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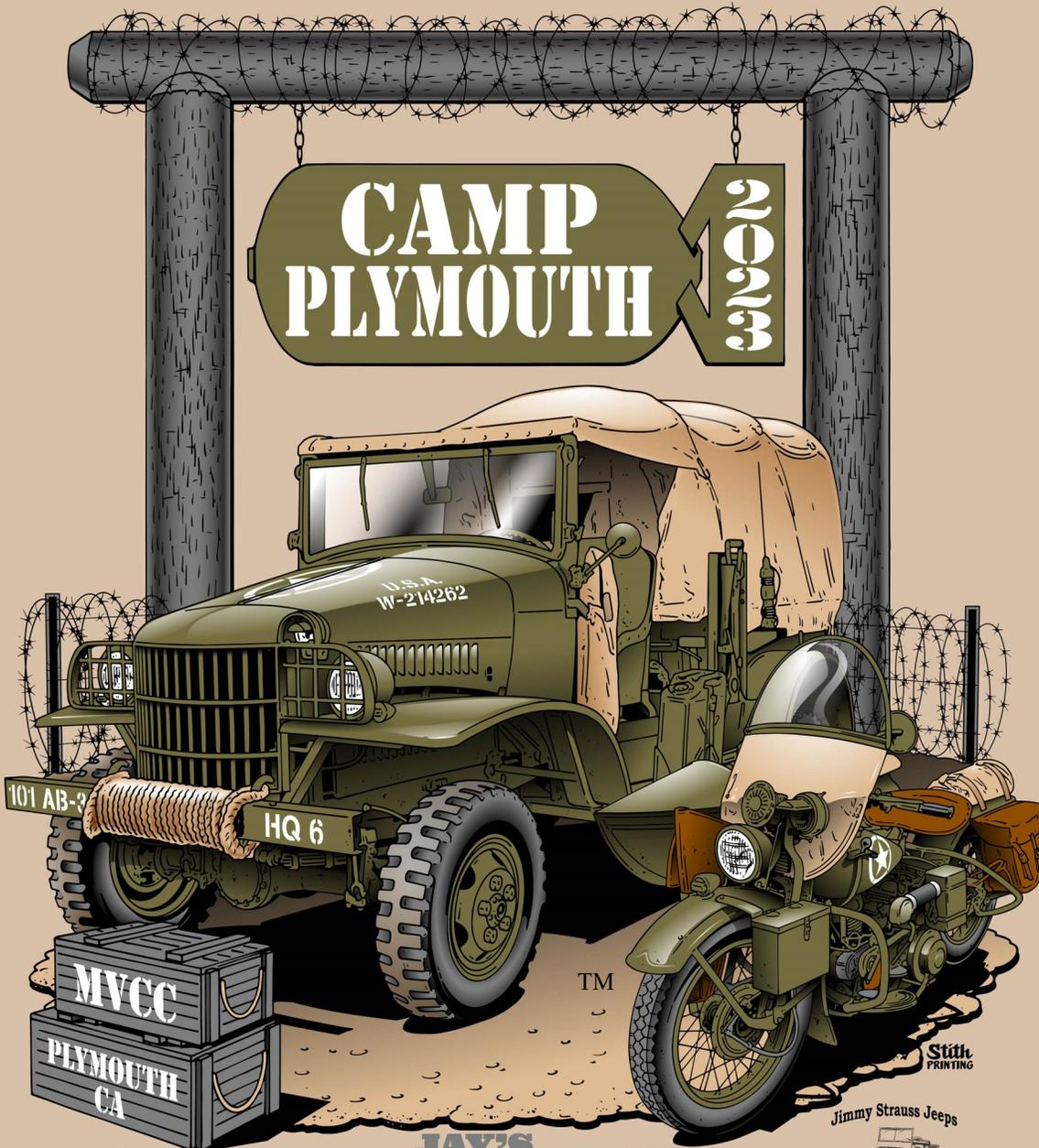
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CAMP PLYMOUTH MILITARY VEHICLE SHOW & SWAP MEET
 April 19-23, 2023
 Plymouth, California
 Tuesday at 10 AM
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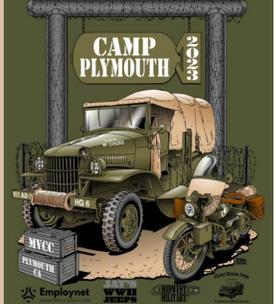
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Hello MVCC!

First off, Happy New Year! 2023 is here and have we got a busy year ahead. I hope you all got great things under the tree and spent time with friends and family. As for me, Christmas came early and now I have a great project to work on for Spring Camp Plymouth. About Camp Plymouth, I hope you all saw the forms for camping in the last newsletter because the members only deadline is fast approaching, so book now with JoAnn.

There is an increase in the mailed newsletter membership for 2023. With the raising postage rates and increase in printing costs, the MVCC board moved to up the **mailed newsletter membership only**. We tried to keep costs down and are looking for more paid ads, but the newsletter costs were eating into the general budget to the point where it was unmanageable. I know that this increase just adds to our members tightening budgets, but our only choices are to increase the dues for the print newsletter or end the printed newsletter. Ending the print newsletter is something the board is trying to avoid because so many MVCC members like the print edition. Again, the increase is only on the printed newsletter membership with the online membership staying the same.

Events for 2023 are filling up with the Arizona Military Vehicle Collectors Club (AMVCC) 32nd Annual Arizona Military Vehicle Show is just around the corner, January 27-29 with set up Friday, 27 January 2023 (all day) and swap meet/show on the 28th and 29th. It's a great way to get out of the winter weather and down to Phoenix.

Let's Keep'em Rolling
Chris



In Monterey for Jack's funeral

That is a 1/2 Ton Dodge WC6 Command Car on my trailer.



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Happy New Year MVCC Members!

Tiss the NEW Season. What am I looking forward to in the new year you ask? As if you or anyone would have had to ask, because this time every year I look forward to the MVCC Camp Plymouth Military Vehicle Show and Swap Meet in good ole Plymouth California USA.

Important news for MVCC members starting January 1st. Due to the newsletter postage going up from \$.70 cents (2016) to \$.84 cents (2022), AND, due to the printing of the newsletter going up from \$1.50(2016) each to starting January 1st going to \$2.85 cents each the cost of **mailed membership** will go up to keep up with the costs. Not many know this, but the MVCC has been losing money on mailed memberships for a while due to the pandemic and inflation. Check out the following:

A newsletter stamp is **\$.84** cents each – printing is **\$2.85** each – costing the club **\$44.20** a year. A MVCC member is paying **\$40** a year for the mailed membership which means your club was losing **\$4.20** a mailed membership a year. Multiply that by **240 mailed memberships** and you see the issue. So, as of January 1st memberships will go up to keep the MVCC at least breaking even.

The new mailed membership is now \$50 a year and \$135 for 3 years. All of this is to help the MVCC break even on mailed memberships. The above does **not** affect **online memberships**, it will stay at \$30 a year.

December Newsletter: For those that didn't notice, the December online newsletter had 2 pages more than the mailed version. The mailed version can't be more than 28 pages due to pricing/expense, meaning the more pages you add the more it costs to print. We don't have that issue with online newsletters, meaning you can add as many pages as you want it won't cost any more. Also, online goes out on the 1st of every month, the mailed version is up to the postal service. I just want to make sure everyone knows the specifics about the newsletter. If you have any questions please feel free to shoot me an email.

Front Cover Artwork. The artwork is here! If you're into Dodges this one is for you. If you're into WW2 motorcycles, then this one is for you. If you're into WW2 then this one might be for you, lol... Our **Quartermaster Don Gomes** is ordering a limited number of zip up and pull over hoodies, if you want one please text, email or call Don Gomes. There are also limited number dickies work shirts with the artwork that can be ordered.

Da MVCC Newsletter. As your editor I hope you all are enjoying the newsletter. It takes a lot of labor to put this all together so I would be bummed if you guys didn't enjoy it. Any questions concerns or comments shoot them my way.

