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MVCC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Hello MVCC!

First off, we're filling up fast for the Spring Meet! Make your reservations now, if you wait you may have to buddy up.

Now in the last newsletter I say that someone who bought a ticket for the Jeep Kit Raffle would be drawn for a runner-up prize. The prize is a M4 Sherman, ok not a real one but it will look great on the shelf.

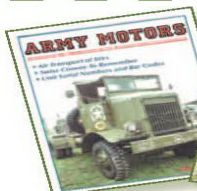

And the Sherman goes to Rick McClendon!


Some things about Camp Plymouth, if you are coming to the club dinner please let JoAnn know very soon so we can have a headcount. Also, please park your empty trailers in the main parking lot along the 49'er side. Last year some were parking in tent sites near The Swamp and this year we need those sites for camping. At is time we think the walkway from the 49'er to the fairgrounds will be open, but if not we'll let you know.



Please be safe and we'll see you in April!

Chris...



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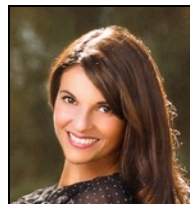





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What's going on in the MVCC:

Have I mention in the newsletter that you need your MVCC membership card to get into the membership 45th anniversary dinner! Yes you do. You (card holder) and a guest are invited to our 45th Anniversary Dinner on Friday Night of the April Event. It's a **thank you** to the membership for their continued support to keeping our hobby and our events alive and well. **Dinner is free to members.**

MVCC Penannt flags are now \$30. Just in, USA made with love. Pennants went from a \$25 donation to \$30 donation.

Membership for a friends birthday? MVCC membership makes for a great birthday gift that lasts all year long.

Only so many days till the April Meet, are you ready? I am! Lol. I'm counting the days.

Make sure you get your spot at Camp 49er or Fairgrounds. I hear the local hotel near the meet is booked solid.

I've gotten a flood of dues in January! Thank you members.

We are having 45th anniversary patches made. Be sure to get yours at the MVCC HQ Booth.

Memberships. I thought this was interesting and I thought others would find it interesting as well. Where are our members of the Military Vehicle Collectors of California from? Like what states are they from? Answer: **California, Oregon, Minnesota, Nevada, Idaho, Arizona, Washington, Delaware, Arkansas, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Utah, Louisiana, Wyoming, New Jersey, South Dakota, Oklahoma and Georgia.** That's 18 states and the country of **Canada.** A few members in Canada. I was going through the MVCC roster like I do almost daily to update dues and noticed all the states we have members in. I've always known we had members all over the place but when I counted the number of different states we have members in I was surprised it was 18 different states. In a way I was surprised and in a way I wasn't. At our big meet in April you will meet people from not only all over the United States but also the world. If you ask me it is an honor to have so many members from so many different places across the United States. If you think about it it does make sense because the military vehicle hobby is a global hobby and I like that. Its helps that Central California has beautiful weather for our event.

Why this being a global hobby is so important? Parts! Where did the parts to my SCR 245-J come from? About 12 years ago(I think) I wanted to put a SCR 245-J radio system in my 1941 Dodge WC25 1/2 ton command car. Long story short the dynamotor PE-55, the transmitter and the receiver all came from across the Atlantic Ocean. If I remember correctly one came from Belgium, one came from Italy and one from France. Needless to say shipping was outstanding. All 3 of those parts are heavy as anyone who's picked up any WW2 era radio knows. It's a small world after all. Thank you ebay, lol...

Awards at the MVCC meet. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each showcase for a grand total of 9 awards at the showcases. Also there will be an award for Military Vehicle driven the farthest to the April Meet! All award winners will have their photos in the May newsletter. Awards will be given out at Saturday's membership meeting at 10AM at the April Event.

Last but not least, our deepest condolences to Jerry Mambretti on his passing. Jerry was a long time MVCC member and supporter.

Regards, Johnny Verissimo, MVCC Secretary/



Entrance to Camp 49er in Plymouth, California

RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW! TAKE NO CHANGES!



**MVCC April 25th to 30th Camp Plymouth Registration
SPRING MEET**

Name _____
 Email _____
 Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone _____
 Cell Phone _____

MVCC Member – Yes _____ No _____ If yes member # _____

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MVCC Member Anniversary Dinner # _____

49er RV Resort, 18265 HWY 49 Plymouth, Ca. 95669 (209)245-6981

4 night minimum stay April 27th to 30th at 49er RV Resort– No tents at 49er RV Resort

Arrival Date _____ Check Out Date _____ ***Payment in full paid to Camp 49er by 3-24-2022***

Assigned Site # / # of Nights /	Description of Site, Pick one	/ Per Night /	Total
	RV Standard (\$62.48) _____ RV Premium (\$72.16) _____ Premium Waterfront (\$81.84) _____ Studio Cabin (\$141.60) _____ 1-2 Bed Cabin (\$208.56) _____		

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 27 to 30th 2022

Arrival Date _____ Check Out Date _____ ***Payment in full to MVCC , no refunds after 4/18/2022***

Assigned Site # / # of Nights /	Description of site, Pick one	/ Per Night /	Total
	(\$35) Dry Tent – Military _____ Civilian _____ (\$35) Dry Car – Pickup Camper _____ Utility Trailer _____ (\$45) Water/Electric – Tent _____ Military _____ Civilian _____ (4 night stay for Water/Electric)		

No refunds after April 18th, 2022

Comments: _____

Fairgrounds camping payment should be made to Military Vehicle Collectors of California, 2714 Peartree Lane, San Jose, Ca. 95121 C/O JoAnn Lesser .

