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L-R; Jack, Tim and Kimiko Bowman and their CCKW-photo by Johnny...

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Hello MVCC,

Hopefully everyone made it through summer and Camp Plymouth is right around the corner so if you haven't gotten your registration in by now well you're out a luck, you can, however, contact 49er. We got a lot of stuff to go over at the general membership meeting on Saturday so if you could only make it one day make it Saturday.

On that note it looks like we're going to be making a special convoy to Art Archers location in Jackson, his daughter asked us to do a military convoy to his assisted living facility and I wholeheartedly agree that we should take and do it, considering everything that Art has done for us over the years. On a more personal note, congratulations to our newest vice president, Tim Colburn for taking over from Charles Tope at Central Coast and I'd also like to thank everyone for voting me back in as president, but, I'm giving you guys a warning that this is going to be my last term so if anybody wants to be president, I'll be more than happy to help him/her prep for it for the next two years.

One thing that we're planning for the spring meet is to have more events on Saturday, make Saturday the Main Day, switching over from Friday. The showcases and dinner, raffle and dance will be on Saturday. There's talk of having an additional convoy and other activities to fill out the day so please plan ahead. Last year we had an abundance of public to completely filled the parking lot and overflowed. Let's keep it up, the more people we get through the door the more members we get, the stronger we become. That's all for now. I'll see you at the meet.

Till next time, you're President, Chris.



L-R Chris, Tim, his half track, and I at Spirit of 45



Spirit of 45 in San Jose

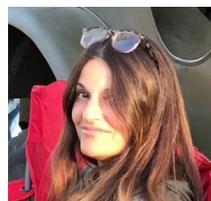
40mm AA Bofers Gun demonstrated by Chris Thomas, photos taken at Spirit of 45 by Johnny.

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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER!

Where has 2023 gone? Is it me or is this year flying super-fast... Anyways, what's going on in the MVCC you ask? We are getting ready for the MVCC's Fall Meet. This is a smaller meet. Please don't expect the fall meet to be like the spring meet when you arrive in Plymouth California. I hope for that to change someday with some commitment by members and venders. If you're an MVCC member or vender and would like to see the MVCC put forth more effort for the fall meet please let your board members know.

WW2 Jeeps-affordable or priced out of your reach? There is no doubt that WW2 Jeeps, MB or GPW, are a highly sought out item. Someday I will own one, perhaps in exchange for a kidney? Lol. My experience is that WW2 jeeps are few and far between making them rare and hard to find. I have spotted some out there, prices do differ, but they are out there, so if your heart is set on buying one, please do so, they are so much fun to drive. I've driven Don Gomes 1942 GPW Jeep and Chris Thomas 1943 GPW and always had a blast. The sound of a WW2 Jeep motor is so cool, its recognizable, it's a beautiful humming sound that makes the hair on the back of my neck stand up with joy. I live in Gustine, population 5,000, everything is nearby, so a WW2 Jeep would be my preferred method of transportation daily. I've been asked many times, "would a WW2 Jeep be a good investment?" My answer is always, "yes, yes it would undoubtedly be a worth while investment you could play with."

Wilys Slat Grill Restoration- I've been helping Don Gomes restore a Willys Slat Grill Jeep. For those that don't know, Slat Grill Jeeps are rarer than regular WW2 Jeeps. Don is restoring one for his wife's boss. This slat grill model is the one with the glove box, even earlier ones didn't have a glove box. What's cool about this Slat Grill WW2 Jeep is its complete, original engine, everything under the hood is there and original, original steering wheel, etc. What might have kept this jeep together is the father of the owner of the jeep bought the jeep from the military as surplus after WW2. Which made this family the only owners of this Jeep when bought from the US Military. If you love building WW2 models in 1/35 scale you will love doing it in 1/1 scale.

WWII Photo Hollywood Actress Cleo Moore 1940's 1950's on the front cover.

Masters of the Air Series- There is a lot of anticipation for Masters of the Air, a book turned into a Series, produced by Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg. Both Mr. Hanks and Mr. Spielberg are responsible for great WW2 movies like Saving Private Ryan, Greyhound, The Pacific (Series) and Band of Brothers (Series). I'm REALLY looking forward to this series.

Thank you to Sean Farley & Chris "Toadman" Hughes for their articles this month. I asked Sean because he had gone to the MVPA Convention and I had asked Toadman because he always goes to the coolest museums all over the place. Thank you guys, for taking the time to write these.

If you have something going on in your area please submit your articles and photos to me ANYTIME, no matter the location. We want to see what's going on EVERYWHERE.

Interesting question: I was asked, do you have to own a military vehicle to be a member of the MVCC? The short and long answer is no. You do not need to own a military vehicle to be a member of the MVCC. All you need is an interest in historic military vehicles. In other words, WE WANT YOU.

Thank you to Edward Jankowski for giving me permission to use his photos in our newsletter. Mr Jankowski takes photos at reenactment events in Poland and surrounding areas. I had notices his photos, enjoyed them, and decided to contact him for permission to use them, he replied, kindly, yes, I may. Thank you Mr Jankowski.

Christina's WW2 Reproduction Coveralls- When you have WW2 military vehicles, you need WW2 reproduction clothing to go with the drivers. I've been in search of coveralls for Christina, that search came to an end when, while searching for stuff to do in England while there for the 80th Anniversary we noticed that Soldier of Fortune Reproduction Clothing company was located in Northern England. Too far to drive to at the moment, so, I ordered Christina WW2 women's reproduction coveralls from SOF in England. They arrived the other day, good news, they fit great, Christina was super happy and loved them, bummer news, its \$29 shipping, which, if you consider it, is cheaper than a plane ticket, so all good. Christina is happy, therefore, I am very happy.

