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Arizona Meet, registrations, Classifieds, Plymouth, California, Poker Rally, Photos, Presidents message and more...

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Russ Morgan's M18 Hellcat, photo by Phil Kern

M18 Hellcat at the Arizona Military Vehicle Collectors Club Meet

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MVCC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Hello MVCC!

We're down to the home stretch for Camp Plymouth. Some people are still finishing up projects for the meet and others are already cleaning out the garage for more OD stuff to sale. So, please made sure you have all your camping plans set, we've had some people still calling the 49'er RV park for site, you must contact JoAnn for your sites at the 49'er AND the fairgrounds ASAP. The old saying "He who snoozes, loses" applies here.

The showcases this year are really having a lot of people looking forward to them. Dodges, Military Motorcycles and WWII Jeeps Showcases are all expected to have a large turnout this year. I would like to know if anyone can pull a hat trick of having something in each of the three showcases this year? Any takers?

One more thing, club election are this year so please think about running for office. I'll be at the Club HQ from 10:00 am to 11:00 am, so members can swing by and have a chat about any and all club business. This is your club, you - the membership are the ones who tell the MVCC Board how you want the club ran.

Please plan on making the membership meeting on Saturday, some of many things we'll talk about is our Fall meet location, MVPA, and more!

That's it from here. The next newsletter will have our coverage of the SCMVCC/AZMVCC clubs' joint meet in Parker AZ.

See You All at Plymouth! Chris...

M800 Series Wrecker hauling my Command Car parts truck Car to my trailer, photo by Johnny Verissimo



Chris and his parts Dodge Command Car, photo by Johnny

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Good Morning Hawaii,

In 41 days I will be a the Military Vehicle Collectors of California April Meet named Camp Plymouth in Plymouth California. This is where the MVCC does a take over of the Amador County Fairgrounds and the 49er RV Resort. This is huge, big, massive, a great time to be had by anyone into military vehicles, US history, US military history, militaria, swap meet, showcases and wine.

My quest to own my very own WW2? I've seen the movie "The Bridge At Remagen" some 200 times since I was a little boy, and since then my mission was buy my very own WW2 Jeep. When Christina and I got married in 1990 we decided we were gona do it so the search was on. Being that we were young and were not experienced military vehicle people and could not find a WW2 Jeep, we ended up buying our very first MV which was a 1966 Ford M151A1 with 416 trailer, it was love at first sight. Still, my heart is still aching for that elusive WW2 Jeep I still don't have. Its crazy how 33 years have gone by so fast and its nuts how every time you think this is it, its gona happen, something else happens or pops up. Every time I see a photo of a WW2 jeep online I go through the "five stages," Anger, grief, denial, sad, acceptance, lol...

Just got my 1/43 scale 1941 WC6 Dodge Command Car in the mail. Thank you Mark Melville for getting me this cool model on eBay. The bummer part is the shipping because it came from Portugal. But other than that I do recommend it a lot, so much so I just bought another one with the tan camo paint scheme.



Paying your MVCC Dues at the Camp Plymouth Event. Your more than welcome to pay your MVCC dues at Camp Plymouth. Just go to the MVCC HQ booth at space 189, on the 49er RV side, near the entrance to the resort, and ask to pay your dues, someone will give you a registration form to fill out, they will then take your registration form and your money, you will received your membership card and information in about 2 weeks or so after the event when it is processed. As your club secretary I don't process any dues at the event because like you all I am also a club member who wants to enjoy the event to the best of my ability while also working for the club by hunting down articles and photos for the newsletter, volunteering at the HQ Booth, helping our quartermaster and treasurer, answering questions, stopping by the Dodge Boys Bar, helping members in need of help, being a gopher, etc. In between all the above I would like to check out the venders as well as meet and greet folks coming to our event.

Thank you to my friends at Midwest Military (John Bizal), employnet.com(Charles Tope), Jay Hinton Jeep Parts (Jay Hinton and Jimmy Strauss Restorations(Jimmy Strauss) for sponsoring the t-shirts this year. Thank you to Ron Fitzpatrick Jeep Parts (Ron Fitzpatrick) for sponsoring the Jeep and Motorcycle Showcase and thank you again Midwest Military (John Bizal) for sponsoring the Dodge Showcase. Inflation is up, things do cost more, the MVCC has had to think outside the box and thanks to the above people, the secret donors, and folks like you, we are able to put on our event for all of us. Without the membership there is nothing above, below or in between.

The MVCC is able to provide you with cool event merchandise without the MVCC charging people for attending the event and the MVCC does provide free parking for cars, trucks, trailers semi's etc at the Fairgrounds so you can attend the event without worrying about parking your vehicles. This is all thanks to sponsors, donors and memberships, thank you to all that step and help the MVCC be the MVCC.

Quartermaster is looking for volunteers for the Quartermaster/MVCC HQ booth. Volunteering in the booth is a great way to meet other MVCC members and give back to your club. Please consider and call, text or email Don Gomes.

Arizona Military Vehicle Collectors Club Meet-Thank you to Phil Kern, Brad Carrott and Joe Snodgrass for sending in articles and photos on the very cool Arizona Military Collectors Club February Event. The turnout looked great with a wide variety of military vehicles and venders.

Parker, Arizona- MV Campout and Swap Meet. Chris Thomas and I plan on attending this event and well as try and hit the Fort Mccarthur Great Air Raid of 1942 event in San Pedro, California. It should be a fun filled busy weekend.

Road Trip- you know me, you know I love road trips, and you know I road trips to someone's house to see their MV collection. Huge thank you to Aidan McMackin of Nevada for giving Chris Thomas and I a tour of his collection. All I have to saw is WOW, I loved it. Tons of stuff to see and take photos of. Aidan is a younger collector, a lot younger than Chris and myself that's for sure, which is why Chris and I worked him hard to get him into the MVCC. The average age of a member of the MVCC is, well, higher than 50, lol, so we need new blood to continue what so many have started. We liked Adian and hope he decides to jump in by becoming one of us.

The MVCC wants to start using electronic payments, atms, cards etc. Looking into it as we speak. :)

Johnny Verissimo

A Ford GTBS and myself in Nevada. Thanks Aidan for the tour of your place. Photo by Christ Thomas