For more information: mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com

All vehicle operating on public roads must be currently registered/ have insurance coverage.

In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate, participant and spectators, by execution of this entry form, release and discharge the producers of any and all known or unknown damages, injuries and or losses. No live firearms displayed or sold, no live ammunition displayed or sold.

Please Sign _____ Date _____

For MVCC office use only:

Check # _____ Amount _____ Rec'd _____ Sent _____



PRELIMINARY ACTIVITIES (as of 29 Oct 2021)

Camp Plymouth – 27 Apr to 30 Apr 2022

Covid Guidelines per current Amador County requirements



ALL WEEK – Swap Meet is open! Please check campsites through the 49'er RV Campground AND the Tent Sector at the Fairgrounds next door for an amazing selection of items. Vendors MUST be in rented campsites, cabins or official tent spaces.

Tuesday, April 26

1800 – EARLY BIRD GATHERING. Pool Area Patio. No potluck this year. Bring your dinner or just come to chat. Masks requested.
POC – Jo-Ann Lesser

Wednesday, April 27

Swap Meet Happening!!

Thursday, April 28

Swap Meet Continues!!

0700 until coffee's gone - Early Morning Coffee. Location: Fairgrounds Tent Sector near the power/water sites.

0900 – POKER RALLY. Register 0900 - 0930 in the Wolin Arena in the Fairgrounds Tent Sector. First vehicle departs @ 0930.
\$5/poker hand. Maximum of 2 hands/person. POC: Dave/Nancy Porter (530-391-5650 or 530-391-8006)

1000 – 1600 – MVCC HQ/Store Open at Sites #188 & 189, near the Rec Hall at the 49'er. JOIN OR RENEW, meet MVCC officers, see who is camping where, buy the GREAT MVCC Commemorative memorabilia. **Support the MVCC!**

**** Drop off your Raffle Donations @ MVCC Headquarters for the awesome Friday night raffle**

1000 – 1100 – Club President @ MVCC HQ. Come by to say Hi or vent.

1300 – 1600 – SHOWCASE OF UNRESTORED BARN FINDS. Wolin Arena in the Fairgrounds Tent Sector. POC: Chris Thomas (559-871-6507; The Swamp)

1400 – WOMEN OF THE MVCC GATHERING (Onsite). Pool Patio, under the awning. Due to Covid concerns, we won't be sharing food as has been done in the past. But come to visit - bring your own beverage.

1600 – MVCC Board Meeting – Amphitheater (west side of the 49'er – between the inner and outer camping circles) Bring your own chair (BYOC). Rec Hall if rain

Friday, April 29

Swap Meet Continues!!

0700 until coffee's gone - Early Morning Coffee. Location: Fairgrounds Tent Sector near the power/water sites.

0900-1200 – GTB SHOWCASE. Wolin Arena in the Tent Sector @ the Fairgrounds. POC: Don Gomes (MVCC Headquarters)

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1100 to 1500 – WOMEN'S LUNCH AND SHOPPING EXPEDITION. Leave @ 11:00 from the front entrance of the 49'er. We will be heading to lunch, then have time for some boutique and antique shopping. May need masks for store and restaurant entry. (Need POC _____)

1300-1600 – M151 SHOWCASE. Wolin Arena in the Tent Sector @ Amador Fairgrounds. POC: _____

1700 – ALL MEMBER DINNER in the 49'er Rec Hall. RAFFLE DRAWING @ 1900 (lots of great stuff!)

Saturday, April 30

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

0700 until coffee's gone - Early Morning Coffee. Location: Fairgrounds Tent Sector – near the power/water sites

1000 – MVCC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. Open Amphitheater on the west side of the 49'er Resort. BYOC (bring your own chair). Rain contingency: Held at Rec Hall at the 49'er.

After General Meeting to 1600 – MVCC HQ/Store Open at Sites #188 & 189, near the Rec Hall. JOIN OR RENEW, meet MVCC officers, buy the GREAT MVCC Commemorative memorabilia. **Support the MVCC!** -

1230 – CONVOY & TOUR (Details to be released soon. Actual tour time will be 1300-1500. POC: Dave Porter – 530-391-8006)

Military Vehicle Collectors of California
CAMP PLYMOUTH

Swap Meet and Military Vehicle Show

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M151 MUTT Showcase
 Fri. 1-4
Ford GTB Showcase
 Fri. 9-12
Barn & Field Finds Showcase
 Your Unrestored Projects! Thurs. 1-4



Also remember
FALL Camp Plymouth
 Sept. 14-17
 2022

MVCC CAMP PLYMOUTH



2022



APRIL 27-30, 2022

Plymouth, California, USA

49er RV Village, 182+6 State Hwy 49 / Amador Co. Fairgrounds, Plymouth CA 95669
 Park at 18343 Empire Street

45th Anniversary of the BIG SPRING MEET!

Visit Dozens of Nearby Wineries and Historic Gold Rush Towns

Tuesday is a set up day - Sunday is not a show day

- All MVs welcome, any condition
- NO vehicle registration fee
- NO seller fee for pros or amateurs, just your campsite or cabin rental
- FREE visitor admission & parking
- Military Vehicle Poker Rally
- Military Vehicle Excursion
- Women's Activities
- Raffle Friday Night
- RV & travel trailer camping only, cabins, at 49er RV Village-Group Discounts
- Inexpensive tent camping at the Tent Sector at adjacent fairgrounds

Contact Jo-Ann for all campsites 408-238-8277 or MVCCcampmistress@yahoo.com
 Camping Reservation Form on website



Event info: Don, 209-765-1273 caddymanwestside@yahoo.com

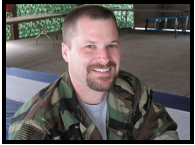
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Hello MVCC'ers!

