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Happy Fourth of July MVCC!

Well, things are still getting back to normal after the last two years. The number of July 4th events are still down, but I hope that this is the last time of cancelled annual events. As for annual events, Eagle Field's Dinner and

is the last time of cancelled annual events. As for annual events- Eagle Field's Dinner and Dance Fly-in was back with the live big band and all the great stuff that makes the event a real trip back to the 1940's.

August is looking slow for events so I'm thinking of maybe a road trip to a couple of MV museums and private collections may be in order this summer.

A quick note on the Fall Camp Plymouth. Get your camping information into JoAnn for your spot early so we plan for everyone. We really don't want to over rent on the little blue rooms and etc.

I've had several people ask about a new club directory and we'll be looking into that at the

Fall Meet and if you have a directory comment please let me or your local VP know.

Well, that's it! Now back to the garage to work on one of the CCKWs.

Later Chris

4ndrew & Lucus Tosti manning the 40mm









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What's going on in the MVCC? Hi MVer's!!:)

There is a VERY IMPORTANT POLL in this newsletter! I got permission from Chris Thomas (Club President) to do a poll about the MVCC, EVENTS etc. PLEASE fill it out and mail it to me. Please don't let this opportunity to speak up go by. Don't let someone else make a decision without your input. The MVCC Board needs your help in making decisions regarding the future of the MVCC and its Events. Tell us your likes and dislikes. This will help us help you keep this club the club it is.

The MVCC' Fall Meet in Camp Plymouth will be happening later this year in Plymouth California. This is a much smaller event. For reservations form check out this newsletter. There is a registration form you can fill out and mail in the JoAnn Lesser our wagon mistress. Meet is September 11th to September 17th. There is a 4 night minimum. As of right now there are no showcases or planned events at Camp Plymouth that I know of.

Be sure to contact your local MVCC representative/VP if you have any questions, concerns or comments about stuff going on in your neck of the woods. Its JULY! Tons of Parades that need military vehicles out there, join and have fun.

What going with the club secretary/editor?

I won a trophy! Pearl (My Command Car) won a trophy at the Chowchilla Armed Forces Parade. The super cool part was the trophy was as tall as me, lol. Along with the trophy was a check for \$100, which I used to buy a 1943 field switch board on craigslist. Thank you Chris Thomas for picking up Pearl & myself and taking us to Chowchilla for the parade.

From Bette Perry. Bette called me a month back or so to tell me that after her husband, long time member John Perry, passed she was gona let her MVCC membership expire but she wanted to tell me that she changed her mind and renewed her membership because she likes getting the newsletters. She said she really enjoyed reading them. Bette, you and John are missed at all the events you guys used to go to with your jeep and trailer. We miss you guys.



As you saw up above I've put together a poll that will help the MVCC Board. Speaking as a member of the MVCC I'll make my opinions known. I believe in club growth. Unfortunately our membership does not stay the same age for ever. As most of you know we have lost many members in the past few years do to them passing on. Covid didn't help. I would guess that the average age of our club is kinda sorta up there. With that we could use some new blood. We are fine for now yet we should think about the future.



MVCC April Event. I can only speak for myself and my friends when we say one of the biggest reasons we go to the April Meet is for the venders, sellers, swap meet! There is nothing like the thrill of the hunt, ha! I love it. We love it. There couldn't be enough venders, sellers or swap meet for me.

MVCC April Event Advertising? My opinion if you're asking is I believe in advertising. I believe in advertising our event in Military Vehicles Magazine and Military Vehicles Preservation Association Magazine and anywhere else that might help our event and our swap meet and our venders/sellers. Right now the MVCC does not have a advertising budget and we did not advertise this year's April Event. Your input is important so please fill out the poll.

How I see it, if my wife and myself are going to take time off, spend over \$1000 (cabin, fuel, food) to go to the MVCC April Event we want to attend an event that is worthwhile and worth the money. That means big event with lots of like minded MV people, military swap meet venders/sellers, parts dealers, military vehicle displays, etc. and anyone who loves the hobby and military history. We don't have the MVPA conventions here in California so that means the MVCC is the next best thing on the West Coast.