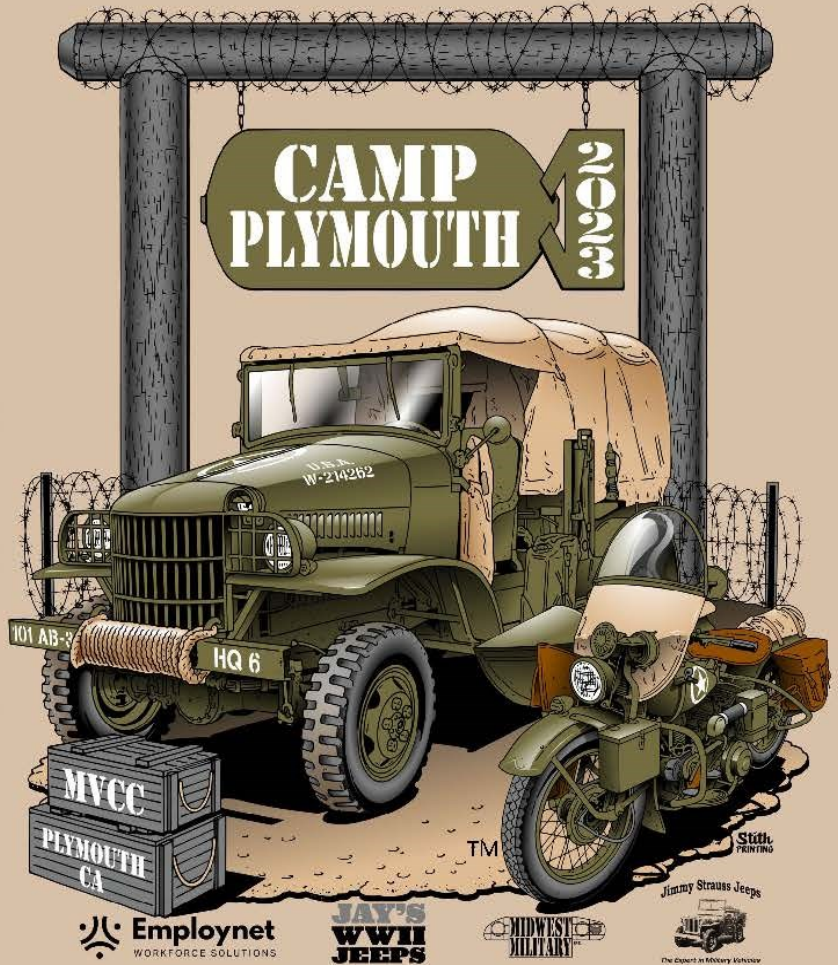


CAMP PLYMOUTH MILITARY VEHICLE SHOW & SWAP MEET

April 19 through 22, 2023
Plymouth, California

Tuesday is a set up day
* Sunday is a pull out day, not a show day

*Largest Annual
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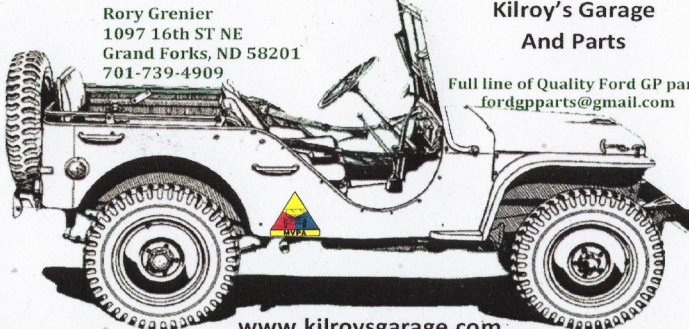
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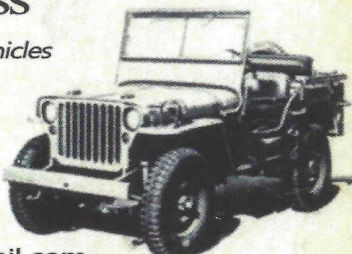


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CAMP PLYMOUTH- April 19 Thru April 22, by Jo-Ann Lesser

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It's that time of year to start planning for our April Campout and show at the 49'er RV Resort and the Amador County Fairgrounds in Plymouth, California. The official dates for this event are April 19 thru April 22, 2023. Of course early birds are always welcome starting Sunday, April 16, 2023. Many of our members know of the registration process however, for those that are newcomers the first thing that you should do is fill out the registration for found in this issue of the NEWS. If you are a returning participant and know your site number please fill it in. If you are new leave the assigned site square blank and I will assign you a site. Please remember to fill in the length of your rig so that I can assign the appropriate site, I will then contact you via email. At this time there are no cabins available. If you do not have an RV and want to tent or car camp you will be at the Amador County Fairgrounds right next door to the RV Resort. Please fill out the Fairgrounds portion of the form. If you know your site number please fill it in. If you are new to this event leave the site number block blank and I will assign you a site. At this time there are no water/electric site open.

Important information -Registration forms will be accepted any time after publication in the NEWS. Non members will need to go to www.mvccnews.net after January 1, 2023 to get the form.

RV site deposits must be made to the 49'er RV Resort prior to March 16, 2023. At that time the 49'er takes back any sites without deposits. Folks staying at the Fairgrounds must include payment with their registration form and should reach me no later than April 01, 2023



Kurt Lesser, (South Bay VP) Divisions 408,669,650

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As we move into Spring and begin preparations for the Plymouth meet I'd like to talk a little bit about how the MVCC handles the fees for the meet. I know this has been covered many times but there still some confusion about it. The MVCC only collects the fees for people who stay over at the Amador County Fairgrounds and these are used to cover our costs of renting the areas we utilize along with the porta-pottis and the hand wash stations. Anything over those costs returns to the MVCC treasury. Over at the 49er RV Park we manage the space reservations so that you get the ones you want that meet your needs. We do not collect any of the fees for those sites, that's all done by the RV Park itself. When you send checks to the MVCC there's no process for us to deposit them and then pay the 49er. For those of you that stay there please remember to pay them directly. The other issue that keeps coming up is that people contact the 49er directly to ask for spaces and are told that nothing is available for that week. It's not that spaces aren't available, the Park blocks a certain number of spaces for the MVCC and when you call them directly their only option is to tell you that nothing is available because they're already blocked for us. They rely on us to let them know who our members are and the space(s) they're in so that when they arrange payment they will receive the MVCC discounted rate. I know this makes it a little more complicated for non-members but for first timers so it's important to let them know how we handle this and for returning non-members that should know better all I can say is join up! We want you to be a part of the MVCC and as a member you'll receive all the notifications of events and changes beforehand. We are one of the lowest cost clubs around and really would like you to become part of the fold.

I've just received the Morgan Hill July 4th parade application and will handle it right away so we'll be registered. When our parade location is returned to us I'll get it into the newsletter and ask Sean to get it up on the website. I'd like to hear from any of the South Bay members interested in doing something either at Mount Madonna, Uvas Reservoir, Hollister Hills or Casa de Fruita. Please let me know if a campout is something you'd like to do and if you have a preference.

Keep 'em Rolling! Kurt Lesser...



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No report submitted



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No report submitted



MVCC April 16 to 22, 2023 Camp Plymouth Registration
Spring MEET

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No minimum stay for dry sites, no RV's, 1 vehicle & 1 tent per site, **4 night stay for water/electric sites April 19th to 22nd 2023**

Arrival Date _____ Check Out Date _____ **Payment in full to MVCC by 4-1-2023**

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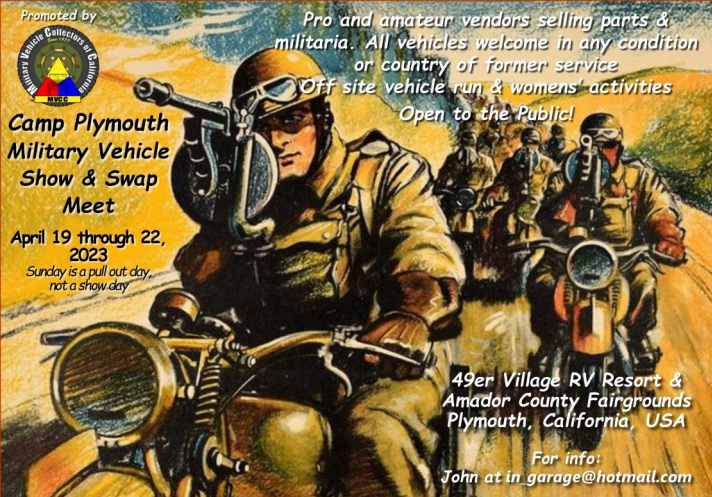
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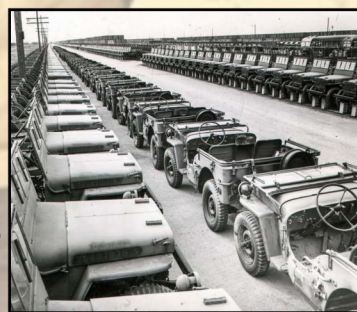
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All Jeeps Showcase at Camp Plymouth 2019

