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WC40 1/2 Ton Dodge Pickup, early WW2



# MVCC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Hello MVCC!

Well the summer heat is here and it's time to stay cool. I had to pass on all the 4th of July events this year, but did make a car show on July 10. It was a good event with lots of people who looked at the mv there. I handed out our club flyers and cards to about a dozen people.

I hope everyone sent in the survey from last month's newsletter. This survey will help us plan for the club going forward. You can still send it into the club secretary so your voice can be heard.

Camp Plymouth is just around the corner and I hope to see you there. The weather is looking great and the locals are waiting for our return. Please let JoAnn know if you're camping or need a spot at the 49'er.

The latest issue of Military Vehicle Military will have a full page ad for the fall and spring meet. We're doing the one time ad to get people outside the club to start planning for the big 2023 Spring Camp Plymouth.

Don't forget the SCMVCC is having their fall meet Sept 27-29 if you can make it. The SoCal club really is doing a great job for the hobby down there and we need to support them as they support us.

One last thing. Thanks again for being a member of this great club. I get calls and emails from clubs across the nation asking how our club works. The answer is you! You, the member is what makes the MVCC a club others look to. We, your board are here to serve you. If you have an idea or need a problem aired, we want to hear from you.

Chris



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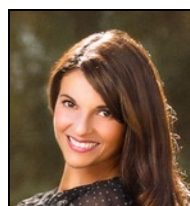


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# MVCC Secretary/ Editor Johnny Verissimo

*HELLO MVCC Members! Welcome to August...*

**Whats happening in the MVCC you ask?** John Nuremburg, Chris Thomas and I have been working on advertising the MVCC 2023 April Event! Yeah, people make plans a year in advance so we want to let everyone know that the date is set, showcases are set and we are trying to break a record on vender attendance! We have learned that people in our hobby, car show hobby, train show hobby and thousands of other hobbies plan their vacations around shows, events and meets which means these people need a early heads up on dates and times of events. Personally I hope to get a lot a people from out of state come to our event. California is a beautiful state and Plymouth California is amazing country which is located near Sacramento which offers a lot of history to history buffs like myself.

**MVCC POLL – PLEASE** get your poll filled out and mailed to me ASAP. Cutoff date is September 1<sup>st</sup> for the poll! If you are willing to not take the poll and mail it in then YOU are risking being left out in the decision making. This poll is YOUR opportunity to be heard. This is a club for members about members put on by members.

Thank you to everyone that has sent in their MVCC poll. To date there are a small number of polls filled out so those members will be speaking for the entire membership. If you want your voice heard I'd love to hear it by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Mail in your poll.

**Magazines.** Someone was asking what magazines do I get in the mail every month when it comes to military vehicles? I replied Military Vehicles Magazine, Military Vehicles Preservation Association's History in Motion Magazine, I just subscribed to Military Trader and I will be subscribing to Classic Military Vehicles Magazine next month. I'm into World War 2 so if you know of a magazine I should be subscribing to please let me know.

**Killroys Garage & Parts.** Members keep letting me know that we need a Jeep Parts (new parts) vender at the meet, so, I just got off the phone with Rory and he says Killroy's Garage and Parts will be at the MVCC April 2023 Camp Plymouth meet! So there will be a **new jeep parts vender** there for your jeep part needs. ALSO, Rory said you can order stuff with him and he will bring it to the meet which will save you shipping! You can contact Rory at [\(701\) 739 4909](tel:7017394909).  
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**Greatful** - I want to thank Chris "Toadman" Hughes for being my/our MVCC reporter. His articles are outstanding and his eye for photos are perfect. As always I want to thank our MVCC Board for their articles on what they are up to and what's going on in their area. I know that everyone that reads the newsletter looks to see what their representative is up to and or what's going on in their neck of the woods. If you're a MVCC member please introduce yourself to your area rep/VP because they are here for you. Don't be like I was decades ago when I was a new member and was shy about asking for information.

**Trips planned?** -I planning on attending the Southern California Military Vehicle Collectors Event in October. I feel its important to support MV clubs now more than ever. I put the flyer on page 27 of this newsletter. Check it out and share the flyer if you can.

**Members passing** -I've been notified by a few members that past members Harry Hoover, USMC, and John Tiley, British Army, have passed. Our deepest condolences to their family and friends.

**Your military vehicle** -I'd like to do a story on your military vehicle. You can contact me at [www.istanbull@sbcglobal.net](mailto:www.istanbull@sbcglobal.net). Also, any requests please let me know.



