll have a surprise for one lucky member who bought a jeep-in-crate ticket.

Chris



WC13 found in a barn in Hilmar California.. Won at auction by Chris Thomas



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## MVCC Secretary/ Editor Johnny Verissimo

**Good Morning MVCC! If your reading this CONGRATULATIONS you made it to 2022!!!!**

**What's going on in the MVCC?** Just regular business. Here at HQ I'm processing dues. I get dues in the mail almost on a daily basis. If you're a member and your not sure when your dues are gona expired then most likely your dues are about to expire but if you don't know you can email me anytime and I will gladly look up your information to let you know your status.

**On the front cover.** This year it's a half track and GTB. YES, the artwork for the MVCC's 2022 Meets is here. On this years T-shirts are Tom Günter's half track and Johnny Verissimo's GTB. When Don showed me the final cut I was very pretty happy. Some items at the MVCC Quartermasters are special order like hoodies and button up dickies shirts with this art work on it so please let the Quartermaster know if there is something you want that is special order. Your Quartermaster is Don Gomes (209)765-1273.

**Thank you** to everyone that that I "bug" to write me an article for the newsletter and come through! Huge MASSIVE thank you!

Remember everything you buy at the MVCC Store helps support the MVCC to put on events like the Spring and Fall meets.

**Recommendations for 2023 tshirt?** Is there a vehicle you would like to see on a MVCC event tshirt please shoot me an email with your idea or request and a photo would be cool and helpful.

**There is an ad for the Arizona Military Vehicle Collectors Club Show page 9.** I feel its important for MV clubs to help other MV clubs in anyway they can because there is "strength in numbers." The more events out there the better for the hobby.

**If you're a MVCC member** and like what we do in the MVCC then please pass the word around and maybe hook us up with new members. Like any club there is some truth to "strength in numbers" meaning the more members you have the more you are able to pull off as a group. Example: the larger the group you have the better a deal might be reached with Camp 49er and even the fair-grounds. The larger the group the more the expense can be spread out and shared. If your like me and you love the Spring and Fall Meets and the MVCC newsletter and what it all represents then think about recruiting members and possibly giving someone a membership as a birthday gift? It's the gift that keeps on giving all year round! :)

**I was invited to** go with Chris Thomas to an auction in Hilmar California. Thank you Chris for the invite because that was **fun**, it was so cool to see that Dodge WC13 sitting practically untouched in a barn. And this officially makes Chris Thomas a "Dodge Boy because he had the winning bid." Article about the auction with photos in this newsletter.

Any questions comments or concerns hit me up at [istanbull@sbcglobal.net](mailto:istanbull@sbcglobal.net). Any complaints email me at [something@what.com](mailto:something@what.com) lol... **SPRING MEET 3.7 MONTHS AWAY!!!**

Johnny Verissimo....

**JoAnn made new MVCC vehicle pennants. The new pennants are \$25.00. We had sold out so Joann restocked us. These pennant flags are American Made by JoAnn. Support by putting one on your MV.**





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**MVCC April 25<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> Camp Plymouth Registration  
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***MVCC Member Anniversary Dinner # \_\_\_\_\_***

**49er RV Resort, 18265 HWY 49 Plymouth, Ca. 95669 (209)245-6981**

***4 night minimum stay April 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> at 49er RV Resort– No tents at 49er RV Resort***

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check Out Date \_\_\_\_\_ ***Payment in full paid to Camp 49er by 3-24-2022***

Assigned Site # / # of Nights /	Description of Site, Pick one	/ Per Night /	Total
	RV Standard (\$62.48) _____ RV Premium (\$72.16) _____ Premium Waterfront (\$81.84) _____ Studio Cabin (\$141.60) _____ 1-2 Bed Cabin (\$208.56) _____		

**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 27 to 30<sup>th</sup> 2022***

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check Out Date \_\_\_\_\_ ***Payment in full to MVCC , no refunds after 4/18/2022***

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 refunds after April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022***

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**All vehicle 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. No live firearms displayed or sold, no live ammunition displayed or sold.***

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

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## PRELIMINARY ACTIVITIES (as of 29 Oct 2021)