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UPCOMING EVENTS



April 15-16, 2023 - American Armory Museum , Military Vehicle Demonstration Days, Show and Swap Meet, MVCC vehicles can be displayed and entered in the Saturdays Carshow @ NC would like to have more military vehicles here for the entire weekend. On Sunday in place of the Car show we do a civilian swap meet. But you are welcome to sell any military or non military items throughout the weekend. I will give you enough space to set up and camp similar as you do at the MVCC meets. Reenactors are encouraged to set up display camps as well. And you are welcome to come in as early as Friday the 14th if you would like. RSVP Geoff Lippman 707-389-6846 Sent from my iPhone

April 19 to 22 2023 - The MVCC April Spring Meet in Plymouth, California! Showcases, vender, sellers, buyers, military vehicles, parts, military memorabilia, Look for ad in this newsletter. Also get more info on the www.mvccnews.net Chris Thomas (559)871-6507. This is the biggest military vehicle meet on the West coast. All are welcome!

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May 21st 2023-Ron Fitzpatrick Jeep Parts Open Houes in Central Point, Oregon. 10AM-4PM flyer page 8. Free lunch, RSVP

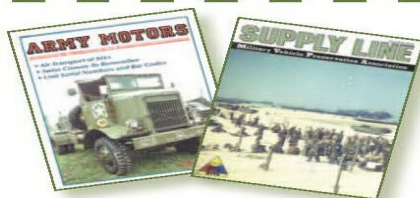
May 25-26-27-28,2023- 8th Annual Best of the West, Antique Equipment Show, Location –Santa Margarita Ranch, Santa Mararita, Ca (Central Coast) Just off the 101 Fwy. Between San Luis Obispo, Ca and Atascadro, Ca. Family friendly for all members. Daily antique tractor operations, Daily Warbird flights, Daily Military Vehicle display and convoy/parade around ranch, Camping available on site for small fee. Please come join us for a fun weekend and show off your military vehicle. Contact information : PR.BOTW@gmail.com Phone : (805) 423-7758, (805423-3505

June 3, 2023-Eagle Field Dinner and Dance. In Dos Palos, Ca. Pull in on the 2nd have fun on the 3rd, leave on the 4th if you like. Free Dry Camping. POS is Don Gomes-(209)765-1273 All military vehicles wanted. BBQ for MVerS on Friday Night.

August 12, 2023– Spirit of 45 in San Jose at History Park. POC is Robert Corpus (Executive Director) 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 17, 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

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



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April 19 through 22*, 2023

DAILY BRIEFING AS OF 1/30/2023

See the Basic Training document at www.MVCCNews.net for general information about this event. *Sunday is a pull-out day, not a show day

ALL WEEK – Swap Meet is open at the 49er Village RV Resort and the adjacent Amador County Fairgrounds! Amateur and professional vendors. Anyone with a rented campsite is welcome to set out military-related items for sale. **THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME!**

Tuesday, April 18

1700 – EARLY BIRD POTLUCK DINNER - 49er pool deck. If bad weather, the Rec Hall. All should bring a dish to serve 6-8, your utensils, plate, and BYO beverage. Carole Parma and Sally Smith are POCs. caroleparma@yahoo.com

Wednesday, April 19

Swap Meet Happening!

Golf cart pickup starts (could be Tuesday, check back here). Pre-reserved only. See Golf Cart Program information on MVCC website

Thursday, April 20

Swap Meet Continues!!

0700 until coffee's gone - EARLY MORNING COFFEE. Fairgrounds Tent Sector

1000 – 1600 – MVCC HQ/STORE open at site #189 near the 49er office. JOIN OR RENEW, meet MVCC officers, see who is camping where, buy great MVCC and event commemorative memorabilia. Support Camp Plymouth! Do you know the MVCC is the largest MV club in North America and has members in 22 states and Canada?

** Drop off your raffle donations here for the awesome Friday night raffle, open to all! Include donor name & item description

1000 MILITARY VEHICLE EXCURSION to Jimmy Strauss Jeeps in Diamond Springs, 6401 Capitol Ave., Diamond Springs. Line up at fairgrounds arena. POC is Scott Tanis, bsmotorsports@sbcglobal.net

1000—1400— OPEN HOUSE AT JIMMY STRAUSS JEEPS. Specialist in repair and restoration of mainly WWII prototype and production jeeps.

Usually 20 or more projects happening. Finger food, beverages.

1000 – 1100 – Club President @ MVCC HQ. Meet Chris Thomas

1500 – WOMEN'S SOCIAL. 49er patio behind Café. Meet WW2 historical author Bonnie Park of the Utah MV group. Bring a snack to share and your own beverage. POC is Nancy Porter, 530-391-5650

Friday, April 21

Swap Meet Continues!!

0700 until coffee's gone - EARLY MORNING COFFEE. Fairgrounds Tent Sector

0900-1200 – MILITARY DODGE SHOWCASE. Fairgrounds arena. Any condition, all welcome. POCs are Tim Coolbaugh timsresort@att.net or 530-308-8164, and John Duckett zephyr11@yahoo.com or 530-604-0050

1000 – 1600 – MILITARY MOTORCYCLE, SCOOTER, BICYCLE SHOWCASE. 49er RV site #190 next to event HQ and merchandise tent by the entrance. POC is John Neuenburg in_garage@hotmail.com or 415-847-2801.

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1100 – 1500 – WOMEN'S OFFSITE LUNCHEON, SHOPPING. POC is Nancy Porter, 530-391-5650. Meet at 49er Café. Drivers greatly appreciated

1300 – MVCC BOARD MEETING, location TBA

1300-1600 – WW2 JEEP SHOWCASE. Fairgrounds arena. Any condition, all welcome. POC is Scott Rohrs recon3rdid@yahoo.com

1800 – RAFFLE and SOCIAL. 49er Clubhouse. All welcome. Camp Plymouth fundraiser. Donate and be recognized! Raffle POC is Jen Tanis at 209-304-2592 or my_little_tonka@hotmail.com

Saturday, April 22

Swap Meet Continues!!

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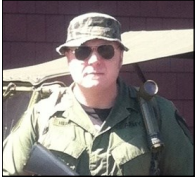
1000 – 1100—MVCC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. 49er Rec Hall is tentative location. MVCC election nominations. Fall 2023 event news. 2024 showcase and activities suggestions. All welcome.

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1230 – POKER RALLY. Register fairgrounds arena, depart 1300. \$5/ hand. Maximum 2 hands/person. POC: Dave/Nancy Porter 530-391-5650

Sunday April 23

PULL OUT DAY, NOT A SHOW DAY!



Scott Rohrs, (North. Bay VP) West Divisions 707, 415, 628
415-259-8177 recon3rdid@yahoo.com

Hello North Bay West and beyond,

Here we go gang! Plymouth 2023 is around the corner! Time to start getting your Plymouth Pile of swap parts together for the meet! Also get your new projects you have been working on out and debut them at the show.