**Captain Wild Bill Kelso meets Sergeant Oddball.** What could go wrong?? . Johnny Verissimo



Entertaining the troops, WW2

England, WW2, Jeeps and GTB Cargos

# Important MVCC membership/Event/Newsletter Poll! Please fill out and mail to:

MVCC Secretary Johnny Verissimo, 850 Elm Ave, Gustine, Ca. 95322

With permission from the Club President I was allowed to do a poll. There is a question amongst the board on whether the club wants to grow or stay small? Do we want a bigger April Meet or do we want a smaller meet? The questions below if answered will help board members make decisions that are important to your club and hobby! So please ***PLEASE*** take the time to fill it out and mail it in as soon as you can. Please don't let others make a decision without your input. Everyone's input is important.

## Please answer and return to MVCC HQ

From 1 to 10: **10 being highest priority(or grade) and 1 being Lowest priority (or grade)** and 5 being Average, circle how you feel about the question asked and if you want to explain why you have space to do so.

1. How do you like being a member of the MVCC? ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you recommend the MVCC to your friends? ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

## Questions about Our MVCC April Event

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Why? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you attend for the vendors/sellers/parts? ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Do you think the MVCC should advertise the April Event? ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Do you like the direction the newsletter is going? ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. How do you like your MVCC Board Representative/VP? ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Why? Your Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

12. How important is the MVPA (National Club) to you? ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

13. How often do you volunteer in the MVCC? ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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*Thank you for helping us help you!*

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Please get them in by September 1st 2022



Please take this poll and mail it in by Sept 1st 2022





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**Hello MVCC'ers!**

As you are reading this, it's August, it's hot, parts of California are on fire, and hopefully you are planning your trip to the Fall Plymouth Meet next month.

I sincerely hope that July treated you better than it treated me! Damon Viola and I had planned to attend a car show on July 3<sup>rd</sup> in Reno, and then the Independence Day Parade in Virginia City on the 4<sup>th</sup>. However, it did not quite go as planned. In the last week of June, when I got home from hauling Gold Star Families in the Reno Rodeo Parade, Nikole informed me that she had tested positive for COVID. So, I did the right thing and quarantined myself with her. That was Saturday. By Wednesday I had it too. I'm thankful Nikole already had her own oxygen concentrator because she'd have been in the hospital otherwise. But we made it through with the usual fun and games associated with Chinese Bioweapon exposure. So fast forward to Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> and I come down with what seems to be the stomach flu.

Zero stars!

So needless to say, I missed a really nice car show on Sunday, but I did manage to stuff my sorry self into the HMMWV, and Nik and I were able to participate in an absolutely FANTASTIC Independence Day Parade in Virginia City, NV with Damon and LK Viola. The crowds in attendance were larger than they've been in years, and we all had a great time cheering and waving to everyone watching.

I hope you are having a great Summer and are making preparations for another outstanding fall meet at Camp Plymouth!

-Sean





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**Hello out there in MV land!**

The whole family was sidelined for the 4<sup>th</sup> by a combo of a busted truck and COVID. At least this latest version doesn't appear to be as bad, but it sure is contagious! I'm glad that Robert C. was able to get his Dodge WC out to the parade in Danville and support American Legion Mt. Diablo Post 246. I've include some photos he sent me from the event. I'm not sure who owns the Jeep, but I'm thrilled they were able to participate.

Prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> I had the pleasure of meeting Peter B., a long time member from Napa. He offered to help out with some parts to repair my truck. The conversation went something like this:

*"I have a nice radiator and many cooling system parts for you, BUT, you have to take the entire truck."*

Unfortunately, Peter's MV collection was a victim of the Napa fires some years back. After some discussion I decided to haul Peter's crispy M37 down to the Shop. This was without seeing it, or its location in person. I'm guessing some of you see where this is headed...

I don't own a tow rig so I got in touch with Chuck To of 1MOVELOGISTICS.com who offered to tow the truck down here for a very reasonable fee. We agreed to meet at Peter's property where I would have the truck prepared for his flatbed. Peter had told me I'd need to replace the rear wheels and tires since they had burned up and I headed to Napa with a pile of tools and parts in anticipation of problems that might crop up. Peter's property is off the Silverado Trail and is BEAUTIFUL, but when the fire passed though years ago it burnt everything. His home was reduced to its foundation and the steel barn where his vehicles were stored became a giant toaster. He and Sally were lucky to escape. Seeing the foundation of their home was sobering. **Next page**