**Camp Plymouth – 27 Apr to 30 Apr 2022**

**Covid Guidelines per current Amador County requirements**



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

### Tuesday, April 26

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

### Wednesday, April 27

**Swap Meet Happening!!**

### Thursday, April 28

**Swap Meet Continues!!**

**0700 until coffee's gone** - Early Morning Coffee. Location: Fairgrounds Tent Sector near the power/water sites.

**0900 – POKER RALLY.** Register 0900 - 0930 in the Wolin Arena in the Fairgrounds Tent Sector. First vehicle departs @ 0930. \$5/poker hand. Maximum of 2 hands/person. POC: Dave/Nancy Porter (530-391-5650 or 530-391-8006)

**1000 – 1600 – MVCC HQ/Store Open at Sites #188 & 189,** near the Rec Hall at the 49'er. JOIN OR RENEW, meet MVCC officers, see who is camping where, buy the GREAT MVCC Commemorative memorabilia. **Support the MVCC!**

**\*\* Drop off your Raffle Donations @ MVCC Headquarters for the awesome Friday night raffle**

**1000 – 1100 – Club President @ MVCC HQ.** Come by to say Hi or vent.

**1300 – 1600 – SHOWCASE OF UNRESTORED BARN FINDS.** Wolin Arena in the Fairgrounds Tent Sector. POC: Chris Thomas (559-871-6507; The Swamp)

**1400 – WOMEN OF THE MVCC GATHERING (Onsite).** Pool Patio, under the awning. Due to Covid concerns, we won't be sharing food as has been done in the past. But come to visit - bring your own beverage.

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

### Friday, April 29

**Swap Meet Continues!!**

**0700 until coffee's gone** - Early Morning Coffee. Location: Fairgrounds Tent Sector near the power/water sites.

**0900-1200 – GTB SHOWCASE.** Wolin Arena in the Tent Sector @ the Fairgrounds. POC: Don Gomes (MVCC Headquarters)

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**1100 to 1500 – WOMEN'S LUNCH AND SHOPPING EXPEDITION.** Leave @ 11:00 from the front entrance of the 49'er. We will be heading to lunch, then have time for some boutique and antique shopping. May need masks for store and restaurant entry. (Need POC \_\_\_\_\_)

**1300-1600 – M151 SHOWCASE.** Wolin Arena in the Tent Sector @ Amador Fairgrounds. POC: \_\_\_\_\_

**1700 – ALL MEMBER DINNER in the 49'er Rec Hall. RAFFLE DRAWING @ 1900 (lots of great stuff!)**

### Saturday, April 30

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

**0700 until coffee's gone** - Early Morning Coffee. Location: Fairgrounds Tent Sector – near the power/water sites

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

**After General Meeting to 1600 – MVCC HQ/Store Open at Sites #188 & 189,** near the Rec Hall. JOIN OR RENEW, meet MVCC officers, buy the GREAT MVCC Commemorative memorabilia. **Support the MVCC!** -

**1230 – CONVOY & TOUR** (Details to be released soon. Actual tour time will be 1300-1500. POC: Dave Porter – 530-391-8006)



## My trip to an auction by Johnny Verissimo

Who doesn't like an auction? Not me, I find them to be too stressful, even when its not my money that's being spent.

Chris Thomas sent me a picture of a 1/2 ton WC13 that was gona be auctioned off on the 16th of this past December. DUDE when I saw it I was like WOW! I was like that's a super cool barn find! But it was gona be auctioned off as part of a estate farm sale so you gotta figure its gona get nuts when it comes to prices.

Chris asked me if I wanted to go and since it was in Hilmar California which is only like 20 minutes from my house I was like yeah I'll go for moral support and it would be kinda cool to see the Dodge WC13 in person. Well seeing the Dodge in person did not disappoint at all, this Dodge still has the wood bed with wood bench troop seats and the wood that holds the troop seats! As I was looking at her Chris told me the only things missing were the two reflectors and a tail light!