Contrary to popular believe not everyone has heard of the MVCC or our meet which means not everyone knows about the MVCC's April Event. Maybe, possibly the MVCC could maybe advertise outside our bubble?

<u>Need your help</u> – I'd really like to do more articles on members vehicles. If you're interested and want to participate in the newsletter please send me photos of your military vehicle and an article about your vehicle and I'll take care of the rest. I'm looking for all kinds of military vehicles.

Thank you All and SEE you guys soon! Have fun this 4th of July!!! Take those MV's OUT!:) ... Johnny...

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

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

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

Please answer and return to MVCC HQ - 850 Elm Ave. Gustine, Ca. 95322

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

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13. How often do you volunteer in the MVCC?

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Thank you for helping us help you!

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Hello MVCC'ers!

I hope everyone got their MVs out in support of Memorial Day activities. Damon Viola, Ron McKimmy and I brought our vehicles to Virginia City, Nevada and participated in their Memorial Day Parade. Damon and Ron had the honor of transporting the Grand Marshalls who were family of fallen service members. It was such an honor to be able to do that. If you're not aware, Virginia City is a small historic mining town that while short on residents, it more than makes up for it in patriotism. On every light pole down the main street there is a banner with a photo and name of a local veteran. It's a short parade, but it's a not-to-miss experience. The crowds are so enthusiastic, with applause, flags waving, and many folks saying 'thank you for your service'. It's what every hometown American parade should be. After the parade, we met at our favorite after-parade Mexican Food rally point in town for some excellent chow.

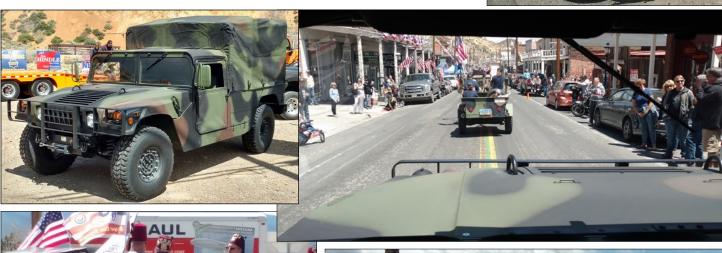
As I'm writing this our local MV group, Savoy 6, is getting ready to represent the Nevada Honor Flight group in the Reno Rodeo Parade. We'll be transporting veterans again as they're celebrated by the parade. Really looking forward to that.

And that brings me to July activities. I hope you will all be out driving that OD iron for Independence Day this year. Damon and I will be participating in a car show on Sunday and will again return to Virginia City for their Independence Day parade on the 4th.

Lots of opportunities to share our vehicles and their history with the public, and honor our veterans are happening far and wide. Make an extra effort to participate whenever and wherever you can.

Keep 'em rolling!

-Sean





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Hello out there in MV Land,

Hope Summer has started off well for everyone. I'm SUPER happy it's finally arrived!!! Henry and I are staying very busy and it's only a matter of time before he has a spot at the Shop to hang out and provide moral support while I'm workin'.

I may be able to get the M37 back on the road by the 4th of July. I'm grateful for the help provided by John W. and Peter B. and expect to have the parts I know I need lined up pretty soon. Hopefully there's no surprises when I pop the head off. That would never happen, right?!?!?

For those of you into Dodge flatheads I came across Tony Smith while searching for parts: www.facebook.com/ thefreewheelingtonysmith

It seems he races flatheads on the salt and has developed some very interesting parts for the engines. He's also very helpful with suggestions for improving the durability and performance of these old engines. If you're thinking about rebuilding your flathead look him up.

The Veterans Memorial Service at Roberts park was excellent. It has been held on Armed Forces Day since '92 as a tribute to members of Company E, 442nd Regimental Combat Team (WWII). It has grown to include all Veterans. Next year may provide an opportunity for MVCC members to participate with their vehicles. Stay tuned...

I'm not aware of any new events on the horizon, but if you know of any please contact me so I may get the word out!