Danville 4th of July, Photos by Andy Shyers





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While I prepared the M37 for transport Peter told me about it. He owned it for many years, bringing it out from New Jersey where it had passed from the Army, to the Civil Defense Corps and to a civilian owner before he acquired it. It had low miles and was largely original and complete. The multi-color camouflage paint scheme was added prior to Peter's ownership when the truck was used in a movie! When the fire passed through it did not burn the steel barn, but it did cause the fiberglass skylights to light up and fall into the barn and onto the M37. It looks like they lit the canvas and rear tires. The underbelly and front end of the truck were not heavily damaged. In fact, the engine and drivetrain back to the transfer case looked to be in good shape, but something was seized. UGH! This, combined with the steep driveway to the barn lead to failure of the first recovery attempt. Chuck couldn't maneuver his 34' trailer into position to load the truck and I wasn't equipped to deal with the seized drivetrain. I will say Chuck was very easy to deal with, on time and super helpful. It's too bad things didn't work out. I paid him for his time and fuel and started to figure out plan B.



Plan B led to a call to Donny, a friend and former student. His family owns a tow company in San Leandro and he enjoys the challenge of a good recovery. He said he'd be willing to help and I headed off solo to Napa to ensure the truck was a roller and provide photos of the location to Donny so he was prepared. It turns out the RR wheel bearing was seized. Peter and I pulled the axle and Donny suggested we put a bare rim on it so he could just winch it on to his trailer with minimal friction. To him the driveway looked like a fun challenge!



We made arrangements to meet up and try again. Things went well this time. Donny was able to pilot his whole rig down to the barn, we loaded quickly and the driveway was a non-issue. Peter said goodbye to his truck and we enjoyed a pleasant drive down to the Shop where we unloaded and looked over the prize. I don't think it would be cost effective to repair the M37, but it was definitely worth saving from the scrap yard. It will be interesting to see what's salvageable. I'm looking forward to the Fall when the students return and we tear down the truck for inspection. The kids are going to become quite comfortable with the torch, bee's wax and patience!



**On the Radar** we have the Tri-Valley Veterans Day parade on 11/6/22. Its theme is "Military Medic's and Corpsmen". If you know of any other events in the East Bay keep me posted and enjoy the photos.

Take Care, Andy...







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*No report submitted*



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We had a bit of confusion at the Morgan Hill July 4<sup>th</sup> parade this year as the parade committee changed our rally point at the last minute. We did have 5 HMMWVs in our group and 2 other members that had registered on their own, both were within shouting distance so the club was well represented. Interestingly all of the HMMWVs were the same model and all were differently configured so it made an interesting display. This is a wonderful parade and that's why we enjoy doing it. The turnout is always good but I have to say I think this years was one of the best we've ever had.

I didn't get any feedback on the San Jose Rose, White and Blue parade so I can't comment on it.

JoAnn and I have all the paperwork started for the September Plymouth meet but as of right now we've only received 2 applications for the fairgrounds and as our deadline approaches we're concerned that a low turnout could impact the club since a lot of our costs for the fairgrounds are fixed. If you're thinking of coming to the meet please get your applications in to us right away. After the past couple of slow years it would be nice to have a good turnout because of the more social aspect of the September meet.

There isn't anything I'm aware of during August and it's amazing that we're halfway thru 2022 already! Still plenty of time to get your vehicles ready for September.

Keep 'em Rolling! Kurt Lesser...






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**MVCC Sept 11 to Sept 18 Camp Plymouth Registration**  
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**August 13, 2022** – Spirit of 45 in San Jose, Living History Day, ad in this newsletter, Page 21.

**August 18, 2022 10 AM to 2:00 PM** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Monterey Convoy – a gathering of military vehicles to meet and convoy around the Monterey peninsula as part of Monterey Car Week in honor of all who have served. For info, please email: [info@montereyconvoy.com](mailto:info@montereyconvoy.com) or call Victoria Johnson Campbell 818.324.8174. No fee to participate but registration is required.

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

**September 11th, 2022 - Tri-Valley Veterans Day parade.** Its theme is "Military Medic's and Corpsmen". POC Andy Shyers 510-832-4322 [mvcc510925@gmail.com](mailto:mvcc510925@gmail.com)

**September 28 to 2nd October 2022** –SCMVCC is having their fall meet. So Cal Rally. Lytle Creek, Bonita Ranch Campground. 900 S. Fork Rd. Lytle Creek, California. Richard Johnson (619)993-5284. [www.scmvcc.com](http://www.scmvcc.com) more info in flyer in this letter

