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Hello MVCC!

Time is ticking and you need to get your spot for the fall Camp Plymouth! See details in this newsletter. If you didn't postmark your ballot by July 31, you are late and they will not be counted. The next newsletter will have the results and greetings from any new officers.

The 4th of July was busy for a lot of MVCC'ers, with some parades and events on the 1st, 2nd and 4th. My GPW "Ginger" and CCKW "Corky" camped out at our local VFW fireworks stand for the weekend and Ginger make our city fireworks show. I found \$20 and a note thanking us for displaying the vehicles and letting the kids pose for photos with them.

Camp Plymouth - the General Membership Meeting will be held at 10:00 am September 16, 49'er RV's amphitheater. If you aren't staying at the meet, please try to make the general membership meeting. I've been asked if we can stream and/or Zoom the general membership meeting. We may test it out this fall if we have the gear set to do it and if it works we'll roll it out for April. **SHOWCASES for April 2024!** Let us know what you think for 2024 showcases.

The 80th anniversary of D-Day is next year and I know several MVCC members are going, myself included. As of now, I think the count is about 14 members. If you're planning to go please let me know and we'll see about getting a group photo while we're there. I'm taking "Corky" CCKW, Tanis' are taking "Lily's Filly" GPW, and Charles Tope is taking a 1/2 Command Car- who strangely has not named it yet.

Lastly, I attended long time MVCC member Dean Peck's funeral, several MVCC members from the area attended. Dean was my MVCC camp buddy in the orchard at Big Bear Park in Waterford. The year of the heavy rain/flood, everything was wet, the firewood, our tents, our clothes. Dean came back to camp with this big wooden crate he bought from Alex Gorden. I asked what was in the crate, Dean smiled and said "I don't know but it's dry and 'll burn real good" We broke that crate up and stated a small fire in an axle inspection cover for a CCKW I was given. In no time, 6 men huddled around that fire, talking and laughing. It was the best campfire ever! Over the years, we drove his 1/2 Dodge up to Corning for the meet up there once. And we did the Castle Air Museum Open Cockpit days, parades and Eagle Field together.



Chris...

Left to Right Tony Isaak, Dean Peck, Chris Thomas, Shane Peck, Don Brittsan at Eagle Field

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ts not a hobby, it's a way of life. My new MOTTO when it comes to our hobby. Christina, your treasurer, my wife, told me to clean up my closet with my civilian clothing and find stuff to give to the Salvation Army. She said, look at a piece of clothing and ask: "does this bring you joy", I laughed, then said "Ok I will." When I do that with my WW2 stuff which includes the vehicles, trailers and WW2 memorabilia I can HONESTLY say THESE THINGS bring me TONS of JOY, and that's an understatement if you know me. So its not just a hobby, it's a way of life. I can see this to be true when I look around at the MV meets, I see people that have dedicated their lives to the preservation of history, its amazing.

News on MVCC members-Chris Jorgensen had a stroke and is home recovering, wife Kim is taking care of him. Chris and Kim are long time MVCC members who were once the Quartermasters for the MVCC. Kurt lesser is recovering from his stroke, wife JoAnn is helping him recover. Long time member Dean Peck lost his fight with cancer, Dean will be missed. Keep them all in your thoughts and prayers. If you know of any news of MVCC members that you feel the we should know please email me the information, thank you.

FOR RESERVATIONS-Jennifer Tanis, our interim Wagon Mistress, filling in for JoAnn Lesser, is running the reservations department of the MVCC while JoAnn is nursing Kurt back to his chipper self. The front office, my house, does not take reservations requests or reservations, the acting wagon mistress does, thank you! :)



Jennifer Tanis, acting Wagon Mistress

From your Wagon Mistress (Jennifer)-Can you add into the newsletter to remind members that if they are camping at 49er Village to please pay for their space no later than August 31, 2023 for the September Meet. If they are unsure of their site number please reach out to me, Jennifer Tanis, via email mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com or 209-304-2592.

There is talk that the showcases might be moved to Saturday! USO dinner & dance on Saturday as well, so I hear. Stay tuned.

Christina and I we will be at the Charles Tope event in Monterey August 18th. This will include the Monterey Convoy. Chris Thomas, Scott and Jennifer Tanis, Jim and Cathy Bertao, Don Gomes, Denny Clark and many more will be attending. Everyone taking a military vehicle will enter for free. We hope YOU all can join us there! As you all know, Monterey is beautiful, but its even more beautiful from the seat of a military vehicle, ha. If you do go to this event please say hello to your club secretary, treasurer and president.

