#### MVCC 2021 APRIL 25 TO MAY 1 SPRING MEET REGISTRATION FORM ENCLOSED...!!!



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# **MVCC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



Chris Thomas, MVCC President

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If you're a **member** and want to see the **Newsletter in COLOR** you can do so on the **MVCCNEWS.NET website.** Simply log in and view ALL MVCC newsletters in **full color.** 

From the MVCC treehouse,

Finally some good news! The Stay-At-Home order for Amador County is lifted. This means Outdoor Museums can open and we will have a traveling outdoor museum of military transportation (i.e. club meet). I'm prepping my CCKW cargo truck for a new coat of paint and have all new canvas on the way. We will follow the rules as laid out by the county and do our best to have a safe event.

Now if you haven't got your campsite picked out, you better contact the Wagonmistress right away.

And now one last thing, the club has elections this year so anyone who would like to run for an office, let the club secretary know. That's all for now. Thanks again to you all, we had a rough year and we're all looking forward to Camp Plymouth.

Chris MVCC President



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Hello MVCC'ers!

It's been a pretty quiet start to '21 here in Northern Nevada. One thing we've not had in great supply is snow. Which is a HUGE disappointment to me (yeah I'm that guy), but will probably not go over well come fire season. But with lemons come lemonade, and with the sunny days I have been able to accomplish some tasks on my shop in preparation for my friend and professional electricity sorcerer to do a little more wiring for things like lighting and most importantly, a heater.

Speaking of heaters, I was able to find a new friend on Facebook (Marketplace) named Reznor. And with his help, cold Winter days in my shop will be a thing of the past. But that also means I'll need to finish drywalling and insulating my ceiling. I'm not looking forward to that task, but I am excited to get it done and off my to-do list.

Aside from shop projects, I've been getting my HMMWV ready for it's DMV inspection so that I can get it registered.

Other than that, I hope all of you have been spending quality time with your OD treasures and getting them ready to roll out to Camp Plymouth. April comes up fast, and if you're like me, it's never fast enough!

Keep 'em rolling!, Sean

### **Passing Members**



I got two sad emails yesterday about MVCC members that have passed away due to Covid 19.

Johnny, I just heard from John Bodnar (MVCC Life member) that his long time partner **Julie Anatolli** (MVCC Life member) has passed away due to Covid 19. Julie and John have supported the club for many years with donations to the raffle and bringing out donuts to our meets and parades. Julie will surly be missed. Jo-Ann

**Joyce Hutchins** has passed away. Both she and Lee were in the hospital with Covid. He got well enough to come home but she didn't. Joyce and Lee were/are life members of the MVCC. ... Jo-Ann

The MVCC gives our deepest condolences to the Anatolli family as well as the Hutchins family...

Johnny...



### **MVCC BOARD MEMBERS REPORT**



Jack Valenti, (Central Coast VP)

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Well I was not able to pull off a New Year's Day Convoy. Couldn't scare up enough participants. Didn't want to go alone, one vehicle is not a convoy.

I mentioned last month about my poor Mountaineer biting the dust, well three day before Christmas I picked up my new 2020 Explorer with all of the "Bells, Whistle & Gongs". I had to borrow the money from Donna as I didn't have the funds available to buy it. Paid cash because I didn't want to be saddled with payments for the next five years. But now I have to pay Donna back. Have you ever owed money to your spouse? Don't be late with the payment "or I break your leg". Just kidding, but I do have to pay her back.

Really nothing else to report, so I'll include a couple of photos from the archives

Jack Valenti, R.Lee Emery & Rick Butler at the MVPA Convention at the Aircraft Carrier "Hornet" July 7<sup>th</sup> 2003.



My most trusted Trooper "Roger" manning the Theodolite at the



Portland MVPA Convention; August 8<sup>th</sup> 2008. He is currently guarding my wine room. He says it's rather cool in there with shorts and short sleeve shirt.

sorry to report there is no activity in the area to show off our vehicles. May try another convoy on Feb 14<sup>th</sup> for the "sweethearts"; since my Hawaii trip has been cancelled.

Jack...