I am excited about our WWII Jeep Showcase we are hosting this year. Again, I am the POC (person of contact). Don't be shy.... get those GPW/MB's out of the garage or shop and bring them to the show case. This is a great opportunity to flex the muscle of this club "The Mighty Jeep". We are working on some categories for the jeep classes to switch it up a bit. There will still be a Peoples Choice, but also a Factory Fresh/ Quartermaster Received, and Field Impression/ In Country. So, all those crusty barns find, radio, gunned up, stretcher bearer, amphib, and service jeeps out! If you remember a few years ago, we had 60+ jeeps when we had our all-jeep showcase. Let us get more than 60 WWII jeeps! That is 1940-1945 Bantam/MB/GPWs. I know it can be done. Let's do it!



Make sure to get your payments in to Joanne for the fairgrounds and confirm your reservations!

More sad news, a good friend of the club has passed away and that is Dan Johnsen. Dan was a regular at Tower Park as one of our reenactors and living historian. Dan always supported the club and whatever events he could add a bit of realism to. Dan was a good friend, and I always enjoyed our visits and our banter. Another Loss for the family of the hobby.

Keep you powder dry, Scott Rohrs...



Don Gomes, (Central Valley VP) MVCC Quartermaster, Divisions 209,559,661,760, 442
(209)765-1273 caddymanwestside@yahoo.com

Hello to all MVCC Members,

Camp Plymouth spring meet is just around the corner. Please don't forget about all the club merchandise that we will have for sale at the MVCC HQ Booth. If anyone can please spare a couple of hours on Thursday, Friday, and two hours on Saturday. I would greatly appreciate any help you can give to the club. I have this signup sheet to keep track of the 10 AM to 4 PM Volunteers every day. Please call me at 209-765-1273, Text me or email me at caddymanwestside@yahoo.com.

I will not be taking any more Special orders only because I had to get the order in due to short quantities. I will have a limited supply of shirts and sweatshirts! So please get to the Booth early! ..

Keeping The GTB History Alive! Don...



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

bigmike405@hotmail.com

Howdy MVer's,

Camp Plymouth is approaching quickly so we all need to get cracking on preventative maintenance of our MVs. As I mentioned last month, I've been working on getting the 1941 Indian 741B ready for the showcase. I was having issues with it not wanting to start. I put a new battery in it but still no go. I took the fuel filter out and found it was gunked up. Don't you just love the crappy gas we have to use these days? I even mix Sea Foam and other fuel stabilizers in my fuel to keep the fuel from going bad. The fuel filter is an interesting design. It consists of a stack of thin, fine, brass, washers that have a little bit of play so that it catches debris and other things from getting into the carburetor. Cleaned it up and she fired up immediately. It running a bit rough so I'll tackle that and update next month.

I also started sanding and prepping the 1965 Cushman Lobster for paint. The rear fender needed a bit of work to get some dents and dings out and the rear tail light bracket was bent up pretty badly as well. I got them off and worked the sheet metal to get it in pretty good shape. I sand blasted the tail light bracket and primed that and the tail light and the rear fender. I'll tackle the bed and engine cover later this month and hopefully will have it done and painted before Camp Plymouth.



As always, please share with me any events, projects etc. so I can post them in our newsletter. Looking forward to a great April event.

Regards,

Big Mike





Andy Shyers (East Bay VP) Divisions 510, 925, 341

510-832-4322 mvcc510925@gmail.com

Hello out there in MV land!

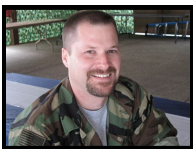
We're finally drying out a bit and the weather is warming up! At the Shop we're up to our eyeballs in Dodge parts. As you may recall the kids and I were able to get the engine from Peter's BBQ'ed M37 up and running, then we promptly pulled it out and cracked it open for inspection. We were hopeful that the guts would look OK and we'd be able to clean it up and use it to replace the wounded engine in my truck. We were hopeful...

Unfortunately, the engine needs to be rebuilt, but the autopsy has been fun. Here's what we've found so far:

- The rod bearings are pretty tired from a combination of debris and corrosion. The crank needs to be turned. It's already .010" under.
- The cylinders are standard bore. They are VERY heavily worn on the non-thrust surfaces while thrust surfaces looked OK, just glazed. There was no ridge at the top of the cylinders. I'm thinking it may have overheated at some point???? The location of the heavy wear is weird.
- The pistons looked good, unlike the bores?!
- It took 4 class periods to remove the intake and exhaust manifold pair. If you've never dealt with a flathead Dodge this can be a real treat. A combination of heat, penetrating lube, an overhead crane, an array of pry bars and a ton of patience did the trick. There was a cheer when the pair finally came off! Now we just have to remove one broken stud. It seems Cameron didn't think a 1/2" breaker bar was too much for that poor unlubricated 3/8" nut/stud combo that had been together for so many decades! SNAP!!!! Live and learn.
- We're going to verify some deck height measurements and tear down the remainder of the engine this coming week. Hopefully we won't find any new surprises!

Our plan for the rebuild is based on an evolution of the previous motor we built. It worked well compared to the stock specification, but I think it can be improved with careful measuring and a bit of machine work. Our max cruise RPM is 3000, so there's nothing terribly fancy going on, just little details. We plan on using the small chamber Plymouth head from the last motor, but we're going to up the compression ratio further and improve the squish. This is a trick with these motors. With stock pistons, deck height and gasket you're looking at around .100" clearance from the piston to the head. If you're using the typical aftermarket pistons you're at .120". We want to reduce this to .040". It's just a question of how to get there. I'm looking at having a custom head gasket made and milling the deck of the block. We're shooting for a final static CR of 8.5:1. If past experience proves correct we should pick up both torque and economy with no downside. Now I just need to convince the machine shop to deal with decking the block. Setting up for a 23" long six when they are typically doing V8's is a pain! At least they didn't give me a flat out "NO!" when I discussed the job with them. We did finish rebuilding the LU4 winch from Peter's truck and both the transmission and PTO look good. When things start going back together it looks like my M37 will gain a new and improved engine and a winch. Of course there's a bit to do before that happens!!!

If you're aware of any upcoming events in the 510/925 area, please contact me so I can pass the info along to our members. Keep 'em rolling... Andy..



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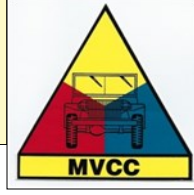
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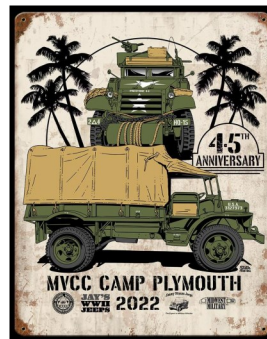
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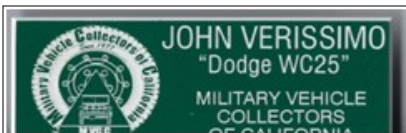
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How to purchase: You can email or call your order in to **Don Gomes(209)765-1273**. He will let you know if its in stock and give you a shipping quote. **How to pay:** Check or Money order. The club is working on getting a paypal account but its not 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

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).