What did I get for Christmas? I got a tear drop depth charge. DEPTH CHARGE MARK 9 MOD-4, Alliance Ware Inc, Alliance, Ohio, Date of MFG. 8-1953 Serial Number 413541. Its now in my den next to my desk where I am typing this newsletter and I love it. Thank you Christina. I've seen 4 of these so far, One, mine, the other at American Amory Museum and the one at the USS Pampanito Submarine Museum in San Francisco and one that Don Gomes has that needs serious restoration because someone turned it into a wood burning heater.

See you all in April,

Johnny...

Collen Townsend.1942



Depth Charge at the USS Pampanito Display



Depth Charge in my den



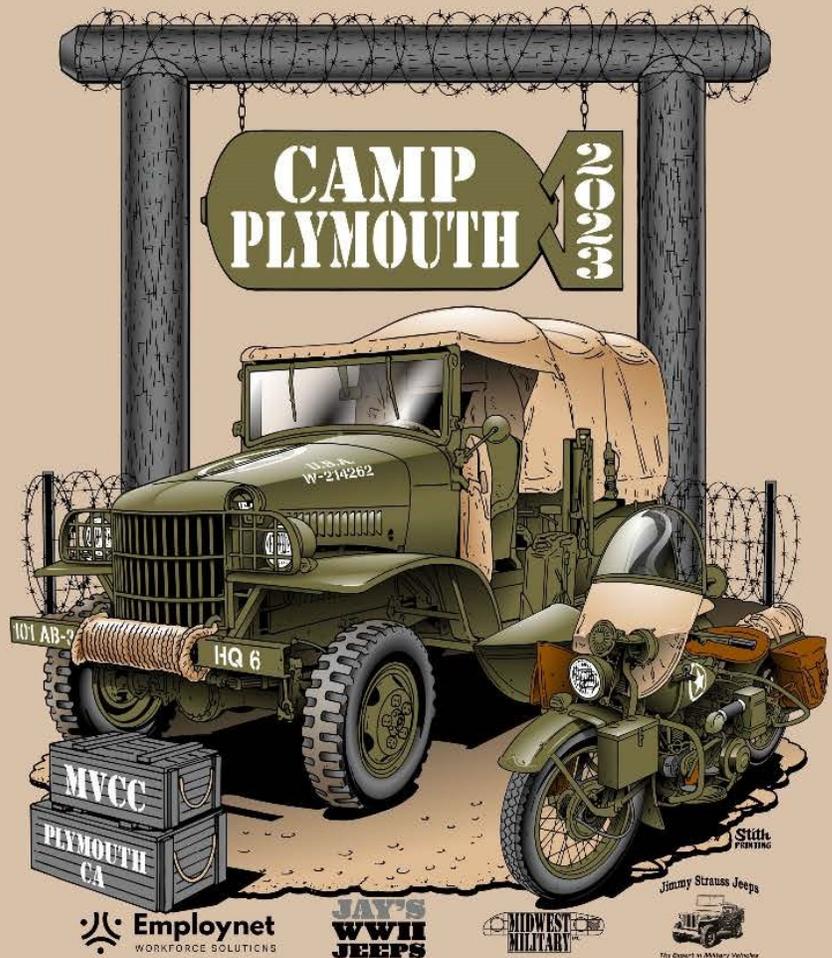
Depth Charge at American Amory Museum

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Camping coordinator is Jo-Ann at
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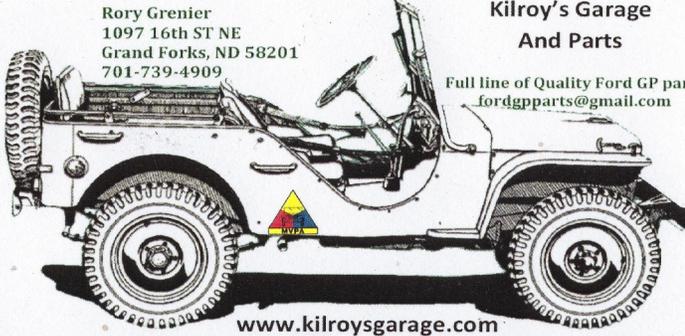
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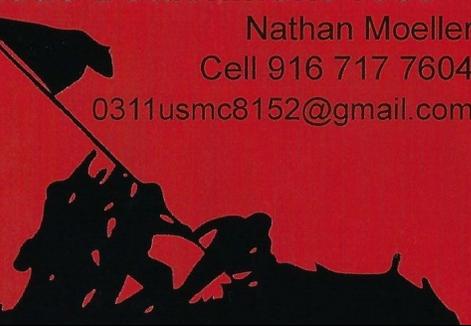


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CAMP PLYMOUTH- April 19 Thru April 22, by Jo-Ann Lesser

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

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

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



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Hi MV'ers,

Hope you all had a wonderful Holiday Season and were able to enjoy some time off. While I write this there's still a week left at school, including exams, and then we're off for two weeks!!! I'm going to try to sneak in a bit of time with the M37 projects the kids and I have been working on at school. We were able to get Peter's BBQ'ed M37 running and actually drove it, sort of. It had 3 wheels, a moving dolly, a water bottle fuel tank, no wiring other (than a jumper cable), no brakes, no exhaust... Needless to say it only made a short trip around the parking lot. The kids enjoyed the challenge of getting it running, even if they were skeptical it would ever happen. Now we've pulled the power pack and are going to inspect everything. Other than the BBQ patina things are looking good so far. I'd like to think we'll have turned our pile of disassembled M37 parts into at least one properly running truck by the next newsletter, but... I need to get Henry turning wrenches soon!!!

Andy



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

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4 night minimum stay 19th to 22nd 2023 at 49er RV Resort– No tents at 49er RV Resort

Arrival Date _____ Check Out Date _____ **Payment in full paid to Camp 49er by 3-16-2023**

Assigned Site # / # of Nights /	Description of Site, Pick one	/ Per Night /	Total
	RV Standard (\$72.39) _____ RV Premium (\$83.67) _____ RV Premium+ (\$92.00) _____ RV Waterfront (\$83.67) _____ RV Waterfront+(\$92.00) _____ Studio Cabin (\$165.00) _____ 1 Bed Cabin (\$242.00) _____ 2 Bed Cabin (\$260.00) _____	Rates do not include tax	

Amador County Fairgrounds, 18621 Sherwood St. Plymouth, Ca. 95669

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

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

Assigned Site # / # of Nights /	Description of site, Pick one	/ Per Night /	Total
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Happy New Year to all!

Hope everyone had a good Christmas and celebrated the new year in style. It's still mid-December as I write this, so I haven't finished up the year yet...



Last event of 2022 for me was the Auburn Festival of Lights Parade, which took place on December 3rd. Doug O'Neil, Tom Gunther and I dressed up our jeeps with Christmas decorations and drove in the rain down the usual parade route in Auburn. It was a grueling experience in the rain (I got soaked right through my heavy coat) but we had fun. The crowds were larger than I expected with the rain but people brought out their pop-up shelters and dressed for the weather to cheer on the parade entries. There were some amazing entries including semi-trucks totally covered in Christmas lights. Everyone did their best to ignore the cold and wet conditions. The drive home was interesting too, trailering my jeep in the dark with visibility at a minimum all the way from Auburn to Shingle Springs. We'll do it again next year, rain or shine!



Dave

MVCC in Reno Nevada!

Here are some pics from the Reno group participating in the Veterans Day parade.

Pic 1 John Gillich with his 1942 GPW supporting the Veterans Guest House. Pic 2 John Gillich with Paratrooper Vance Alm. Pic 3 Reno military Vehicle group and Pic 4 vehicles

John Gillich...

Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3

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February 23-26, 2023 Parker Arizona MV Campout Swap Meet. Location-LA PAZ County Park. More information to come.