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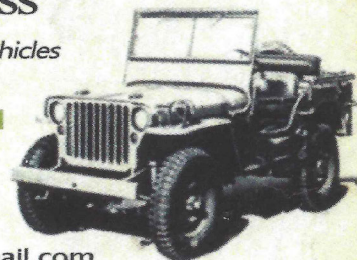
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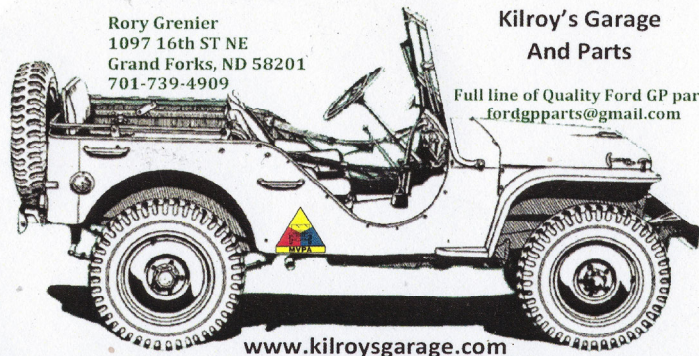
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**HOWDY MEMBERS!**

The 4th of July has come and gone. This celebration of our Country is one of the best possible times to bring out your military vehicle if there ever was one. We took our vehicles out to the Gustine 4th of July Parade and parked them at the park to display. Gustine has a good old fashion 4th of July event at the park that includes frog jumping contests.

I did go on [www.milweb.net](http://www.milweb.net) and noticed a Ford GTB US Navy Burma Jeep truck for sale in the Netherlands. Asking price is 50,000 Eros which I think comes out to about \$50,000 US Dollars at the moment. Not too long ago there was a restored Ford GTB US Army similar to this model that did sell for \$32,000 US Dollars. It is hard to find a restored Ford GTB for sale and really I don't think I've ever seen a complete Ford GTB that sold other than the 2 I've seen on this website in Europe. Photos on this page are of the US Navy GTB that's for sale.



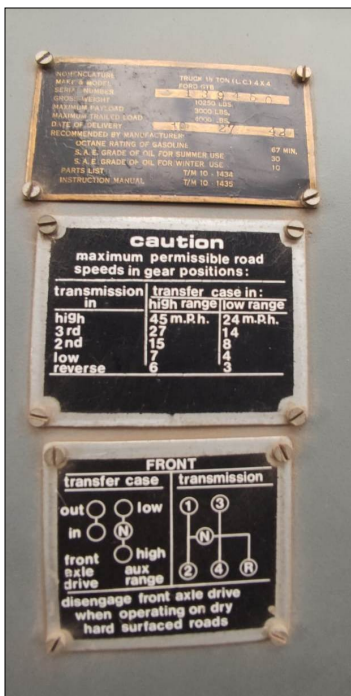
If your restoring a Ford GTB either Cargo or Bomb Service truck hit me up for information and questions you might have because I'm always willing to talk GTB's.

I'm planning on attending one day of the Fall meet in Plymouth, I think Friday, I'll hitch a ride for the day with Johnny, maybe I'll see you all there.

Stay Cool.. Don...



Photos off of [www.milweb.net](http://www.milweb.net) of a Ford GTB Navy







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**Greetings from the Central Coast.**

We arrived back from Italy and had an enjoyable vacation. We were invited to display various MV's at the Pacific Grove 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration which was enjoyed by all those that attended. Jack Valenti brought his Jeep out and I accompanied him with a few from my collection. 1942 WLA, 1943 Ford GTB, 1942 Willy's MB, and the latest to the collection a 1941 WC 27.

Restoration is about to commence on a 1941 Dodge WC 6 Command Car. I will provide updated photos as the restoration progresses.

For all those who may be interested: Thursday Aug 18, 2022, 10 AM to 2:00 PM – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Monterey Convoy – a gathering of military vehicles to meet and convoy around the Monterey peninsula as part of Monterey Car Week in honor of all who have served. For info, please email:

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1941 Dodge WC 6 Command Car. Photos by Charles Tope







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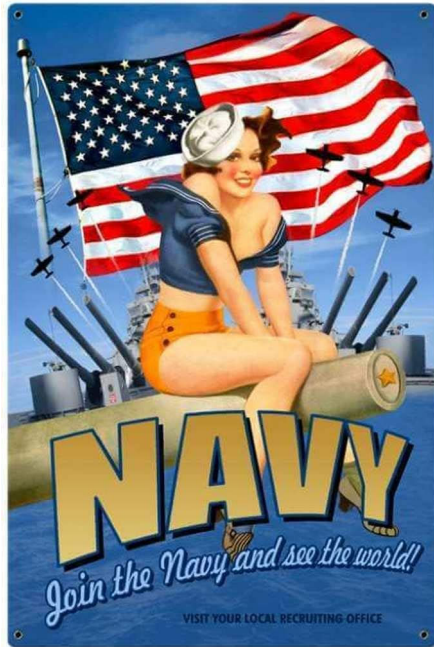
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*Howdy MVer's,*

