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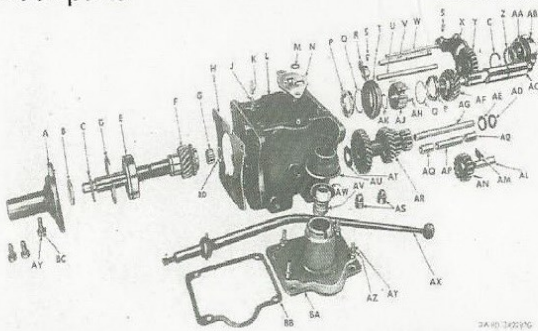
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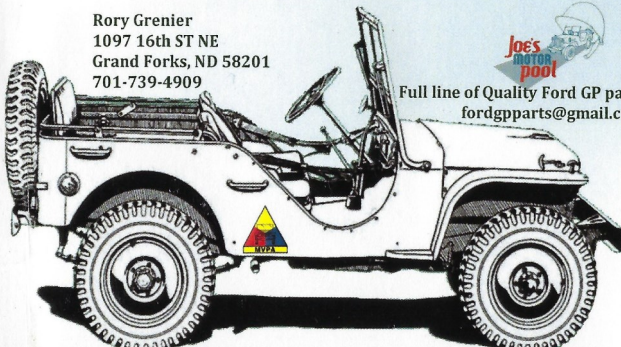
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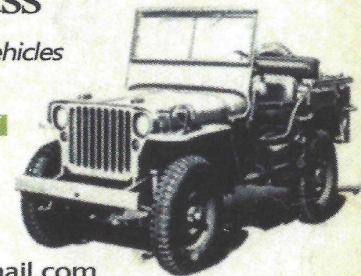
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**October 5, 2019** Gustine, airport fly-in 9am-2pm. MV's and Hotrods POC: Don Gomes 209-765-1273

**October 5 - 6, 2019** California Capital Airshow  
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**October 8, 2019** American Legion Combat Veterans Golf Tournament at Napa's Silverado Golf Course  
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POC: CJ Bertagna (707) 815 7790

**November 2, 2019** Los Banos Veterans day parade.  
10am-12pm MV's welcome.  
Don Gomes POC: 209-765-1273

**November 3, 2019** Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade & Ceremony Assemble at 1100 parade starts at 1300. Info, POC: Andy Shyers @ 510-832-4322  
Email: [mvcc510925@gmail.com](mailto:mvcc510925@gmail.com)

**November 11, 2019** Salinas Veterans Day Parade  
2 PM to 4 PM Downtown/old town Salinas, Ca  
POC is Jack Valenti 831-595-3487

**November 11, 2019** Turlock Veterans Charitable Trust held at Turlock Golf & County Club at 10 am . Please bring your MV's for static displays around the golf course food and drinks will be provided POC is Lee Smith 209-988-8832

**November 11, 2019** Gustine Veterans Day Parade  
10AM step off MV's welcome POC: Don Gomes 209-765-1273

**November 11, 2019** San Jose Veterans Day Parade.  
The staging area is the parking lot on Delmas Ave, just south of West Santa Clara Street please be there by 9 am. The parade will start sharply at high noon. There will be an after parade event at Santana Row.  
POC: Kurt Lesser: 408-238-8277

**November 11, 2019** Watsonville Ca. Veterans Day parade. celebrating all of America's Veterans.  
Line up at 7:00am parade starts at 9:30 a.m. the parade will begin at St. Patrick's church and finish up at Veteran's Memorial Building.  
POC Jack Valenti 831-595-3487

**November 11, 2019** Petaluma's Veteran's Parade  
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POC: Scott Rohrs (415) 259 8177

**November 13, 2019** Modesto Junior College will be hosting a week of learning about the various branches of the United States Military. Vehicles are needed to display November 13, 2019 from 11:00 to 1:00 PM.  
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# AT THE FRONT



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Hi to all the MVCC;

Thanks to everyone who made it to the first fall meet at Camp Plymouth. The weather was great, a little early rain just kept the dust down at the fairgrounds. Most vendors reported strong sales, with a good cross section of OD things looking for a new home. I bought a few things and added 11 miles to odometer of Ginger Jeep without leaving Camp Plymouth.