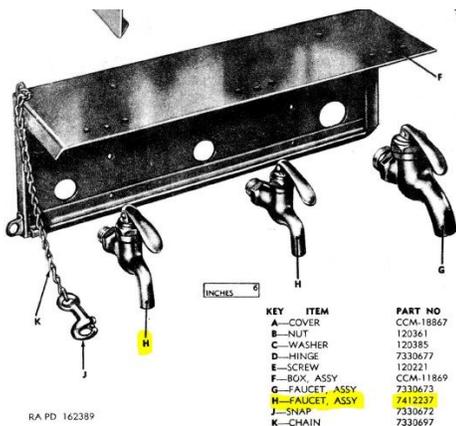
Thank you to John Neuenburg, Michael & Debbie Rinehart, Allan & Linda DeSalvo and Aidan McMackin for sending in your articles and photos!

Faucets made by Milwaukee

As you all know, I bought a December 1941 G527 water trailer. There are two things I really need, and since I'm the newsletter editor, I'm gona ask you all for your help- I need the brass faucets and brass Myer hand pump. If you know of where I could find them please shoot me an email or call anytime. There are two things I love about my water trailer, 1, it's a WW2 water trailer, for some reason I always wanted one, somethings are unexplainable, 2, when I saw it at Aidans place in Minden, Nevada, I fell in love with it, BUT, when I looked at the data plate, I saw that it was a December of 1941 trailer, so that sealed the deal.



I have one of 6 needed faucets



I have one faucet, but need 5 more. Needed are two 3/4 inch faucets and four 1/2 inch faucets. Milwaukee faucets made brand.



Brass hand pump needed

Figure 18-7. Water box and faucets—exploded view.

G-527 Water Trailer Manual, Faucets

Continued, MVCC Editor....

July 4th Parade in Gustine-I took my 1941 Dodge WC25 Command Car with 1/4 trailer and my 1942 Ford GTB Cargo Truck with 1941 water trailer in the Gustine 4th parade behind our local VFW, Post 7635 Joseph G. Rose. Its always an honor to be invited by them to participate in local parades they lead.

Don't forget! I told you all about the GREAT time we had at the Spirit of 45 Event in San Jose last year, Its that time again! Its August 12th, at History Park in San Jose. The location itself is pure history, its like walking onto a movie s set. Not only do you want to go to see the vehicles and people walking around in period attire, it's the location that gets you.



VPW Post 7635, Gustine, Ca

Hope everyone is having an OUTSTANDING SUMMER 2023! Remember, Its not just a hobby ... Johnny & Christina.~

Below- 1942 GTB Ford Cargo Truck with water trailer

Below-1941 Dodge Command Car and 1/4 ton trailer



From MVCC members:

Hi Johnny,

We were hoping to join Kurt and JoAnn for the Morgan Hill 4th of July parade but ended up representing them due to Kurt's extended recovery. Morgan Hill celebrates the 4th for 3 full days with a street fare, food trucks, car show, fireworks and a huge parade. The parade is awesome with at least 100,000 people attending (best guess). We had our 1952 M37 fully decked out with flags. It was its first parade. John Amaral also joined with his 35a2 Deuce, pictures attached. His bed was fully loaded with friends. We plan on doing the same next year. We highly recommend attending this event. The people were so friendly and supportive, and our OD had them all smiling.

Photo to the right and the photo on the front cover are from the Morgan Hill 4th of July parade...

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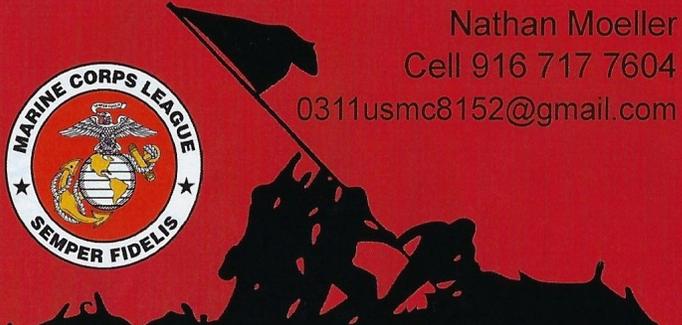


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Howdy MV'ers,

Hope everyone is doing well and that you were able to exercise your MVs during a fourth of July event. Unfortunately for me, business issues kept me from participating in a parade this month. Besides that, I've been busy working on acquiring the newest addition to the fleet. Many of you probably know Patrick Taylor and those that don't, he has been an MVCC member for many years and has several MVs including an M35A2 cargo truck, an M105 Trailer, an S250 shelter and an M38 Jeep. Patrick and I struck a deal and I am now the proud owner of a super clean M35A2 along with the M105 trailer and the S250 Shelter. Patrick did a nice job converting the shelter into sleeping quarters. Next month I'll share some pictures of the inside of the shelter along with a few modifications I'm going to do. I'm very excited to have another Deuce and even the wife is up to the challenge to drive it.