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CAMP PLYMOUTH MILITARY VEHICLE SHOW & SWAP MEET

April 19 to 23*, 2023

DAILY BRIEFING AS OF 12/17/2022

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

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

Tuesday, April 18

1700 – EARLY BIRD GATHERING- tentative. 49er patio behind café. No potluck as of this writing. Bring your dinner or just come to socialize

Wednesday, April 19

Swap Meet Happening!

Golf cart pickup starts. Pre-reserved only. See Golf Cart Program information on www.MVCCNews.net

Thursday, April 20

Swap Meet Continues!!

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

1000 – 1600 – MVCC HQ/STORE open at site #189 near the 49er office. JOIN OR RENEW, meet MVCC officers,

see who is camping where, buy great MVCC and event commemorative memorabilia. Support Camp Plymouth! Do you know the MVCC is the largest MV club in North America and has members in 22 states and Canada?

** Drop off your raffle donations here for the awesome Friday night raffle, open to all!

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

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

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

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

1500 – WOMEN'S SOCIAL. 49er Patio behind café. Time tentative. Snack sharing not planned, bring your own beverage. POC is Nancy Porter, 530-391-5650

1600 – MVCC BOARD MEETING – time and place tentative

Friday, April 21

Swap Meet Continues!!

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

0900-1200 – MILITARY DODGE SHOWCASE. Fairgrounds arena. POCs are Tim Coolbaugh and John Duckett. People's Choice Contest

1000 – 1600 – MILITARY MOTORCYCLE, SCOOTER, BICYCLE SHOWCASE. 49er location TBD. POC is John Neuenburg in_garage@hotmail.com. People's Choice Contest.

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1100 to 1500 – WOMEN'S OFFSITE LUNCH AND SHOPPING EXPEDITION. POC is Nancy Porter, 530-391-5650. Meet at 49er driveway

1300 – MVCC BOARD MEETING, location TBA

1300-1600 – WW2 JEEP SHOWCASE. Fairgrounds arena.

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

Saturday, April 22

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

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

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

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

Sunday April 23

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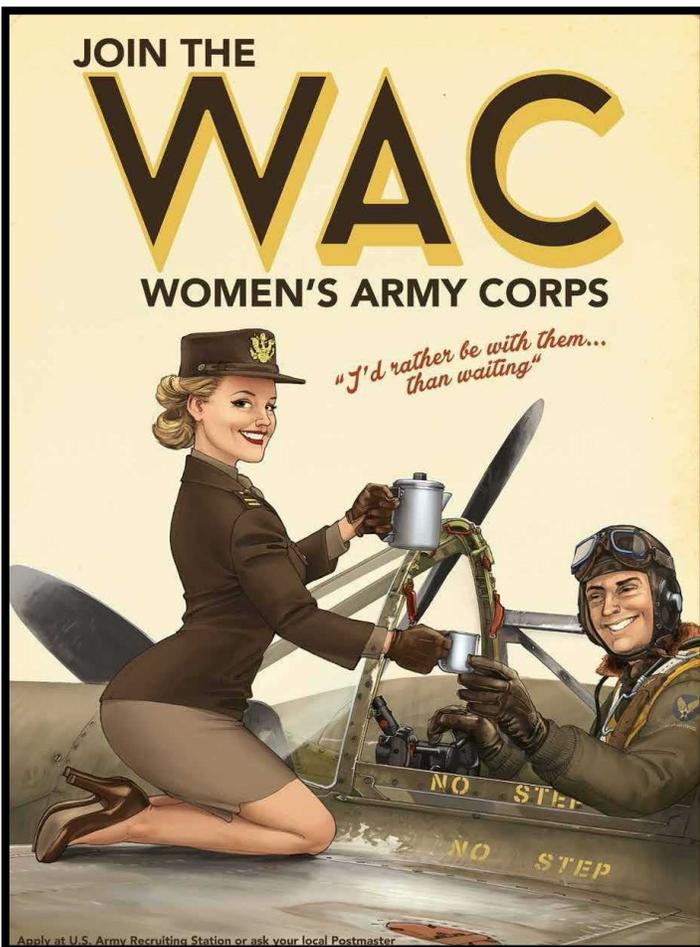
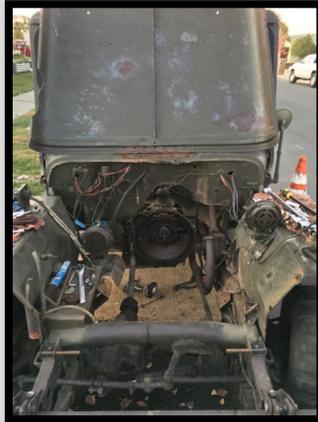
Hello North Bay West and beyond,

First, I will start with and M38 update. I had an opportunity to finally pick up a trade that I had made with member Jay Hinton months before. Like many of the membership, deals are sometime made in trade. This is a great way to get rid of one treasure for another. In this case it was a WWII GPW rolling chassis for a M38 generator engine. This will hopefully be the new and correct power plant for my M38 project. The incorrect "F" head motor that I was trying to make work, will now live again in a correct M38A1. One day later I was pulling that motor and sending it off with its new owner.

Now on to business, it is time to get ready for our spring event at Camp Plymouth! Whether you are collecting swap items, vehicles, or getting those projects buttoned up to show. It is never too early to get ready for "the show". Speaking of the show, I pleased

to announce that I will be the POC for one of our showcases. The WWII jeep showcase (41-45)! That's right, its time to break out the "peeps". This will be for all WWII jeeps in all conditions. From field finds to fully restored rigs. This is the "all call" for the membership to get those "peeps" ready for the show.

Scott Rohrs





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

bigmike405@hotmail.com

Howdy MVerS,

Merry Christmas and Happy New year to everyone. I hope you are all doing well and having fun with your MVs. I was going to participate in the annual Woodland CA holiday parade but it was cancelled because of the rain. It is a bummer because I was supposed to carry some Vets in my MV but given that we need this rain so badly, I can't complain too much. I've been soaking the bolts on the leaky lift cylinder on the HEMTT with PB blaster in preparation for removal. I may tackle that next month.

Although not MV related, I sent some time working on my 1966 Cushman Lobster. My plan is to give it a coat of O.D. green paint so it fits in better with the rest of the fleet. I may have that done by camp Plymouth this April. A few months ago, I wrote about getting it running and stopping so now that the major stuff was fixed, it was time to tackle the smaller items. The voltage regulator was shot and I did not have working lights or horn.

I tackled the voltage regulator first. I obtained a new one off of Amazon for about \$30.00. The old one was bad and was even hanging down since the mounting pads had rotted out. (regulator old photo)

The new one was an exact match.(regulator new photo) It as a challenge installing the new one since I couldn't get my fingers in between the regulator and the mounting plate. Some needle nose pliers and patience and I got it installed. I had to move the coil out of the way and mounted it a bit higher so that it didn't rest on the voltage regulator. <regulator installed.jpg>

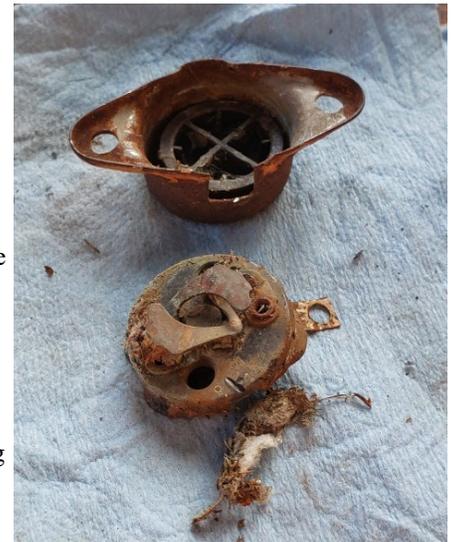
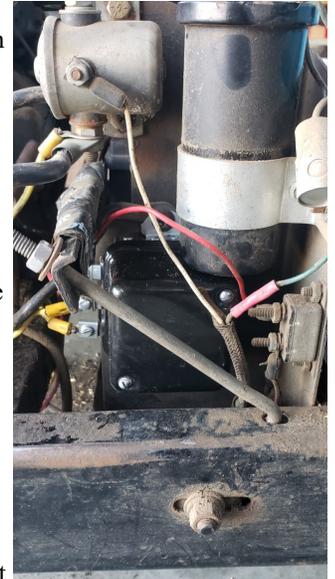
Now on to the lights. I used my voltage meter and determined the switch was bad. I could have bought a new switch but thought it would be a fun challenge to try and fix the original one. (switch to fix.jpg)

I carefully bent the side tabs open with needle nose pliers and was able to open up the switch. (switch apart.jpg)

It was just badly corroded inside so I cleaned the internals with a wire brush and reassembled the switch. The switch was now working properly so I reinstalled it and BINGO, I had lights. I was surprised and pleasantly pleased that the bulbs were still good. It puts off quite a bit of light. The tail light even works! It'll be fun to tool around Camp Plymouth at night on this thing.