The MVCC booth sold a lot of shirts to people who didn't buy one in April (like me, oops). MVs present were a wide span, Jeeps to M900 5 ton, with a surprising number of M38's this year. Convoys were smaller than April, so we may have them only for the spring meet unless a near by special event is happening at the same time as the fall meet.

The General Membership meeting was well attended Saturday. I had plenty of members talk to me about the club, future plans and etc. All input is greatly appreciated. One of the subjects at the meeting was the Jeep kit raffle. The board has laid out the rules for it and those will be printed in the following issues of the Newsletter. Just a heads-up about the raffle, it's a members only raffle - so if you're reading this and you're not a member, join now!

I need to thank all the club officers for helping me through my first meet as your Club President. Special thanks to the Porters, the Lesser's, the Verissimo's, Dave Ball and Don Gomes (Don your lighting fast trip up to help was greatly appreciated)

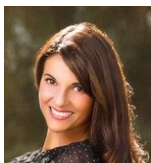
To close out the year, we have many local events through out the state in November and December you can attend, so Let's Keep 'Em Rolling.

Chris Thomas  
MVCC President



It is with great sorrow that I write this notice of passing for a good friend and long time MVCC Member, Clint Thrasher, 11/15/1966 — 9/29/2019. Clint served as the Central Coast VP and was always willing to help members. He attended all the Camp Roberts events and was tail-end Charlie on all the off road adventures. Many will remember Clint and Tim Colburn blasting around on their motorcycles looking for goodies at the swapmeets. Clint is survived by his daughter. Clint will be missed. Clear skies, low gear, and happy trails buddy! DB

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Hello MV'ers,  
 I haven't posted in a while and figured it was time for an update, and a long one at that!

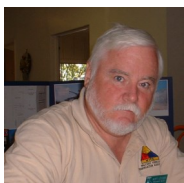
Mark B., Hilde and I attended the Touch a Truck Endurance Run a few weeks ago in Danville. You may be thinking "Endurance Run", what's Shyers talking about?!", well if you had experienced the Touch a Truck event you'd know! I suspect Mark may have had some prior intelligence and spent the event safely a few thousand feet up in his T34A while we kept an eye on "Bertha", his M923A2, on the ground. I should have known we were in for an adventure when the armada of parents, strollers and kids began to descend on the parking lot. We were going to be busy!!!!

At 1001 we were inundated. I had to run over to Mark's rig to do crowd control, Hilde manned the M37. They just kept coming, and coming! Kids, parents, big ones, tall ones, small ones, good ones, bad ones, strollers... From 1000-0100 Hilde and I felt like carnival workers at our respective rides. And they just kept coming...! The only break was when Mark and his Memorial Squadron distracted the crowds doing their aerobatic work above the parking lot, including their patented "Hand Grenade" maneuver (I need to ask how it got that name!). They were so impressive I heard someone made an emergency call to report a smoking aircraft in trouble, I guess the other 5 aircraft trailing smoke weren't a clue. Hmmmm. The impressive show provided the diversion we needed to suck down some fluids and food to sustain us for the next wave. By 0100 the crowds had begun to subside and we buttoned up the trucks and headed home in the M37, tired, sun burnt, dehydrated, and dazed!

You're likely thinking, "I'll NEVER do one of those Touch a Truck events!!!" after that description, right?! Here's the flip side: We cycled HUNDREDS of parents and kids through the trucks. We educated them on the use and important history of the trucks. We explained why people choose to preserve them. I'd like to think we may have planted a seed in some of those kids that will encourage them to take up the hobby, or at least support it! So if there's a Touch a Truck event near you, here's my advice Bring 3 helpers to keep an eye on the rig and rotate. Expect to be VERY busy. If you're worried about knobs, buttons, or accessories secure them well. Be prepared to meet a ton of very interested people of all ages who are super excited that you brought your MV out to play! Reward your helpers well :) ! but wait, there's more!