When I got to this little farm I was surprised to see so few people but then when I saw that there were only 60 auction items it made since. As I got out of my truck I saw Jay Hinton get there who is another MVCC member and good friend. So at this auction were 3 MVCC members of which 2 were interested in the Dodge WC13 as were many others.

Also at this auction was a 1942 International Dump Truck with all original data plates. Unfortunately she was kinda rough but still very cool find.

**So results:** Chris Thomas won the bid with \$3,750.00. Out the door it was \$4,125.00. The bidding was over as fast as it started. Exciting and crazy at the same time. Before the auction started Chris, Jay and myself felt it would at least hit \$5,000.00 for the WC13.



The 1942 International Truck sold for \$200.00

*Photos by Johnny Verissimo*







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Happy New Year MV'ers!

Hope you've had a wonderful Holiday Season. Happy New Year! Things here have been a bit chaotic as the first semester is wrapping up and Henry is running the show at home. We did manage to get out last weekend to enjoy Frank Raines OHV park near Patterson. We took the XJ (heat and such), but I'd like to take the M37 down there to play. The park is in the middle of the coastal range and this time of year it's not crowded or dusty. The drive out there is beautiful and the park is well maintained by a great staff. Anyone up for a weekend playing in the dirt? Henry sleeps best in a moving vehicle! I'm looking forward to '22!

Andy



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Hello MVCC'ers!

Happy New Year to one and all! As I'm writing this, we just received our first snow accumulation here in Northern Nevada, and everything is covered in white, while the DOT sprays salty brine on the streets to prevent icy roads and also to boost auto sales due to cars prematurely rusting out.

Not much happening around here now that Winter has set in. The HMMWV is hibernating in the shop and standing by for its next mission, while I have been enjoying the new shop heater I got installed last Spring. It sure is nice to watch the snow fall outside while working in the shop in a T-Shirt. And now I can do painting on my projects year-round!

The beginning of a new year often makes us take stock of where we've been, and where we hope to go. I'm still amazed and impressed with how big and diverse our '21 Spring Meet was. Largest meet ever in the history of the MVCC is an impressive achievement, and we have each other to thank for making it happen, along with our Board and most of all, JoAnn Lesser. I think we'd all be hanging out in a Denny's parking lot somewhere were it not for JoAnn's tireless work to keep us organized and assigned to a camp-site.

2022 brings the club's 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary! And your Board has plans to make this year's Spring Meet even more fun! Chis has been plotting for most of 2021, and I can't wait to see what he comes up with. Bottom line, make SURE you don't miss the '22 Camp Plymouth Spring Meet!

I hope all of you had a great Christmas Holiday, and that Santa brought you some new OD treasures to either further your project, or adorn your current ride.

I look forward to seeing everyone in 2022, and I'm excited to see what our MV hobby brings us in this new year. Stay safe, and get to work on your PMCS! April is only 4 months away!

-Sean







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*Happy New Years to all MVCC Members. I hope all is well!*

One day back in June I was on FB market place and happened to see a little K38 Military trailer marked as yard art for a very reasonable price. So I said to myself my good friend Johnny would like this little trailer for a restoration project. So I sent the listing to Johnny and he said hell yeah so he contacted the owner and asked if it was still available. The owner said yes so Johnny jumped in the pickup and headed to LA. Oh yeah did I say the K38 was located in LA, 10 hrs later Johnny was back in Gustine with the K38. Well it sat for 6 months outside till Johnny and I could start the restoration, the trailer had 18 2inch holes on all four sides and another 2 big holes to fix. I sent Johnny to Ceres Pipe and Metal to find a small sheet of the same thickness of metal to cut all the patches from. The next thing we did was saw out all the 2 inch plugs and the square patches. It took me two days to repair all the metal except for the small lower tool box at the rear which won't close right. This little trailer looks much better and is almost ready for a good sand blasting and then I can do the finishing bodywork and primer then send it off to Johnny to shoot a coat of OD on her.

Don't forget the GTB Camp Plymouth Spring Meet Showcase on the Friday of the Spring Meet from 9am to 12pm.

Keeping The GTB History Alive !

