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Greg and Karey Lampman's Beautifully Restored 1942 1 1/2 ton K-51 Panel Van. Pictured with Greg at Camp Roberts at the MVCC Campout and Swapmeet. Ed.

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It is not my policy to write Eulogies when a member passes. I would prefer that this service was done by a family member or a very close friend and sent to the editor with a picture. Ed.



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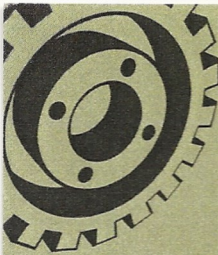
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**March 2019** Second Annual Southern California SCMVCC annual rally meet, military vehicle show / display, trail rides, club dinner, parts swap meet, and more... at Soledad Canyon Thousand Trails Campground in Acton.  
Please contact Richard Johnson for reservations and info (619)993-5284 or killroy321@hotmail.com visit our website WWW.SCMVCC.com

**April 23-28, 2019** 49er village RV resort  
No vendor or visitor fee except camping fee.  
Free parking for day use.  
More info to be announced soon.  
Contact: Dave Ball 408-805-0065

**September 15, 2018** Chowchilla Car and Bike show  
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**September 12-16 2018:** Camp Gridley  
Butte County Fairgrounds, Hosted by the NRG  
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**September 18-23, 2018 Fall Camp Delta**  
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**September 21-23 2018** California Capital Airshow  
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9am-4pm POC: [www.centralvalleyaviation.com](http://www.centralvalleyaviation.com)  
1959 Gateway Blvd., Ste. 102  
Fresno, CA 93727 Sarah Donaldson

**November 4th, 2018** 22nd Annual Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade 2018 & Ceremony Parade Theme is "World War I 100th Anniversary"  
POC: Andy Shyers 510-832-4322

**November 11th, 2018** San Jose Veterans Parade  
For more info and line up time POC: Kim Sievert  
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**October 6, 2018** Clovis, CA: Central Valley Fallen Heroes Car Show; at the Sierra Vista Mall. featuring more than 300 of the Central Valley's best street rods, classic muscle cars, trucks, cycles, vintage cars, and customs. It is open to all makes, all models and all years'. The Fallen Heroes Car Show is a Patriotic tribute to the police, firefighters, military and first responders More info:  
<http://www.cvfallenheroes.com/>

# AT THE FRONT



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Hello Everyone:

The signs are everywhere that summer is winding down and quickly heading into fall. Seems it is getting dark a little earlier every day. In a week or so, we will have the fall meet at Tower Park. I hope everyone can make it as there is a change to the April 2019 swapmeet venue. At the General Membership meeting, you will have an opportunity to ask questions. Of course, you can always call myself or any board member and ask questions.

I hope everyone has checked on their reservations at Tower Park. As of September 1, they have started giving sites away without deposits on them.

There is an announcement that everyone should read in this newsletter on Page 5.

It spells out the venue change and where the spring swapmeet is moving to.

I have heard that we are having two showcases next April. One will be the Ford Burma GTB showcase that Don Gomes is spearheading and the other is the Jeep Showcase that as of now does not have a POC. If you have one of these vehicles, please remember the condition of the vehicle does not matter. For the Jeep showcase, it is all Jeeps, all configurations, Prototypes, GP, GPW, M-series including the M151 Mutt. If you would like to spearhead the Jeep showcase, please contact me or John Neuenburg.

I hope to see everyone at Tower Park. Drive safely.

“Keep ’em Rolling, Floating and Flying”

Dave Ball  
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# ATTENTION EVERYONE

As some of you have heard, Tower Park has once again made some changes in the way they are going to deal with group camping. The Jellystone management contacted the board in mid July notifying us of several changes. This was a complete surprise.

Once talks between Tower Park, myself and Joann Lesser proved to be going nowhere, the MVCC board once again began to search for a new venue for next April 2019.

Because of the two past extensive searches, we had a couple sites previously visited in mind. We visited a few sites and put our heads together and worked out some issues at the leading site.

The venue for April 2019 has been chosen and reserved and a contract has been signed.