Yesterday Hilde and I hopped in the M37 headed off to the Legion of Honor in SF loaded with food & drinks. We were due to meet and feed the MVPA Lincoln Highway Convoy at the terminus of the Lincoln Highway. They were to arrive at 1100, but I'm not sure they accounted for our specialty in the Bay Area, TRAFFIC! It was a terrific experience. It was a real pleasure listening to Dan & Janine McClusky and their crew relate stories of their 30+ days on the road. The collection of vehicles was impressive, as was the large number of Dodges :) ! Convoy members were very appreciative of the MVCC's support and of course lunch. Hilde and I were also able to experience something really special. Once lunch was wrapped up the convoy was due to head back across SF to the Bay Bridge with POLICE ESCORT. This may not sound special, but trust me, it was amazing! I'd mentioned our lovely Bay Area traffic, but here is a solution I could get used to. We had 20+ Motorcycle Police stopping traffic directing us through SF at speed. They did this relay style. Every minute or so the rider at the rear would blast by on the way to the front and stop traffic prior to our arrival. No stop lights, no blocked intersections, no knuckle heads, pedestrians waving at us! I don't think I had to hit the brakes once crossing SF! We both decided this may be one of the benefits to aspiring to higher office, your own motorcade. We had a taste of the convoy experience and one day maybe we'll be able to participate in the whole adventure. I like to imagine police escort across the continent... Oh, we forgot the forks for the salad!!!!

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## MVCC Wagon mistress October, 2019

Well, our first fall Camp Plymouth is in our rear view mirror. All in all it was a great show. We are on a learning curve with the 49'er and the Fairgrounds and hopefully come April all will be worked out to everyone's satisfaction. At our past venues we generally had about 80-85 sites used for the fall meet. This year, between the split venues we were right on target. Good job MVCCers. The updated registration form for April Camp Plymouth is being worked on and should be out in the next newsletter. If you were assigned a space at the 2019 spring rally, please fill that number in on your registration form. I do have a list of who was where so don't worry if you don't remember the number. If you are new to the April rally or looking to change spaces please include that information in the comments section of the registration form. Some of you may have had hopes of being a doctor to that end, please, please print carefully.

Remember to look for quality raffle items for the spring raffle. This is the MVCC's way of raising money to help with our two rally's. It's a simple thing to ask of all our attending members.

Thanksgiving blessings from our home to yours.

Jo-Ann

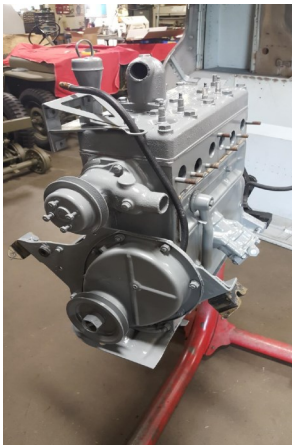


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Well, I made it to Camp Plymouth but only for a few hours due to work related issues.

I picked up Betsy from Jimmy Strauss who runs an excellent military vehicle restoration shop near Camp Plymouth. Scott Tanis works in that shop, and he worked on my GPW which was in need of a refresh.

Jimmy and Scott did a fantastic job. There are a couple pictures below showing the in-progress and finished Jeep at CP. In the events section of this newsletter, Dave Ball has done a great job of posting the Central Valley's Veterans Day events, so if you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me. Any events you have on the horizon that you want to let the MVCC members know about, please send them to me. Don....