MVCC V.P Don Gomes







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Hello North Bay West and beyond,

Happy New Year to all of our membership. Not much to report here in the North Bay except the rain! It is good to see it back! Like all of us I hope it continues till April. As the cold and wet weather return we retreat to our garages, barns, and shops to our new or ongoing projects. We continue to hunt for those “must have” rigs that keep our interest in this great hobby of ours alive. I wish you all good health and happiness in the new year. Continue to collect those goodies for the swap meet and continue to save the rusty gold.

New dates for the Vintage 4X4 Expedition at Ryan Shelly's cabin in Somerset are Feb. 18-21, 2022. Great fun in the snow with a camping option at his family's cabin. POC is Ryan Shelly (925) 395-1100. Check it out on YouTube from 2020.

I wish I had an update on my M38 project, but I don't. I had to breakdown and buy a repo tank from Kaiser Willys (which is a MD Wrong) in July, in hopes that it would have shown up in August for hunting season. This was after I bought 2 junk tanks at the swap meet that didn't work. Still no fuel tank! Unbelievable! In October I called Kaiser Willys got find out what the hell is going on. They said it was going to be direct from the Philippines. It is Christmas, and still no tank! I tell you, if you have restored a M38 you feel my pain! Still looking for a tank.

Keep your powder dry, Scott Rohrs

## From the Arizona Military Vehicle Collectors Club

Season's Greetings MVCC,

The Arizona Military Vehicle Collectors Club (AMVCC) would like to formally invite all our California MV friends to reserve a Swap Meet Space for our 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Arizona Military Vehicle Show! ...or just come join us for the show; bring your military vehicle(s) to display at no charge.

This year promises to have the ***Largest Attendance ever***: we've teamed up with the Buckeye Air Fair, joining forces to provide an amazing event. Many food vendors, a kid-zone, aircraft, air shows and more. Recent Buckeye Air Fair attendance has been around 30,000! That's 10-15 times our solo MV event attendance: a great opportunity. Google the Buckeye Air Fair for more on activities and attractions or go to <http://www.buckeyeairfair.com/>.

Swap Meet set up starts Thursday, 17 February 2022 (all day) and each morning Feb 18-20, 0630-0845 hrs. This is a 3-day Show. Onsite camping is available and a great option, but please coordinate with us if you wish to camp on site... details to follow; many still being finalized.

Please go to <http://www.armytrucks.org/> to view the show flyer, layout, and Swap Meet application.

FYI we are getting away from the term “Vendor” since booths in our Military Vehicle Show are more of a Swap Meet or Flea Market, mostly dealing in vehicle parts, militaria and surplus. Also, the Buckeye Air Fair charges “Vendors” selling food, souvenirs, and other new products an appropriate commercial rate, much greater than our members could afford. You will be quoted such a rate if you contact them for a vendor space. Please call me with any questions.

I look forward to hearing from you and I'm happy to explain in more detail why we've moved the show out west of Phoenix and the many advantages that brings in terms of family events, amazing aircraft, food, camping, and so much more.

### Joe Snodgrass

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# UPCOMING EVENTS



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**March 9-13 2022:** Military Vehicle Camp Out and Show in La Paz County Park in Arizona. Ad on page 21

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

**May 22, 2022:** Ron Fitzpatrick Jeep Parts open house in Central Point Oregon. Military Vehicle Show and Swap Meet. Free Lunch RSVP (541)830-3030 10AM to 4PM.

**June 4th 2022** - Eagle Field Dinner Dance and Fly In/Military Vehicle Event. POC is Chris Thomas (559)871-6507

**July 4th 2022:** Gustine 4th of July Parade. POC is Don Gomes. (209)765-1273. Meet at 850 Elm Ave at 9AM.

**September 11 thru Saturday September 17, 2022** MVCC Fall Meet in Plymouth California. As usual 4 night minimum stay beginning Wednesday, September 17, 2022