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 John Verissimo, (209) 918-0488 istanbull@sbcglobal.net or www.mvccnews.net**  In the interest of upgrading the quality of our membership we are presenting another in a series of simple quizzes covering basic facts related to historic military vehicles. **MILITARY VEHICLE QUIZ #4** 

#### 1. On the WW2 workhorse GMC CCKW 6x6 truck, what does the K stand for?

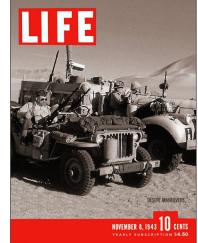
- A. Long wheelbase
- B. Tandem rear axles
- C. All wheel drive
- D. Conventional cab
- 2. Fort Yuma is a US military base on the California/Arizona border. Originally established in

#### WW2 to test:

- A. Armored vehicles
- B. Effects on vehicles in desert conditions
- C. Joint air/ground tactics in arid terrain
- D. Bridging equipment
- 3. The Chrysler A-57 multibank engine used in the M4A4 Sherman tank had how many cylinders?
  - **A.** 20 **B.** 25 **C.** 30 **D.** 35
- 4. On a gas engine "valve lash" is:
  - A. The duration that the intake valve is open
  - B. The distance between the valve stem and the lifter
  - C. The distance between the cam and the lifter
  - D. What your spouse gives you when you announce you have purchased another military vehicle
- 5. How many slots are in the grille of the Willys MB/Ford GPW?
  - A. Eight
  - B. Seven
  - C. Six
  - D. Nine
- 6. The M76 Otter tracked amphibious vehicle was manufactured by:
  - A. Buick
  - B. Cadillac
  - C. Chevrolet
  - D. Pontiac
- 7. What is the main difference between M100 and M416 1/4 ton trailers?
  - A. Fenders
  - B. Tailgate
  - C. Drawbar
  - D. Cargo Bed
- 8. What brand of military vehicle made its reputation during the Punitive Expedition of
  - 1916?
    - A. White
    - B. Cadillac
    - C. Reo
    - D. Dodge
- 9. Who manufactured diesel engines for the US vehicles during WW2 and Korea?
  - A. Guiberson
  - B. Caterpillar
  - C. Continental
  - D. All of the above
- 10. What do the LARC V and M274 Mule have in common?
  - A. All of the below
  - B. Aluminum bodies
  - C. High flotation tires
  - D. No suspension







Answers to the rear page-

### **MVCC WAGONMISTRESS JOANN LESSER**

### CAMP PLYMOUTH SUNDAY, APRIL 25 THRU SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021

**Several weeks ago Kurt and I and our trusted sidekick, Glen Closson** drove up to the 49'er RV Resort. We had a sit down with the management and were given the above dates for our April event. As usual there is a 4 night minimum stay starting Wednesday April 28 thru Saturday May 1, 2021. I have gone through the 2019 and 2020 lists and have tried to assign the same sites to those that have attended in the past however, a few site assignments have changed. If you are unsure that your name is on the list or if you are a new member and have never attended, please feel free to contact me at mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com. I want to make sure that everyone has been assigned a site. As a double check, please fill out a registration form for this event. I will verify site and send your name onto the 49'er. All site assignments are through me, NOT the 49'er. Once you are assigned a site the 49'er will be notified so that you can then call the 49'er with payment. If you call the 49'er and they do not have your name on a site you will be directed back to me for site assignment. Payment in full to 49'er starting December 15, 2020 and no later than March 25, 2021. Any site without payment will be turned back to the 49'er for their use.

<u>Amador County Fairgrounds</u> will be the venue for tent camping. A registration form for tent camping and instructions for payment is in this newsletter. Please fill out and include payment in full for your tent camping needs. The water and electric sites are considered premium sites and do roll over from year to year. If you would like to be put on the wait list for one of these sites please let me know in the comments section on the form.

Rates at 49er Camp Grounds: (tax included) Payment in full to 49'er: December 15, 2021 - March 25, 2021

RV - \$65.00 Studio - \$136.00 1-2 Bed - \$180.00 **Rates at Fairgrounds for tent camping/no RV's** Water/Electric - \$45.00 Dry \$35.00 Payment in full to MVCC: December 15, 2021 – March 25, 2021



<u>Some last minute tidbits</u>, as of this writing masks are mandatory when out and about. Hand sanitizer must be available to all that attend. (on your table). The pool and cafe will be open for our event as well as the walk thru path to the Amador County Fairgounds.