1944 GMC "Deuce" M1 Chemical Truck. As seen at Tower Park in Showcase.

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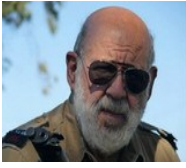
Fellow MV'ers,

The fall event went well and it was nice to catch up with folks. I hope we can get more folks to come during the fall event. The weather was nice and there was plenty of room for more MVs. In regards to events, I'm building an email data base for the 707 area code MV folks and will start sending out event updates soon. Regarding projects, I recently acquired an M16 halftrack. It was used as a spray rig in Half Moon Bay. She is pretty rough but has good bones. I spent several weekends just cutting off all the spray rig piping, the spray tank etc. I put on a couple front tires so I could roll her around and finally got her in the shop. Now comes the fun part of tearing her down and starting the restoration. I picked up a donor halftrack that was in a brush fire as well as a spare motor so between the motor, "rusty" and "marshmallow" I've got a pretty good start on this MV. I also am working on another restoration project that's not an MV but it is military... more on that next time. Couple Halftrack pictures below. "Big Mike"





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Hope everyone enjoyed the fall “Plymouth” event this year. I had high hopes for the meet also, Donna and I had planned to stay for the weekend. I managed to stay through the Board meeting on Thursday. However by Friday morning I was feeling so “poorly”, I had Donna pack up the car and we left for home.

When we finally got to Monterey, I headed directly for the Emergency Room at the hospital. After a quick assessment; they admitted me for “CHF” (water accumulating in the lungs). After aggressive diuretic therapy and strict “fluid” restrictions I was discharged Sunday afternoon. Now I’m still restricted to my fluid intake and naturally limited on salt intake. While writing this up, I have just heard of the passing of “Clint Thrasher”. I saw him at Plymouth and he looked very thin and pale. Clint had served in the past as your V.P. for the Central Coast in between my stints as V.P. He was always up for a “parade” and took the lead in the Salinas Veteran’s day Parade. I know that he will be missed. There are several Veteran’s day events in the 408 & 831 area codes. Check the newsletter events. If anyone has any other event coming up in these area please let me know.



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Hello North Bay West and beyond,

Well our first fall meet at Camp Plymouth is now in the books! Again we were blessed with fabulous weather. Of course it wouldn’t be a proper MVCC event without a bit of rain. Unfortunately I was only able to make it up there Saturday afternoon. As we all know, folks were already pulling out or many had already left. I was able to see a few familiar faces and still found a few goodies. It feels like we have finally found a home! In my opinion, the venue is just civilized enough, but still funky enough to fill all of our members needs. Thanks again to everyone who makes this happen for our club. You know who you are!

I will be starting my Report From Spearhead VI next month. I have been struggling with starting it because it feels like the trip hasn’t ended. I say that because we still haven’t received our jeeps yet! We got home on the 20th of June and it won’t be until October when we will take possession of our jeeps. I hope those who are interested got to view Ernie Ongaro’s video he put together from the trip. He played it at the fall event. He did a great job! I plan on making a movie with my videos and pictures also, but again I have much of that material, with all my Euro treasures still in the jeep. “Stay Tuned Sports Fans”!

I hope to see the usual suspects at the Petaluma Vets Day Parade on November 11th. I say it every year, come on out! This parade is one of the biggest parades in the state for military vehicles!

As always if you want to promote an event get me a flyer and I will get the word out via the club’s newsletter.

Fall has come and it is time to prioritize our winter projects. For myself I am going to continue to dial in my WC-3 with a little help from my friends. Maybe paint in the spring. I am excited about digging into my 1942 GPW pick up truck. Many of you saw it last spring when it made its debut at the spring meet. I have received many great recommendations from the membership and friends of what I should do with it as far as a restoration.

Get out and drive those rigs until the weather turns!

Scott Rohrs

North Bay West VP



Kim Sievert's M5A1 Stuart at Lee Edwards motor pool. Looking forward too seeing the two Stuarts in April. ED.