This is a very clean truck with all the bells and whistles. It has a front winch, air shift front axle, two springer seats, a 5-ton air cleaner upgrade, drop sides bed, tow bar and unique tow bar storage, bows, etc. I can't wait to try out the sleeping quarters. It sure beats sleeping in a tent.

Last month I also mentioned armor. I had the opportunity to check out a couple M59 APCs. These M59s have been sitting for 25 years. There are two of them and they are mostly complete. If anyone is interested please let me know otherwise I'm still contemplating adding these beauties to my list of projects.

Next month I'll share a nice M715 project from a fellow MVCC member. As always, please share any events, projects, new MV acquisitions with me so I can post them in the newsletter for all to see.

Regards,
Big Mike

Below-M35A2 along with the M105 trailer and the S250 Shelter



M59s have been sitting for 25 years.



M35A2 along with the M105 trailer and the S250 Shelter



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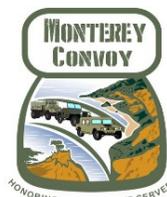
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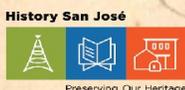
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Russian River Jeep Run

By John Neuenburg

On July 8, six intrepid troopers in five WW2 jeeps tackled dirt and pavement in the west Russian River area: Dave “Seabee” Aro, Matt “The Local” Parry, Keith “Doc” Palmer, Ernie “Stretch” Ongaro, Gary “What me worry” Hurwitz, and the author. This is great jeep driving country!



We drove a dirt road up and over into a deep canyon, did a creek crossing, up woody switchbacks, and it opened into meadows. Author is leading, followed by Matt and Ernie with Gary on the camera. Except for one, all pics are screenshots from video shot by Ernie, Matt, and Gary, edited by Ernie.



Dave & Ernie chatting, Keith ahead



It's not often one gets to cross a Bailey Bridge!

We drove down 116 to the mouth of the Russian River to Jenner for deli sandwiches. A cold wind was coming off the ocean. Jeeps owned by, starting with left front clockwise: author, Keith, Matt, Dave, Ernie. Our loop went northwest on State Route 1, then branched more north on the scenic Myer's Grade Road. It didn't take long to get warmer as we went up and inland. At Fort Ross Road we went southeast down the long, twisty road to the ex-lumber and vacation town of Cazadero.

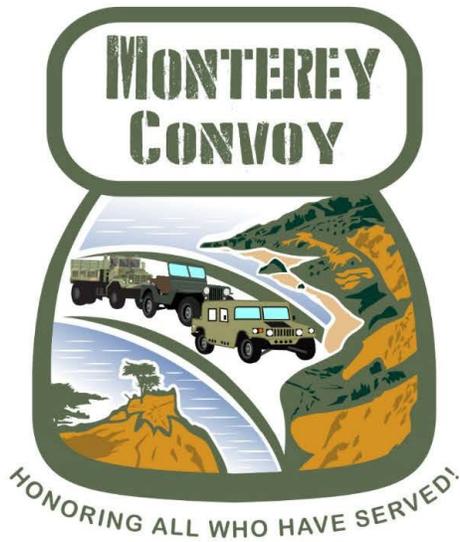


Picture by Jane Barry

Tiny Cazadero is about six miles north of the river via Austin Creek Road or Cazadero Highway. The latter was built on the former right of way for a branch of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad. It used to be well-known for Berry's Sawmill, supplying redwood and oak since 1941 to farmers, ranchers, and big beams for the nearby quicksilver mine which provided mercury to make mercury fulminate for gun cartridge primers during WW2. Loren Berry joined the army and built sawmills for them worldwide. Trains hauled wood south to ferries in Sausalito, and vacationers north in the summer to the resorts along Austin Creek. All gone now. My brother in law's postcard collection of Austin Creek resorts is on display in the museum to the left.