<u>I can be reached at mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com or 408.238.8277</u> 49'er RV Resort 209.245.6981

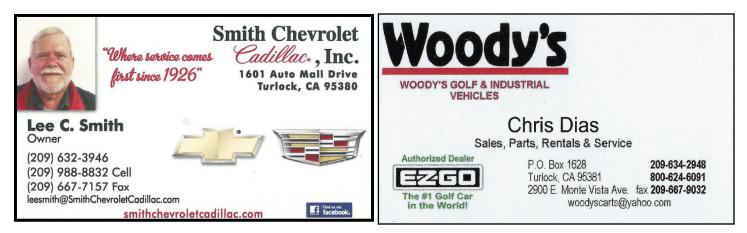
#### MVCC Wagonmistress JoAnn Lesser~

Photo by Johnny Verissimo at MVCC event





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| Amador County Fairgrounds, 18621 Sherwood St. Plymouth, Ca. 95669         No minimum stay for dry sites, no RV's, 1 vehicle & 1 tent per site, <u>4 night stay for water/electric sites April 28<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup> 2021</u> Arrival Date Check Out Date Payment in full to MVCC |  |   |                                      |                         |                  |  |  |
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| For more information: <u>mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com</u>  |  |   |                                      |                         |                  |  |  |
| 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.  |  |   |                                      |                         |                  |  |  |
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<u>Articles! Articles! Articles!</u> from your neck of the woods. If you have something you would like to see in the newsletter just email it to me and I'll see about getting it in the newsletter, If you're a member in any state and have something you think is interesting please email it to me: Johnny istanbull@sbcglobal.net :)

If you want more info on the MVCC check out the web page and we are on facebook in two areas, look us up.





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#### <u>Howdy MVers</u>

It's been a busy month with tons of work issues and projects around the house. Needless to say, I still was able to spend some time on MV related projects. I got a little time on the halftrack this month. I'm continuing the task of taking off the rusty/ crusty hardware. The goal is to tear it down to the frame then work my way back up. The tricky part is holding the flat head screws while trying to turn the nut. Still haven't found a good way to do this easily.

Maybe someone is interested in coming over to help break these buggers loose...free food and adult beverage of your choice.

I was also able to make a couple HUMMV windshields for a fellow MVCC member Armando Epifany. He had a cracked one that I used as a pattern. Wasn't too hard considering I own a glass shop and have all the tools needed.

Speaking of Armando, he has a super nice 7 ton cargo truck that he brought by the house the other day. It's a very nice truck and I'm sure you all will enjoy seeing it at our April meet.

Lastly, I started making a linker for my belt fed M1919A4s. I had a rotted out cot that had good wood and hardware so I disassembled it in order to save the materials I wanted.

Next month I should have it complete. As always, please send any pictures of your projects so I can share with the rest of the group.

Mike...





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#### Hello North Bay West and beyond,

Well what a start to the New Year!! So much for hoping that things would be different??!!

On the MV front, I was able to save another jeep from the scrap yard and hopefully find a new member of the club!! George from Modesto called me up and wanted the 42 GPW that I pulled out of Texas. George is an 84 yr. old Army veteran who has always wanted a jeep like the ones he drove while attached to an Armored Cavalry outfit. He will end up making a "salad jeep" (MB/GPW), but he will be on the road with a WWII jeep! I believe that he can do it! Good luck George.

While on the return trip from Modesto I picked up a M38. "One out one in"! It's been a long time since I had this model jeep. When I did have an M38 back in 06-07, I came to love this jeep. I traveled from the emigrant trails of Nevada to the coastal mountains of Nor Cal. I sold that jeep on E- Bay and it was sold overseas. I haven't stopped regretting that decision. I have been looking for a fairly complete "scrubber" ever since then. This Jeep in my mind was the best of the flat fender jeeps. The production run was a brief 2 years with only 59-66,000 manufactured. Compared to the over 2 million MB/GPW's produced during WWII and the several Millions of M38A1's manufactured after the M38. The designers made all of the improvements that the WWII needed! Some of those improvements were 700 series tires, T90 transmission, more legroom, taller windscreen, and the new 24volt electrical system that would be used for decades to follow. It also boasted the most highly designed waterproofing and deep water fording system that came from the factory to date. This jeep preforms like a champ with the same old L head power plant under the hood. If you are a jeep head like myself this model is a must have in the collection. You will hear about my adventures in articles to follow. As for now I am doing my typical "depot rebuild" as I always do to get the old dog on the road." We shall see what "curve balls" she deals me.





As for events, closed due to COVID!