The details of this decision is more than I wish to type, but it was not without a group effort. I want to thank Dave and Nancy Porter for visiting the site numerous times and for working out the details in person with the site, which is really two sites.

I would also like to thank Johnny Verissimo and Don Gomes for taking time to visit the sites as well and making a report to the board.

The new site is in Plymouth, California, on Highway 49. It is called the 49er Village Campground. It shares a fence with Amador County Fairgrounds, which is the second site where we have free parking and where the tent camping will be.

The 49er will allow us to do everything we do at Tower and more. There is lots of tent camping at the fairgrounds and a open gate joins the two sites together. There is no charge for parking and any visitor who want to visit is welcome. Also those wishing to drive in and pick up parts from dealers will be allowed to. There is no visitor fees or parking fees!!!

We are working out the reservations system at this time and hopefully by Tower, we will be able to announce the sites available and the various fees for them.

The 49er is off of Highway 99 right on Highway 49 near the Shenandoah Valley and it near numerous wineries. There are nearby hotels in Plymouth and Jackson including the Casino Resort in Jackson. Lots of opportunity for back roads rides in the MVs. The 49er is easily reached from all parts of the State from highways 99, 5, 50 and 80. There will be lots more details as we go forward. **AT THIS TIME, PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE PARK!!**

They will not take reservations from you. The procedures will be published very soon.

If you have questions you may send me an email or call me in the evening before 9pm.

Dave Ball

President MVCC

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Hello my fellow MVCC Members,

Its finally cooling down in the Central Valley. Mornings are in the 60's and the afternoons are in the 90's. I hope your all ready for the Tower Park Meet (Camp Delta) and all your deposits are paid. Johnny, Christina and I will have the Club Trailer & Merchandise on Friday & Saturday so bring lots of cash!

Also we appreciate any help with merchandise sales at the club trailer/MVCC HQ.

Well back to my restoration story of Froggy, my GTBS Ford Burma Jeep Bomb Service Truck.

October of 2015 I was looking for the rare rear single tire fenders. Some of my MVCC friends knew I had purchased the GTBS's and was looking for parts.

One day I received an email from Chris Thomas, a fellow MVCC Member, the email was of a GTBS listed on Craigslist for sale in Nevada City, Chris said that the rare rear fenders were on it! I was so excited I called the owner right away. What I really needed was the rear fenders because they only made 2,000 GTBS's so only 2,000 sets of those fenders exist! So I text the owner and asked if he would sell just the rear fenders, I even offered him \$800 for them. I was figuring that since it wasn't original looking GTBS he would sell them. The GTBS in Nevada City had been customized for the 2015 Wasteland Weekend in the Mojave Desert. It looked like it had came out of the latest Mad Max Movie! (To View a clip on this GTBS go to YouTube and look up 2015 Wasteland Weekend). So the owner of the GTBS said he wouldn't just sell the fenders but he would strip all the custom add on's off and sell it as a cheaper price. I slept on it, at least I tried to sleep, and the next day I text him and agreed on a price of \$3,000, down from \$7,900. The owner thought it would be cool to see it restored. The owner would even deliver it. Now its important to note that I never saw it in person before buying it. I only first saw it when it was coming down my driveway! That was a major leap of faith. I guess you can say that those fenders cost me \$3,000 and the truck was free. Lol. Later I learned that the GTBS has been featured in "Road Kill" Magazine Winter 2016. Also, I never talked to the owner till the day he showed up on my driveway with the Burma, all our talking and dealing was done via texting. The crazy things we do when we really want something. Bottom line, I was extremely happy with my transaction! Thanks Chris Thomas for the lead, I couldn't have done with without you and all my MVCC friends.

Stay tuned for my next installment.