Welcome to February! April is coming up fast! I hope you've been spending some time getting your MVs in shape for the 45th Annual Spring Meet at Camp Plymouth! I can't wait to get out and see everyone again, sell as many "priceless military vehicle artifacts" as possible, and get a look at all the projects everyone has been working on. This year's meet is going to be great and one not to miss! If you haven't already, please be sure and get your reservation in to JoAnn.

Around here, the weather has been most Wintery as of late, so my trucks are still in hibernation, waiting for time to get a Spring bath and a healthy dose of preventative maintenance.

That's all I have for now. Stay safe, stay warm, and enjoy life!

-Sean



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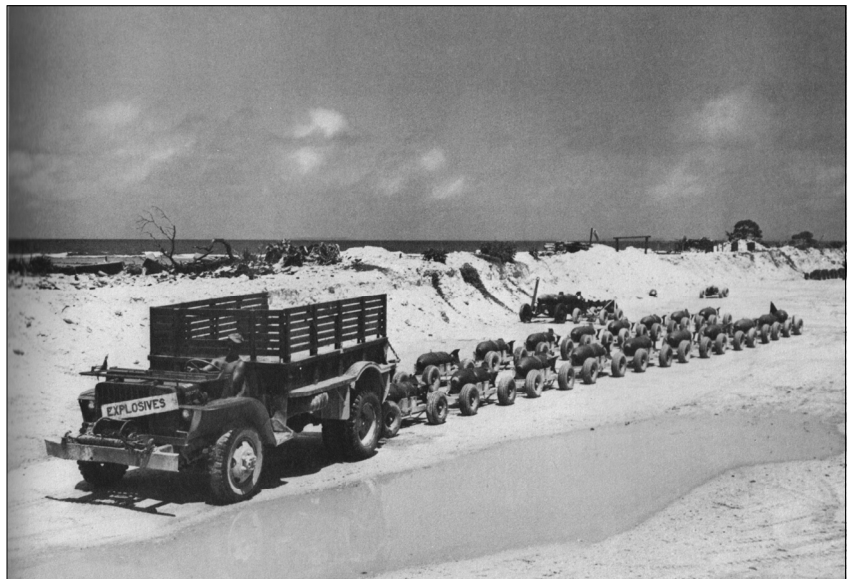
Greeting to all MVCC Members, I hope all is well with you and your families.

As you all know our 45th Anniversary Camp Plymouth Spring Meet is up on us and the days are counting down. Well I've been working closely with Johnny Verissimo getting Art work for T-shirts, signs, glassware, hats, 45th Anniversary Patches and advertising posters ready for our big event . It takes a lot of planning to put together the largest MV meet in the West and we're only doing a small part of it.

The Quartermasters booth helps raise money for the club to stay afloat with all the merchandise we sell! So please support your club buy and help at the booth. So who ever helps on the days we're open Thursday 10Am to 4pm , Friday 10Am to 4pm and Saturday 10Am to 1pm will be signed up for a \$50 merchandise prize that will be picked on Saturday . To help at Quartermaster's Booth please call , text or email me Don Gomes 209-765-1273 caddymanwestside@yahoo.com and I'll get you on the help list . Thanks.

Keep The GTB History Alive !

Don Gomes .



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**Saturday & Sunday
May 28 & 29, 2022**

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710 E. Woodward Ave.
Manteca, California

SATURDAY, MAY 28 EVENT

★ Evangelist, Mario Murillo

SUNDAY, MAY 29 EVENTS

- ★ 5K Run ★ Classic Car Show
- ★ 7,200 Crosses ★ Korean War Memorial
- ★ National Remember Our Fallen Tribute
- ★ First Responders Tribute ★ Helicopter landings
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From the Arizona Military Vehicle Collectors Club

Season's Greetings MVCC,

The Arizona Military Vehicle Collectors Club (AMVCC) would like to formally invite all our California MV friends to reserve a Swap Meet Space for our 31st Annual Arizona Military Vehicle Show! ...or just come join us for the show; bring your military vehicle(s) to display at no charge.

This year promises to have the ***Largest Attendance ever***: we've teamed up with the Buckeye Air Fair, joining forces to provide an amazing event. Many food vendors, a kid-zone, aircraft, air shows and more. Recent Buckeye Air Fair attendance has been around 30,000! That's 10-15 times our solo MV event attendance: a great opportunity. Google the Buckeye Air Fair for more on activities and attractions or go to <http://www.buckeyeairfair.com/>.

Swap Meet set up starts Thursday, 17 February 2022 (all day) and each morning Feb 18-20, 0630-0845 hrs. This is a 3-day Show. Onsite camping is available and a great option, but please coordinate with us if you wish to camp on site... details to follow; many still being finalized.

Please go to <http://www.armytrucks.org/> to view the show flyer, layout, and Swap Meet application.

FYI we are getting away from the term "Vendor" since booths in our Military Vehicle Show are more of a Swap Meet or Flea Market, mostly dealing in vehicle parts, militaria and surplus. Also, the Buckeye Air Fair charges "Vendors" selling food, souvenirs, and other new products an appropriate commercial rate, much greater than our members could afford. You will be quoted such a rate if you contact them for a vendor space. Please call me with any questions.