Let's all pray that we get to go to Plymouth this April! S

Scott Rohr's 1951 M38 and 1942 GPW/ truck "in guarters"



### FROM THE MVCC EDITOR/SECRETARY JOHNNY VERISSIMO

<u>What have I done lately?</u> Dude! I got to go to Lee Edwards place this past Saturday! I LOVE going there. Lee calls his place Lee's Motor Pool which you will know why when you get there. Where do I start? There are military vehicles, MY FAVORTIE tank a WW2 Stuart Light Tank, tons of military vehicle parts, military vehicle accessories, uniforms, radio equipment, beautiful displays, beer in the fridge, great display of munitions, Kim Siverts Stuart Light Tank, 1940's era music playing in the background and much more! I did ask that Lee adopt me but he laughed, I was serious, lol...



<u>What's</u> <u>going</u> <u>on in</u> the



**MVCC?** Planning is going forward with the MVCC Spring Meet. We hare hoping for good news and good vibes for 2021..!

**Membership expiration date.** For those that don't know yet, your membership expiration date is on the outside of your monthly newsletter under your address. That date under your address is your membership expiration. If you get it online just shoot me an email or call me and I'll let you know. I don't mind at all letting people know when their membership expires.

<u>I believe this is an election year.</u> If you would like to run for a MVCC office shoot me an email with your information and what position you would like to run for?

<u>MVCC classifieds are free.</u> If you have a MV you want to sell or MV parts just send me a picture and info and I'll get it listed for you. MVCC Classifieds are free to members.

If there is something you would like pre ordered with the new event t-shirt artwork just contact Don Gomes (209)765-1273 and he will take you down on what you want or need.

Any questions or concerns you can contact MVCC HQ at (209)918-0488,

Johnny Christina Verissimo~











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Since there's not much going on lately I thought I'd share some photos from '15 when I picked up the M37. When purchased it was largely intact and capable both starting and leaking, but little else. A former student trailered it to the Shop from outside Modesto for the reasonable price of diesel and lunch! That started the adventure.

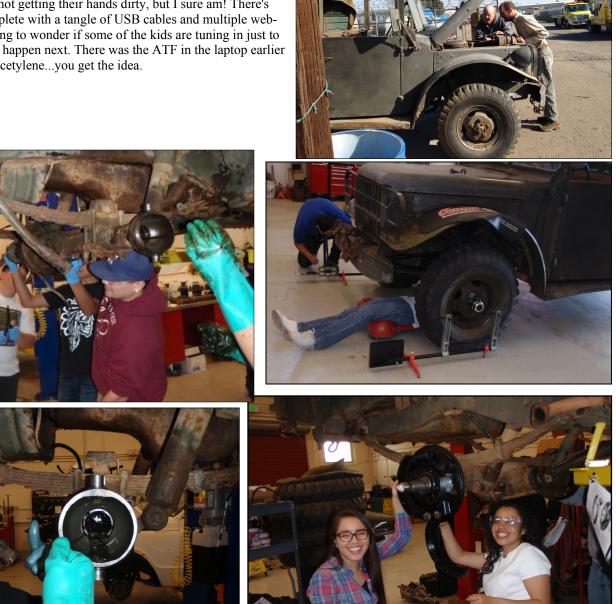
It was a kick to look at the photos from '15. That class was able to transform the truck from it's derelict state to a running vehicle in a semester. I've seen a few of those "kids" since and they have fond memories of working on the "Army Truck". I think they all remember the rides around campus when we got it running, especially

when we went "off-road" in the PG&E lot. Who knew you could fit 16 people in it!

The current crop of students is Zooming in and we're working on a tired Jeep XJ that found its way to the Shop. It's not an M37, but it's fun. I'm sorry that they are not getting their hands dirty, but I sure am! There's lot's of demos complete with a tangle of USB cables and multiple webcams. I am beginning to wonder if some of the kids are tuning in just to see what's going to happen next. There was the ATF in the laptop earlier this week and the acetylene...you get the idea.

Enjoy the photos,

Andy



**For Sale - 1**984 AM General M915A1 tractor with 1984 M871 trailer. Excellent condition, been to Tower and Plymouth. 47K miles on truck. 400hp turbo Cummins, 5 speed Allison auto, A/C, engine brake, air seat. 6 x 4 line-haul truck so civilian trailers should ride level. Trailer is 30' and 22.5 ton capacity. Has all removable side panels. There is a bolt-on beavertail with folding ramps and support screw jacks. These are used by dump truckers to load backhoes. Registered Historic, \$101 per year for tractor, \$10 for 5 years for the trailer. \$9,000.

Dennis at readrodeo1@aol.com or 925-935-3025.