Keeping History Alive

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pictures from Don Page 7



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Hello North Bay West and beyond,

It is with a heavy heart that I have to report that a dear friend of mine and one of the original fore fathers of this club, Mike Stopforth (of Mike's Military) has been tragically killed in a fatal car accident near Red Bluff on August 10<sup>th</sup> 2018. The lord has taken him and his daughter from this earth to be with him in heaven. His granddaughter and her friend were also in the car too. They survived, but are still recovering in the hospital. Mike and his family were returning from a road trip up to Oregon to visit with Ron Fitzpatrick. Anyone of our members who have been around for anytime can remember seeing Mike holding down his corner shop selling his parts across from the pavilion bathrooms at Tower park. If you are a Jeep owner you had bought a part from Mike at some point in your restoration. Mike was always there when we needed help finding a part or when we were busting our knuckles trying to install that part the wrong way. I can hear him now saying "now whatcha' got to do is.....". I will always remember those times at the shop working with him or him helping me on my projects. Mike was a generous and kind man that I will miss dearly. I wrote in my article about him and Terry O'Conner shutting down their respective and symbiotic shops in my June of 2017 column. I am including a portion of that article here:

On another note I would like to recognize a dear friend, great member, and supporter of this club! That is Mike Stopforth of the famed Mike's Military, AKA the "Jeep Jesus" (as I gave him that name many years ago). Many of you may not know that Mike has now officially retired and Mike's Military is no more. Mike was forced to retire when the landlord of his shop in Santa Rosa essentially gave him and Terry O'Conner an eviction notice after over 20 years in that location! This happened just as we were preparing for Camp Petaluma. This has blown up our jeep world here in the North Bay. The days of the hobby shop and the Sunday "Brain Trust" abruptly ended. On a personal note I want to thank Mike for all of his support to this club, its membership and the hobby as a whole. The wealth of his knowledge of the "incredible jeep" is immeasurable. He has forgot more about this piece of equipment than we will ever know! He has helped me through out this adventure in this hobby. I wish Mike the best in his retirement and thank him for all that he has done. He has supplied, supported, and participated in too many projects to count. I hope to continue to see him at future meets! To Terry, I wish him the best in his new business endeavors. Whatever they may be. We don't know how good we had it until it is gone!

Well now Mike has gone too. Goodbye my friend and I hope you have a long Jeep ride all the way to those pearly gates.

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Since I just received my current Newsletter, I thought I just might be able to get one in time for the next one. Since the Petaluma show, we attended the Memorial Event at Oak Hill Cemetery in San Jose on the May 28th with the jeep; joining up with Doug Boales (and his crew) T-8 and several pieces of Eagle Field Foundation armor.

One June 9th we went to my first Eagle Field event at Firebaugh. I had planned to attend last year but for some reason it was cancelled. So I really wanted to attend this year. When we got there it started to look like an MVCC Board meeting, as your President, Secretary, Treasurer and Kim Sievert, Dave Porter, Don Gomes were in attendance, plus a bevy of other MVCC members with their vehicles.

We got there Friday afternoon and set up the jeep with T-8 & T-9, Doug's crew had everything else set up. Similar to the MVPA convention. Donna and I stayed at a Best Western Motel in Firebaugh which we thought was in town (wrong). It was right off Interstate 5 about 15 miles South of Eagle Field. On Saturday morning Donna and I looked for Firebaugh, which was another 15 miles in the other direction. We were really disappointed in downtown Firebaugh. Not sure what I was expecting but that wasn't it. Hope I haven't offended any that lives there.

Then attended the 4th of July in Monterey, Marc Goldman's jeep was down on mechanical issues, but Robert Albanese joined me in the Monterey parade with his M-35. Actually the week before we had attended the Galt event called "Touch a Tank" on Sat June 30th along with a parade at 10:00 AM and then a static display after the parade. Again this was with the Eagle Field Foundation and their volunteers. Galt put on a great fireworks display that night and we had front row seats.

I let Doug pick up me jeep to take it to several events that I was unable to attend. He had T-8 and my jeep at the Saratoga Car Show which was on July 22nd. Then the "Spirit of 45" at Kelly Park San Jose. He also has several events coming up in Sept. that he plans to take both vehicles, while I will be back East for my Grandson's wedding and then on to a cruise in the Baltic Sea for two weeks. We will be gone from Aug. 28th until Sept. 27th. So that means I will miss the Tower Park meet.

I'll have the jeep back for one of the many Veteran's day events around the area, just haven't decided which one yet.