The Cazadero History Learning Center shown above opened in June 2022. It looks like a mini train station, open the second Saturday of every month, 11 am to 4 pm. This is a partnership between the Russian River Historical Society and the Cazadero Community Services District. It is managed by RRHS President Jane Barry, wife of Willys America owner and MVCC member Paul Barry. Willys America, in the distance in the picture on the right, is a well-known Jeep truck and Jeepster parts vendor, restoration shop, and museum. No relation to the Berry's that own the sawmill and lumber yard that moved to the foot of Austin Creek.





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Greetings from the North. I thought you all might like to hear the story of my M29C Weasel. I always say every MV has a story, so here's the story of a genuine WWII tracked military vehicle:

Back in early 2009, a friend of mine told me about a '45 Weasel he'd seen for sale. It was listed on Craigslist and sounded interesting, so I went to see it. It was parked at a residence near the entrance to Donner Ski Ranch, at the summit on Highway 50. Its recently deceased owner had operated it for several years and used it for winter transportation when snow closed the highway. He took it to get groceries and supplies for his family and friends up on the mountain. When he died, his wife gave it to one of the neighbors. The neighbor in turn put it up for sale.

We heard from the wife that there were more parts to go with it, from a parted-out Weasel down in Isleton, so we made the trip to get them too. The engine from the Isleton parts went into Cary Simpson's weasel.

It was painted orange and had a Korean War vintage hardtop on it, with the removable side panels replaced with clear plexiglass. It also had dual headlights (original WWII had a single headlight), which is another indication that it saw service during the Korean War. It had the original Studebaker 170 c.i. flathead 6-cyl engine but was not currently running. It supposedly had recently been operated, so it was a "ran-when-parked" situation. It had minimal rust, good windshield, and good, original tracks. The original fuel tank had been replaced with an aluminum beer keg. The driver's seat was some kind of small civilian car bucket seat. The original engine cover had been replaced with a flat plywood shelf. He wanted \$3,500 but settled for \$3,000 cash (it's worth a lot more now). We brought a trailer, just in case, so we loaded it up and took it home.

It turned out to have a "kill" switch wired into the ignition, so once I found that and switched it to the "run" position it started right up. One problem though, it had a stuck clutch. Hmm... must have been parked longer than he said. With a little work (the original T-84 transmission is easy to remove) a new clutch was installed, and we were off on our first test drive. Weasels are a whole lot of fun to drive and surprisingly maneuverable for a tracked vehicle.

Over the years I have added an engine cover fabricated to original specs, a replica driver's seat back (from George Smith, our club Weasel Guru), an original style fuel tank and filler neck, replica side skirts, and a hinged access door where there used to be an opening cut into the side of the hull. I've also replaced several bogie wheels when the rubber rim came off. Early on, I painted it Marine Corps green and added the actual hull serial number as a USMC vehicle number. I'm in the process of building a set of tracks using bolt-on conveyor belt bands in place of the original deteriorating bands.

The Weasel gets periodic use at MV and Veterans events, and has demonstrated its excellent driving capabilities in mud, snow, swamp, gravel, pavement, and deep water. It is absolutely unstoppable, easily getting through terrain that would bury a wheeled vehicle. It has too many holes in the hull (yes, rust holes) to try to float it, but it is theoretically amphibious (able to float). Look for it at one of the upcoming meets!

Dave



Dave Porter's 1945 Weasel



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Hello MV'ers,

Hope you're doing well and had a great 4th of July! We missed all the fun since we took off with Henry to visit Bestemor in Norway. Before heading out Henry and I attended the Power Wagon Rally at Hollister Hills SVRA. It was a great event and I always enjoy seeing all the Dodges gathered together and getting dirty. Hopefully some of you were able to get out and enjoy the 4th of July events in the East Bay. If so, send me some photos & captions for the next newsletter.

I FINALLY have the M37 back on the road. I was tired of the truck sitting and the "new" engine will not get done until after school starts up so I decided to see what I could do with the engine in the truck and parts on hand. I figured I'd try an experiment. The engine needed a valve job, cylinder head and radiator. Now that the old Sioux equipment was sorted out the valve job wasn't an issue. The cylinder head was the experimental part. I had a '59 high compression head on the shelf that had been heavily milled and had mismatched chambers ranging from 68-76cc's (72.8cc average). For reference a stock M37 head is ~101cc's. I wasn't happy with the large size range on the chambers, but was curious to see how the engine would run with more compression when compared to the cracked 80cc head being removed. Visions of rebuilding a radiator were put on hold when the local shop said they weren't interested in touching one, so I'd get the chance to "test" the unit from the burnt M37 I picked up. After a bit of work all the pieces magically came together and guess what, the darn thing runs well and tolerates the higher compression without issue. I haven't had the chance to put it on the dyno yet, but it pulls the big hill near my home better than ever and the truck is roadworthy again. This has me asking why I didn't do this sooner. The perfect is the enemy of the good...