Want To Buy WWII Jeep and Dodge WC 62 parts: Looking to buy a "driver" WWII Jeep. Must look nice and be relatively correct. Not looking for a garage or 100% show queen. Also looking for running boards assemblies, spare tire bracket, and head light brush guards that will fit a 1943 WC 62/63. Lastly, looking for many usable 9:00x16 NDT tires. Thanks, Kalvin 1898kma@gmail.com. 0r 805-458-7291.

(1.) Chevy G506 spare tire rack with lever handle also will fit Ford GTB cargo blasted and painted \$950
(2.)GTB repro side pass seat made by Bob Cozzi yrs ago never installed with strap brackets and bolts \$775
(3.) GTB front windshield frame complete O.D original Ford glass \$595

(4.) GTB Bomb truck gas tank very clean inside has pin holes under side bracket \$425

(5.) GTB MU5A winch for Burma Jeep \$525

(6.) M101-M105 Trailer side racks & tailgate parts \$200

(7.) Dodge M37 troop seat brackets & legs only have two \$55

(8.) 1943 GTB Cargo truck Original OD paint never cut up not much rust .. en-

gine , trans and steering frozen but comes with good engine , steering box, \$7500

**For Sale:** RT-1523 / prc-119 SINCGARS radio (demil, nonfunctional, for display only) includes dismounted 8523 battery box. No internal cards or components. No mounts or other accessories Included. Not for export. \$450. Brendan (650)759-3983" **8-20** 

**For Sale:** M211 complete cargo truck, metal cab, winch, was a great runner till rats ate engine wires. M211 Truck Tractor, winch, good parts truck, motor and transmission in it, both trucks go together, best offer. - WW2 Engineer trailer, 5<sup>th</sup> wheel, 8 wheels in the rear, flat bed, best offer. - Mike Killeen, (530)601-7166 **8-20** 

**For Sale::** Stencil machines for sale: Diagraph Brandley Industries; Makes 11/16 inch letters. Marsh Stencil Machine; Makes ½ inch letters. Approx. 100 sheets of 7x24 stencil paper. Best to pick up in Yountville Ca. 94599, these machines are heavy. \$300.00 or best offer Tom Scott @ 707-339-0698 or tomlauren@sbcglobal.net **11/20** 

**<u>Classified Ads</u>** are free for military vehicle related items and kit for MVCC members. Your ad will run for three issues. Your editor will only except ads in writing. Please submit ads by the 15th of the month. The MVCC is not responsible for omission's or incorrect wording and or spelling. The MVCC reserves the right to edit ad copy for space. **Please email stuff for sale to Johnny Verissimo, istanbull@sbcglobal.net** 



Call Don 209-765-1273

#### FOR SALE MILITARY VEHICLE COLLECTION

**1) 1942 Dodge WC 53 Carryall** in running/driving condition 5 new tires, new master cylinder new wheel cylinders, all lights function correctly, very rare and desirable vehicle. \$45,000.

**2) 1943 White half-track**. Runs and drives, new starter, starts and stops. New front tires. Lights are not connected at this time. All new interior. Seat backs and bottom cushions from Beachwood Canvas. Beachwood canvas cab top as well. \$50,000. Street legal in California.

**4) 1944 Dodge WC 52** original 6 V barn find, all wiring still original, all original wood bed new master cylinder, new wheel cylinders. New tires, runs and drives, lights not working at this time. \$12,000.

**5) 1945 Ford GPW** very good condition. Runs, drives, starts and stops. New master cylinder, new wheel cylinders, 50 caliber machine gun M 31C pedestal mount, Combat rims and a BC 659 jeep radio. \$25,000.

**6)** Ford GPW, VIN 108038, Date of Delivery 4-23-43. Was restored 10 years ago by a specialist but never driven, kept in a safe garage. Every item is absolutely correct with many F-marked components and bolts.

New Beachwood Canvas summer top and seat covers, new Denman American tires on correct combat rims, correct OD paint. Engine runs very quiet and has excellent oil pressure. Original 6-volt electrics. Clear title and current registration. A steal at \$20,000.Located in Santa Barbara.

7) K 38 Telephone Trailer, restored, very rare, attaches to a Jeep. \$2,500.

All vehicles are in running/driving condition. They all start and stop. All vehicles have new master cylinders and new wheel cylinders except for the half track. Its brakes and Hydro Vac system function correctly.