Red Oak Victory, Sundays 10-4

They're up and running! It's a great tour! https://redoakvictory.us/

Danville July 4th Parade

Since 1975 the parade has been organized and conducted by the Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley. The parade lasts about 2 hours. We will be supporting American Legion Mt. Diablo Post 246. It's a fun parade and we typically transport. For more info see the link below:

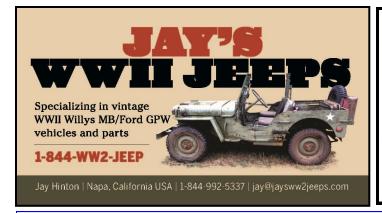
http://www.srvkiwanis.org/parade

Staging: Assemble at 0800, Monday the 4th of July

We will assemble at **Area M** in the San Ramon Valley High School South parking lot [the same area as in recent years]. It is easiest to turn on to Del Amigo Rd from Danville Blvd/Hartz Ave, then Left on Verona Ave, then Left on Love Lane, then Left into the parking lot.

Parade Details: Parade steps off at **0900**. Get out and enjoy your MV's! ... Andy







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This month I will relate the story behind my 1942 Ford Script GPW. Like half of my jeeps, this one is a project waiting for attention. It was an EBay purchase some years back - don't remember exactly when it showed up, but I had to drive to Oregon go pick it up.. For all you Script jeep fans, it's not what is known as a VEP{ (very early[production) Ford. It is Serial Number GPW 17675

with an April '42 Date of delivery., placing it in the early part of Ford's second contract. Still pretty early but not technically a VEP jeep. VEP GPW jeeps generally are said to have serial numbers earlier than 15000 and are part of the first contract. The Good: The tub is relatively rust free. The data plates are intact. All the original sheet metal is intact including the windshield frame and flat top grill. The rear panel is intact with no tailgate cut into it. The Bad: The engine and transmission/transfer case and radiator are MIA. The frame needs work including replacement of missing motor mount brackets and front cross member. Fuel tank well is also missing. The Ugly: The steering box has been relocated to the front frame horn, ala Saginaw steering conversion without the Saginaw box. The spring mounts have 2" riser extensions added to lift the suspension, which will need to be removed. As the saying goes, you get what you pay for. Since I only paid \$600 for this one, I don't feel too bad.







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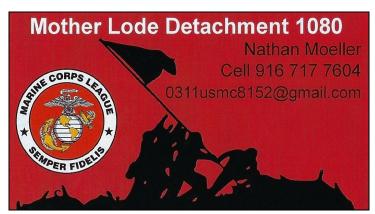
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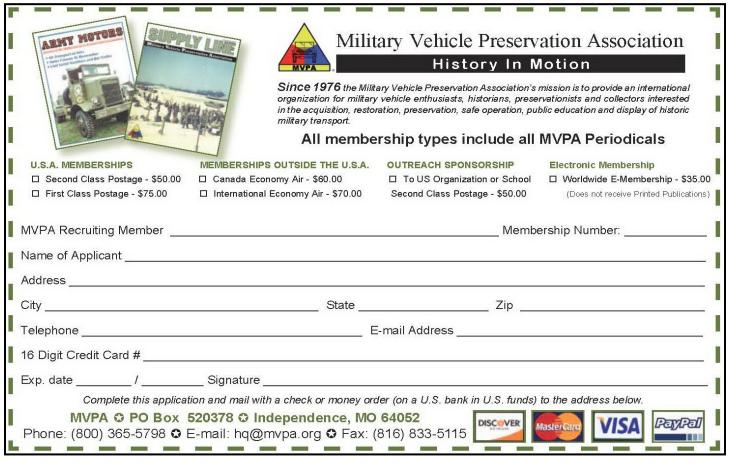
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UPCOMING EVENTS



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

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July 4th Parade: Morgan Hill. Kurt Lesser POC 408) 440-6067 papakb@yahoo.com

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







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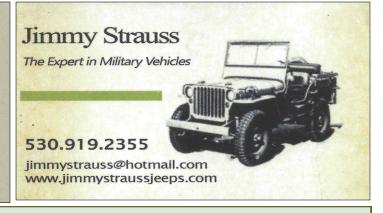
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Good evening MVCC members,