Enjoy your MV's,

Andy

Dave Porter continued from page 12...



Dave Porters 1945 Weasel

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August 18 2023–3rd Annual Veterans Appreciation Military Vehicle Convoy and Picnic, Pacific Grove California. 10AM. Its free to attend but vehicle registration is required. Flyer on page 3. Victoria Cambell (818)324-8174 info@montereyconvoy.com

August 18, 2023– Historic Military Vehicle Show. Monterey Car Week. Catered Dinner, Live Music, Free Tickets to all military vehicle participants. WW2 Military Vehicles, Hot Rods, Collector Cars. 2555 Garden Rd. Monterey, Ca. Contact Charles Tope—ctope@employenet.com Th is a first annual event, get in on the coolest car show in Monterey during the famous Monterey Car Week. Flyer in this newsletter.

September 11th-17th 2023–The MVCC Fall Meet in Plymouth California. For more information keep an eye out in the following MVCC newsletters. For space reservations contact JoAnn Lesser(MVCC wagon master). www.mvccnews.net

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October 7-8, 2023 - TENTATIVE. SS Jeremiah O'Brien Liberty Ship 80th Birthday Cruise and MV Display. San Francisco. See update article this issue. The August event will not happen because scheduled shipyard work has been moved into August. They are thinking about inviting our WW2 MVs on Fleet Week weekend. They do Bay cruises both days and are out there during the air show acts including the Blue Angels. I am still building a list of interested WW2 MV owners, see my info in the article. John Neuenburg

October 14-15, 2023–Central Coast Airfest–military planes, demos, etc. Santa Maria Airport 3217 Terminal Drive, Santa Maria, CA 93455 www.centralcoastairfest.com

November 5, 2023–Tri-Valley Veteran's Day Parade, Sunday, Parade day check-in is from 10am-12pm at 301 Main Street in Pleasanton. **Step-off is at 1pm.** The theme this year is "Veteran's of the Tri Valley". The Grand Marshall will be Jim Taylor, Vietnam Medal of Honor recipient. **POC:** Andy Shyers (510)832-4322



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Keeping up the momentum in Graeagle California, By Mike and Debbie Rinehart

As anyone can tell you rolling up the sides of your covered wagon and will get a lot of “Omg’s”. I have not rolled up her sides for years. The fold up troop seats and the look of the top rolled up is something you just don’t see that often. Why...I forgot what a bi... it is to tie the knots back up behind the cab with one hand...lol

We gave out over 150 flags in two seconds.

Tech tip! For you new members, and maybe some old that need a reminder... The Fourth of July parade is usually a hot slow parade that is going to test your baby for Vapor lock. So we had two people with MV’s in the parade behind us.

As we were in the staging area, we had everyone coming up wanting to see everything up close, which as you know is what we wait for.

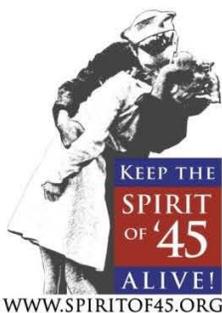
Well to their surprise they were flabbergasted by the fact that we had wood clothes pins on the the entire fuel lines on both vehicles. I explained that an old duck, that had been in the war said that they put clothes pins on the fuel to dissipate the heat so the fuel would not vaporize. Well it works.

Debbie and I stalled out in this parade 10 years ago due to vapor lock. Not this time.... The two jeeps behind us had to be pushed off the parade route. Debbie and I had our very close friends driving the Dodge Jeff and Sharon Steinman.