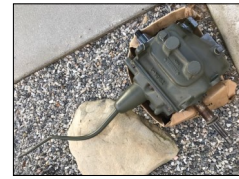


For Sale- Ford Jeep Engine Runs #271-256 (no bolt on's) \$1,400. Ford Jeep Engine, Runs, #133-810 (no bolt on's) \$1,000. Willys CJ Jeep Engine, runs (no bolt on's) \$1,000. Harold Tufenkjian -(559)266-7520 Fresno, Ca.

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.



For Sale: 1943 International M-2-4-233 nick named "Bluto". Currently registered and titled as an antique vehicle. Has new tires, new Navy Battleship Grey paint, troop seats, canvas top for cargo area, extra transmission with PTO for Baden Winch, radio antenna (For newer M series vehicles), and runs. Both transmissions rebuilt with new gears and bearings.

Asking \$8,000. Willing to trade for a Military Ambulance or M38A1 in like condition.

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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



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: 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



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.. ¾ ton Dodge truck parts. 2 speed transfer case for WC 62 and 63 \$300.00. M37 complete front axle \$200.00. M37 complete rear axle \$ 200.00. MU2 winch with cable guide \$800.00. WWII ben hur One ton trailer complete metal bracket set for wood sides \$230.00 203-4674 motor that has been re-built with transmission \$800.00. n 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

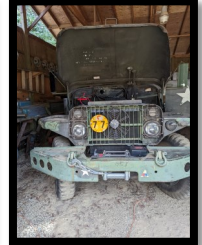
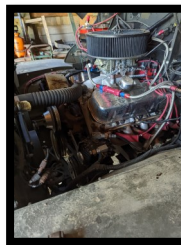
CONTACT GREG LAMPMAN CELL (805) 550-5838 OR E-MAIL glampman@calpoly.edu

For Sale: a M211 truck

It has a 505 GM Crate engine, different 4 speed,

changed to 12 volt , Chester Berrlow

<chesterb777@yahoo.com>



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 tent w/poles \$250. Hexagon Mountain Tent complete. N.O.S. \$200. Scott 415 259 8177

For Sale: GPW Axle Housings (front and rear). Been sand blasted \$200 Scott 415 259 8177

For Sale: ¼ ton M416 Trailer bed with lunette. Bed not rotten/ dent in the from bulkhead (fixable). \$750 Firm

For Sale: ¼ ton M416 Trailer bed with lunette. Bed not rotten/ dent in the from bulkhead (fixable). Great for a truck bed for a resto mode or replacement for another trailer \$750 Firm

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- Ford GTBs and parts as a Lot. Rebuilt 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



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.



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@oneimage.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



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FOR SALE: Fully restored, 1941 Chevrolet USMC Staff Car, by Jerry Mambretti. As seen at many MVCC meets and parades. Ground up resto. Fuel injected, power steering, power brakes, cruise control and more. Located in Azalea, Oregon just 86 miles over the CA border on I-5. \$40,000 OBO. Email Donna Mambretti @ sgtjswife@yahoo.com. Can send more photos if interested.



For Sale- 1,I have a 1942 Ford script parts jeep to sell - to include grill, fenders,, body tub, hood, reproduction rear panel, MB engine, front and rear axels, bogus frame rail, etc - please contact for additional info. 2, 9N tractor engine short block with GP cam less head - also GP transmission that needs repair. 3, miscellaneous MB parts. Contact @ tidyacres @ hotmail.com John Manuel

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

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

If You Think You Want a Rental Golf Cart at Camp Plymouth Call ASAP

By John Neuenburg

Last month we mentioned the golf cart rental program we now have for Camp Plymouth. It also appears on the event page on our website. On January 13 Zach at Gipson Golf Carts called me to say he is getting some reservations from non-Camp Plymouth customers for our week, and he wanted to firm up what we will need. Carts are available first come, first served. If you think you want one, best to act now. As mentioned, you will contact Gipson directly to reserve one and do the rental agreement. The MVCC is not in the middle except we called several companies and found the best deal for you. They plan to deliver and pick up for free but I am not sure about that if the quantity is less than six. The location of the cart corral and procedure for getting your key will be published in an upcoming newsletter or Zach can tell you.

To summarize, Gipson Golf Carts in nearby Rancho Murieta is our supplier and they have offered us a discount on four passenger, electric, flip flatbed carts. It is \$55 per day if four-day rental. If fewer days, \$60. The few six passenger carts they have will be \$80.

To cancel a reservation, call them at least 48 hours before our event. You will receive a refund less a \$15 processing fee. Pretty friendly. So if you are "iffy" about coming or your budget, reserve one now and at worst you will be out \$15. That assumes you contact Gipson in time. They are at 916-806-0920.

I think all of us would prefer to see people who own military jeeps putt around and shop in those rather than leave the jeep home and rent a cart instead. Especially WW2 jeeps because we have that showcase on Friday afternoon. Also remember the MV excursion Thursday to the Jimmy Strauss Jeeps open house in Diamond Springs.



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2023 ARIZONA MVCC SHOW By Phil Kern

MVCC members from both NorCal and SoCal migrated to the Land of the Free to enjoy the Arizona MVCC's 32nd Annual Military Vehicle Show in Phoenix on January 27th-28th. Held at the historic Heard Scout Pueblo backed up against South Mountain, it provided a unique venue to display over 30 restored military vehicles, a few survivors along with a few pretenders. Militaria vendors also turned out in force, something in the range of 40-50 tables were loaded with green stuff of every type. AZ MVCCers said this year's show had to be organized on the fly as their air show partners from last year were unable to come through, but most attendees did not think it reflected on the production. Along with the site, one thing somewhat unique about the AZ show is that any MV, or vehicle resembling an MV, is generally welcome. One example I stared at for a while vaguely resembled the XM443 Super Mule; however, a tongue-in-cheek informational board claimed it was a "prototype XM212" that was not selected for military production as it was two-wheel drive. Having written articles on military vehicles for over 25 years I consider myself somewhat knowledgeable on the subject but was not familiar with this particular machine. Eventually the light bulb went on and I figured out 212 was the model number for a VW Bus, the cut-down remains of which formed the foundation of the "XM 212" vehicle.

Although no awards dinner was held this year due to the abbreviated planning schedule, the Best of Show award went to a recently completed rare and highly modified Dodge M152 Utility Truck. Powered by an Isuzu diesel engine turning a five-speed overdrive transmission and five ton axles, the M152 was easily capable of highway speeds, featured disk brakes on all four corners, handled well and the enclosed cabin provided plenty of room for overlanding or overnight trips, including auxiliary power. Another unique element of the AZ shows has been the ability to display actual real accoutrements along with your vehicle. You can assume that a fully accessorized HMMWV that is roped off is roped off for good reason, not just to keep kids from climbing on it. One vehicle that both adults and kids were allowed to climb on was Russ Morgan's M18 Hellcat Tank Destroyer. Russ was chomping a cigar while firing up the 9-cylinder radial engine of the Hellcat, fumes from both wafted across the parking lot as he gave rides around the site to several lucky folks after the show closed for the day. I also bumped into Mama Lesser, Wagonmistress for the Plymouth meet, at the show, confirmed my reservations and offered to corral her wayward husband for her, her response to me was "don't bother". Hope to see everybody at Plymouth in April, including those from the Free States... Phil...