Eric Reeds awesome 1962 Dodge M37B1

## April 2020 Camp Plymouth Showcase Announcement!!!

In addition to the Jeep in a box raffle, it looks there will be plenty to see in Spring 2020 at the MVCC's annual biggest swapmeet in the west .

Next year's showcases in the works are an Armor and a Humvee Showcase. There is a rumor both Lee Edwards, the event POC, and Kim Sievert will both have their M5 Stuarts present and rumbling around. Kurt Lesser is the POC for the Humvee Showcase, so if you have a Hummer get it ready for the Spring swapmeet. Big Mike in the North Bay will also be working on a Deuce, 5 ton, and Bigger Trucks Showcase. We would love to see a large amount of big trucks attend. If you have a large military truck in any condition, bring it. Make plans to attend and start working on your vehicles, so they are ready for the showcases. There are very affordable sites in the tenting area if bringing the RV is not your thing. There is lots of free parking. The tent side has a no minimum night stay policy and lots of free parking for the day trippers. There is really no reason to not attend the largest Military Vehicle event in the west.

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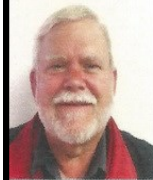


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### MVCC Fall Meet 2019 in Plymouth California

The Fall Meet has come and gone, that was super fast! Crazy how time flies. I want to start off by saying Christina and I enjoyed the fall meet to its fullest. I love seeing Military Vehicles driving around all day and seeking out the vendors who brought stuff to sell. I never leave any of the two events the MVCC puts on without buying something as you would be able to tell if you have ever visited my home. My main interest is World War 2; that's what I collect and the vehicles I'm most interested in.

MVCC HQ Booth – We made \$544.00 at the fall meet and that's normal for the smaller of the two meets we put on. If anyone wants to purchase something from the MVCC HQ store, just let Don Gomes know and we will get it out to you as soon as possible. The store is always open for business. Dave Ball will be working with Christina to get the MVCC a credit card set up that hopefully will be operational by April 2020.

A MASSIVE THANK YOU to Don Grupe, Fred Kennedy, Mike Fedyk, Dave Porter, Chris Thomas, Kathy Cooper for volunteering at the MVCC HQ Booth!!!! Christina and I were very grateful!

If anyone's got any ideas on merchandise items you would like to see made, let me know by sending me an email with your thoughts. JoAnn Lesser will be making a new batch of MVCC Antenna Pennants for purchase at the MVCC HQ for \$25 each. Hit us up if you want one!

Spread the Word - If you would like a few MVCC tri fold flyers to hand out at events, let me know and I'll mail them to you. It's up to us members to get the word out as best as we can so that we can grow our club and hobby.

Welcome MVCC President Chris Thomas. This was his first MVCC Event under his belt, and all went well. Camp Plymouth 2020 – PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE inform attendees to Camp Plymouth 2020 not to park on the roads at 49er RV Park and Fairgrounds while trying to look at what a vendor has at their spot or to just visit. That was the biggest complaint I got from the AWESOME /understanding staff at 49er RV Resort. If there is an emergency and you are blocking the road then someone's life could possibly be at risk if they need medical attention. If you see someone blocking a road please inform them kindly to move their vehicle to the HUGE FREE parking area at the Fairgrounds that is paid for by your MVCC.

Thank you to Christina, my wife, you are way too cool in the way you share this hobby with me. You never complain and if there is a problem, you volunteer to solve it, you're awesome, thank you.

Next year's t-shirts - Next year's event t-shirts will have a M5 Stuart Light Tank and a ¾ Dodge WC52. It will have a WW2 theme. Also, next year, there will be an Armor Showcase and Humvee Showcase on Friday! So make your plans to attend! If you have a Humvee and want to bring it, Kurt Lesser is the POC. The POC for the Armor will be announced soon. We will also be working on a 2.5/5/10 Ton Trucks Showcase maybe 2020 or 2021. We would love to see a large amount of 2.5, 5 and 10 ton trucks attend, that would be an AWESOME sight to see! If you have one, then its time to start working on it so you can have it ready to showcase.