When we get the WC56 done...(which is kicking my a.. at the moment), Jeff is going to teach Debbie how tow double clutch her truck...not her husband..lol

Happy 4th.
Mike and Debbie





Saturday, August 12th, 2023

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Assigned Site # / # of Nights /	Description of site, Pick one	/ Per Night / Total
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A Response to Editor Article in the July Issue by John Neuenburg

In July Johnny brought up what some think is "the elephant in the room" regarding our Spring and Fall meets: how they have become weekday oriented, not weekend. This indeed works against the future of our club and the organized hobby because the young people we need to correct our aging demographic mostly have weekday jobs. If married, often both work. Same goes for those in their 40s and 50s. The only way many of these people can attend during the week is to schedule vacation days. Those new to our hobby might not be able to justify devoting two or three vacation days out of the 5-10 they receive per year. If they have children under 18 there is pressure to do a "family vacation" that can consume five days. Having kids in school makes attending on a school day more challenging. Should one spouse stay home with the kids and drive separately Friday afternoon or Saturday morning to join the other? What is the incentive on Saturday to attract them? The more "hooked" people get on MVs, and especially if the spouse also likes the events, the more likely they are to take vacation days. But how do we get them "hooked" on our events in the meantime?

I want to provide some historical context and offer some suggestions. Marilyn and my first Spring meet was the Patterson Rally 1986. I have not missed one since and for her, I think only one. I have seen all the changes and been actively involved in some as a VP a couple of times, and later as the major event Activities Coordinator plus creating much of the advertising. In the 1980s and into the '90s the swap meets were advertised Thursday-Saturday and significant activities were advertised on Saturdays until 1993. For most, Sunday was the go-home day. On Friday nights there were military movies. Saturday morning the Southern California Chapter did a pancake breakfast. A member meeting was on Saturday and often another daytime activity. On Saturday night there was a dinner and "USO Dance" in the rec building. This basic schedule lasted until the 1993, the third Spring meet at Big Bear Park in Waterford. That year, the party/dance was moved to Friday and it has been that way ever since. The reason was to accommodate those who wanted to pull out on Saturday. By this time the Spring meet had grown to be the big West Coast MV meet, and quite a few attendees had long drives home. Some probably had a lot of parts to put away too. Probably some who arrived early ran out of money or parts to sell by then! Did we see more departures on Saturday after moving the main social event to Friday evening? As I remember, yes. If we had left the dinner/dance on Saturday, likely more would have stayed that night. What started that year was a shift away from a serious Saturday schedule.

Complicating this situation is the cost per night for all but the tenters and those commuting from home. Moving to Tower Park meant cabins were available. More were installed later. Petaluma KOA offered cabins as does the 49er. These have gotten very expensive, because at these popular campgrounds there is a demand. Those who rent cabins, or a rental trailer plus site fee, or a hotel, have to decide if that Saturday night expense is worth it. Now if we moved either swap meet to a venue with no cabins, people who will not tent or truck camp will book a rental travel trailer or hotel room - not inexpensive but less than a big cabin - commute, or not attend.

Logically, the only solution to this challenge is to go back to doing more on Saturdays: a dinner/party/dance for all, not just MVCC members, a daytime activity like a MV gymkhana or teeter totter, road run, or appearance by the EMU-309 Huey helicopter, plus a member meeting. Maybe do movies on Friday night, or a lecture or other presentation like MV travel videos? We should keep the MVCC HQ tent open through Saturday afternoon, including at the Fall meet. Make pancake breakfasts on Saturday morning an annual thing. We had 201 MVs counting trailers at Spring 1990 at Patterson, so that schedule worked. Also, don't do any advertising saying the event starts before Wednesday. If we schedule more on Saturday, will those who absolutely won't stay through Saturday not attend at all? I doubt that. They will still show up mid-week.

Having a swap meet-type rally in late June, July, or August is an answer to attract families with kids. We tried that starting in 2002 when we moved the Fall Casa de Fruta social meet from October to June and moved the Woodson Bridge meet from early September to October to have cooler weather. The latter move would probably improve our current Fall meet attendance. One problem is many campgrounds start Fall and Halloween-themed activities October 1 and they get full.

Another suggestion is to not require a four-night minimum stay at the 49er. That works against the challenge Johnny brought up. If they don't require it to give us the discount we get, let people book the nights they want. It will open the event up to people who can't take much time off, and those with a modest hobby budget. Requiring four nights or even three is trying to "push" Tuesday or Wednesday attendance, but only to us retired people and the most hobby oriented. I suggest we "pull" people instead, focusing on what works for them. Broaden our demographics.