I hope everyone is having a great summer. Last month I mentioned needing to fix another leaky lift cylinder on the HEMTT. Well, I'm sorry to say...it's still leaking. I have not had time to work on it. Maybe next month I'll report on any progress. I did spend some time working on the 1965 M543A2 wrecker. She has been sitting a bit too long so I decided to go thru the PMs pretty thoroughly to insure safe operation on the road. I didn't find any major issues but had to unstick the low air buzzer and air valve. It wouldn't build air past 60 PSI. I got that done and will have it in a large local car show which I'll report out on next month.

I did participate in the Fairfield 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. I joined the Roland Freedom Center group again. The weather was great! Not too cold. Not too hot. It's a pretty good-sized parade which snakes its way thru downtown Fairfield. The MVs are always such a big hit. We caravanned from the museum in Vacaville to Fairfield. Given the top speed of the caravan, we took the back streets. It was fun cruising thru town. Lots of honks and waves from passing cars.

As always, please share with me any events you are aware of and any of your projects so I can share them in our newsletter.



Fairfield 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, photos by Big Mike





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**Hello North Bay West and beyond,**

Happy Birthday America (belated)! The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is one of the “Mando” events that those of us with MV’s participate in every year. I along with our Napa members participated in the local parade. I hadn’t done the parade in probably close to 10 yrs. It was a great turn out! Just 3 jeeps but represented well as we rolled in a diamond formation down the main drag! Greg La Londe with his M38A! and (hopefully, new member) Chris Pedemonte’s, Sept. 1942 GPW. After had a cold one in front of the Legion Hall. I hope the membership got out to represent.

I know that as we speak.... The 70<sup>th</sup> (I think) anniversary of the Rubicon Trail is going on. Member Ernie Ongorio and his crew are headed up for the end of the month and will be taking his M38 and a convoy of vintage CJ’s across the trail! Go get them Ernie.

I am in the process of swapping motors in my M38 and Dodge WC3. Big jobs!

Speaking of WC’s..... congrats to member Lars Aspelin to getting his beautifully restored 1942 Close Cab ½ ton Dodge. Lars did the Vets car show in Santa Rosa and the Penngrove 4<sup>th</sup> of July with Gary Horwitz jeep “Earl’s Pearl”. Nice job guys!

**Pic 1** Scott Rohrs 1942 GPW (Richmond) Ready for the 4th July in the Napa Valley.

**Pic 2** Chris, Scott, & Greg at the Napa 4th of July Parade

**Pic 3** The parade route in Napa on July 4th.

**Pic 4** Lars and Gary’s MV’s at the Penngrove Parade.

**Pic 5** LARS ASPELIN 1942 WC40 (page 1 front cover)

Keep your powder dry,

Scott Rohrs



Photo 1



Photo 4



Photo 3



Photo 2



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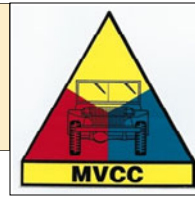
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## CLASSIFIEDS PAGE 1

**FOR SALE** - COMPLETE and WORKING radio for Jeep. Transceiver BC 659, 5 spare tubes, telescoping antenna, handset, ear-phones type 49456, battery BA-41, alignment tool, Spare front plate, manual. Power supply PE 117, including cable and case with 7 crystals (2) Battery boxes CS-79-N (no batteries) Anti-shock mounting FT-250-A plus legs. Jeep-mounted antenna (6 piece antenna in bag, antenna base, mounting bracket to Jeep). Junction box and under seat tube for connecting power supply to Jeep battery, interference suppressor (no cover) \$ 1,400. George Cooper, [gcooper@berkeley.edu](mailto:gcooper@berkeley.edu)

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**FOR SALE:** 1941 WC-3 1/2 TON 4X4 DODGE OPEN CAB, Engine turns, carb missing, all original parts  
Restorable or parts vehicle \$1500 OBO more pictures available

call Leroy 510-714-3594, located in Fremont Ca.