All of the vehicles have combat rims and new tires, Tubes and flaps except for dodge 1944WC 52 the one with the markings C 14, has older tires. Will sell the whole lot or individual vehicles. Vehicles are located at the Santa Barbara Motor Pool, Santa Barbara, CA

If you have any other questions you can call me Robert at 805-699-1827 or 805-259-9178

email rgracing57@gmail.com or call Herman at 805-964-9449 8/20

**For Sale:** Two G506's 1.5 ton Chevrolet Trucks. One runs if you put a battery in it but has no brakes. \$5,000.00 for both. Both located in Crows Landing, California... Fed Beltran –(209)765-9094 11/2020



For Sale: 1945 Willys Military Jeep. Engine removed, but jeep in good condition. \$10,000.00

For Sale: 1945 Ford Military Jeep. Runs good. Jeep in good condition. \$8,000.00

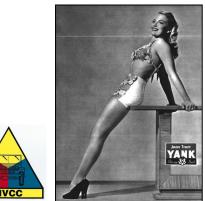
For Sale: Ford military jeep engine mounted and running complete. \$4,500.00

For Sale: Ford military jeep engine mounted and running complete. \$3,200.00

For Sale: Willys civilian CJ Jeep engine mounted and running. \$3,200.00

For Sale: 1953 Strick military jeep trailer. \$1,100.00

Call Harold Tufenkjian, (559)266-7520. Located in Fresno, California



**NOT FOR SALE,** all the friendships that we have made over the past 30+ years belonging to this fantastic club. I thought this might be the best way to say MERRY CHRISTMAS to all the old timers and the newer members that might remember this old fart and his klan. Let's hope next year is the time to we can finally get back together and enjoy once again the camaraderie that we all have for each other. Until then, stay safe and healthy. Lee Edwards

**For Sale,** 1953 M37, good driver, but needs brake work, have extra drums with hubs and bearings and "loaded" backing plates, 4 new tires, tubes and flaps, has electronic ignition, new top, many new and NOS parts, have Calif. tittle and current registration through 6/30/21, located in Fremont, Ca., asking \$7800, for more info call **Charlie at (510)-656-7611** 

For Sale- WC52 w/radios/winch12 volt, 3rd owner, was stored and used for parades, and carshows, Has a few dings. sold as is!, where is!. No trades! I have a title! \$14,000 .Contact: Sultangear@gmail.comSultan. Location: S.Oregon, off I-5 exit 24Location: S.Oregon, off I-5 exit 248-20



**FOR SALE** - all sorts of misc stuff collected over 35 years. I can't make it to the Plymouth but if you are in the Livermore area at any time, please stop by and look around. Vehicle parts, uniforms, radios, shell casings, winches, optics, etc. If you have ever been by my place you will know what a junk yard I have.

All the photos on this page are from Lee's Motor Pool. It gives you an idea of what's for sale at Lee's place.

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<u>Greetings from the North!</u> It's been kinda quiet around here. Hope everyone is doing well and staying occupied during these trying times. Here's another vehicle recovery story to help you while away the hours as we wait for the next MV event to happen. Can't wait for April!

Back in November, 2008, I purchased my first GTB. I saw an ad in Craigslist for a Ford Burma Jeep, "ran when parked" ...yeah, one of those. It sounded interesting, so I went to have a look at it. It was owned by the Ramey family, who operated a ranch near Grass Valley, here in Northern California. Sometime around 1946, the original rancher purchased the GTBA Cargo Truck surplus from the Navy's ABD (Advance Base Depot) at Port Hueneme (pronounced Why-NEE-Me) on the Southern California coast, and drove it home to the ranch where it was put to work initially to help clear the property and later used in their logging business. ABD Hueneme was the WWII headquarters for the Navy Construction Battalions, the "Seabees".

I looked it over and decided to buy it. The price was right (around \$1,500 if I remember right), it was a rare vehicle and it had potential, so I bought it. Then I had to figure out how to get it home to Shingle Springs, about two hours away. I first called AAA Tow Service, but they turned it down as being too heavy to tow. I finally found an independent tow service and payed a wad of money to get it hauled home.

The truck led a hard life on the Ramey Ranch and has the dings and dents to prove it. It has a bent front bumper, warped fenders, bent bed sides and running boards, missing headlights and blackout lights, no windshield glass or rearview mirrors. But there's no rust and the original bed and winch are still there. At some point, the bed was converted to a dump bed, with an A-Frame added over the front of the truck allowing the winch to lift the front of the bed - UGLY and the first thing to go. A detachable plow was also added to the front bumper, but I left that behind at the ranch (no need for a snow plow at the time...).