I look forward to hearing from you and I'm happy to explain in more detail why we've moved the show out west of Phoenix and the many advantages that brings in terms of family events, amazing aircraft, food, camping, and so much more.

Joe Snodgrass

AMVCC Swap Meet Coordinator
AMVCC President-Elect
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31st Annual ARIZONA MILITARY VEHICLE SHOW
18 - 19 - 20 FEB 2022
Fri - Sat - Sun 3 Days!
0900-1600 hours
 Partnered with the BUCKEYE AIR FAIR

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UPCOMING EVENTS



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February 18-21 2022 Vintage 4X4 Expedition. Great fun in the snow with a camping option at his family's cabin. POC is Ryan Shelly (925) 395-1100. Check it out on YouTube from 2020.

March 9-13 2022: Military Vehicle Camp Out and Show in La Paz County Park in Arizona. Ad on page 21

April 25th to 30th 2022: The MVCC Spring April Meet and Showcase in Plymouth California. The biggest Military Vehicle Show and Swap Meet on the West Coast. For reservations contact JoAnn Lesser mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com. For questions, concerns or comments contact Chris Thomas. (559)-871-6507 moparacer@sbcglobal.net

May 22, 2022: Ron Fitzpatrick Jeep Parts open house in Central Point Oregon. Military Vehicle Show and Swap Meet. Free Lunch RSVP (541)830-3030 10AM to 4PM.

May 29th—Never Forgotten—The Memorial Weekend, Woodland Park, 710 E. Woodland Ave. Manteca, California. Visit the-memorialweekend.com (209)404-9298 Classic Car Show, National Remember Our Fallen Tribute, Helicopter landings, fireworks. Check out flyer on page 8.

June 4th 2022 - Eagle Field Dinner Dance and Fly In/Military Vehicle Event. POC is Chris Thomas (559)871-6507 Friday night there will be a free BBQ to everyone that brings a military vehicle and to members of the MVCC. Saturday all day will be explore Eagle Field, Food vendors, MV games. Parade, Big Band, Dinner etc etc This is the 80th Anniversary of EF!!!

July 4th 2022: Gustine 4th of July Parade. POC is Don Gomes. (209)765-1273. Meet at 850 Elm Ave at 9AM.

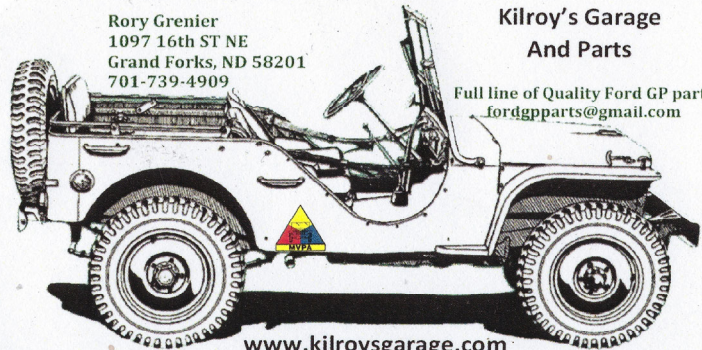
September 11 thru Saturday September 17, 2022 MVCC Fall Meet in Plymouth California. As usual 4 night minimum stay beginning Wednesday, September 17, 2022

If you have any questions or have information regarding a meet or activity in your area, contact your regional vice president or any of the officers to let them know. Be sure to visit our website for any last minute activities or changes to activities/events. Please submit information regarding upcoming activities to the newsletter editor at least two months before the scheduled event. All articles must be submitted to the newsletter editor by the 14th of each month. **MVCC News Editor Johnny Verissimo, (209) 918-0488 istanbull@sbcglobal.net or www.mvccnews.net**

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Happy New Year!

Not too much to report from the central coast region. The hope is to get our local folks together for a mini meet in Monterey shortly. Keep your eyes open for an invite. On a personal note I was able to acquire an M2A1 Half track to add to a growing collection. I have been told that once the collecting bug get under your skin it is difficult to control. Thank goodness for an understanding wife. The halftrack is currently undergoing a brake overhaul but other than that it is ready for Plymouth

Charles..



EAGLE FIELD DINNER DANCE AND FLY IN 2022

Celebrating the 80th Anniversary of Eagle Field

June 3, 4 & 5 2022

Jun 4th will be the Dinner and Fly In

At historic Eagle Field in Dos Palos, California

Come see vintage historic military planes, military vehicles and historic Eagle Field WW2 Pilot Training Field

WE WANT YOU!

Save the Date!

More information to follow!



MVCC WAGON MISTRESS JOANN LESSER

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The dates for our April 2022 event have been finalized. The week of **April 25 thru April 30** has been set! Our group has been given the whole week with a 4 day minimum stay beginning Wednesday, April 27 thru Saturday, April 30. The registration form can be found in this issue of the MVCCNEWS or on line at mvccnews.net. I will begin accepting registrations **December 1, 2021** and the **49'er RV Resort (209.245.6981)** will be accepting payment or deposit beginning **January 2, 2022**. Payment or deposit must reach the 49'er no later than **March 24, 2022**. At that time the 49'er takes back from the club any sites with no deposit or payment. The rates for this year include all fees and or taxes.

RV Standard \$62.48 RV Premium \$72.16 RV Waterfront ... \$81.84 Studio Cottage ... \$141.60
1-2 Bed Cottage .. \$208.56

If you have a question as to what type site you are in or if you are a new member and have not been assigned a site, please don't hesitate to email me at mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com

Camping at the Amador County Fairgrounds? The cutoff date for registration and payment is April 15, 2022.