**For Sale -** 7 Michelin 396/85R20 XZL Used tires for sale. They are in good condition.  
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WC-51 US Navy accounting No. 222 from the war in the Pacific  
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WWII Ben Hur Trailer      \$1500.00  
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**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](mailto:msira36@aol.com)



**For Sale:** 1942 Dodge WC-51 Weapons Carrier. Early Model w/Small Fuel Filler.  
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Hi OD Junkies,

Foothill Vintage Jeep Group members participated in the annual Lincoln California 4th of July parade. Attendance was more than three thousand people. The FVJG vehicles carried veterans in the parade and are always a popular entry. Thanks to Bruce Anderson for sending these great photos.

Participants included Richard Zimmerman, USMC Vet; Ken Dzor, USMC Vet; Bruce Anderson, USA Vet; Randy Payne, Pat Walker and Richard Walker, USMC Vet (sitting in the jeep).

Dave...



Photos, Dave Porter, July 4th in Lincoln



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# On the Road with Toadman

By Chris "Toadman" Hughes

This past June, I made my final Alabama to Northern California road trip as I moved my daughter home from school. After three days on the road, stopping to meet friends in Mississippi and Oklahoma, we arrived in Las Vegas on a Wednesday evening. And for me, Las Vegas only means one thing: Battlefield Vegas!

This was my eighth(!) visit to BFV. All my previous visits have been extremely enjoyable and this one was no exception. In the past, I've photographed vehicles at their Las Vegas location and then spent a little bit of time at the range. For this visit, I made special arrangements with their tank restoration crew, the "Heavy Hitters" and spent a day at the intown facility and out in the desert with them where they set up half a dozen vehicles specifically for me to photograph.

My daughter dropped me off Thursday morning and I was greeted by Scott Rickard, the Heavy Hitters manager. He took me to the shop to meet up with the rest of the crew. After going over the day's plans, we went outside to proceed with the first photo shoot.

Arrayed outside in the vehicle lot were three of BFV's most recent restorations: a T-54M main battle tank painted up in Taliban-type markings, a PT-76B amphibious tank painted up in North Vietnamese/Vietcong markings, and a T-34-85 medium

tank in World War Two Soviet markings. All three of these tanks were built in the former Soviet Union or one of the ex-Warsaw Pact countries. Furthermore, all three tanks have been restored or will soon be fully operational to include their main guns.

Once I was finished shooting pictures of the three tanks, Scott and his crew started them up and paraded them in the lot in a fashion like the Saumur Tank Museum's "Carrousel" tank parade. It was great fun watching all three tanks drive around, skidding in the lot as they made their turns. Of course, getting gassed by the extensive amounts of diesel exhaust spewed out by the T-54M wasn't so great, but its just part of the deal.

After the tanks were parked, we embarked on our 40-minute ride to BFV's desert FOB. The FOB is located off of I-15, near Jean, Nevada. The FOB consists of several hundred acres and is set up for small arms and crew-served weapons fire. It is shared with a company which provides shooting opportunities from helicopters. At the FOB, guests can fire a variety of weapons, up to and including howitzers and tank guns.



#1 Tanks



#2 T-34 & PT-76B



#3 T-34-85



For the FOB photo shoot, the Heavy Hitters had three vehicles ready for me. They included an ex-Syrian T-62 Model 1972 that had been captured by the Israelis in Lebanon in 1982, an ex-Israeli M113A2 armored personnel carrier, and Leopard 1 tank. Both the T-62 and Leopard 1 have been restored to fully operational status to include live main guns. The T-62 was formerly part of both the Budge and Littlefield Collections.

After riding around in both tanks and taking an extensive number of photos of all three vehicles, I was able to witness a live fire demonstration of the Leopard's 105mm main gun. For safety reasons, all their tank guns are fired electrically from outside of the turret. Although I've been photographing armored vehicles for quite some time, this was my first chance to photograph a live fire. The blast and concussion from the gun were exhilarating with dirt and debris scattered all over the place. I was standing at the left, rear of the tank and was still hit in the legs by some rocks!

CAPTIONS

#1 Tanks: While at Battlefield Vegas, I was able to photograph a T-34-85, PT-76B, and a T-54M.

#2 T-34 and PT-76: On the left in this photo is the T-34-85 with the PT-76B on its right. In the background are several of the 30+ armored vehicles in the Battlefield Vegas collection.

#3 T-34-85: This T-34-85 was built in the Spring of 1945 and will soon have a live 85mm main gun.

#4 FOB: Several tanks with live main guns are kept at the FOB for use by customers. From front to rear are a M60A1, Leopard AS1, and M50 Sherman.

#5 T-62 and M113: For this particular photo shoot, the BFV crew set up an ex-Syrian T-62 Model 1972 and an ex-Israeli M113A2. I thought it was quite a natural pairing of vehicles.