Photos of M151A2's by Phil Kern



Photo of Russ Morgan's M18 Hellcat by Phil Kern



Photo of Jeep line up by Phil Kern

Arizona Military Vehicle Collectors Club by Brad Carrott

I wish to say this Phoenix Military Vehicle show was a very successful show. Turned out to be bigger than the club planned. I believe everyone had a great time. Many Tanks, Jeeps and Trucks. I was pleased to see many people from California, New Mexico, Idaho, Colorado, Oregon, Washington and of course Arizona. Good people were there like Glen Closson, Kurt and Joann Lesster, Norman Gorelick, David Wang, Dan Dollan, and Dan Parmley just to name a few.

I think next year will be an even bigger event. The Board members did an excellent job of organizing this event. Please reference the letter written by the President AMVS Joe Snodgrass which speaks of the efforts in detail. He showed his organizational skills of the Army and West Point. These are valued members here who all work well together. I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming Parker show. I met the gentleman who is putting that show on in Parker and I learned many are planning to attend.

Brad Carrott...

Below left and right, AMVCC Awards, photos by Brad Carrott



Below— L-R-114 APC and M20 Armored Car photo by Phil Kern at the Arizona Military Vehicle Collectors Meet in late January



Middle 3 photos by Phil Kern at AMVCC event

Poker Rally at Camp Plymouth by Nancy Porter

As we work on finishing our projects for the big upcoming Camp Plymouth, I wanted to encourage you to participate in our highly popular Poker Rally. There are so many activities scheduled for Thursday and Friday, so the **Poker Rally will be held after the general meeting on Saturday**. We always get questions about how it works and whether you need to already know the area or need to know how to play poker.

Guide to the MVCC Poker Rally

1. This is a way to have a chance to drive our vehicles and explore the area. No need to already be familiar with Amador County since each year we have a slightly different route.
2. Best to have someone to read the instructions (aka Navigator) in addition to the driver.
3. Vehicles must be insured and road-ready.
4. This is NOT a race. Goal is to watch for ribbons designating a poker stop and to collect a hand of 7 sealed envelopes of poker cards by the time you get to the final stop.
5. You don't need to know how to play poker. You will be drawing a random set of sealed cards and we'll have people at the end that can tell whether the cards you drew compose a winning hand.
6. Have an opportunity to win cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Vehicles will gather at 12:30 pm at Wolin Arena at the Fairgrounds. Fill out the registration form then, receive a set of driving instructions and pay the coordinator \$5 per poker hand (maximum of 2 hands per person). Driver's meeting shortly before 1 pm. First vehicle out at 1 pm, with vehicles out in 2-5 minute intervals.

Navigator will read off each instruction telling you where to turn as you drive past (and into) winery properties, past green fields and livestock, and into other locations. Along the drive, everyone in your vehicle will be looking for a set of streaming red, white and blue ribbons. Each time you see the streamers, pull off the road and have someone get out to look for a nearby can and pick up your cards. Then, get back in your vehicle and continue following the route instructions.

Poker cards are sealed in envelopes and piled into big cans that are set out at each stop. At the first stop, each envelope will be labeled with an "A" for Alpha. Cards at the next stop will be labeled with "B" for Bravo, and so on through 7 cans of labeled envelopes. If your vehicle has paid for 4 hands of cards (such as 2 hands for the driver and 2 hands for the navigator), you would take 4 card envelopes out of each can.

DO NOT OPEN THE ENVELOPES!! When you get to the end location, there will be a team to open the envelopes and record your cards. Any open envelopes will be disqualified.

The money that's collected before the rally will be distributed as follows:

- 1st Place: 50% of the pot
- 2nd Place: 30% of the pot
- 3rd Place: 20% of the pot

In addition, we will have a bonus can ("H" for Hotel) at the recording station at the end of the route. Each ace that's drawn out of Can H will have the \$5 fee returned to that person.

Hope you can join us for some fun driving around Plymouth and the Shenandoah Valley! If you have any questions, contact me via email (DNPorter56@comcast.net), cell (530-391-8006 or Nancy@530-391-5650) or see me at Camp.



Restaurant Possibilities near Camp Plymouth by Nancy Porter

If you don't want to eat all your meals at camp, there are several possibilities for food nearby. Here are some of the places you might want to check out.

Deli at the 49'er. Check on the door at the 49'er location for dates and times. Breakfast sandwiches, lunch items, ice cream, coffee, local beer and wine, and more.

Deli at Pokerville Market

18170 State Highway 49, Plymouth - across the street from the 49'er and ¼ mile to the south. Hours should be 8 am to 8 pm every day except Sunday. Sunday hours are 9 am to 7 pm. A great place for Sandwiches, Pizza, Desserts, etc. and a wide variety of local beer and wine.

Marlene & Glen's

18726 State Highway 49, Plymouth - At the Roundabout at Hwy 49 and Shenandoah Road. Open for Breakfast and Lunch - 7 am to 2:30 pm on Wed - Sun.

Fig Barn Coffee Cafe

9506 Main Street, Plymouth - Open for Breakfast and Lunch - 7 am to 2 pm Mon - Sat.

Amador Vintage Market

9414 Main Street, Plymouth. Run by local caterer Beth Sogaard so excellent food. (It's the place with the red outdoor umbrellas on Main Street). Open Fri - Sun, Noon to 5 pm.

Donut Street Café

17830 State Highway 49, Plymouth. (Just south of Pokerville Market)
Breakfast Sandwiches, Bagels, Donuts and Coffee. Open daily - 5 am to 2 pm

Colina de Oro

Mexican Food. 17810 State Highway 49, Plymouth. (Near the Shenandoah Inn)
Open daily - 11 am to 8:30 most nights, but till 9 pm on Friday and Saturday

Taste

This Zagat-rated restaurant and wine bar is a place for special occasions. Pricy.
9402 Main Street, Plymouth. Reservations recommended.

Amador Brewing Company

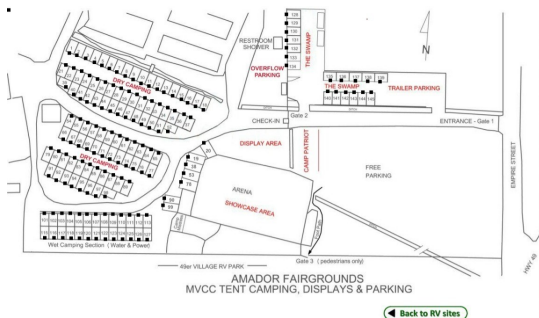
9659 Main Street, Plymouth - At the Roundabout at Hwy 49 -> Shenandoah Road.
Fri, Sat & Sun - they also have food catered by a local company from 11:30 or noon to 8 pm.

These places are outside Plymouth but reasonably close for a drive and meal:

Sutter Creek: Cavanaugh's Pub & Grub on Main Street for Tues-Sat, 11 am - 8 pm. Also **Gold Dust Pizza** at 20 Eureka Street (near Main Street). Open daily 11 am - 8 pm.

Amador City: Restaurant at the Imperial Hotel. This landmark hotel dates back to 1879 and is open for brunch on Sat and Sun from 10 am-2 pm. Dinner is served Tues - Sun starting at 5 pm.

El Dorado: Poor Red's historic roadhouse fifteen miles north of Camp Plymouth. Famous for their Golden Cadillac drinks, they specialize in steaks, ribs, chicken and burgers. Closed Mon & Tues.