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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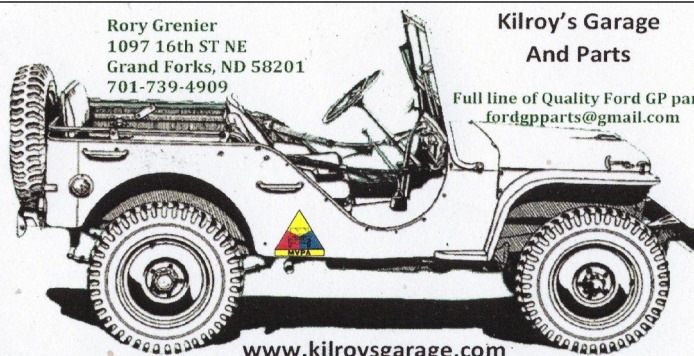
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January 2022! VPs message

Hoping everyone had a great Christmas and a safe Holiday period overall. It's almost unbelievable that we're into 2022 already but let's all look forward to what the new year holds for the MVCC. I don't think anyone will miss 2021. JoAnn and I are actively working on the April Plymouth meet planning and as our 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary looms in the near future we're excited that this meet will be one of our best ever.

All is calm here on the Peninsula with no events scheduled so there's plenty of time to prepare for Plymouth. A quick note that when you fill in your application please remember to check the box for the anniversary dinner and let us know how many people will be attending in your group. This will help us plan the meal so we don't over or under prepare for it. Right now we're planning on doing a 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary wine offering that will be done in the same fashion as the wine we did at the Alameda Convention in 2003. This was done on a donation to the club basis where you bought a ticket that could be exchanged for a bottle of wine. It's incredible that this convention was 18 years ago! I guess the memories of great shows stay around forever!

Keep 'em Rolling

Kurt Lesser

## **EAGLE FIELD DINNER DANCE AND FLY IN 2022**

**Celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Eagle Field**

**June 3, 4 & 5 2022**

**Jun 4<sup>th</sup> will be the Dinner and Fly In**

**At historic Eagle Field in Dos Palos, California**

**Come see vintage historic military planes, military vehicles and historic Eagle Field WW2 Pilot Training Field**

**WE WANT YOU!**

**Save the Date!**

**More information to follow!**









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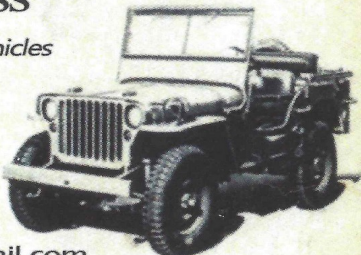
Season's Greetings, Happy New Year and Keep 'Em Rollin',

The annual Festival of Lights Parade in Auburn was held on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Doug O'Neil, Tom Gunther and I participated with three decorated jeeps: Doug with his '43 MB and M100 trailer, Tom with his M38A1 and me with my '43 GPW. All three jeeps were decorated with lights and made a good showing as "Christmas Jeeps" in the parade. We were entry number 56, which has special significance for me because 56 is a number that keeps showing up in my life ...it was my draft number, my squadron number and a few other things. Hope everyone had a good Christmas! Looking forward to all the Military Vehicle events in 2022!

Dave




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## Spruce Goose and the Evergreen Museum By MVCC member Eirk Terberg

When Mary and I travel, we try to take our time and make very few day to day plans. There was no long trip in 2020 because everything was closed but we were invited to a wedding in Rhode Island in August 2021 so that became the focus of our trip. Everything else was up in the air. With the motorhome loaded and the Wrangler attached, off we went at the beginning of July. Now the quickest way to the east coast from So Cal is to just head east but that is much too simple, especially when there are good friends to visit in the Pacific Northwest. We headed north. The last time we went through Oregon, we skipped visiting the Spruce Goose. This time we stopped at the Evergreen Museum in McMinnville, Oregon. The Spruce Goose is big enough that I couldn't get it all into one photo. Big enough that there is an F-100 Super Sabre, an FW-190, an ME-262, an F-7 Corsair, an F-105 Thunderchief, an F-86 Sabrejet and several other planes all tucked under the wings and around the fuselage. There are many more military and non-military aircraft including a helicopter with bullet holes acquired in Vietnam. There is a large section devoted to aerospace with a model of the Lunar Landing Module, a model of the Lunar Rover and some interactive displays. They even have an example of a Titan II rocket, which was used in the Gemini program. The museum also has an SR-71 Blackbird. Very cool.