Some photos included on page 11

Jack

P.S. I can't get Doug's crew to take may photos. So don't have any of Car Show or Spirit of 45.



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Evening 510/925 MVCC Members,

I'm writing this with a heavy heart as my good friend and fellow MVCC member Randy Parent passed away Tuesday after an extended battle with cancer.

Hilde and I met Randy and Traci some years back at Tower Park, likely after having been woken by his enthusiastic blasting of Reveille in the morning! We all became friends and I've had the pleasure of being drawn into numerous adventures with Randy, Traci, some of the EMU Huey crew, MVCC members, and a host of other great people Randy always surrounded himself with. Randy and Mike Rinehart even roped me into the VP position. From my experience Randy had the ability to bring out the best in people and truly enjoyed them. Last year he and Traci made a few visits to my Auto class and I learned a valuable lesson. If you gave him an audience you'd better watch out, especially if they are High School students. Needless to say Randy and the kids had some fun with me... his next visit to the Shop was on a weekend! We all enjoyed servicing the GPW, M38A1 and the Amphicar (that's a whole story in itself!) Randy was always excited to share his enthusiasm and toys with the kids. There were also a slew of MV outings, Tower Park, Petaluma, Cars & Coffee, Parades, Events at the Veterans Memorial Building, and any other excuses to head out with the MV's and have some fun. Randy was always a great representative for the MV hobby and an excellent advocate for Veterans.

Randy's humor, sense of adventure, and caring nature will be missed. Randy's and Traci's courage and sheer toughness while dealing with his illness have been an inspiration.

Godspeed My Friend.

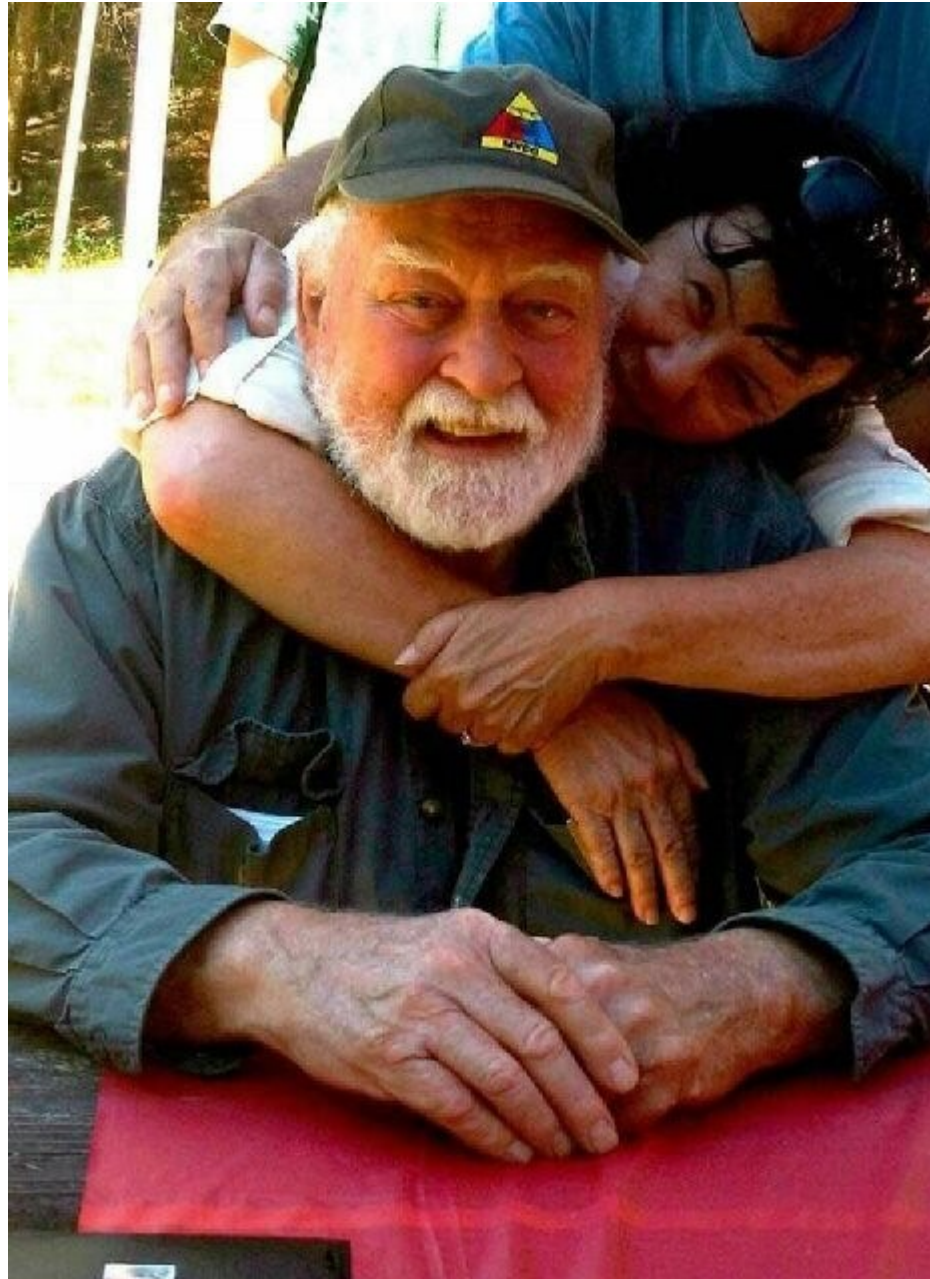
We're off to Tower Park on Thursday 9/20 in the late afternoon (after I escape work). Is there anyone in, or passing through, the 510/925 who is interested in convoying up? The M37 cruises the flats at 55-58ish, the hills at a bit less!