Wow, all I can say is all of us that went to Eagle Field for the Dinner Dance Fly-in in early June had a great time. I was amazed with the weather and a pretty good turnout. It was a high of 85 degrees and a light breeze. I had a great time with all my MVCC friends that brought out there MV's. Also the great plane owners that paid Big bucks for the fuel to fill up those War Birds and attend the event . They don't just drink a little bit when doing fly by's and coming from long distance. A Big Thank You to the owner of the WW2 B25 Pacific Princes that let me park Froggy, my 1943 Ford GTB, with the 5 WW2 M2 Bomb Trailers with 1000 lbs Practice bombs, next to their B25 for great photos . I took amazing photos that evening. The Dinner Dance had a great turnout and my food was out of this world. My steak was I think PrimeRib and was so tender, my compliments to Espana's

South West Bar & Grill from Los Banos.

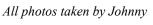
Please try to make it out next year you won't be disappointed.

Keeping The GTB History Alive! ... Don...











Cory Firman's International at EF







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Greetings from the central coast and Italy!

I am currently traveling throughout the Italian peninsula and was able to recently visit Anzio the site of the second allied landing point during the Italian campaign. The family and I got to visit the beachhead museum which had a great collection of allied and

axis materials. The guide was very enthusiastic to see an American family take such an interest in WW2 history. We then proceeded to the American Cemetery just down the road. What a beautiful place and incredibly maintained.

On another note through the helpful introduction via Don Gomes and Johnny Verissimo I was able to get a warm introduction to Mr Fred Beltran who was interested in finding a new home for his WW2 vehicle collection. What an awesome gentleman and I assured him his collection will go to good use educating the next generation of MV collectors and educators. I've included a few pics of Anzio and the latest MV's to the central coast.

Thanks. Charles.











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Howdy MVers,

I hope most of you were able to participate in a Memorial Day event of some sort. I joined up with the Rowland Freedom Center to participate in the fiesta days parade in Vacaville. We met at the museum, which is located at the nut tree airport, in preparation for the convoy to the parade. We snapped a few pics, readied the vehicles, and headed to our staging area.

The convoy consisted of a WWII jeep with trailer, halftrack "dragon fire", a deuce and a half, a replica WWI glider, and the HEMTT. As with all parades, there is quite a bit of waiting around. We had lots of interest in the OD iron and spent the waiting time educating folks about our vehicles and the hobby. We also had several folks dressed in period correct clothing representing several

war eras. The weather was not too hot thank goodness. We ended up pretty close to the start of the parade so we were rolling about 45 minutes from the initial start of the parade.

Notice the picture above was taken from the back of the Dragonfire halftrack and looking down the barrel of the water cooled 30 caliber...COOL!

After the parade we headed back to the museum. Well, with all the road closures, we ended up rolling thru Vacaville taking the long way back. Lots of looks, honks and thumbs up from passing vehicles and pedestrians alike. I'll be staying in touch with the Rowland freedom center so look for future events I'll post in our newsletter.

Another Memorial Day event to report on is the Vets for Vets car show in Sacramento. Larry Ryland took his decked out HMMWV to that event. He reported that the crowds were large and there was a ton of interest in the truck.



I needed to do some rearranging at the "compound" so i brought out the HEMTT to move a few items including a multifuel crate motor. If you recall from previous newsletters, I just fixed a leaky lift cylinder on the HEMTT. As luck should have it,I sprang another leak on a different cylinder. Oh well, I guess you'll have read about that repair later this summer. Since the HEMTT crane was out of commission,I decided to fire up the wrecker. Initially the batteries were dead so I put them on chargers for a couple hours. She lit up after that and we used it to move the motor.

It is fun to use and made the job east to do. Wreckers sure come in handy when needed. As always, please share with me any events you are aware of and any of your projects so I can share them in our newsletter. ... Big Mike...







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Hello North Bay West and beyond,

I am wishing all the members a fun filled summer season! I'm sure many of you participated in Memorial Day festivities in and around the state. I'm also sure that your MV's were well received.