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Arizona Military Vehicle Collectors Club Meet by Joe Snodgrass

This year marked the 32nd Annual Arizona Military Vehicle Show hosted by the AMVCC, and we pulled it together in just 52 days from deciding on and signing for the venue. In that short time we sold all 41 “Swap Meet” spaces (5 RV dry camping spots and 18 each 16’x16’ & 12’x12’ spaces) PLUS added space for our sister club from Tucson (the SAMVCC) and the Boy Scouts. We had over 85 military vehicles, trailers & motorcycles displayed against the stunning backdrop of South Mountain, overlooking the Valley of the Sun. Some highlights included Dan Dolan’s M18 “Hellcat” Tank Destroyer, Rod Shaver’s T16 Universal Carrier, 37mm Anti-Tank Gun and Turret Gun display. Dan Parmley brought out most? of his incredible collection including his M113(?) tracked personnel carrier, recon motorcycles and diverse M151 series collection. Dale Campbell displayed both of his pristine WLA WWII motorcycles as well. The swap meet areas offered military surplus goods, militaria, vehicle parts, collectibles... even MREs!

Feedback from vendors and club members was overwhelmingly positive and the show was successful (financially, aesthetically, weather-wise). Unfortunately general public attendance was just over 600, due to late announcement of the venue, lack of advertising and very limited parking. The Heard Scout Pueblo camp actually has 500 acres with much more camping and display area than we utilized, but with so little parking for the general public to come to the show, it’s hard to imagine how to hold the show at this beautiful site again.

Advertising was almost exclusively social media, emails and word of mouth. Signs on the nearest major road (Baseline) drew in a significant percentage as well, but the camp was not visible from any of the major freeways. Looking ahead, we’re already scouting for next year’s venue and even elected a Show Director (...since it’s clear our current President (moi) took several months too long in selecting a site). Our dream location would be just off a major freeway, with room to spread out. Ideally the Arizona Military Vehicle Collectors Club can find a “forever home” so everyone will know where and when to find us each year, and our friends from California and other states have plenty of time to plan their travel and join us.



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Joe Snodgrass, photo by Brad Carrott

Photos taken at the AMVCC event



These 3 photos by Phil Kern at the AMVCC event



Tank turret photo by Phil Kern

MVCC Board, Positions and Elections for 2023! By Johnny Verissimo

If you or someone you know would like to run or apply for one of the following positions please send me your name and information to istanbull@sbcglobal.net so I can get your name on the ballot. Remember, the MVCC is only as good as its membership. Want to have a say in your club, run for a position. This is YOUR club, join or vote, make your voice known.

President- The Big Chief, the buck stops here. He runs the board, the board meetings, the membership meetings, has executive power, sets the agenda, etc. *Presently this job is filled by Chris Thomas*

Secretary- Runs the office, answers calls, emails, questions, concerns, processes dues, maintains the roster, works at the MVCC events at the booth, etc. *Right now filled by Johnny Verissimo*

Treasurer- Runs the bank account, maintains quick books program, processes dues money, pays bills, makes monthly deposits, sends monthly bank statements to the board, works very closely with the secretary. *Right now this is filled by Christina Verissimo with help from Johnny Verissimo*

Editor- Once a month you need to find a printer (For me its Patterson Irrigator Newspaper), you need to buy 2 ounce stamps(right now about 241), you need to print labels, you need to check who's membership expired. You need to be a reporter because the stories and articles do not come to you, you have to go after the articles and stories. It helps to be a photographer. It would help if you have some experience doing a newsletter because you need to fill 28 pages a month from scratch. *Presently this is filled by Johnny Verissimo, it takes me about 2 weeks to do one newsletter. This is a Board appointed position.*

Webmaster- You maintain and operate the MVCC website. You add the monthly newsletter and keep the calendar up to date, etc. *This position is currently filled by Sean Nichols-this position is a Board appointed position*

Quartermaster- You are responsible for t shirt artwork, the club trailer, the MVCC merchandise, the ordering, the storage, the transportation of the club trailer to and from events, you run the booth at the events, etc. *Currently filled by Don Gomes. This position is a Board appointed position.*

Wagon Master- You are responsible for all Camp Plymouth Registrations for campsites, cabins, Fairgrounds, RV spots and you are the liaison between the MVCC and the campgrounds and MVCC members, etc. You take registrations before and during the event. *Currently filled by JoAnn Lesser-this position is a Board appointed position.*

VP- Central Coast- Your job is put on events in your area, run events in your area, write a monthly article for the newsletter, help at the MVCC Spring and Fall Meets, vote on Board, etc. *Currently filled by Charles Tope.*

VP- Central Valley- Your job is put on events in your area, run events in your area, write a monthly article for the newsletter, help at the MVCC Spring and Fall Meets, vote on Board, etc. *Currently filled by Don Gomes.*

VP- East Bay- Your job is put on events in your area, run events in your area, write a monthly article for the newsletter, help at the MVCC Spring and Fall Meets, vote on Board, etc. *Currently filled by Andy Shyers.*

VP-North Bay East- Your job is put on events in your area, run events in your area, write a monthly article for the newsletter, help at the MVCC Spring and Fall Meets, vote on Board, etc. *Currently filled by Mike Fedyk.*

VP-North Bay West- Your job is put on events in your area, run events in your area, write a monthly article for the newsletter, help at the MVCC Spring and Fall Meets, vote on Board, etc. *Currently filled by Scott Rohrs.*

VP- Northern Region- Your job is put on events in your area, run events in your area, write a monthly article for the newsletter, help at the MVCC Spring and Fall Meets, vote on Board, etc. *Currently filled by Dave Porter.*

VP-South Bay- Your job is put on events in your area, run events in your area, write a monthly article for the newsletter, help at the MVCC Spring and Fall Meets, vote on Board, etc. *Currently filled by Kurt Lesser.*



Left-Mike Antonelly and his 1941 Chevrolet 1.5 Ton Truck and (Right) John Bodnar and his 1943 Ford GPW Jeep at the November 12-13 2022 Pleasanton, California Good Guys Car Show.



MILITARY DODGE SHOWCASE

AT THE

CAMP PLYMOUTH MILITARY VEHICLE SHOW & SWAP MEET

APRIL 21, 2023 9:00 TO 12:00

PLYMOUTH, CALIFORNIA USA



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3/4 TON 4X4

1941

1/2 TON 4X4

1940

1/2 TON 4X4

The Largest Annual Military Vehicle Event in the WEST!



Any condition, running or not!

All ex-military Dodge trucks invited: VC, WC, M37, M43, M880, M886, obscure models

People's Choice Contest prizes: \$200 gift certificate for 1st place, \$100 for 2nd, and \$50 for 3rd, sponsored by:



Let's try for a record turnout!

Camp Plymouth is April 19-23, 2023 with Sunday a pull out day, not a show day. Camp or commute!

NO ADMISSION OR PARKING FEES

NO VEHICLE PRE-REGISTRATION OR FEE

NO VENDOR FEE BUT SELLERS MUST RENT A CAMPSITE

WW2 Jeep Showcase; Military Motorcycle, Scooter, Bicycle Showcase; MV Excursion to Jimmy Strauss Jeeps; Raffle; Women's Social & Offsite Luncheon

Campsite reservation form and all event details are at www.MVCCNEWS.net

Dodge Showcase Coordinators:

John Duckett, 530.604.0050 or zepher11@yahoo.com

Tim Coolbaugh, 530.308.8164 or timsresort@att.net

49er Village RV Resort 📍 **18265 Hwy 49, Plymouth, CA and Amador County Fairgrounds 18343 Empire Street**



MVCC Newsletter: Military Dodge Showcase

With a Military Dodge Showcase scheduled for this April's 2023 Camp Plymouth meet, now's the time to get your Military Dodge ready to bring to the show. The Military Dodge Showcase will be held on Friday, April 21st from 9am to 12pm. We're happy to announce that Midwest Military will be graciously providing gift certificates for the top three people choice winners. \$200 for first place, \$100 for second place, and \$50 for third place.