Funny thing about the Ramey family. It seems that the old man divided the property between his two sons, and whatever was currently on each half went with that part of the property. The GTB was on one half and some of the original GTB parts (rusty passenger seat, top bows, original fuel tank, etc.) were on the other half. So even though I bought the GTB from one of the sons, I didn't get the other parts because they didn't belong to the owner of the truck. I tried negotiating with the son for the parts, but he wouldn't give them to me or sell them either. I think they're probably still up there...

An interesting feature that verifies the origin of this GTB is a stenciled marking on the side of the bed, along with a faint CB (Naval Construction Battalion) logo, which reads:

FROM ABD HUENEME GK5-1 WT 7050 CU FT 580 TRUCK FORD CARGO 1-1/2 TON 4X4

An old photo from the original owner shows what it originally looked like, complete with full canvas and accessories. I haven't done much with it yet besides getting it to run, but it will look like that again someday... Dave...











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Hi MVCC Members,

Recently I bought 3 Ford GTB's. Two Cargos trucks and one bomb service truck. I plan on fixing them up a little, playing with them then selling 2 of them.. The pictures below are of the latest one which is a cargo truck from Death Valley, California which I call Sponge Bob because it came from the house across the street from Sponge Bob's house.

Stay Safe out there, Don ...

1943 Ford GTB Cargo Truck with numbers matching engine, transmission and frame. Note it does have a bomb truck passenger step.









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Nothing to report

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#### The Arizona Military Vehicle Collectors Club (AMVCC) is proud to announce our 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Military Vehicle Show!

To make this one extra special we've teamed up with the Buckeye Air Fair, joining forces to provide an amazing 3-Day Show, February 12, 13 and 14 (2021). Our recent shows have drawn 70-80+ military vehicles from WWII WLA motorcycles and jeeps up to a main battle tank and HEMTT, spanning the decades from a 1918 WWI Standardized Class "B" truck up through current cargo trucks. Vendors offer a wide variety of militaria, military surplus and MV parts plus other related items. This year will feature a reenactor area with historical exhibits. *We've even moved the show closer to California*: Buckeye AZ is 40 miles west of downtown Phoenix, just off the I-10. And camping there at the fairgrounds is allowed and encouraged.

**The Buckeye Air Fair is fun for the whole family**, featuring a variety of aircraft-related events and activities including a heartpounding 2-hour Air Show both Saturday and Sunday. The festival provides fun rides in biplanes, hot air balloons and helicopters. For children, the festival has a special Kids Zone and interactive science, math and technology activities. At the fair's Science and Technology expo, attendees can view astronomy, science and aviation exhibits, aircraft displays, police and fire demonstrations. Admission to the Buckeye Air Fair and AZ MV Show is free!

**Venders:** The Arizona Military Vehicle Collectors Club (AMVCC) would like to formally invite you to be a vendor for our 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Military Vehicle Show!

And this year promises to have the Largest Attendance ever: we've teamed up with the Buckeye Air Fair, joining forces to pro-

vide an amazing event. Recent Buckeye Air Fair attendance has been around 30,000! That's 10-15 times our solo MV event attendance: a great opportunity for vendors. Google the Buckeye Air Fair for more on activities and attractions.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**



#### Answers to Military Vehicle Quiz #4

- 1. C. 80 years later K still indicates all-wheel drive for GMC trucks.
- 2. D. Because of the proximity of the Colorado River bridging equipment was tested at Fort Yuma.
- 3. C. The Chrysler Multibank engine had five six-cylinder engines arrayed around a central crankshaft.
- 4. B. Valve lash is the gap between the valve stem and rocker or lifter.
- 5. B. There are seven slots in a stock Willys MB grille, actually designed by Ford Motor Co.
- 6. D. Pontiac manufactured the M76 Otter.
- 7. A. The M100 has rounded fenders, those on the later M416 are angular.
- 8. D. Dodge touring cars assisted "Blackjack" Pershing's pursuit of Pancho Villa into Mexico in 1916.
- 9. D. Guiberson, Caterpillar and Continental all manufactured or converted diesel engines in the 1940s-50s, although few were used in vehicles as the Navy had priority on diesel fuel in WW2.
- 10. A. The 5 ton "Lighter, Amphibious Resupply, Cargo" or LARC V had an aluminum body, high flotation tires and no suspension as did the M274A5 Mule.