I took the kids and did our annual flag planting ceremony at my grandparents grave here in Napa. I'm sure I mentioned it in previous newsletters, but it bears repeating. We typically head over in the jeep to the "marble orchard" in the morning and plant a 3' X 5' flag at the grave site until sunset and then go retrieve it. While we are there, we pay our respects and render a hand salute to a couple that dedicated 30yrs to the defense of this nation. Ralph R. Herrick and Leon Herrick were an Army family. Their tombstone reads like a 201 form! WWII, Korean War, and 2 tours overseas in Germany. I feel that it is important for the kids to understand what sacrifices their great-grandparents made for our family and why we still need to be grateful today for the opportunities they afforded us. While heading home, I wanted to cruise through the invasion that our town was enduring. The annual "Bottlerock" festival! As we made our way through the mass of festival goers and numerous law enforcement agencies, it was refreshing to see the support for the jeep and of course we were "gunned up" with the M1917 .30 MG that was on the pedestal. Lots of thumbs up and "hell yeahs"! Law enforcement looking on and not hassling us at all. That is always a barometer for me on where the local community is with the support for history and gun rights.

Along my travels visiting numerous ranches in Northern Sonoma County. I ran across a Ford GPW rolling chassis with motor and running gear. This find was a Dec. 1942 (GPW89180). After a bit of talking about the history of this jeep, a deal was struck, and I was loading it on my trailer. I have had this experience numerous times in the last 20 yrs. of rescuing WWII vehicles from heading to the scrap yard or rotting into the dirt. When people ask me what I do with all my finds my reply is usually "Some people rescue dogs, I

rescue old rusty veterans". Being involved and a member of this club has given me that opportunity. While I am grateful for this, my wife might have other opinions. Much like those folks that adopt every animal they find. It is often difficult to let my rescues go. If I had the room, I would keep them all! I must say that I do get a tremendous satisfaction knowing that these relics will get another opportunity to be restored to road worthy condition. As I have always said that these vehicles represent America at its finest. Those representations are hard to find in these times. Please remember this as we are about to celebrate this Nation's birthday.

Keep your powder dry,

Scott Rohrs









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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

Wanted: M151A2 manuals, Brad Carrott Wanted: RT-524 and RT-442 Radio's set. For Sale: Small Siren 24volt for a military Jeep.\$450.00 For Sale: M151A2 NOS steering wheel. \$170.00 Contact Brad Carrott (831)345-0372

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

<u>WANTED TO BUY:</u> 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 <u>Steve.Kummerfeldt@woodplc.com</u> (714) 299-4593 (cell)

Wanted: M37 Radiator, Contact Andy (510) 832-4322, mvcc510925@gmail.com

<u>Wanted:</u> 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 <u>istanbull@sbcglobal.net</u>



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<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**

FOR SALE: 1941 WC-3 1/2 TON 4X4 DODGE OPEN CAB, Engine turns, carb missing, all oringinal parts

Restorable or parts vehicle \$1500 OBO more pictures available

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





<u>For Sale -</u> 7 Michelin 396/85R20 XZL Used tires for sale. They are in good condition.

\$100.00 each. - John Gillich <u>itgillich@gmail.com</u> - 775-848-0966





WC-51 US Navy accounting No. 222 from the war in the Pacific

Weapons Carrier-ordinance dept. Engine turns over but distributor missing, all original parts More pictures available, \$1800 or best offer

Located in Fremont Ca.
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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.

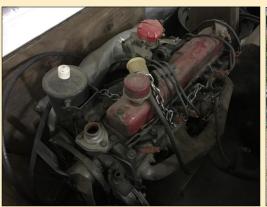
Asking \$15,000. Call Don Thomas at 310-418-9344. Vehicle is located in St. Helena, California (Napa Valley).