Looking for something – I'm looking for an Edison Battery Box for my Observation Instrument Antiaircraft M1 Scope. If you know where I might find one, please send me an email! It's a small black box. I need it to complete my Scope. Also looking for TM 9-1665 manual.

We are always trying to grow the Big April Meet, so if you have any ideas or know of something you can do to help grow it, let us know. If you need flyers to help spread the word, let me know. If you have questions, concerns, or just ideas, send me an email!

A BIG THANK YOU to Richard Best for giving a \$100 Donation to the MVCC! YOU ROCK!

Johnny Verissimo, MVCC Secretary, (209)918-0488, istanbull@sbcglobal.net

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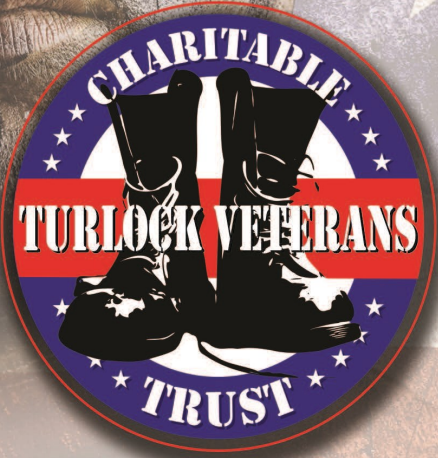
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It has come to our attention that some collectors at recent club meets have been using incorrect nomenclature and terminology. For your benefit we are providing the following glossary of commonly used military vehicle terms.

## **MILITARY VEHICLE COLLECTOR'S GLOSSARY**

Compiled by Phil Kern

**Ambulance**-A large, boxy, enclosed military vehicle used for transporting wounded and storing parts for other military vehicles.

**Amphibious Vehicle**-A vehicle that can float and propel itself in water, and can also double as a submarine depending on who performed the restoration.

**APC**-A tracked armored vehicle that typically contains combat equipped troops as well as the owner's life savings.

**Articulated**-An military vehicle collector that can read, speak and write understandably. Very rare.

**Axle**-A collector that reneges on a deal or sells parts that are not as advertised, as in "Sam is the world's biggest axle."

**Boot**-Old English term for the trunk or rear portion of a vehicle. Also what you get when you don't pay for your club dues or campsite reservation.

**Bubba**-Large mythological creature that inhabits areas where historic military vehicles may be found. Similar to Bigfoot, only less knowledgeable and less skilled. Known for such things as removing and discarding rare original parts, welding 90 lb. bumpers to WW2 jeeps, and using safety pins or paper clips as electrical components.

**Cammies**-Short for camouflaged military clothing. Ideal for collectors as they hide stains from hot sauce, oil, mustard, brake fluid, beer, drool, etc.

**Combat Wheel**-A two-piece wheel that bolts together for changing tires in the field. So named because when spotted simultaneously by multiple collectors at a swap meet, mortal combat ensues.

**Dropside Bed**-Special mattress for MV collectors that dumps them on the floor one hour before the swap meet opens.

**Duesenhoff**-A three axle, 6x6 military truck rated at two- and one-half tons capacity.

**Flathead**-A collector that is not the sharpest tool in the shop.

**"Follow Me" Jeep**-A jeep painted in an unusual pattern to attract attention at military vehicle meets. May usually be followed to the liquor store in between painting sessions.

**Ford**-A WW2 MV manufacturer. Known for leaving three letters off their name on all the parts they produced.

**Gama Goat**-Infrequently heard military vehicle designation. Infrequently heard because the vehicle is so loud every **Gremlin**-Small mythological creature known to inhabit extremely basic and simple military vehicle components. Known to come and go as they please.

**Greyhound**-A WW2 armored vehicle that will require EMTs to extract you from the driver's seat. Also, a refreshment you will need to recover after your extraction.