Andy





Jack Valenti's pictures top from Memorial day. Middle waiting for the parade to jump off in Galt. Bottom from Eagle Field 2018.



Mike Stopforth God Speed Mike.  
Scott Rohrs

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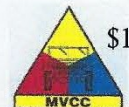
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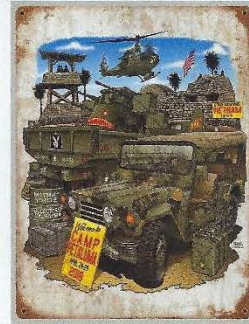
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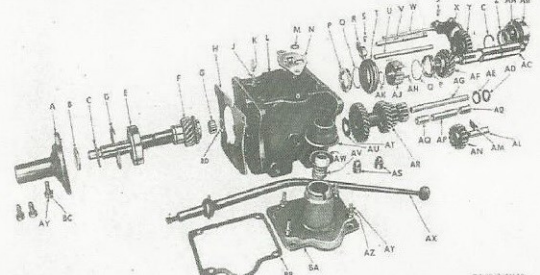
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**For Sale: M101-A1 TRAILER, CARGO 3/4 TON** with Cover and Racks. Like new tires and spare tire. Small amount of rust in front of trailer. All Military, 24V \$900.00

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**For Sale:** 1968 M715 Kaiser Jeep US Army 25th Division 725 MT company Cu Chi Vietnam 1966- 1975. Truck has no rot restore or drive as is with original faded camouflage paint and markings. Has Chevy V8 professional install and 12 volt. Nothing has been cut easy to put back to original. \$3500 or best offer.

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**FOR SALE:** Custom full size replica M1A1, 75mm Pack Howitzer with 12 gauge shotgun breach for firing blank black powder shells. This replica Howitzer is not able to fire any live ammunition. This replica Howitzer will turn heads during a parade or other military celebrations. I had this Howitzer built from a base unit I purchased some years ago. This unit includes platform, cannon, original 75 mm Pack Howitzer wheels and hubs Some photo of cannon was taken with M151 style wheels but the cannon now has correct wheels. This cannon is a 100% replica with exception of the hubs, wheels and a few other small parts. Asking \$14,500 OBO. More info and pictures 541-914-2917 email nuksub612@comcast.net 10-18

**For Sale:** 1945 Willys MB. Europe return Complete teardown and restoration. Using all original parts and hardware. Has under hood lube chart and holder, grease gun, tire pump. 2018 canvas top and half doors. G.I. tow bar installed includes standard bumper and wood insert. Includes restored MBT trailer with a 2018 canvas cover. For more info call Ernestine Chambers 530-846-4218 9-18

**For Sale:** WWII GMC & Chevrolet Parts: Re-cored radiator - never installed \$750. Useable wheels (with bad tires), \$40. each. Rear axle shafts, \$80. each, front fenders, drivelines, other misc.