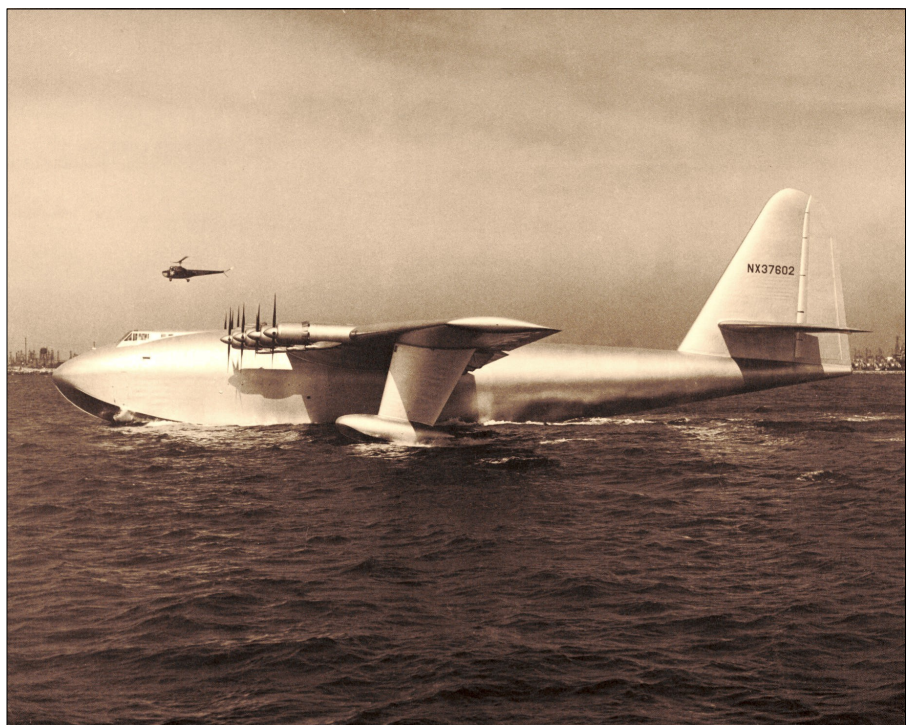
For those of you who don't know about the Spruce Goose, it is the largest wooden airplane with a wingspan of more than 300 feet that only flew one time across Los Angeles Harbor on November 2, 1947. It is the only Hughes H-4 Hercules ever built. A strategic prototype airlift flying boat, Hughes Aircraft designed it as a trans-Atlantic flight transport but it was not finished in time to be used in WW II. Powered by eight Pratt & Whitney 3000 hp engines it weighs 250,000 pounds empty and was designed to carry 150,000 pounds. One interesting feature is an elevator which will lift a crew member up through the top of the fuselage so he has a better view while taxiing.



If you are ever traveling through Oregon, schedule a visit. You can read about how it took 138 days to transport the plane from Long Beach to McMinnville and how they designed and built building specifically for the Spruce Goose. Happy travels!

Erik Terberg

*Photos by Erik Terberg*





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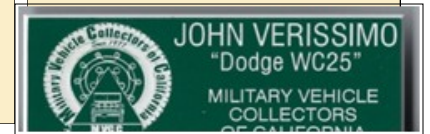


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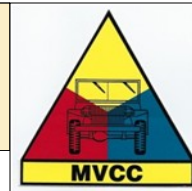
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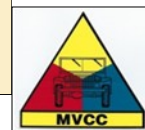
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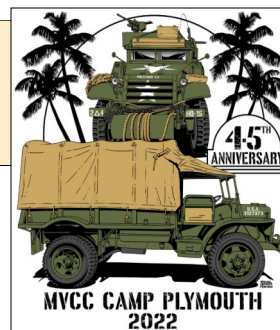
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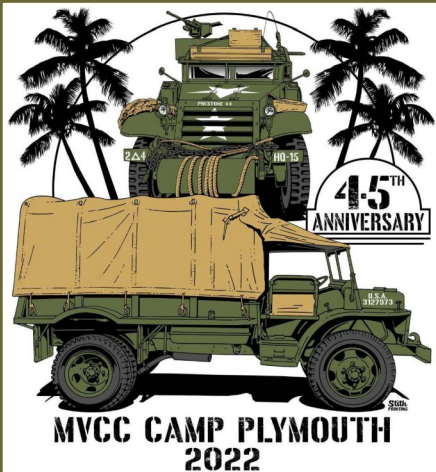
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## Christmas Parade, Friday, December 3rd