The final project for the day was the horn. Again, using my voltage meter, I pinned out the horn and figured out the horn button was the issue. (horn button before.jpg)

I removed the button and carefully disassembled it. This a bit tricky since the metal housing was bent around the internals rather than using conventional hardware. I was able to open up the button assembly and it was very rusty and corroded inside. Like the light switch, it was a pretty simple device. the two metal tabs need to make contact for the circuit to close.



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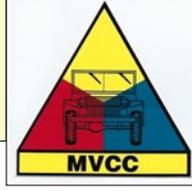
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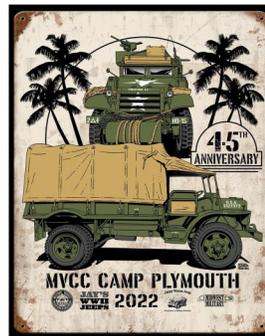
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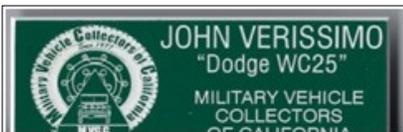
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For Sale: GPW Engine, Serial Number 144723, no manifolds. GPW block and parts, Serial Number 18971. CJ-2A complete frame with front and rear differentials with 15" Jeep wheels. Contact Alvin Rentsch (707)972-8726

For Sale—M-37 Dodge, 1953, for sale. Santa Cruz, area. \$5800. Call 831-588-3866

WANTED TO BUY: M-8 OR M-20 Running Condition, Wife said new kitchen before I get a tank! Now that the kitchen is finally done, am seeking to get that tank! Please contact Steve.Kummerfeldt@woodplc.com (714) 299-4593 (cell)

Wanted : shock mount for my PE-55 and my BC223 radio. I have been missing these for years and would love to finally find them. Johnny Verissimo (209)918-0488 istanbull@sbcglobal.net

For Sale: M151A1 which has been stored in a garage and is licensed in the state of California. It was last driven about three years ago and everything was in excellent condition. Uncut. There is no rust. Completely original. Asking \$15,000. Call Don Thomas at 310-418-9344. Vehicle is located in St. Helena, California (Napa Valley).



For Sale -1968 M35A2, 465 Hercules Turbo Multifuel winch Hard Cab., Contact Gill (775) 826-1719.



For Sale: T90A-1 transmission, Spicer 18 transfer, bell housing and flywheel (for Hurricane F-Head engine). Call for more information and photos if interested. I'm located in Goleta, CA. Call Brad at 805-708-3963. Asking \$900 for the lot.



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For Sale: 1942 Dodge WC-51 Weapons Carrier. Early Model w/Small Fuel Filler.

I bought it from the original owner in 2011, who bought it as Surplus in the early 1950's, used it on his farm, and stored it in his shop when not in use. Very clean, complete and straight original truck. Unrestored. Engine has a Rebuild tag from the 1970's, with very few miles since.

Runs, but has not been driven since 2015. It will need some attention to drive, including Brakes, Carburetor & Fuel system. Comes with 7 Combat wheels, 5 good tires, 5 new tubes. Parts included, but not installed: NOS Windshield frame, Restored Fuel Tank, Rebuilt Carburetor, Rebuilt Original Fuel Pump. Calif Titled. \$8500 OBO Matt (408) 398-0036 msira36@aol.com



Wanted: Halftrack. My son, Anthony, and I are looking for a restorable halftrack. Preferable an M3 or M16 with a good solid frame, any condition considered if it is priced right. Anthony has one that he has been working on, but the frame has been extended. So, he would like to get one with a good frame...

John Souza, souzaj3@yahoo.com, 559-313-4480

For Sale: 1943 Ford GTB Burma Jeep Cargo Truck with Winch and Hydraulic Dump Bed, which runs off the PTO for the Winch. Correct Original motor. Not running, but Engine turns over as normal. Last ran in 2017. \$3500 OBO Matt (408) 398-0036 msira36@aol.com



For Sale ½ ton WWII Dodge truck parts. New wood floorboards and dash map board \$60.00. Transfer case \$100.00. Transmission \$ 100.00. Transmission with PTO \$150.00. PTO \$50.00. Rims \$20.00. Complete re-built MU winch. has been sand blasted and primed. \$1000.00. (2) Command car safety strap body eye. New MU shift fork \$200.00. Rims \$30.00 ea.. ¾ ton Dodge truck parts. 2 speed transfer case for WC 62 and 63 \$300.00. M37 complete front axle \$200.00. M37 complete rear axle \$ 200.00. MU2 winch with cable guide \$800.00. WWII ben hur One ton trailer complete metal bracket set for wood sides \$230.00 203-4674 motor that has been re-built with transmission \$800.00. n auger for Chevy K44. Includes 4 different bits \$400.00 or best offer. Radio box CH-74A fits Jeeps, Dodge and ½ tracks \$50.00. WWII ben hur One ton trailer complete metal bracket set for wood sides \$230.00

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For Sale— 1952 M38A-1 Restored. New canvas kit with side curtains & new doors. New wire harness. Runs great. All service manuals included. Will ship at buyers expense. Title in hand. Selling for a friend. \$16,800. Don Gomes (209)765-1273.



For Sale— Ford GTBs and parts as a Lot. Rebuilt transmission, cargo bed, etc. All GTBs to be sold together. 2 GTBs and 2 Parts GTBs \$5,000 or best offer John Azevedo (559)381-2656



For Sale— 2 M100 trailers. 1/2 Command Car, body cut behind front Seat. Fred Kennedy (209)639-9724



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For Sale: Military Canvas Tents. 16' X 16' Squad tent w/poles \$250. Hexagon Mountain Tent complete. N.O.S. \$200. Scott 415 259 8177

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

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

For Sale- 5-'41 Nash-Kelvinator 1 ton G518 trailer. Solid floor, stock taillight brackets, hand brake, tailgate, dated wheels, lunette all there. Tires hold air, wheel bearings recently serviced so it can be towed. Missing landing wheel, but has casting. Barely readable data plate included, which has the date of delivery, 5-41. \$900_Located in South Lake Tahoe_Tim Coolbaugh_530-308-8164_timsresort @att.net



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For sale: 1962 REO M49 Deuce and half with extra oa331 motor and many extra parts, needs to be restored, no title. \$4000. Also 1942 Chevrolet CCKW with non-military boom, needs complete restoration. \$1500. Contact Gregory Hays at 530-677-2519



Wanted: WW 2 Era 8 foot officers wall tent. I live in Colorado but would like to take delivery at Plymouth 2022. I will take it at Plymouth and send it back with me. Cash, NO shipping Hassle. Please contact Russ Morgan 970-669-9099
morganru@oneimage.com



WANTED: M-37 winch bumper parts. Need both driver and passenger side front bumpers, extensions, winch to bumper angle brackets, pto, pto bracket with handle. Please contact John Sorensen (707)486-2882 or email rattlecanjohnny@gmail.com



Liberty Auto Restoration, LLC

Hi All,

I'm writing to you since you are an affiliate of MVPA and want to see if you are able to share this with your membership/and/or if you have a newsletter that I can advertise in, I would like to get this information out. Please let me know

Background Information: Liberty Auto Restoration is 88 miles (1hr 21 min drive West) from the Iowa State Fair Grounds where the 2023 MVPA convention will be held. We will be hosting an open house for anyone prior to and/or after the MVPA convention to come to our open house.