Located in Geyserville, CA.

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- 1) 1943 Ford GPW - most of it is there - will run but smokes - frame off restoration done 40 years ago - extra GPW engine goes with sale- title-- \$ 8500,00
- 2) 1945 Ford GPW - complete running gear - body tub, hood, fenders etc., grill, windshield frame & inner, 2 combat wheels, MB engine title. \$ 2900.00
- 3) 1942 Ford Script complete running gear, hood, body tub, fenders, MB engine etc. no title \$ 2800.00
- 4) 1945 Willys MB - complete running gear, hood fenders, body tub repair or replace, windshield & inner - title \$ 2500.00

I would prefer to sell as one lot but flexible.

Contact John @ tidyacres@hotmail.com

(510) 821-0355 10-18

**Wanted:** US WWII Small Wall Tent in good condition. John at 415-847-2801 or

in\_garage@hotmail.com 11-18

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**FOR SALE** – Beautiful 1968 M151-A1 Jeep (Mutt) for sale in excellent condition. This Mutt is real clean, no rust and has been restored to run dependably for parades, road trips and every day driving. It has a legal Oregon title. new canvas roof and all seat cushions, new wiring harness from Wiring Harness of Maine (front harness installed), complete set of manuals, gauges, lights and re-built and functioning heater/defroster. This jeep comes with tons of spare parts:

Asking \$14,500 OBO. Contact: 541-914-2917  
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**For Sale:** 1944 Ford M20 Armored Utility Car. This has been to our meets for a number of years. Street driven to 50 mph. Current CA registration. No brake issues, powerful. Many spares. Time to move on. \$73,000. Consider WWII jeep as partial trade. No show jeeps or real nice ones. Or partial trade for 28 – 30 foot flatbed trailer. Own the dream.

John at 415-847-2801 or [in\\_garage@hotmail.com](mailto:in_garage@hotmail.com).  
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**FOR SALE:** 1953 M38A1 USMC Jeep Willys Registered on a NON OP Radio RT68 NOS with mount and antenna 5 new rims and tires Recent minor body work and paint. Professionally relined gas tank, rebuilt generator, radiator, new clutch and resurfaced fly wheel, new break pads, Have photos before the breakdown and after. One complete Jeep and Enough other parts for almost another complete Jeep Includes: 1964 M416 Trailer. \$10,000. Jeep Trailer 1,500.00

**For Sale:** 1952 Dodge M43 Registered Historical plates \$4000.00 Raquel Lantz Rainwater Kern County 661-972-2742 below and bottom right



**For Sale:** 1943 Ford GTBS Bomb Service Truck Excellent Condition With 6 Bombs Fully Restored Complete Canvas \$25,000

**For Sale:** 1968 M274A5 ½ Ton 4X4 Platform Vehicle By Baifield All options with 4-rear seats and 50 Cal. Mount Excellent runner. Fording Kit \$22,500

**For Sale:** 1942 Dodge ¾ Ton WC 56 Command Car Patton Special with air Horn and siren Solid older restoration Top is worn. With 50 Cal Mount (No Gun) \$25,000

**For Sale:** 1951 Willys M-38 Older Restoration with Gun Mount Great condition with winch & new Batteries \$20,000

**For Sale:** 1947 US Army Signal Corps ¼ Ton K-38 Telephone Cable Splicing Trailer (Highway Trailer Company) New tires unrestored Good condition \$1,000 **Brad 818 419-9989**

[www.americanmovietrucks.com](http://www.americanmovietrucks.com)

**FOR SALE:** 1942 Dodge WC24 1/2 ton Command Car with winch. Kind of bare bones but has the winch, engine and good sheet metal. \$4300. More pictures can be emailed. Lee. Picture below whenlde@aol.com 925-447-9387.