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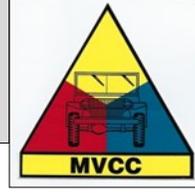
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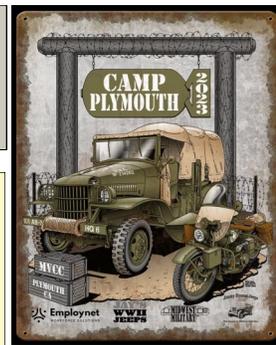
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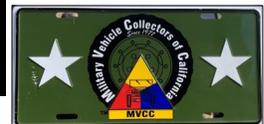


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For Sale: GPW Engine, Serial Number 144723, no manifolds. GPW block and parts, Serial Number 18971. CJ-2A complete frame with front and rear differentials with 15" Jeep wheels. Contact Alvin Rentsch (707)972-8726

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

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



For Sale- Ford Jeep Engine Runs #271-256 (no bolt on's) \$1,400. Ford Jeep Engine, Runs, #133-810 (no bolt on's) \$1,000. Willys CJ Jeep Engine, runs (no bolt on's) \$1,000. Harold Tufenkjian -(559)266-7520 Fresno, Ca.

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



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



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For Sale- M1944 Mermite can seals. The cost is \$50 each + shipping. I am open to doing discounts on bulk/collective orders going to the same address. Randall Phillips randy.t.phillips@gmail.com 254.423.0743



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



For Sale - 1942 Ford script parts Jeep - complete as-is - includes grill, fenders, hood, body tub, reproduction rear panel, axels, etc - unregistered frame. \$4,100 OBO.

Email John Manuel tidyacres@hotmail.com. Can provide more photos if interested.



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

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

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

For Sale: a M211 truck

It has a 505 GM Crate engine, different 4 speed,

changed to 12 volt , Chester Berrlow <chesterb777@yahoo.com>



For Sale- 1, I have a 1942 Ford script parts jeep to sell - to include grill, fenders,, body tub, hood, reproduction rear panel, MB engine, front and rear axels, bogus frame rail, etc - please contact for additional info. 2, 9N tractor engine short block with GP cam less head - also GP transmission that needs repair. 3, miscellaneous MB parts. Contact @ tidyacres@hotmail.com John Manuel

For Sale: Willys 6cyl Super Hurricane Motor. This motor was a running motor when pulled. Used in Willys P/U Trucks and Wagons from the 50's- the 60's. Will bolt up to T90 transmission. Motor is complete with Carb, Intake, Exhaust manifold, Generator, and Distributer. Black oil on the dip stick.. Asking \$800. Scott 415 259 8177

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

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Articles! Articles! Articles! 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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For SALE: M-1948 field kitchen tent with fly screen and tent poles. 12w x 18'd x 9' to 12'h. Tent comes with field range/stove and cookware. Stove dated 2001. \$650 San Jose. Call Robert at 408-887-3311



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For Sale: 1966 M151-A2 with M416 Trailer. Current CA Registration. Uncut Jeep Body, No Rust. Running Condition. Comes complete with Radio Mounts, Antennas, Tow Bar, Dash Gun Holder, Trip Wire Cutter, New Tires, Complete Manual Set, and more spare parts that can be listed here. Asking \$17,500. Vehicle is located in Vallejo, CA. Contact Art Doran (925) 366-8610.



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



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For Sale-M151 series Original - M-4 Machine gun mount assembly. \$900. 2. M-142 machine gun M-60 cradle. \$950. Sold together only. Shipping not included. Brad Carrott (831)345-0372
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WANTED- DDAY JEEP FRIENDS, I am planning on shipping my jeep to France next year, for the D-Day 80th Anniversary events. I am looking for others who might want to combine shipping with me, to hopefully lower overall costs. I am in Northern California, near Sacramento. Contact Todd at (707) 312-1844.

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Past Event Vehicle Counts

By John Neuenburg

When I was doing some research on past events for a letter I wrote to Johnny about his July article asking what we can do to attract more younger participants, I ran across an interesting after action article in the June 1990 newsletter about the Patterson Rally. The writer talked about how the Spring meet had grown in a dozen years. The vehicle count was interesting: 4 tracked, 62 jeeps, 2 motorcycles, 4 bicycles, 4 scooters, 8 Mules, 3 command cars, 2 staff cars, 1 carryall, 2 ambulance, 41 other trucks, 55 trailers, 1 fire truck, 1 search light, 2 pickups, 11 miscellaneous. Total 201 MVs! Since I didn't have anything better to do, I looked at other newsletters for MV counts, normally by our Secretary Pat Thelander. Here are some published MV totals counting trailers:

1978-1988 ? I couldn't find newsletters

1988 – 158

1989 – 163

1990 – 201 Last Patterson meet

1991 - ? First Big Bear Park meet

1992 – 189

1993 – 153

1994 – 182

1995 – 195 rain “probably missed some who left early”

1996 - ? Editor said less than 400 members in the club

1997 - 180

1998 – 168 “Down due to rain”

1999 – 125 Some people probably waited for 1999

MVPA convention in San Jose to bring one

2000 – ? Editor said nearly 600 members in club. The 1999 convention probably helped our growth

2001 – ? Rain

2002 – 161

2003 – 170 Last Big Bear meet

2004 – 201 First Tower Park meet. The 2003 Alameda MVPA convention probably helped growth

2005 – 201 Maintaining the numbers

2006 – 164 Rain

2007 – “Over 200” and she heard it was the biggest event in U.S.

2008 – “Almost 200”

We had good growth during the 13 years of the Spring Tower Park meet, the most central location we have used. For a period after 2008 we neglected to publish MV counts consistently. There are a lot of factors that go into the number of vehicles and people who attend. Location very important. The weather forecast too. The SoCal club starting an annual 60-site camping meet in 2018 probably decreased the number from the south who travel north, especially with an MV. For 2023 Camp Plymouth, Johnny reported “over 135 MVs.” A low number but we are apparently up on campsites used and especially visitor attendance. That venue checks a lot of our boxes, like capacity for RVs and tents, visitor parking, nice MV driving area, great place to bring a spouse, but it's farther from where our MV concentration is compared to Tower Park and even Big Bear. With fuel costs being high that hurts some who like to drive or tow MVs. But do what you can, folks. This is a military vehicle club! Let's show our new visitors some iron!

BLAST FROM THE PAST - 2007 Camp Delta at Tower Park Spring Meet



My Liberty Truck

By Aidan McMackin

My Liberty be was delivered on 3/24 1919 and is a post-war fulfillment contract. It is one of the few trucks that wasn't exported. It was probably used in the Pacific Northwest at an army base there. Somewhere around Yakima or The Dalles. It was surplus out at an unknown time and was used on a farm. Once the engine failed it was put in a barn and sat there until it was purchased by the previous owner who then sold it to me. There was at least two Liberties on the farm. One was slowly strip down for parts and now exists as just a frame

The Class-B Standardized Military Truck or "Liberty Truck" was a heavy-duty truck produced by the United States Army during World War I. It was designed by the Quartermaster Corps with help from the Society of Automotive Engineers in 1917 in an effort to help standardize the immense parts catalogue and multiple types of vehicles then in use by the US military, as well as create a truck which possessed all the best features of heavy truck technology then available. It was the first official standardized motor vehicle adopted and produced by the US Military.



From Wiki-The Liberty truck was designed by the Motor Transport section of the Quartermaster Corps in cooperation with the members of the civilian Society of Automotive Engineers. Prototype design of the 3–5 ton truck began in mid-1917, and the first two running prototypes appeared 69 days after the design was finalized in mid-1917. Both trucks were assembled and driven over 400 miles from their assembly locations to Washington D.C., arriving without any major breakages or halts on October 19, 1917 and presented to Secretary of War Newton D. Baker. Following its approval and subsequent small changes to some design and technical aspects, official production of the First-type truck began in January 1918 with parts being produced by 150 different companies and assembly contracts awarded to 15 companies. The following are numbers produced in total prior to the signing of the Armistice of 11 November 1918.

Of the 9,364 produced prior to the Armistice, several made it to French shores all of the 1st Series variant with electric lights. The first trucks arrived in early October 1918 and steadily flowed into French ports before and after the Armistice. Few made it into frontline service by wars end. Contracts for an additional 43,000 vehicles were canceled in December 1918 and production halted on trucks entirely by 1919. Following the war, many Class-B Liberty trucks were sold-off surplus to the civilian market and other militaries.



Some trucks would see use by foreign armies such as the early Polish Airforce and Army during the Polish-Bolshevik War of 1920-21, as well as with the American Expeditionary Force, Siberia. However, several trucks would continue service with the US Military into the lean days of the late 20s and early 30s receiving engine, body and tire upgrades transforming them into wholly different trucks. The trucks seem to have generally disappeared from military use by 1940.





Right- V-J Day in Times Square NYC when the news is announced of the surrender of Japan - August 14, 1945



Left- 3rd Division, soldiers, in France with Liberty truck

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