#### Score yourself as follows:

1-2 Correct: Nube

- 3-4 Correct: Don't believe everything you read on the internet
- 5-6 Correct: Read Crismon's books
- 7-8 Correct: Marksman
- 9-10 Correct: Expert

Quiz by Phil Kern



### **MVCC Reporter/Writer Chris "Toadman" Hughes**

Toadman's Second Annual San Jose to Tuscaloosa Road Trip Part 3, by Chris "Toadman" Hughes

To recap for those unfamiliar with this article series, I drove from San Jose to Tuscaloosa, Alabama during late July-early August 2020. This has become an annual road trip as my youngest daughter attends the University of Alabama. Along the way, I stopped at numerous military vehicle and military history related sites. This article chronicles day 3 of the trip.

Friday, July 31 started off in Canyon, Texas which is located just outside of Amarillo. After about an hour and a half of driving, I arrived at my first stop on this leg of my journey: Freedom Museum USA in Pampa, Texas. This small museum opened in 1994 in the town's old water pump station. Although rather small in size, the museum has a nice collection of military artifacts, including uniforms, weapons, equipment, vehicles, and aircraft. Many of the smaller items have been donated by local veterans and their families.

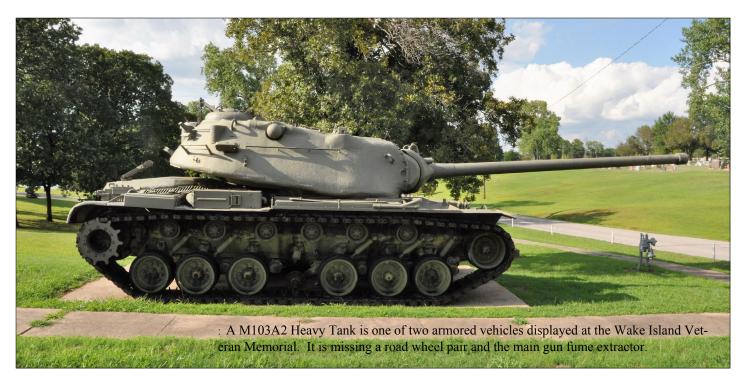
The museum is comprised of two main galleries in the building and three outdoor display areas. One gallery is dedicated primarily to the First and Second World Wars. Artifacts from the Civil War and the Mexican Campaign are also located here. Uniforms, equipment, photos, and personal items make up the majority of the displays in this gallery.



The other gallery is dedicated primarily to the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Operation Desert Storm and the Global War on Terror are well represented here as well. The center pieces of this gallery are a 1943 GPW and a 1952 M38. One wall of this gallery is dedicated to the numerous residents of the 26 Texas Panhandle counties that have served in the military.

A fenced off, outdoor area at the back of the museum features three vehicles and an airplane: M2A1 Half-track; M135 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-ton truck; Hanson 5-ton crane; and a PBJ-1D Mitchell bomber. The perimeter of the museum exterior has more vehicles on display, such as a M60A1 tank, a Ford GTB "Burma Jeep", and a UH-1H Huey just to name a few. The third and final display area is across the street from the museum features several HMMWV's, a F-4E Phantom II, and a F-105 series Thunderchief.

This museum is definitely off of the beaten path, it is well worth a visit if you're in the Amarillo area. For more information about them, visit their website at <u>www.pampafreedomusa.org</u>.



#### Chris Hughes continued from previous page

After about an hour and a half in Pampa, it was time to hit the road for a four and a half hour drive to Bristow, Oklahoma. Located in Bristow is VFW Post 3656 where there are several artillery pieces and armored vehicles on display as part of their Wake Island Veteran Memorial. Situated in a large park, the memorial has on display the following vehicles and artillery: M103A2 heavy tank; M114 reconnaissance vehicle; M115 8-inch howitzer; M1A1 75mm pack howitzer; World War One German 7.7cm FK16 field gun, a 40mm twin-gun naval mount; 5-inch/25 naval gun; and a couple of 3-inch/50 naval guns. Several stone markers with the names of the personnel who fought at Wake located in the main memorial area with several flag poles.

The area is well kept with most of the vehicles and guns in decent shape. However, a few could use some TLC, especially the FK16 which probably belongs in a museum. Overall, I found that this detour was well worth my time as I was able to take several hundred photos here.

From Bristow, I was off to Fort Smith, Arkansas for the night. I didn't make any additional stops on the way to Fort Smith, but did see a place to visit during one of my 2021 road trips: the U.S.S. Batfish. Yes, there's a submarine in Oklahoma! But, that'll be for an article later on in 2021.



: The museum has two gallery rooms. This one focuses on the Korean and Vietnam Wars.



Pampa, Texas is the home of Freedom Museum USA. Seen outside of the museum front is a UH-1H Huey and a M5A4 High Speed Tractor.







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