#6 T-62: This particular T-62 was captured in Lebanon by the Israelis in 1982. Historical photos of the actual vehicle were found and allowed it to be restored with accurate markings.

#7 Leopard: This particular tank started off as a Belgian Leopard 1A5BE. Once it arrived at BFV, it was converted to replicate an Australian Leopard AS1 as seen in this photo.

#8 Blast: The Leopard AS1 seen immediately after firing its 105mm main gun. Dust from the muzzle blast is clearly visible here.

#9 Toadman: The author after firing a Thompson submachine gun at the BFV indoor range. Note the 50-round drum. My daughter was able to fire the same weapon as well.



#4 FOB



#6 T-62



#5 T-62 and M113 APC



While at the FOB, I was also interviewed for the Heavy Hitters YouTube channel, "Restoration Passion". The video was posted on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and can be found at [https://youtu.be/zU58jUsn\\_vg](https://youtu.be/zU58jUsn_vg) or, just visit the Restoration Passion channel on YouTube.

Once we were finished at the FOB, we headed back to town so my daughter could pick me up and take me back to our hotel. The day ended at the range where my daughter and I were able to shoot several submachine guns including a Suppressed Sterling, a MP-5SD, and a Tommy Gun. Needless to say, we had a blast!

I want to thank the ownership and crew of Battlefield Vegas for another fantastic visit! They're very generous with the time and materials and I greatly appreciate them for it. When in Las Vegas, be sure to check them out. They're located at 2771 Sammy Davis Jr Dr, across from the Circus Circus hotel. You can find them on the web at [www.battlefieldvegas.com](http://www.battlefieldvegas.com).



#7 Leopard Tank



#9 Toadman



#8 The Blast

### **Member Passing... Rest in Peace Old Marine**

Longtime MVCC member and former marine Harry Hoover passed away on May 22 of this year. Harry was a long time member of the MVCC reaching all the way back into the 1970's. Harry served in the Marines from 1952-1963. After the Marine Corps, Harry began a career with the Westminster Police Department where he served in a variety of assignments including Motors, K9, Detective, as well as range master. Harry served for many years at the Central Coast Veterans Memorial Museum and was instrumental in making it a success. He owned and worked on various MV vehicles over the years such as V100, M113, HMMV's, M151's and Jeeps of all types. Harry was a wealth of knowledge and was willing to share and talk to anyone, especially anything marine related. Although Harry was a former Marine and cop, he always had such a friendly smile.

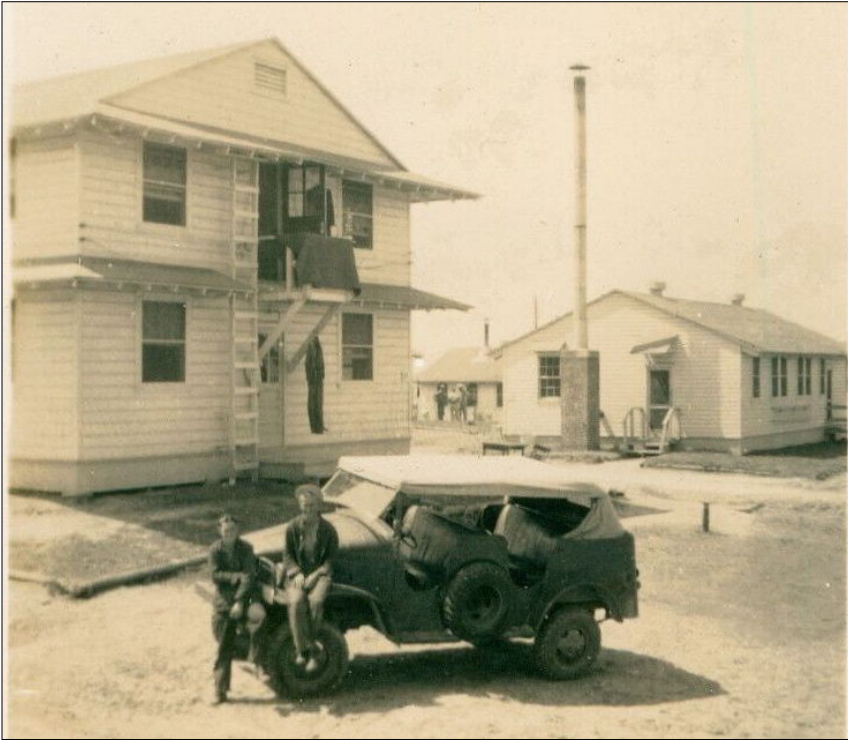




1941 WWII US Army Fort Jackson



1941 WWII US Army Fort Jackson, SC 34th Infantry Division. These are some photos from my collection of original 1/2 Command Car Photos.. Johnny...