Open House Dates: Monday June 12th to Wednesday June 14th and from Sunday June 18th to Monday June 19th from 9:00 AM to 4PM. We will be closed during the MVPA convention from June 15th to June 17th.

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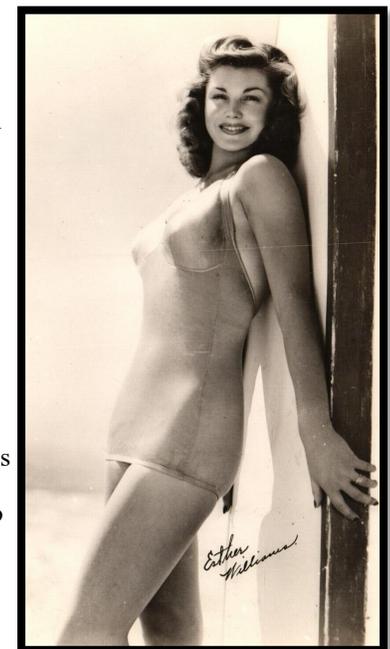
We will have free hamburgers/hot dogs around noon of each day of our open house.

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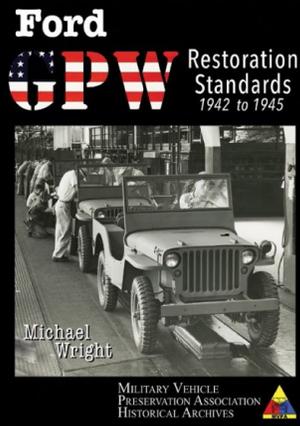
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RV & Travel Trailer Rental Update for Camp Plymouth By John Neuenburg

In the December newsletter we talked about some options for renting RVs or travel trailers for those who would like to stay in the 49er Village. To summarize, it was renting one, loading it, and driving or towing it to the event, or having a travel trailer delivered by the owner to your campsite, setting it up, and picking it up after the event. For both options you have the choice of using a commercial rental company, one of the RV rental broker websites who help individuals rent their units, or finding a private owner via websites like Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist, or NextDoor.

I just rented a trailer from Advantage Caravans in Sacramento. A 26-footer built in 2017. Regular price \$100 per day but with the 20% discount we negotiated for Camp Plymouth participants, \$80 per day. We usually stay five nights, so the trailer will cost us \$400 for rental fee, credit card processing fee of about \$22, a delivery/setup/pickup fee of \$150, hygiene supply fee of \$17, and tax about \$46. Total will be about \$635. Then I add the RV site rental which will be around \$380 including tax. Net approx. \$1,015. That is \$203 per day. The bigger cabins are \$242 or \$260 plus tax in 2023. The problem with the 49er is not enough cabins for our demand. With a trailer we get to stay more or less where we want in the 49er, and we will have more space for sales tables and displays. The best thing about this is we can bring our MVs and sales goods. It is a MV show and swap meet after all! This is why I talked them into giving a discount. It's good for our event if more military stuff shows up. By the way, I get no compensation for plugging this vendor.

As for other terms, I paid \$100 with the reservation and the balance plus a \$500 security deposit is due April 17. The deposit is returned 7 days after our event pending no issues with the trailer. The interesting thing is there is no broker fee or insurance charge, which is what the broker sites add.

We have done this twice with Advantage with no trouble and excellent service including the driver showing up close to checkout time on Sunday. I give these details to help others as they consider their options. Advantage is at www.advantagervrentals.com. Owner Alex is at 916-832-8824.



My 1943 Dodge WC-52 by Robin & Carol Cartel

My first military vehicle, back in the early 1990's, was a 1943 Dodge WC-52 Weapons Carrier that I drove around town every chance that I got. One such day I visited a local flea market where one of the old guys I usually bought stuff from saw my truck and proceeded to tell me that there was another one "just like it" about 30 miles away sitting next to a barn. So, after getting some "basic" directions, I went home and got my everyday car and went on a road trip. Sure enough, his directions brought me to a logging company, and in the tall weeds next to the barn was what appeared to maybe be something military, but from the road I wasn't sure. So, I walked around the place and knocked on a few doors but couldn't find anybody. So, not to waste a trip I made my way through the weeds and stomped them down around the truck. Sure enough, there was a very civilianized WC-62 sitting there!

Now armed with more ambition to locate anyone who could tell me who the owner was, I saw a house about 1/4 mile away and thought I'd start there. The old gentleman who answered my knock was the owner! After the usual pleasantries were out of the way, I asked him about the truck. He asked me if I liked it, and of course I said "yes". He then told me that I could just have it to get it off his property. He hadn't used it since 1968 and had no plans to use it in the future. Well, that just made my day! I told him that I would be back with a trailer as soon as I could find one to borrow. Luckily my boss had just the right truck and trailer and was willing to let me use it.

So now that WC-62 got to sit at my Dad's house for the next 16 years, out in the back field. In the meantime, I started gathering parts for my new project. Even located the correct T-223 engine for it. Eventually in 2012 I had room at my place to get started on it. The logging company had converted it into a maintenance truck to work on their equipment. The hard top that you can see in the pictures was held on by 144 rivets and some welds. Once that was removed things started moving along pretty well. I was surprised to find that the original unit markings were very visible. The truck was marked to the 90th Division, 359th Infantry, Company I, and Anti-tank 15 on the right end of the bumper. The tips of the bumpers and the rear corners of the bed were painted white, an indication of being used in black-out conditions in England. It was also drilled for a ring mount for a machine gun. I am convinced that this is one of the rare trucks that actually saw combat and returned to the US after the War was over. After about 2 years of working on it, I considered it restored. Maybe someday I will drive it.

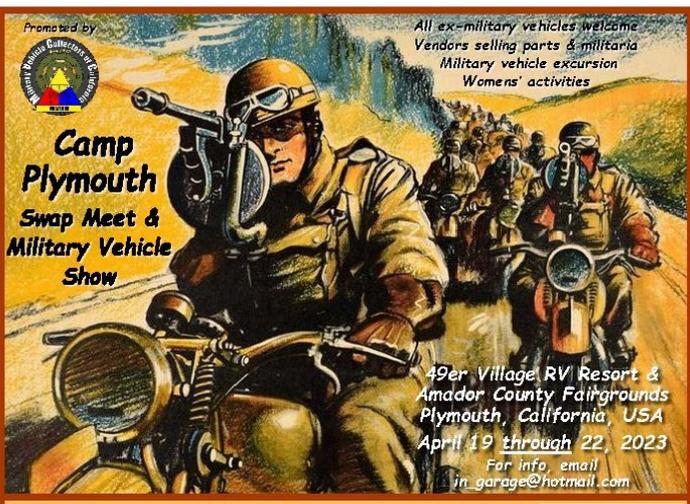
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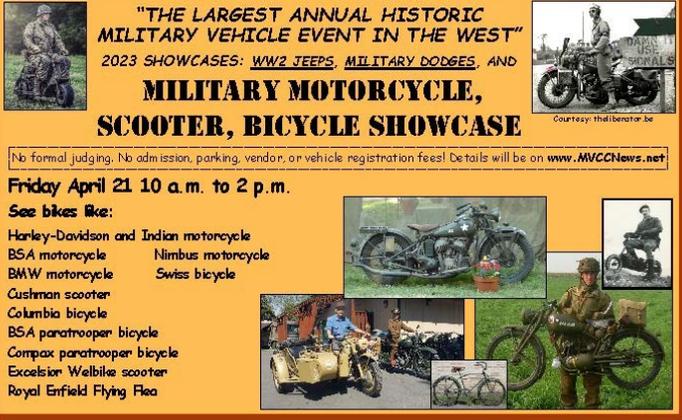
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WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR

LOCATION: LA PAZ COUNTY PARK - This year all activities will be in the Group Camp area. These sites are getting hard surfaced and will be up and running by March.