This year the MVCC is celebration our 45th Anniversary. The board has decided to provide members with an anniversary dinner on Friday, April 29, 2022. You will see a line on the registration form asking how many members you are registering for. This will provide the board with an approximate dinner count. Please keep an eye out for updated information as we plan the anniversary party.



Photos from Camp 49er RV Resort next to the Fairgrounds



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Greetings from the North and Happy 2022! Hope you're finding time this winter to work on your military vehicle. Camp Plymouth is just around the corner!

I always say every military vehicle has a story, so here's the story of my '45 Willys MB, USMC front line ambulance jeep, also known as the "Holden Ambjeep". But first, a little about USMC front line ambulance jeeps: The Marines wanted a small, agile vehicle that could carry their wounded (and also their dead) from the front lines back to Medical Aid Stations, resulting in a contract with Holden Motors of Australia for the first 200 modified jeeps. Modifications included a "corpsman door" cut into the rear panel, a storage box replacing the front passenger seat with a door built into the right side of the tub, and a stretcher rack made of 1" round steel tube designed to carry two stretchers. The Marines went on assemble about 700 more ambjeeps at Camp Pendleton in California, using "stretcher kits" supplied by Holden Motors.

The first 200 ambjeeps were modified '42 Willys MB, Navy contract jeeps. The next 500 were modified '43/'44 Ford GPWs (not Navy contact jeeps) and the remaining ambjeeps were modified '45 Willys MB jeeps. Unless they were heavily damaged, most ambjeeps stayed with their units and returned with them to the States, while other vehicles were left behind on the Pacific Islands. Some remained on Stateside bases and never went overseas. Some served in the occupation of Japan and some served in Korea.

Back around 2014 I saw an ad for a 1945 Willys Jeep. Looking at the pictures, I recognized it as an original Holden type USMC front line ambulance jeep. I had already restored a '43 GPW ambulance jeep, so I knew what details to look for. I wasn't looking for another ambjeep, just browsing the ad, but small details like tie-down brackets, relocated side handle, modified right side of the tub and the small door in the rear panel were clues to this jeep's past life as an ambulance jeep. It was Bubbaified into a hunting jeep, complete with a rifle rack and larger tires, but not extensively modified like some I've seen. I let it sit for a month before driving to the bay area to take a look at it.

The '45 was in good condition but not drivable since it had been sitting for a while... "Ran when parked" like most old jeeps. It was being sold by the widow of its last owner. She was planning on moving to another town and needed to get rid of the jeep. Asking price was \$8,000 but I got it for \$4,500 cash. By the time I went to register it a few months later, the lady I bought it from had moved with no forwarding address, which caused an issue with DMV when I needed to correct the way she had signed the title as "for (dead spouse's name)". It all worked out eventually and I was able to display both ambjeeps at the 2016 MVPA convention in Pleasanton.

Keep 'em rollin'.
Dave



A Tribute to Jerry Mambretti from his son

A week ago, my sister Alison and I lost our Dad. COVID-19 stole his lungs, leaving no room for oxygen. He put up a good fight for several days on a biPAP machine, but ultimately succumbed to the deadly virus.

My Dad was first and foremost, a Marine. He served from 1962 until 1971, but like all Marines, he never stopped being one. His service included two combat tours in Vietnam, including being among the very first troops deployed as a "combat" mission, rather than as "advisors." For a time, he was also a member of the Pistol and Rifle team, due to his shooting accuracy.

He was probably best known for his work on cars. Some of my earliest memories of my Dad are him mixing resin to pre-form body repairs on a '57 Corvette that had a bit of a reputation in the Santa Cruz area. It was stupid fast, and he gave his buddies many white-knuckled rides. He owned many classics over the years- (I hope I have this right) thirteen 55's, six 56's and four 57 Chevrolets. The longest tenure was a sky blue '55 Chevy that EVERYONE knew about. Later, he shifted away from street machines, and began restoring military vehicles. He had several- A HMMWV, a Mighty Mite, MUTT's, and several others were part of the collection at one time or another.

Aside from his personal rides, my Dad also made a living by working on cars. As modern cars transitioned from carburetors to fuel injection, and added things like computerized command control and electronic control units, my Dad quickly adapted to the new technology. He was a widely known expert, and regularly fielded calls from other mechanics throughout the country who needed help solving drivability issues.

He was a helpful guy. If you were a neighbor or a friend, he'd go out of his way to help you out with whatever you needed (even offering up his son for free labor from time to time). He believed in community, and would help wherever and however he could. Most recently, he was working to secure federal funding to restore a historic irrigation ditch that feeds several properties surrounding his, ensuring water rights for him and his neighbors.

If you never met him, I promise you'd have liked him. He had a course exterior, and could be extremely intimidating, but it was all bullshit. He was funny, charming, and just plain cool. He had strong opinions, and was never afraid to voice them, but he'd always leave room for yours.

He was a healthy 76 year old. He took care of himself, and was hardly ever ill. That's the shock of this whole experience. We all thought we had more time. Lots more time. I'm having a bit of difficulty grasping the fact that I'm out of time. I had things to say to him. I had experiences to share with him.