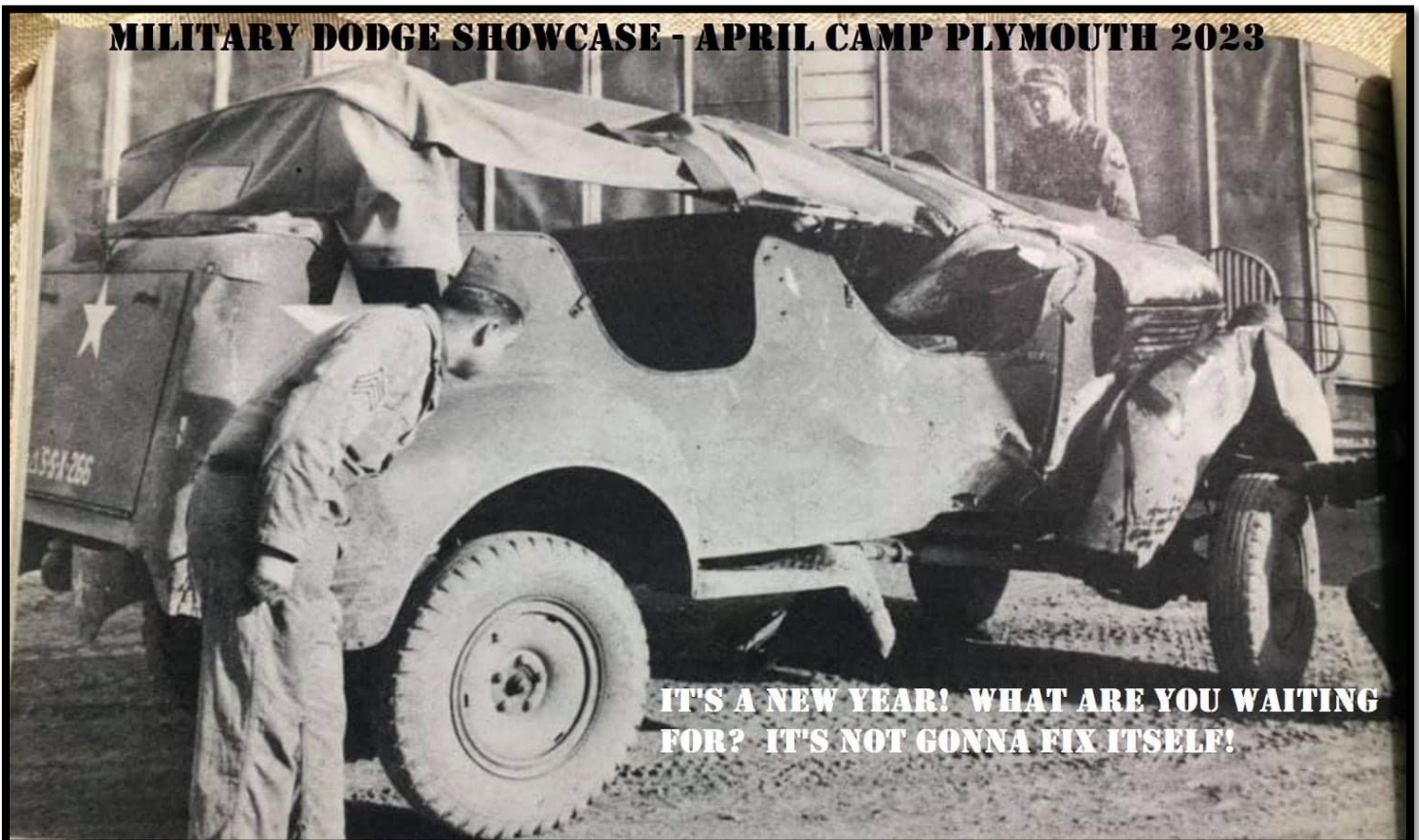
We've been working hard to get the word out about this year's Showcase, so that we can get as many military Dodges as possible in one location. MVCC club member John Neuenburg created a great showcase flyer for us, and we have embarked on a campaign of posting some reminder advertisement for the show every two weeks or so leading up to the event on Facebook. We really wanted to keep it fresh in everyone's mind that the event is right around the corner. For those of you that are interested, there is also a Camp Plymouth Facebook page where information related to the next upcoming Camp Plymouth is posted. If you are on Facebook, head on over and join the group. We would love to have you there.

This year for the Showcase, we have commissioned a custom-made challenge coin to hand out for each of the participants. We thought it would be a nice memento for those that work hard to keep these moving pieces of history alive. Not to mention actually getting their vehicle to the show. Believe us, we know what it takes to get it all together and get your piece of history from point A to Point B. We're sure that everyone at April Camp Plymouth will appreciate you doing so.

Tim Coolbaugh (Cell: 530-308-8164, email: timsresort@att.net) and John Duckett (Cell: 530-604-0050, email: zepher11@yahoo.com) are your points of contact for the Military Dodge Showcase. We will also be at the Dodge Boys Canteen in cabin spaces 145 and 147. Stop by and say hello while you're at the show. If you have any question regarding the showcase, please let us know. Hope to see you, and your Military Dodge, at April Camp Plymouth!



MILITARY DODGE SHOWCASE - APRIL CAMP PLYMOUTH 2023



IT'S A NEW YEAR! WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? IT'S NOT GONNA FIX ITSELF!



Military Vehicle Collectors of California
*Dedicated to the acquisition, restoration, preservation, safe operation,
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 YOUR
 MVCC
 MEMBERSHIP!**



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Life Members should disregard this notice. THANK YOU for your support! If you have already renewed, THANK YOU! please check the date code on your newsletter mailing label and membership card.

Please enter an e-mail address for possible future methods of communication. If you list MVs or related hobby interest, it will show up on membership lists the MVCC Officers receive. Sometimes we want to contact members with certain MVs about displays or movie

work. Note that you may opt-out of having contact or hobby information published in the next Member Directory booklet.

This is your application. Separate it from the newsletter, fill it out, and fold it put it in an envelope with your check inside, apply postage, and mail it. Simple!

* = required fields, please PRINT

*Name _____ MVPA #if applicable _____

*Address 1 _____

Address 2 _____

*City, State, ZIP _____ Country _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

E-mail address _____

I DO / DO NOT want my contact information in the Directory (circle one)

List military vehicles you own (year, make, model) and/or related hobby for the next Directory. Help those with similar interests find you. Use separate sheet if necessary:

MEMBERSHIP (check one) (Term is 1 full year!)

\$50 Regular Member newsletter mailed

\$135 Regular Member for three years Newsletter Mailed

\$30 Regular member newsletter Online

\$80 Business Member (includes one, 2"x 3.5" ad in each newsletter (business card). A Business Member may also hold another class of Membership

\$80 Regular membership newsletter Online for 3 years

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (spouse or significant other, and/or children under 18). Includes membership card. Only spouse has voting rights.

One newsletter delivered per household

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Replacement badges \$ 10 EACH Amount enclosed _____

Print Associate Name _____ Relationship to Member _____

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