I really loved these photos when I found them. Besides the great photos of the Command Car it seemed these guys had a great sense of humor!





**Jeep Projects and More in the North Bay**  
by John Neuenburg

July 9 a handful of flat fender jeepers convened at Ernie Ongaro's shop to work on jeeps and socialize. This is a nearly weekly occurrence for a local group of friends, part of the "Odd Squad" WW2 jeep fans who like to camp and hang out together with other "Squadders" from other states and countries at our April swap meets. Ernie is setting up two of his jeeps, a WW2 tribute trail jeep with GPW body on early CJ-2A frame called "Clover," and a CJ-2A called "Two Step," for a run on the famous Rubicon Trail, a historic route to and from the west side of Lake Tahoe over the summit. The 12 unimproved miles east of Loon Lake is a legendary, rugged jeep trail. Fellow Squadder Frank "The Viking" Berg from Norway and three other Norwegians are flying over to drive these two jeeps along with Ernie in his veteran M38 trail jeep "Trigger" with Dave Aro riding shotgun.

Caption for #1

Here is Dave using ex-Seabee skills to fab some skid plates for "Clover" on the lift. Parts of the trail are full of huge boulders. "Two Step" is visible.



Photo #1

Caption for #2

Ernie on the left is also known for his Dodge WC interests. You might remember the WC1 Command Car he displayed at Tower Park during the big Dodge Showcase

Caption for #3

Dave is test fitting part of the skid plate that will protect the gas tank sump and pedal pivots. Ernie's trail jeeps have lower gears, some with lockers, and big tires for the rocks. "Jeep Police" look away! Actually some of these guys ARE the "Jeep Police"



Photo #2

Caption for #4

Matt Parry in front of "Two Step" watching Gary Hurwitz clean the unused 1945 dated PE-210 generator he brought for show-and-tell. The Signal Corps used these to charge 6v and 12v batteries. Can you see the "North West" sign on the wall inside the shop? Dave found it at a store and donated it to the shop. It is from a North West crawler crane like he ran in Viet Nam.

Caption for #5

Matt Betry, Matt Parry, and Gary Hurwitz looking in one of the two boxes packed with spare parts and tools for the generator, all NOS. Each one a cool collectible.



Photo #3

Caption for #6

Ernie disappeared and came back on his tractor carrying a small crate in the bucket. It was a military 115 volt generator! The guys are contemplating bring both to the next Spring meet to demonstrate. Maybe we should invite others to bring ex-military stationary engines for display? Remember, success is not about how much money or houses you have, it's about how many cylinders you own!

Caption for #7

Ernie and "Trigger" the M38 rockin' at Moab, Utah last Spring



Photo #7



Photo #4



Photo #6



Photo #5



# My 1944 CCKW 353 322622 A2

By Chris Thomas, Chowchilla, Ca.

In early 1944, in Pontiac Michigan, CCKW 353 322622 A2 rolled off the assembly line at the GMC Truck plant #4. Soon, like thousands of her sisters, she was off to war. After serving her country, she was left in Europe to be given to the French army. After a rebuild in 1958, she was stored as a reserve war stock till 1983. France was replacing their WWII vehicles and auctioning off thousands of CCKWs, WCs and MB/GPWs. CCKW 353 322622 A2 was one of 10 CCKW sold as a lot to a vehicle dealer in Lyon France. But 322622 would be returning to her home country almost 40 years after heading to war. American casino owner Ralph Engelstad had bought 322622 for his Imperial Palace Casino car collection, 322622 was going to Las Vegas! After a rebuild back to WWII standard, 322622 was displayed along side some of the rarest cars in the world. In July of 1999, the car collection was being auctioned off and 322622 was in the gavel once again.

By now 322622 had been a war horse and a show car, next up movie star! The truck was used in many TV and film productions. In late 2007, I got a call asking if I wanted another CCKW. Alex Gordon had bought several M-series trucks from a guy in Utah and in the back corner was 322622. Quickly, a deal was struck and 322622 was on the way to sunny California.

As the truck had been sitting for a couple of years in the warehouse, I needed to clean the fuel system, redo the brakes and fix the charging system. After a week 322622 was road ready! Since I got the truck I have driven it to Tower Park a couple of times, displayed it at Eagle Field, and had it in dozens of parades. I'll be keeping her for a long time till her moves to the next part of her life.



Photo of Chris and his CCKW



Photos by Johnny at Eagle Field

CCKW 353 322622 A2 owned by Chris Thomas





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