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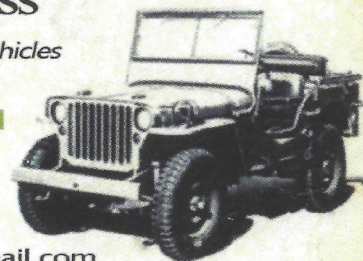
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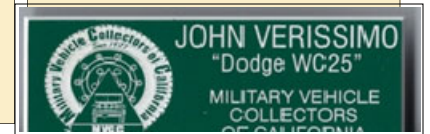


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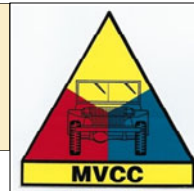
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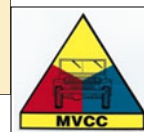
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From Robin and Carol Bartel

I got my first military vehicle, a 1943 MBT trailer, in 1990. By the mid 1990's I got hired by a local sheet metal shop, and have been there ever since. My restoration projects quickly added up, and I found that I could make just about anything that I needed at work in my free time. Made the seat riser for my WC-62 Dodge truck since it was missing. Used a rusted out relic for a pattern and it came out pretty nice. Soon after I started working on an MZ-2 USMC radio jeep and learned that the antenna loading coil, back seat, and radio boxes were not obtainable. Mark Tombleson was gracious enough to allow me to take a day and measure the boxes in his Jeep, so production began. Oh, my Jeep took 2nd place in the 2012 MVPA convention for factory class!

About this time I bought a nice Converto Airborne Dump trailer off of an ad on Craigslist. Nice enough trailer, but as usual on these; no tail gate. I knew where a complete trailer was on a farm 40 miles away so I knocked on the door and got permission to measure whatever I needed. I've made about 30 tail gates now.

During the Jeep restoration, my mechanic asked if I could make him a WW2 style pioneer rack for one of his trucks. I said that I could, and as of this writing, I've made at least 40 of them for other restorers.

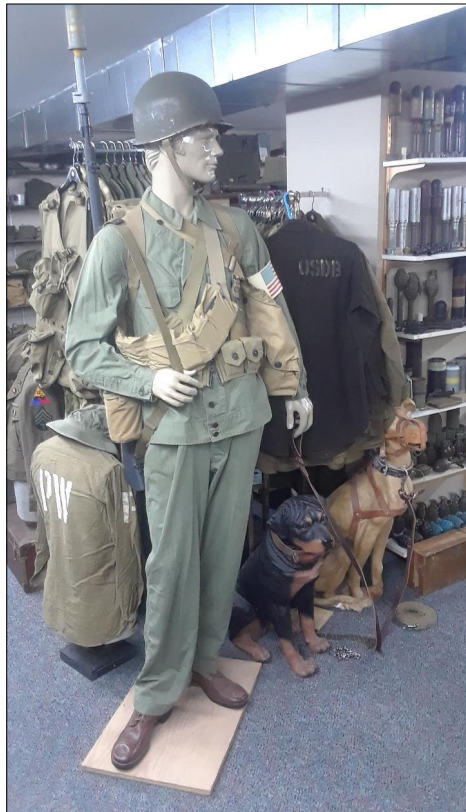
Other projects have included a battery box for an International M2-4, K-38 Cable Splicers Trailer inner tool dividers, and half-track radio speaker brackets. One of the most challenging projects was the spark plug enclosure for the MZ-2 and CJV-35 radio jeeps. (photo to follow)
My only limitations are to what tools we have in the shop. I have no way to make, for example, round fenders.

From the Editor: Robin and Carol come to the MVCC Spring Meet every year for years! He shows up with tons of items for sale, everything from parts to clothing items. Robin said this year's April he will have 100 feet of table space with items for sale. Robin's site is at the Fairgrounds side of the event. Robin knows everything K38 trailer and fabricates a lot of the trailer so I asked him to make me a interior part that attaches to the inside hood which by the photos he has sent me it looks great.

Robin and Carol

Photos by Robin and Carol from their collection



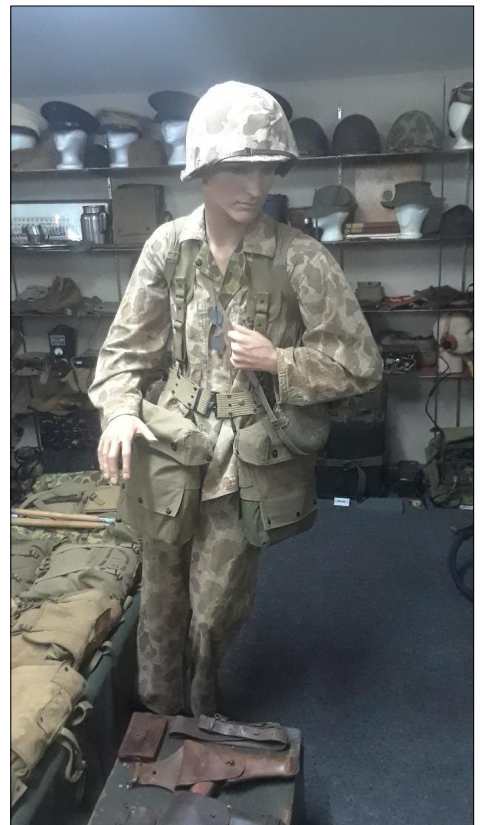


From Robin and Carol Bartel Collection



Robin and Carol have an awesome collection of military vehicles but also an amazing collection of uniforms, helmets and gear from World War 2. All of his stuff is located at his place in Oregon.

Photos were taken by Robin and Carol.





#1.