CAMPING: Attendees that are swapping will be given priority for camping in the group camp area. We also have several dry camping sites available for our event. To reserve the above sites, please call Mike Colgan @ 714-269-0502. If you wish to reserve a waterfront cabana site, please call La Paz County Park @ 928-667-2069.

GUN SHOW: The gun show will be held in the Pavilion on Friday and Saturday. We will have the building available for Saturday's dinner.

PRICING AND REGISTRATION: We will be sending out an Event Info and Registration form as soon as we have more details confirmed.

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




Thanks a bunch to both clubs!

LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER AMAZING EVENT!

Golf Cart Renting at the Spring 2023 Camp Plymouth UPDATED

Last month we talked about how big the Camp Plymouth venue is and how people like to make daily rounds on both sides of our venue to see what parts and MVs are showing up. That takes a lot of boot leather! Driving MVs is authorized but the challenge in the 49er Village is lack of parking for cars and trucks. Even at the fairgrounds tent village and display area around the arena there is minimal if any parking unless in a rented site. The main parking lot is **Golf Cart Renting Details for the Spring 2023 Camp Plymouth**

close, but how nice it would be to be able to have a small vehicle in your camp for driving around and pulling over to inspect sales goods or socialize without blocking the fire lanes. Those with military jeeps can usually find a camper OK with the jeep being parked at his site for a bit. Ditto golf carts. How nice it would be to shop in a four passenger cart with a flip down flatbed!

The MVCC set up a golf cart rental program. This is not a profit center for the club. We will not rent them from the vendor, you will directly. We do not get a commission. We contacted a handful of companies and found the best deal for our participants.

Gipson Golf Carts at nearby Rancho Murieta is our approved vendor. They will deliver them to a cart corral to be arranged and pick them up. The rate for a four-passenger flip cart for four days will be \$55 per day. For fewer days, \$60. No delivery fee. We will publish the rate for a six-passenger cart next month or sooner on our website. You can contact Zach starting now at 916-806-0920 and say you will be a participant at the Camp Plymouth event April 19 to 23. They will do the rental agreement via email or snail mail.

We would like to know soon how popular this will be so we can tell Zach and he will hopefully have enough carts available. Please let member John Neuenburg know if you plan to rent one. Email in_garage@hotmail.com or 415-847-2801 and he will feed Zach the numbers. They are not planning to bring carts that are not pre-rented.





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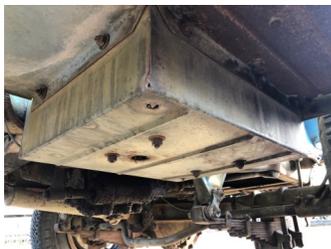
Greetings to all MVCC Members,

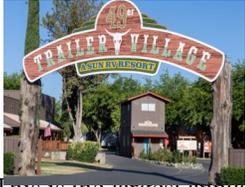
We're done with another year and moving on to 2023 and hoping it's going to be a great year. I bought another GTB Bomb Truck. I wasn't looking to buy another one but I saw the photos and said to myself I better save another Ford GTB.

The story starts with me selling a GTBA cargo bed to Jim, one of our new MVCC club members about 3 months ago, we made the deal and he paid it in full and asked if I could hold on to it till December when he could pick it up, I said no problem . So a couple of days ago Jim called me and decided he was going to lighten up on some of his projects and offered his GTBC, the bed he bought from me was going on her even though it's a Bomb Truck . Then Jim said he could deliver in two days so I said to myself "should I or not." Well I bit the bullet on another GTB! It's a sickness and more of us are getting the disease. Jim had Marty his employee drive down from Arizona with the GTBC to deliver it to me . I gave Jim the money back for the bed and paid for the truck. This GTBC is one of the cleanest GTB'S I've seen and I've bought a lot of them. This GTB has complete engine, trans shifts, complete side seat which is always missing, no rust in the battery box or in the window frames. Even has complete wipers and original gauges. It even still has the full set of data plates and numbers matching engine and frame. Stay tuned on what I do with this one.

Shifting gears to club business I'm taking sweatshirt and t shirt orders for the 2023 Camp Plymouth spring meet. We print less than 300 t shirts and hoodies So please call me or email me with your orders 209-765-1273 caddymanwestside@yahoo.com

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CAMP PLYMOUTH MILITARY VEHICLE SHOW & SWAP MEET

April 19-23*, 2023

Plymouth, CA 95669

49er Village RV Resort and Amador County Fairgrounds

BASIC TRAINING – as of 12/2/2022



This is the largest annual event for historic ex-military vehicles (MVs) in the Western United States. The Plymouth venue is the fifth for the Spring meet that started in the late 1970s, promoted by the Military Vehicle Collectors of California, a non-profit corporation.

This venue has two sides, separated by a fence, with a campground in each. The show and swap meet are on both sides:

49er Village RV Resort is at 18265 Highway 49, Plymouth, CA 95669. Rental cabins, RV camping and vendor sites.

Amador County Fairgrounds is adjacent to the 49er, our gate is approximately at 18343 Empire Street. Tent camping village, display arena, visitor and trailer parking.

CAMPING

- 1.Event is Wednesday, April 19 to Sunday April 23 but Sunday is a pull-out day, not a show day.
- 2.Our group discounted rates at the 49er are valid 3 days before and 3 days after the event on a space available basis.
3. No tent camping is allowed at the 49er per their policy - cabins and RV camping only.
- 4.49er RV sites are full hookup and come with paved parking pads generally 40-50 feet long, some up to 70 feet long. Pad width 12 to 15 or more feet. There is lawn next to it and usually a large shade tree.
- 5.Pull through sites are limited and are at the south end only.
- 6.Tent or truck camping is available at the Fairgrounds - no RVs unless there is no space at the 49er.
- 7.Fairgrounds sites are mostly dry with a limited number of sites with water and power available. Few have shade.
- 8.All reservations for cabins, and sites will be coordinated and reserved through the MVCC Camp Mistress (Jo-Ann Lesser) at mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com. A camping reservation form will be available elsewhere.
- 9.4-night minimum reservation at the 49er (may be waived by 49er management).
- 10.No minimum reservation for tent camping at the Fairgrounds.
- 11.For 49er sites and cabins in our discounted block that Jo-Ann assigns, she gives the camper list to the 49er office and instructs campers to contact the office to pay for their reservation.
- 12..Jo-Ann also assigns sites at the Fairgrounds. Payment in full for those must be made payable to“MVCC” at the time of reservation. Enclose payment when sending the form to Jo-Ann.
- 13.Campfires are permitted in above-ground fire pits at the 49er and at the Fairgrounds. Pits and wood are available through the 49er office.
- 14.The 49er and the Fairgrounds are pet friendly. Dogs must be kept on a leash in public areas

DRIVING, ADMISSION, DAY USE, PARKING, REGISTRATION

- 15.No admission fee for this event. No parking fee. No vendor fee but sellers must rent a campsite or cabin.
- 16.No MV registration fee or pre-registration.
- 17.Visitor parking and trailer storage is free at the Fairgrounds. Visitor parking in the 49er Village is extremely limited, do not expect to find it. Our large parking lot is just inside the Empire Street entrance, near the tent camping village and display arena. To visit the 49er by foot from the Fairgrounds, walk out to Empire Street and along the shoulder to the 49er main entrance.
- 18.Do not forget to check out the 49er for more MVs and vendors!
- 19.Driving on roads at both sides of the event is authorized. Five mile per hour maximum in campgrounds. No steel grousers or worn tracks that will scrape pavement. All roads in the 49er are paved.
- 20.Vehicle insurance is required per California DMV requirements.
- 21.Driving without a driver’s license is not allowed at the event.
- 22.No parking along roads in the 49er. Park in YOUR campsite only.
- 23.No parking in vacant campsites because they will not be vacant for long.
- 24.No vehicle parking on lawn areas at the 49er due to the presence of underground sprinkler pipes.
- 25.Illegally parked vehicles may be towed.
- 26.Roads and campsites at the Fairgrounds must not be blocked by parked vehicles.
- 27.NO PARKING on Empire Street between our Fairgrounds gate and the 49er entrance. This will be used by golf carts and pedestrians.