by MVCC members Frank and Florence Simon

I am part of a group of MVer's in the San Luis Obispo area. We call ourselves the Central Coast Convoy. We've been participating in parades for 10 years in local towns.

About 5 years ago, I became affiliated with the U. S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Central Coast Division. The Cadets are from 10 to 17 years old. They have been riding along with us in every parade since. The past two years the cadets entered the San Luis Obispo Christmas parade, and invited me and my wife to follow them in the parade in one of our military vehicles.

The Cadets color guard march first, second are the cadets, third are the leaders, fourth is my wife, Florence and myself in our WC4. Both years we were #1 in the parade and received fantastic response from the crowd.

It is a great parade with lots of enthusiasm, a great way to start the Christmas season.

Frank & Florence M. Simon





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**EVENT SUPPORTERS:** This years' event is supported by both the *Southern California Military Vehicle Collectors Club (SCMVCC)* and the *Arizona Military Vehicles Collectors Club (AMVCC)*.

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Howdy MVer's,

Tis the season for working on your MV's indoors. The wet weather has given me the nudge I needed to re-start the halftrack project. If you recall, the halftrack I found was repurposed into a weed abatement spray rig. last year I cut off a ton of the rigging and removed the spray tank but hadn't got to the tougher pieces. The previous owner welded a ton of rigging onto the halftrack to handle the spray arms etc. Unfortunately, they used pieces of the halftrack itself and cut them to make the rigging pieces. Using a cut-off wheel, I carefully cut the welds to release the pieces.

Lucky for me the person who welded on the truck wasn't that great of a welder. The penetration was not too deep so I could grind a bit then knock off the piece with minimal grinding into the halftrack.

I spent the good portion of a day cutting and grinding off all kinds of weird parts, pieces and rigging. My pile of "cutoffs" grew pretty quickly. I heard that armored plate can break when welded. I have a piece "broken" where they tried to weld the gas can bracket in a different position on the halftrack. pretty interesting to say the least. Here is my current "cutoff" pile. As you can see, unfortunately many of the armor pieces of the truck were cut up.

I'll be working on and off the halftrack this winter so if anyone is interested in helping me continue the process of disassembling this halftrack, don't hesitate to volunteer. Food and adult beverages are included.

*Photos by Mike Fedyk*





Tis the season for holiday parades as well. I entered the HEMTT in our local lighted parade. Let me tell you, 36 feet of truck eats up a lot of Christmas Lights quickly. Thank goodness my neighbor had some extra strands because the store shelves were bare. My wife Lori just kept saying "more lights". I think we ended up putting 12 strands of 100 lights each for total of 1200 bulbs plus the lighted wreath on the front. If you compare the HEMTT to the tractor behind us in the picture, we'll definitely need "MORE LIGHTS" next year. I placed a small generator in the bed of the truck and tied it down so it wouldn't bounce around during the drive to, from and during the parade. When I was signing up the truck, the organizer mentioned she had never had an MV enter the parade. I think it would be great if we could get a few MVs to participate next year.

The crowd was going crazy over the Big Green Iron as we rolled down the parade route. The HEMTT was certainly the hit of the parade...in my opinion. We will certainly participate again next year. I just need to come up with a good theme for the truck and decorate it accordingly.

This may be a bit premature but I'm the POC this spring for the M151 Mutt showcase at camp Plymouth. Be sure to spend this winter getting your Mutt(s) ready for the showcase.

As always, please share with me your projects, pictures and events so I can post them in our newsletter for all to enjoy and participate.

Regards,

Big Mike



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