#2

Robin fabricates parts from certain military vehicles. Some of the stuff he's made is the tailgate for the 1/2 ton converto trailer in photo #1.

#2 part off halftrack.

#3 is a inner shelf for a K38 trailer.

Stuff he's also made is the pioneer rack in photo #4.

#5 spark plug shield.



#3



#5



#4



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Howdy MV'ers,

This month, work continues on the halftrack project. Last month I shared the work I was doing by cutting off all the extra pieces that were welded on the truck. This month I finished cutting off the extra stuff and am now beginning to grind off the excess welds that were left after using the cutting wheel. I can already see, I'm going to go thru quite a few grinding disks. I also ordered an impact screwdriver bit to try on the armored bolts. I'm having a devil of a time getting them to not spin when I'm trying to get the nuts off. I'm hoping this tool will do the trick. I'll update on this next month.

Armondo Epifany brought over his HET for some repairs. Armondo brought the HET to Eagle Field last June but had motor troubles along the way. Apparently an injector collapsed causing the truck to lose power. He had a mechanic in Los Banos work on it but wanted to look into a couple other items. He brought the HET over to the shop and we dug into it. The HET also has a Detroit Diesel 8V92TA similar to the HEMTT but a bit newer. The engine isn't as easy to get to as it is in the HEMTT but we were still able to work on it. There are airbox drains with check valves on each side of the block. These valves seem to be the problem and are not closing correctly. When they don't close correctly, the motor will continue to spit oil out the valve and thru the slobber tubes causing excessive oil usage. Armondo got the check valves out and ordered 2 new replacements. We will also orient them pointing down instead of sideways to insure the check valve closes properly.

Notice the box in the back of the truck? This is a collapsible shelter. It raises up and makes quite the camping condo. He even put down flooring inside along with a couch/foldaway bed. This shelter also has lighting, heat and A/C. Talk about Glamping. Sure beats sleeping on the dirt.

Be on the lookout at camp Plymouth for this monster. It'll be hard to miss. This is also a reminder that I will be the POC for the M151 Mutt showcase.

Let me know of any upcoming events and, as always, please share your projects with me so I can post them in our newsletter for all to enjoy.

Regards, Big Mike



Stuff to do at Camp Plymouth by Nancy Porter

Of course, Camp Plymouth is the biggest thing to do in Amador County at the end of April. But if you want to get out and take a drive, there are quite a few other places to explore.

We will have our annual Poker Rally Thursday morning. Here are some other places you can explore on your own. There are more fun locations, but this article focuses on places that are open when we are at Camp Plymouth this April.

- **Wineries.** The area is known as Shenandoah Valley and home to OVER 40! extraordinary wineries, many with fantastic views. Most wineries are open Thursday through Sunday. There should be some winery maps in the office at the 49'er or you can, of course, find a map online.
- **Amador Flower Farm:** 22001 Shenandoah School Road, Plymouth. 9 am to 4 pm. We've driven by here on past poker rallies. This Plymouth location is famous for having 800 varieties of daylilies, including many vintage varieties. And, if you or your passengers like plants, Karmere Winery nearby has a very fun garden with sculpted evergreens.
- **Amador City:** There's a nice museum here that's open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4. I've heard great reviews from members about the restaurants and antique stores here, too.
- **Sutter Creek:** Wine tasting, great restaurants, a candy shop, and a variety of stores are clustered on Main Street in this picturesque town. We highly recommend the pizza parlor and Canava's Pub & Grub for food.
- **Fiddletown:** The town is a California Historical Landmark and on the Register of Historic Places. Wander past the historic buildings and stop in the candy store for lunch, a bottle of water or homemade Celtic candies.
- **Volcano:** Wander through this small town and grab some lunch. It's close to Black Chasm Cavern and Chaw/See (see below), so combining the historic sites with a lunch stop can be a great getaway.
- **Black Chasm Cavern:** We visited this historic spot during our Fall meet. It's well worth a visit for a tour. There are many stairs leading down into and through the limestone cavern. A short walk outside can take you to a spot to see the remnants of hydraulic mining of the 1800's.
- **Chaw/Se Indian Grinding Rock State Park:** This is close to Black Chasm Cavern, Volcano and Pine Grove and has native buildings (like a reconstructed round house) in addition to buildings restored from the property's history as a ranch. There is an \$8 parking fee. The park is open from 10 - 4.
- **Downtown Jackson:** Main Street has restaurants and a variety of specialty stores, including antiques, clothing, housewares and a Victorian shop. The area before you get into Jackson (Martell) is the place to go if you're looking for Walmart, Safeway and some other box stores.
- **Kennedy Gold Mine:** This old gold mine is in Jackson and marked by the tall head frames that still remain. Opened in 1860 and closed in 1942, over \$34 million in gold was pulled out of this mine. Tours are available on the weekend.
- **Casinos:** Jackson Rancheria and Harrah's in Ione have your usual casino games and a few restaurants.

Helwig Winery: On Shenandoah Road in Plymouth has an amphitheater with name bands providing concerts. The 2022 schedule hasn't been released. I'm not sure when the concerts will start by the end of April. Check their website for details. Placerville's historic Main Street is about 40 minutes north of Camp Plymouth. Among the must-see highlights is Placerville Hardware. It's the longest continually operating hardware store west of the Mississippi (over 100 years) and has been featured on the History Channel. This is a place that's packed with hardware, housewares, yard items, gifts and souvenirs. We buy the heavy rope for our vehicles there in the back. The rope is pulled down off rolls near the ceiling and measured by brass markers on the floor as done for a century or more. Another unique historic business is Placerville News with its original hardwood floors and wide selection of magazines and books about California history and the Gold Rush. (My Gold Rush book is even for sale there!) The location of the original hanging tree in Hangtown is now the site of a very good restaurant, Placerville Public House.