For Sale: Tent: GP Med. 16' X 32' Canvas and wood poles. Great tent for events/ hunting camp/ family camp outs/ reenacting/ and Plymouth Swap Meets. Good serviceable condition. \$500 - Scott Rohrs 415-259-8177

For Sale: Flat head 6 cyl. Willys truck motor is a complete take out motor was running when pulled, has carb/ manifolds/ generator black oil in the case. \$800 - Scott Rohrs 415-259-8177





For Sale ½ ton WWII Dodge truck parts

New wood floorboards and dash map board \$60.00

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WWII ben hur One ton trailer complete metal bracket set for wood sides \$230.00

CONTACT GREG LAMPMAN CELL (805) 550-5838 OR E-MAIL glampman@calpoly.edu

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1 ton cargo trailer G-518. VG-Fine condition.

All metal body is straight, primered.

Lunette ring hitch. Metal landing wheel. 7.50 x 20 wheels (3).

Spare tire mount.

Data plate: Ben Hur Mfg, Model 41-120, Delivered May 1943.

Located in Foresthill, CA, 95631

Walter (530) 957 4290





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: 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



Longtime MVCC and South Bay member Melvin (Mel) Guerrera passed on May 30, Memorial Day. Mel Was a South Bay CCMVCC/MVCC anchor for many years. He hosted a monthly get together and swapmeet at his home in Alviso. He was a great friend to everyone that knew him. You could count on Mel for help. Mel was the Command Sergeant Major of Scroungers.

For many Members in the Bay Area Region (BAR) in the early days Mel was always first to the events making coffee and hotdogs selling parts for Dodge M37's and the M151's. Many will remember the handshake and smile when you got to the spring meets at Patterson/Bear and Tower Park for over three decades. Mel and his Dogs (Hooker and Rosie) were fixtures riding around in his golf cart. I will miss the show and tell stories of parts and vehicles found.

As many know for years, I stored my International trucks at Mel's and also parted out many there in Alviso. Mel was very generous with his time and tools.

Mel will be missed by many at the events and by me

Condolences to Kathy and Mike

God speed Mel

Dave Ball...

THE 21-DAY SALUTE TO AMERICA

There is a little-known law that sets aside a period to honor the United States. This law was passed in 1975 and states "...that Congress declares the 21 days from Flag Day, June 14th, through Independence Day, a period to honor America, that there be public gatherings and activities at which people can celebrate and honor their country in an appropriate manner".

- #1. Display our flag every day during the 21-day period
- #2. Pledge allegiance to our flag each day.
- #3. Urge various organizations to promote America, and unity among all Americans
- #4. Stimulate love and admiration for our National History and traditions during public ceremonies.

Every community, group, and individual may participate in the nation-wide effort by helping the handicapped and the aged, and by encouraging the young to understand the opportunities and responsibilities inherent in our constitutional system.

- Contributed by Matt Siragusa





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Gene Tierney, 1940's

Scout Car, 1940's

A New Zealand Military Vehicle Club (NZMVC) outing

By: James E. Bundgaard CW-4 (USA Retired)

A KIWI FARM RUN WAS SCHEDULED SATURDAY 30 APRIL 2022.

Having been a passenger in a Chevrolet CMP C-8A and C-15A on one of the New Zealand Military Vehicle Club (NZMVC) Historical Military Vehicle (HMV) convoys, it is easy to say they take advantage of the countryside farm terrain for what the vehicles were designed to do. The NZMVC has a good mix of British, American, and other country Military vehicles; note the Ford GTB, aka Burma Jeep [Truck] in the foreground which looks similar to CMP C-15. Driving through these rolling hills and the wilds in the older American and British trucks with "Armstrong" steering is a bit of a challenge and takes full concentration and attention. Both hands and both feet are all busy at the same time shifting, braking, and steering not to mention maintaining convoy interval and speed. They may be crazy, but boy do they have fun! Driving on a paved road is one thing-- "playing" follow the leader while driving in rough terrain on nature's hillsides, pastures, and the "wilds" is really something else - - to say the least! JEB





CMP C-8A, almost jeep size, I rode in as a passenger most of the NZMVC convoy. We are in convoy on part of the West coast beach leg. I rode in the larger CMP C-15A during one leg of the convoy

James riding passenger in a the smaller Chevrolet CMP C-8A

It is a <u>right</u>-hand drive truck. JEB



Our Visit to the USS Pampanito and SS Jeremiah O'Brien

In Pier 45 in San Francisco by Johnny Verissimo

My daughters asked me what I wanted to do for my birthday and I said I'd love to see the USS Pampanito and SS Jeremiah O' Brien in San Francisco and my daughters immediately said that's what we are gona do on your birthday.