SWAP MEET and DISPLAYS

- 28.Swap meet is event-wide at 49er and Fairgrounds campsites. Anyone may put out sales goods.
- 29.No vendor fee but all sellers must rent a campsite.
- 30.Pop up tents are allowed in the 49er but camping in them is not, per 49er regulations. Rules say no tent pins.
- 31.Military-themed displays are encouraged at campsites in both campgrounds.
- 32.Displays deemed by the MVCC Board to be excessively controversial or disruptive might be prohibited. These can include the vertical display of SS or Gestapo uniforms, including wearing them, and Nazi flags. However, these collectible items may be offered for sale if displayed flat on tables or the ground. Further, display of contemporary manufactured items (shirts, flags, posters, etc.) with symbols and/or verbiage that are commonly deemed offensive is not allowed. Common sense and due regard for the feelings and experiences of others is expected of all event attendees.

33. Other than the exclusion mentioned above, the wearing of obsolete military uniforms and clothing is welcome.
34. Special Displays can be accommodated free of charge at the Fairgrounds, at designated places, if space is available. Please ask our camping coordinator Jo-Ann about that.
35. Those commuting from hotel or home in a MV can have a free display/parking spot at the Fairgrounds, near the tent camping village or display arena, if space is available.
36. A normal campsite rental fee is required if sleeping or vending in a display.

THEMED VEHICLE SHOWCASES

37. As of 12/1/2022 there are three showcases planned for Friday April 21: World War Two Jeeps, Military Dodges, and Military Motorcycles, Scooters, and Bicycles. The first two will be at the practice rodeo arena by the Fairgrounds tent village and parking lot. The third will be at a location at the 49er Village TBA. See an upcoming Activities Schedule for location.
38. All MVs are welcome, restored or not, modified ones are OK, any country of former military service.
39. Typically coordinator for each showcase will ask participants for owner's name and vehicle information for a follow-up newsletter and/or magazine article.
40. Typically, there is no formal MV judging but possibly People's Choice Contests.
41. Normally the Point of Contact for each showcase will get the owner's name and vehicle information for after-event newsletter and/or national magazine articles about the show.

FIREARMS, PYROTECHNICS, EXPLOSIVES, ORDNANCE

42. Firearms may be displayed if their presence does not violate Federal, State, or local laws. Firearms may not be offered for sale, sold, or traded at Camp Plymouth. Firearm parts and fake, dummy, dawat, demilled, airsoft, and similar non-guns and ordnance may be offered for sale if it does not violate Federal, State, or local laws.
42. Live ammunition, pyrotechnics, explosive devices, and the discharge of blanks or gas guns are not permitted at Camp Plymouth, except if authorized by the MVCC Board for a special activity.

1. 44. EVENT MERCHANDISE, RAFFLE, MEETINGS, OFF-SITE EXCURSIONS

45. The Military Vehicle Collectors of California (MVCC) is the promoter and normally will have an event headquarters and merchandise sales tent in operation Thursday through Saturday. Souvenir T-shirts and other merchandise will be available for sale and MVCC memberships can be purchased or renewed.
46. A raffle and social event will occur on Friday night in the 49er Recreation Room near the store and pool. It will be open to all attendees. Prize donations will be received at the Event Headquarters tent but if that changes this document will be edited. Please enclose item description and donor name so the donor is given credit for supporting Camp Plymouth.
47. Raffle proceeds go to the MVCC, to support this and future events and activities.
48. A MVCC Board meeting and a General Membership Meeting will be held at locations TBA on the Activities Schedule posted elsewhere. All are welcome to the Membership Meeting.
49. Information about a military vehicle road run will appear on the Activities Schedule
50. Ditto for women's events.

GOLF CART RENTALS

51. As of 12/1/2022, a golf cart rental program is tentative. If this happens, the MVCC will publicize a preferred vendor, rates, and details on the event page on www.MVCCNews.net.

RV RENTAL OPTIONS

52. Renting a RV or travel trailer is a way to stay at the 49er Village. There are commercial rental vendors and private owners who will deliver, set up, and pick up an RV or trailer. The websites www.RVShare.com and www.Outdoorsy.com are brokers for private owners and these can be searched by area, such as near Plymouth, and if the owner will deliver and pick up.
53. Renting a travel trailer and having it delivered allows bringing a MV or load of sales items. Unlike renting a cabin, using a RV site means it is possible to camp in other areas of the 49er.
54. Advantage Caravans in Sacramento is offering a 20% discount on their daily rental rate to Camp Plymouth attendees. See www.AdvantageRVRentals.com
55. More on this may be found elsewhere on this website.

AMENITIES

56. Amenities at the 49er include swimming pool, spa, volleyball, shuffleboard, horseshoes, billiards, kid's playground, rec hall with kitchen, amphitheater, terrace, café, restrooms with showers, laundry, store, propane, firewood, very limited temporary parking.
57. Amenities at the Fairgrounds include restroom with showers, parking lot, limited water and power.
58. Hotels, restaurants, grocery store, antique stores, hardware store, Indian Casino, wineries, historic Gold Rush towns and sites and other attractions are nearby. The grocery store/deli is an easy walk.
59. Amador County is home for nearly 40 wineries. Those in the Shenandoah Valley Viticultural Area are just outside of Plymouth.

THIS INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME COME BACK TO WWW.MVCCNEWS.NET BEFORE TRAVELLING TO CAMP PLYMOUTH, TO SEE ANY IMPORTANT UPDATES OR NEWS



MY BMW75 by Stefan and Becky Fisher

I have been a motorcycle enthusiast ever since I could ride a bicycle. I got my first motorcycle when I was in high school and have been riding ever since. I had a few dirt bikes then started on street bikes.

I had always heard of BMWs and how reliable they were, so I bought one and started restoring it. It took a lot of work but I managed to get it going. I rode it for quite a while and started noticing many BMWs had sidecars which I thought was interesting, so I bought my first sidecar, hooked it up and began a life time of collecting and restoring BMW motorcycles and sidecars from the 50's and 60's.

I learned that BMW made a motorcycle/sidecar combination for the military during World War 2 which had many features and made this unit appealing. After a few years I finally got the courage to locate one and rebuild it. This process took several years and I got one off of eBay.

The motorcycle arrived by truck freight, and I was jazzed! It had most of the right parts and required a paint job in addition to mechanical work. Quite a bit of work was in store for me but I was prepared to do it.

Within hours of getting it home I began the process of documenting with notes and photographs for rebuilding because I knew it would take a long time. My memory alone wouldn't work. Then I began disassembling and boxing parts up, organizing it for reassembly. I then had a huge pile of boxes to deal with.

Time had passed and all was going good with it going back together when I ran into an old work partner, Angus Smith, and showed him my collection of parts, some finished and most still needing work. As many of you know Angus is a very enthusiastic member of the MVCC. He spoke to me of the club and talked me into joining which gave me the motivation to finish up the bike and bring it to Camp Delta. At the time I did not realize it but I was entering the world of historical military vehicles.



In the late 1930's the German military contracted with both BMW and Zündapp to produce a heavy motorcycle to facilitate the quick and efficient deployment of troops in the field. This is a factory stock version of the motorcycle as produced by BMW from 1939 thru 1945.