Check your MVCC News next month for a list of some Plymouth Area restaurants.

Nancy Porter



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The MVCC takes over the Camp 49er RV Resort and Amador County Fairgrounds for a huge military vehicle meet. There will be a huge swap meet and many military vehicles or all sorts and all era's.

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Wright Museum of World War II by Chris Hughes

As mentioned in a previous article, my dad and I spent a week this past September touring around Massachusetts and New Hampshire as part of our annual “Father-Son Museum Trip”. While spending a day in New Hampshire, we discovered a museum that packed a big surprise in a small package, the Wright Museum of World War II.

Located in idyllic town of Wolfeboro, NH the Wright Museum of World War II, is approximately one hour northwest of Portsmouth, NH and two hours northwest of Boston. The museum was established by the late David Wright. Mr. Wright was the son of a World War II veteran while being a USMC Korean War veteran himself. The museum was originally set up in 1983 as a mobile exhibition. In 1992, Mr. Wright purchased a property in Wolfeboro and proceeded to build a permanent museum. The museum as it currently stands was officially opened in July 1994.

The 30,000 square foot museum is the home of over 14,000 artifacts relating to World War II. The museum combines the artifacts in various galleries covering the Home Front and the battlefield. The museum starts in the Visitor Lobby where the admissions/information booth is located. To the right of the booth the walls are decorated with the flags of the Allied nations and various Saturday Evening Post covers done by Norman Rockwell. Continuing further to the right, there’s a small theater that plays various films related to the museum and World War II.

Upon exiting the theater, visitors enter the large Home Front Gallery. The Home Front Gallery consists of numerous exhibits about life in the United States both pre-war and during the war. Various artifacts such as newspapers, letters, children’s toys, and other items are displayed on the walls and in glass cases. In addition, there are various life size dioramas including a soda fountain, a “typical” family living room, and a garage to name a few. A section of the old Wolfeboro Falls Post Office is also on display.

From the Home Front Gallery, visitors enter the Time Tunnel. The Time Tunnel consists of seven small galleries covering from 1939 thru 1945. Life Magazine covers are posted around the perimeter of each gallery. Additional artifacts including signs, newspapers, and even part of a crashed torpedo bomber are displayed in the galleries. The artifacts are all organized by the year in which they were created or their particular event occurred. Hanging in each room is a sign that lists the prices of major consumer goods for each year. For example, in 1939 the average yearly income was \$1,725.00. By 1945, it had risen to \$2,390.00. Gasoline in 1939 was \$.10 a gallon; in 1945, \$.15.



After the Time Tunnel is the Military Gallery. The Military Gallery displays many of the vehicles owned and operated by the museum. During our visit, we saw 3 Harley-Davidson motorcycles of various types, a 1942 GPW, a Dodge Command Car, a M16 Multiple Gun Motor Carriage, a M2 Half-track, a M3A1 Stuart, and a T26E3 Pershing. The Pershing is an extremely important example of this type of tank as it is one of three that were used to capture the Ludendorff Bridge, aka “the Remagen Bridge” over the Rhine River in March 1945. The museum has several other military vehicles including a M20 Armored Utility Vehicle and M4A1 (76)HVSS Sherman. The Military Gallery is further decorated with various infantry equipment, photos, maps, and written descriptions of various battles.

The Military Gallery is continued further upstairs on the mezzanine level. Here visitors will find various uniforms, small arms, and personnel equipment. A nice selection of large-scale ship models is prominently displayed as well. The mezzanine provides a nice overlook of the downstairs Military Gallery and allows for excellent overhead views of the vehicles. To round out the Military Gallery, an artillery liaison aircraft is displayed, hanging from the ceiling

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A gift shop is located at the end of the galleries, in the visitor lobby. The shop has the usual selection of shirts, books, etc. that are related to the museum.

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The Wright Military Museum of World War II was an extremely pleasant surprise for my dad and I. It was not part of our original plans for our trip, but once we found out about it, we were quite happy that we made to trek to see it. The museum is extremely well put together with a very friendly and knowledgeable staff. The only drawback in my mind is its location. However, if you're in the Boston area and want to add another military history type destination, then the Wright Military Museum of World War II is well worth the drive!

For more information about the museum, please visit their website: www.wrightmuseum.org. Please note that they are a seasonal museum. They are closed November through April.

CAPTIONS:



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1. My dad and I in front of the Wright Museum of World War II. The M3A1 Stuart crashing through the wall is one of two Stuarts in the museum collection.
2. A “typical” living room as seen in the museum’s Home Front gallery. It is one of several dioramas in the gallery depicting life at home during World War II.
3. 1939 Prices as seen in the Time Tunnel Gallery. Each year between 1939 and 1945 has one of these boards.
4. A scene from the 1944 Time Tunnel Gallery.
5. 1945 Prices. Compare with the 1939 to see how prices and wages increased during the war.
6. Multiple vehicles are displayed in the Military Gallery. Seen here are a M3A1 Stuart with a 1942 GPW behind it.
7. This T26E3 Pershing was one of three Pershing tanks that helped capture the Ludendorff Bridge over the Rhine River in March 1945. It has been restored to running condition.
8. The mezzanine level displays numerous pieces of infantry equipment including this selection of Japanese items.



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