**Groundpounder**-Collector willing to walk long distances at an RV park to find the parts they need.

**Hero/Heroine**-Any person that has served in the armed forces and been shot at, survived on MREs, been separated from their families for more than six months or had to use an open pit latrine.

**Hood-Area** where your friends and vehicles reside.

**Humvee**-A common military vehicle in use worldwide since the 1980s, without the approval of the California DMV.

**Jeep**-Small military vehicle with a large price tag.

**Kettenkrad**-A small, noisy, tracked foreign military vehicle powered by Schnapps, and typically operated during late night hours.

**Locking Differential**-The temperature difference between your house and your shop, when your wife locks you out of the former and tells you to spend the night in the latter.

**Lowball**-An inappropriate offer made by a fellow collector. Typically occurs during a “fishing expedition”.

**NDT**-Acronym for a standard military tire. Stands for “No Dang Traction” in any conditions or on any type of surface.

**M-Series**-Phrase commonly used by MV collectors: “Mmmmmmm...how much is that GPW?”

**Mighty Mite**-Lightweight military vehicle used exclusively by the US Marine Corps. Known for its ability to drive on three wheels if the driver is properly loaded.

**Mule**-Vietnam vintage lightweight military vehicle. Named after a stubborn quadruped due to the manually operated pull starter used on most versions. Everybody in the area has to wear hearing protection when it is running.

**Multifuel**-An MV collector that continues to function after consuming beer, vodka, tequila and whiskey in any combination.

**MUTT**-Acronym for a marginally stable military vehicle. Also, a neighbor’s pet that leaves an unwanted landmine in your campsite.

**Naturally Aspirated**-A non-smoking military vehicle meet. Also, a non-turbocharged MV.

**No-Fly Zone**-The immediate area around your camp’s bug zapper.

**Mechanic**-A military vehicle owner.

**Military Vehicle**-A slow, noisy, uncomfortable, unsafe, expensive and odiferous conveyance that is worshipped by its owner.

**Overrestored**-A vehicle in far better condition than when it left the factory. Essentially, most MVs.

**Six by Six**-The apparent size of a typical swap meet spot.

**Socket**-Commonly used hand tool that when dropped is scientifically designed to roll directly under the center of mass of a military vehicle.

**Split Ring**-What your wedding band will become when your wife finds out you brought home another military vehicle.

**Tank**-What your bank account will do if you buy one.

**Torque**-A quirky, goofy or strange MV collector. Basically most of them.

**Tracked Vehicle**-A vehicle using caterpillar tracks for mobility. Exponentially more cool, expensive and slower than a wheeled vehicle.

**Trailer Queen**-A military vehicle whose tires have never touched bare earth.

**Unobtainium**-Extremely rare and expensive heavy metal element.

**Willys**-Well known military vehicle manufacturer with a name nobody knows how to pronounce correctly.

**Winch**-A mechanically, hydraulically or electrically operated cable device used for pulling vehicles over or through obstacles. For some reason frequently confused with an attractive young woman, or wench.

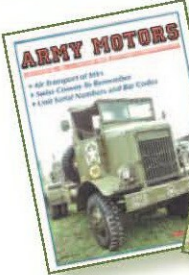
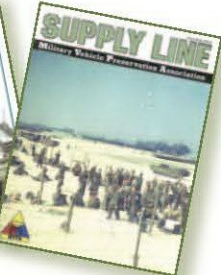



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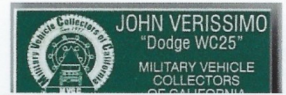


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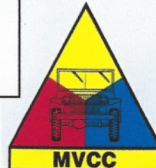
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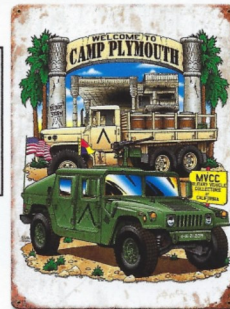
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