# **Camp Delta at Tower Park Resort Fall Swap Meet & MV Gathering Activities Camp Sites & Cabins Probably Available By John Neuenburg, Spring and Fall Meet Activities Coordinator 415-847-2801 or in\_garage@hotmail.com**

By the time you have gotten this far in the newsletter you have read the BIG NEWS about the Big Meet location next April. We don't know what this will do for attendance at Tower Park this month, but it will likely increase it. Some have been planning to investigate changes at Tower and choose an April site. No need for that now! But the vast majority of MVCCers and other regulars at our meets know nothing about the new April venue. Many will come to the September gathering to learn the many things already planned, to learn how to make reservations, talk to friends about camping near each other, learn about hotels and restaurants, and the best ways to get to Plymouth.

And by the way, buy and sell MV stuff and kick tires at Tower Park! No doubt some eager beavers will go visit 49er to look around on the way to or from Tower Park, or during the meet. It's only 54 miles and 59 minutes away.

For those without a campsite or cabin reservation at Tower Park this month, there will probably be spaces available in our primary area or in adjacent campgrounds. Very nice with lots of shade, little dust, protection from the "delta breeze," and close to the restaurant, store, and Sunset Sweets. Since our group discount is no longer available, reserve through Jellystone Park office at 209-369-1041 or go to the reservation link at [www.towerparkresort.com](http://www.towerparkresort.com). Do not go through Jo-Ann. Note the "Package Deal" discounts. The "4 for price of 3" deal is the same as our group discount. Today I saw a "Fri and Sat reservation – add Thurs or Sun for \$25" deal. Plug in your requirements and see what sites show up. Experiment with different types of sites to see all options. A few people have not paid their 50% deposits by the 9/1 deadline and these sites became available. Consider the renovated Campground 1 across from the boat dealers. Long term folks were cleaned out of there last year. This is close to our meet and there is an open driving gate between the two areas.

The September Camp Delta meets are always swap meets and MV gatherings with fewer activities than the bigger Spring meets. Lots of laid back socializing. This year we will have a Ladies Afternoon Social at 2 on Friday and there might be an offsite car pool excursion earlier in the week for the ladies. The Battalion COMM Center returns with displays and demos by the West Coast Military Radio Collectors Group. Various types of sets will be in operation and there might be offsite units in operation (like you?) not to mention their weekly West Coast net on Saturday night that everybody is welcome to check out. Morning Coffee & Treats by the Coopers is back for Thursday-Saturday. There will be a memorial toast to Mike Stopforth on Friday at 5 pm at Dave Aro's camp #143. Mike was a prominent jeep parts vendor who set up at the Spring meet north of the Pavilion. He and his daughter were killed in a traffic accident this July. Mike's warehouse in Santa Rosa was a regular gathering place for North Bay MV hobbyists. We have lost several other MV'ers this year including Glen Ghilotti, Sieg Wroebel, Mac McCluskey, and Randy Parent.

As of this writing there is no MV excursion planned but I have a recommended route and some tips if anyone wants to lead a MV run to the A&W restaurant in Lodi, the birthplace of A&W. Another trip is driving west and north to Isleton and beyond where there are some restaurants and things to see, and/or drive Delta Loop where there are other pit stop opportunities. Anything new will be added to the Activities Schedule handed out at the camping office and is posted by the restrooms and at MVCC HQ. Let me know if you want to organize something. The member meeting will be Saturday morning where information will be shared about the Spring meet and MVCC Board elections in the Spring. All are welcome to attend this meeting. The MVCC HQ and Quartermaster Sales Booth will be open for business for two days.

The water park will NOT be operating but the pools in Campground 4 are, as are the play structures over there. We hear the new restaurant and bar is open during the week for lunch and dinner, and for breakfast on weekends.