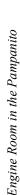
I'll start by asking myself "WHY did it take me so long to go there?!" Its so close to home and once you get there it was so easy to park. Of course it does cost money to park there but after visiting the two it was money well spent. She completed six war patrols from 1944 to 1945 and served as a United States Naval Reserve training ship from 1960 to 1971 The Pampanito is in excellent condition and a super cool submarine . We loved her. WW2 music was playing in the galley. Pampanito played the fictional USS Stingray (SS-161) in the 1995 comedy film Down Periscope

Then directly behind the Pampanito is the SS Jeremiah O'Brien, a ship that was at D -DAY and the ONLY ship to make it back to the 50th Anniversary of D-Day. SS Jeremiah O'Brien is a Liberty ship built during World War II. Now based in San Francisco, she is a rare survivor of the 6,939-ship 6 June 1944 D-Day armada off the coast of Normandy, France. We were pleasantly surprised to see the WC 63 Dodge 1.5 Ton next to the Jeep in the Cargo bay as part of their permanent display. The WC63 was a D-Day survivor that was donated to the Ship. The museum inside the ship is awesome. And one of the coolest displays we loved was the D-Day Diorama in the cargo bay that was donated to the ship. You HAVE to SEE this Diorama

that has real Normandy Beach sand in it. That Diorama was popular on the ship the day we were there. It had my attention that's for sure!. You practically have full range of the ship.

I love WW2 museums and I can honestly say these two "boats" are a testament to the ingenuity of the United States and what it was capa-

ble of doing in only 4 years time during World War 2.















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Diorama in the SS Jeremiah O'Brien

Maryan, myself and Kataryna in front of the O'Brien

When your on the SS Jeremiah O'Brien you can't help but thing about all the soldiers, trucks, jeeps, tanks, food, munitions etc that were transported on this ship from the United States to England and from there to the D-Day landings. There's a lot of neat stuff to read about in the museum in the cargo hold. There are stories of soldiers that were transported on this ship to the ETO. I think read that the only damage to the ship on the Normandy Landings was that one of the lifeboats were hit. I'm very happy this ship was saved and is here in California for all of us to see.

When I first got on the Pampanito and the O'Brien I got chills because you knew that saw action and were actually "there." I had read that the Pampanito had to have repairs to her because of depth charge damage. I can't even imagine how scary it must have been to have depth charges dropping on you while your in a sardine can under water.













EREMIAH D'BRIEN

ESTRELLA WARBIRDS MUSEUM

Military Aviation History and beyond on the California Central Coast

By EWM Curator Jill Thayer, PhD

Estrella Warbirds Museum is dedicated to the restoration and preservation of military aircraft, vehicles, artifacts, and memorabilia of those who served in the military from the Civil War, WWI, WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, and Gulf War eras. The museum expands its offerings beyond aviation as the collection provides a rich history on display. Our approach, however, is not to glorify conflict, but rather to make future generations aware that our way of life does not come without sacrifice.

The museum was founded over 30-years ago by Glen Thomson and Gary Corippo with two airplanes and a strong desire to see a military aviation museum in Paso Robles, California. Adopting a name to memorialize the WWII Estrella Army Airfield, now Paso Robles Municipal Airport, the museum was chartered as a 501(c)(3) Non-profit Corporation in 1992. The success of Estrella Warbirds Museum is greatly due to our many volunteers along with the guidance of the Board of Directors, Executive Board, advisors, and staff in the ongoing operations of the organization. The museum is funded through private donors and community grants that continue to support its mission.

Today, the Estrella Warbirds Museum campus encompasses over 13 acres of land situated on the Paso Robles Municipal Airport grounds with an additional 10 acres acquired now under development. As one of the fastest growing non-profit museums on the West Coast, visitors can drive in or fly in to see the renowned collection that attracts visitors of all ages from around the world. The museum features a vast array of displays and that range from vintage aircraft, fighter jets, military vehicles, missiles, drones, small arms, uniforms, communications, munitions, instrument panels, photographs, documentation, and artifacts from our country's military conflicts.