This particular motorcycle was built in 1943 and has all matching serial numbers on the engine, motorcycle frame and sidecar frame. It has a 750cc boxer motor developing 26 horsepower. The transmission is a 4 speed with 4 forward gears and I gear for reverse. A hi-lo feature will keep pace with infantry troops and highway traffic. The power-driven sidecar with locking differential provides two-wheel drive as needed. It was the first motorcycle designed with hydraulic brakes to the sidecar and the rear motorcycle wheel. All wheels are interchangeable and the tires are the same as the Kubelwagen. It has automatic centrifugal advance, trailer towing capability and telescopic forks. The tubular component frame facilitates ease of repair in the field. It is capable of climbing 40% incline and can ford water up to 14" deep. The complete weight of the motorcycle with sidecar and fluids is 924 lbs and has a maximum speed of 60 mph with a cruising speed of 50mph.

It was great to learn all the features of this bike but I felt it needed something more. I wanted to find any divisional markings on the bike, so as I was prepping for painting I hand sanded the fenders, fuel tank and sidecar body to see what I would expose. I found nothing. Each time the color changed I only found another shade of green, gray, white etc. The bike had been repainted no less than 5 times.

BMW has a birth certificate program. If you send them the details, numbers, etc. of your bike they will send back a document stating where it went and what features it had when it left the factory. Well, I did that and found out that the factory was bombed out in 1944 causing BMW to lose most records from that time. Since the origin is unknown, an internet search provided markings for the bike to represent a late war Army unit from a heavy motorcycle machinegun company of the 24th Panzer Division.

Stop by and see it for yourself this spring at Camp Plymouth's motorcycle, scooter and bicycle showcase.

Manufacturer: BMW
Model: R75
Year: 1943
Displacement: 745 cc
Cylinder: 2 - transverse
Engine type: 4-stroke / ohv
Bore / Stroke: 78 x 78 mm



MILITARY DODGE SHOWCASE

AT THE

CAMP PLYMOUTH MILITARY VEHICLE SHOW & SWAP MEET

APRIL 21, 2023 9:00 TO 12:00

PLYMOUTH, CALIFORNIA USA



1942
3/4 TON 4X4

1941
1/2 TON 4X4

1940
1/2 TON 4X4

The Largest Annual Military Vehicle Event in the WEST!



Any condition, running or not!

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

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



Let's try for a record turnout!

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

NO ADMISSION OR PARKING FEES

NO VEHICLE PRE-REGISTRATION OR FEE

NO VENDOR FEE BUT SELLERS MUST RENT A CAMPSITE

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

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

Dodge Showcase Coordinators:

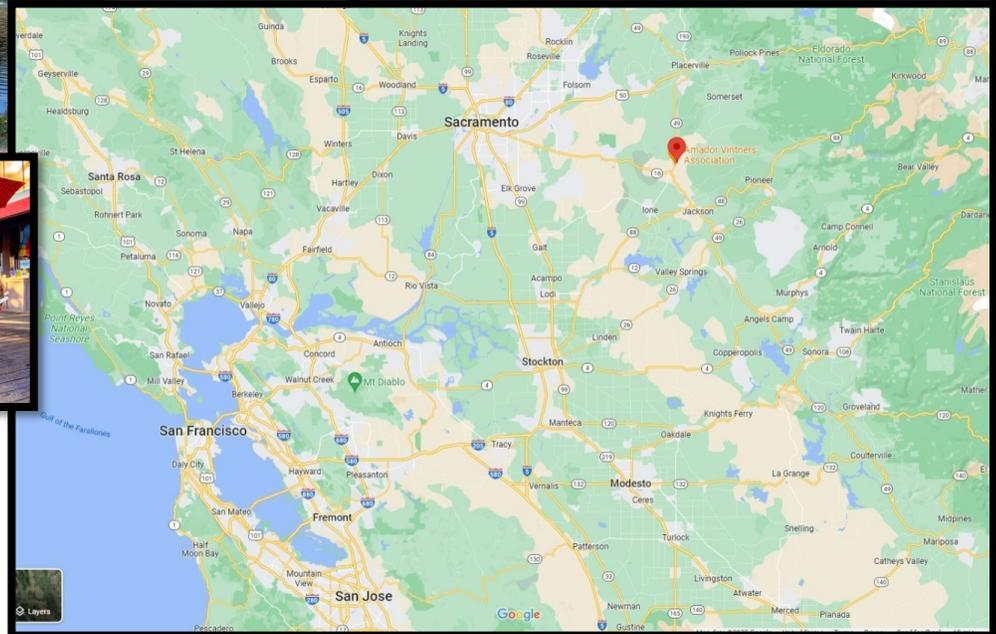
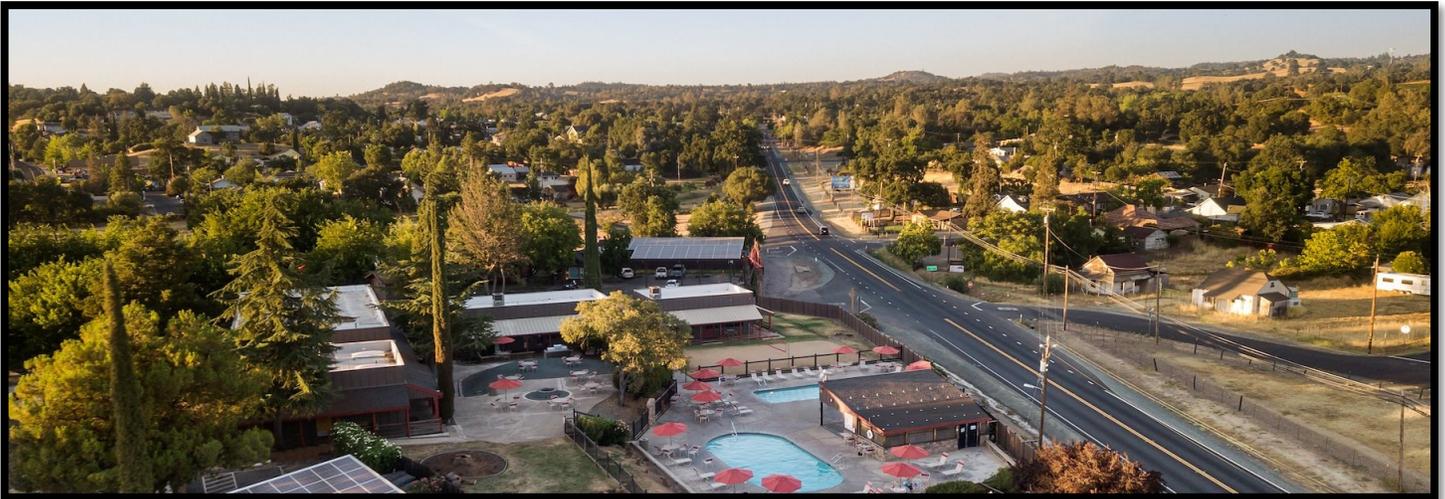
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The 49er RV Resort in Plymouth California





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 MVCC
 MEMBERSHIP!**



INVOICE

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

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

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

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

* = required fields, please PRINT

*Name _____ MVPA #if applicable _____

*Address 1 _____

Address 2 _____

*City, State, ZIP _____ Country _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

E-mail address _____

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

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

*I DO / DO NOT want my MVs or hobby interests listed in the next Directory (circle one)

Christina Verissimo, c/o MVCC Treasurer,
 850 Elm Street Gustine, Ca 95322
 Make checks payable to the MVCC

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

- \$50 Regular Member newsletter mailed
 - \$135 Regular Member for three years Newsletter Mailed
 - \$30 Regular member newsletter Online
 - \$80 Business Member (includes one, 2"x 3.5" ad in each newsletter (business card). A Business Member may also hold another class of Membership
 - \$80 Regular membership newsletter Online for 3 years
- ASSOCIATE MEMBERS** (spouse or significant other, and/or children under 18). Includes membership card. Only spouse has voting rights.
 One newsletter delivered per household
 _____ Associates @ \$5.00 each per year, Membership Badge \$10 Each.

Replacement badges \$ \$10 EACH Amount enclosed _____

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