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FALL SWAP MEET & MV GATHERING  
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**FALL 2018 MEET DETAILS – SEE BASIC TRAINING PAGE on [www.MVCCNews.net](http://www.MVCCNews.net) FOR ADDITIONAL INFO**

If you have not made a reservation for a campsite or cabin, the procedure now is to go straight to [www.towerparkresort.com](http://www.towerparkresort.com) or call the Jellystone Park office at 209-369-1041. Don't say you are with the MV group, it will just confuse them. If our group area is full they might say "full" which is not really true if they have spaces in adjacent campgrounds. See our marked-up map. No MV group discount is available now but look or ask for their "Package Deal" discounts. On the web reservation page, you can choose the type of campsite or cabin you like and see available sites on the map. Experiment with different site types to see more options. Cancellations happen so sites might appear at any time.

**No day-visitor fee or parking fee. Vendors must rent campsites or cabins (no common areas are in our campground). No visitor parking inside the campgrounds, park close by in the shade on the levee road beyond the big boat barn. Campground side please. Trailer storage at the frontage road, river side this year. The old field is a miniature golf course! Do not store trailers on the levee. This is for visitor parking!**

As usual, early birds are welcome prior to Tuesday. Last Sunday is pull out day, not a show day

To use the pools in Campground 4 there will be a fee charged at the office for a wristband. The new water park is still not open but there are play areas over there for the kids

Tower Park Waterfront Grill offers breakfast, lunch, dinner on weekends, no breakfast during the week we hear. Check out the menus and prices at <http://www.towerparkwaterfrontgrille.com/> Sunset Sweets has treats and snacks at the marina.

**MVCC BUSINESS**

Event & MVCC HQ / Merchandise Store at Cabin 170 near the exit ramp. Open Friday 11-5, Saturday 10-4. If you missed getting the Camp Petaluma T-shirt with the awesome artwork, we might have your size! Patches, stickers, more! Meet the MVCC Secretary and Treasurer. Renew memberships – they can be anniversary-based, not by calendar year, so a full 12 months

**General Membership Meeting** Sat 0930. Location TBA. All attendees welcome. News, details about the Spring 2019 event not already in the September newsletter. Get info about running for office – elections are next Spring. YOU can do it!

**Board Meeting** time TBA

**ACTIVITIES**

- **Morning Coffee and Treats**, George, Cathleen Cooper camp #148 north of the restrooms, Thursday-Saturday morning, MVCC fundraiser
- **Ladies Social** Friday 2 p.m. Cabin #178 by entrance ramp. Marilyn Neuenburg is POC. Bring your favorite beverage and snacks or treats to share
- **Battalion COMM Center** radio display and demos, Site #107. Tim Sammons and friends from the West Coast Military Radio Collectors Group will operate HF (long range) voice and CW stations plus some VHF equipment. Likely some remote "out stations" will be deployed temporarily. Those who operate military radios are welcome to participate. Check your range? Saturday at 2000 is their standing, California-wide radio net. Check out what they do!
- **Memorial Toast to Mike Stopforth** 5 pm Friday at Dave Aro's camp #143. Mike was the popular jeep parts vendor always set up in the Spring across from the Pavilion restrooms. Killed with his daughter in a traffic accident last month. One of several the MV hobby has lost this year including Glen Ghilotti, Mac McCluskey, Sieg Wroebe, Randy Parent
- If you are doing a display or activity in your campsite and want to advertise, you are welcome to tape a flyer on the restroom walls. Ask the Activities Coordinator if it will qualify to be listed on the final Schedule flyer available at the camping office and posted at the restrooms. Deadline to get on that is September 16. See John's info below.
- For an uncluttered background for MV photos, try the end of the levee road past camp

For information about activities at this or the Spring meet, contact John Neuenburg at [in\\_garage@hotmail.com](mailto:in_garage@hotmail.com)

The two Spring Meet vehicle displays will be JEEPS and Ford GTB BURMA JEEPS Plus BOMB TRUCKS



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**Please enter an e-mail address for possible future methods of communication.** If you list MV's or related hobby interest, it will show up on membership lists the MVCC Officers receive. Sometimes we want to contact members with certain MV's 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, or copy it, fill it out, and fold it put it in an envelope with your check inside, apply postage, and mail it. Simple!

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