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In 2009, Estrella Warbirds Museum added a new facility, the Woodland Family Automobile Display that preserves yet another chapter of history—automobile racing. The collection features a rotating series of automobiles that initially included NASCAR Sprint, Modified, Super Modified, and Midget racecars. Later, exotic, classic, and muscle cars were added to meet the interests of a growing audience. Most of the vehicles on display have been restored to the original condition as they were when first built. Some of the cars came off the track and required little to no restoration. The unique collection offers a wide range of vehicles that hold a well-known history on the racing circuits.

Estrella Warbirds Museum includes the Hind Pavilion (museum entrance and Gift Shop); Freedom Hall (collection of artifacts from military history, Library, and Curatorial Archival Facility); Brooks Building (rolling vehicles, drones, munitions, and communications); Glen Thomson Hall (events, dinner meetings and facilities rental); Al Schade Restoration Building (workshop); Hangar One (aircraft displays, events, and facilities rental); Pfauter "Red Ball Express" Building (WWII vehicles from this historic mission); and the Woodland Family Automobile Display (vintage, racing, classic, and exotic cars).

The museum is home to WWII European Veteran C-47 "Betsy's Biscuit Bomber," a military aircraft that participated in the 75th Anniversary of D-Day in Normandy (2019). The aircraft tours the country in air shows and is on display at the museum.

Our annual fundraiser, Warbirds, Wings, & Wheels draws thousands of people to enjoy aircraft and car displays, food, craft vendors, and music. Our Bi-Annual Swap Meet features automotive-related items and more. The museum provides initiatives in education with the EWM Middle/High School Youth Program.

Estrella Warbirds Museum has grown from an original idea of two visionaries into a world-class military aviation museum that seeks to honor the past and inspire current and future generations.

Estrella Warbirds Museum is located at 4251 Dry Creek Road in Paso Robles, CA 93446. Contact (805) 238-9317 or visit: www.ewarbirds.org. Hours: Thurs-Sun 10am – 4pm. Call for holidays.









Our trip to the Estralla Warbird Museum!

Paso Robles , California By Johnny Verissimo

WOW! That's what Christina and I had to say about this very cool museum that's got a combination of WW2 Planes and WW2 military vehicles! Everything from Jeeps to Trucks to Planes to munitions are all on display.

Red Ball Express Building (Pfauter Building) - OH man you gotta check out the Red Ball Building with all its WW2 vehicles. They have a really AWESOME restored 40mm AA Gun complete with carriage and 40mm rounds all over her.

Munitions and small military vehicles building (Brooks Building)- OH and the munitions building with tons of munitions from small to 16 inch rounds out of a battleship. They have smaller military vehicles in this building including jeeps, staff car, motorcycles, ½ ton dodges etc.

Restoration Building (Al Schade Restoration Building) - One of their buildings houses their restorations shops which on the day we were there had a 1943 Ford GTBC Bomb Truck in one stall being restored and in the other stall had a 1951 WC Ambulance. They have an idea restoration shop.

Military History Building (Freedom Hall) - This part of the museum has WW1 to today's Military History on display. Everything from equipment to personal gear to ship models to plane models to uniforms, to rifles, machine guns, etc.

I do recommend this museum to everyone in the MVCC world. I plan on going back because you can't see everything in 3 hours. I want to take some friends for sure.

The Woodland Family Car Building – Holy cow. Didn't expect to see a 1955 Gull Wing Mercedes on this trip but we did. There are some rare cars, motorcycles and race cars in this building owned pretty much by the same family. This is one large build divided into 6 smaller sections. If your into cars then you will enjoy this place. This part of the museum is included in the Estralla Museum.

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All photos by Johnny









In the restoration shop they were working on a 1943 Ford GTBC Bomb Service Truck with Winch. I liked how complete they shop was.

The admittance price is \$15 a person, well worth it. All the photos were taken Christina and Myself at Estralla.

Johnny...

Freedom Hall Display

WW2 40mm AA Gun

















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