See you all soon. Johnny & Christina Verissimo..



Me helping Don take apart a Slat Grill Jeep for restoration



Christina and I at Spirit of 45 Event

Spirit of 45 in San Jose

by Johnny & Christina Verissimo

There are not words to describe Spirit of the 45 in San Jose last month. Like I've said many times, if your into WW2 history or just US History in general, then this event was put together just for you. It's a celebration of a generation that did incredible things, all over the world, in a short amount of time, and many of those people didn't come back, many did, it's a period in time where the United States of America became THE United States of America.

Spirit of 45 event takes place at History Park in San Jose, a place that looks like it froze in the 1940's. There is not one building out of place at History Park. The buildings at History Park range from 1920's to early 1940's, when you enter History Park it's like stepping back in time or stepping onto a movie set. The Park itself is just the backdrop, now include all the participants and volunteers who dress the part, including the nurses, the USO, the soldiers, the sailors, the policemen, the ladies, the young people, the older people, all dressed to period attire, the classic cars, and **military vehicles**, all period correct, not to forget the BIG Band playing on the street in front of the vintage store fronts at night, take of this in to account and you are missing a heck of an opportunity to see great things and celebrate a great generation. I do a lot of cool things all year round, this event is in my top 3.



The buildings at History Park are restored and decorated inside, to period standards. There is a doctors house that is fully furnished, a post office building, ice cream parlor, fire house, trolley building, gas station, town park and the list goes on. It's a great place to bring your military vehicle to so you can use it as a backdrop for your military vehicle photos.

World War 2 vehicles represented at this years 45 included a CCKW, a DUKW, yes! a DUKW! Half track, 40mm Bofers AA gun and carriage, 2 command cars, desert truck, lots of jeeps, trailers, for a total of 17 WW2 vehicles.



Christina and I will be back again next year, do yourself a favor, join us, you won't regret it. Its US History, it's a celebration, its about not forgetting the past, its saying "thank you."

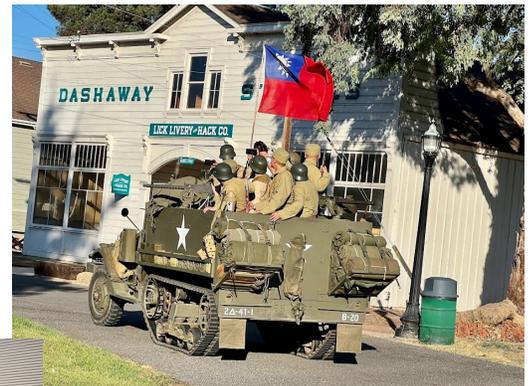
I'd like to say Thank you to Robert Corpus and ALL the Volunteers for putting on this event. Thank you to all the MVCC members and non-members who brought WW2 military vehicles to this event. See you all next year,



Johnny & Christina~



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Howdy MV'ers,

Camp Plymouth fall meet is coming soon. It'll be here before you know it so get crackin' on the MVs and those much-needed PMs. The fall meet is typically smaller and quieter than the spring meet but it's a great way to wind down and relax a bit. I'm looking forward to trying out my S250 camper conversion. I mentioned last month I was going to share some pictures of the interior and some mods I'm doing. Well, as it turns out, I haven't got to those mods yet. Maybe next month I'll have some of the mods done then I'll have some stuff to share.

I wanted to share a nice event the wife and I checked out. The Yolo Antique Tractor Association had a tractor show in Woodland CA. This event was held Thursday thru Sunday. We decided to go on Sunday. There was a good turnout and it was fun to see them parade their vintage tractors throughout the day. This is a very small club but the attendance was high and I think that has a lot to do with them having their event go thru Sunday. As Johnny mentioned in a previous article, I also feel very strongly about having our event go thru Sunday to increase public traffic.



At the event, I saw a really cool Dodge fire truck. I bet the Dodge Boys would like this as well. **Photo #1**

I'm excited to share a project with you from a fellow member. John Amaral has been working on a 1975 M715. John bought the truck from fellow club member Kim Sievert about 3 years ago. Kim had it for several years and wasn't doing anything with it. John offered to buy and Kim agreed to the sale. Kim bought it from another person who got it from Beale Air Force base. The truck had an air raid horn on it. John originally wasn't going to do a full frame-off restoration because it was in pretty good shape already and was pretty much 100% complete. Well, one thing led to another, and it became a frame-off resto. Obtaining parts has been a challenge for John but Luckily, most parts are there. He's trying to keep it as original as possible including sanding, priming and painting the original hardware versus replacing with new. Working on it has been a challenge because it's in his backyard and he doesn't have a lot of room. At this point, most of the parts are blasted, epoxy coated and repainted with period correct semi-gloss paint. His plan is to finish by the end of this year. I told John I would keep putting updates in the newsletter as an incentive to get the truck done.



Photo #1, by Mike Fedyk

Here is what the truck looked like when he bought it. **Photo #2**

John, your truck is going to look amazing when done. Keep up the good work. For everyone reading, please share your projects, events, etc. with me so I can include them in our newsletter for all to enjoy and participate.



Regards,
Big Mike

John Amaral 1975 M715 restoration



Photo #2



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Greetings fellow OD enthusiasts! Here's a short article about another project vehicle waiting for attention. You know the story: Too many projects, not enough time to work on all of them...

Every MV has a story. This is the story of my 1945 GMC DUKW (usually called a "Duck"). Several years ago, I had the opportunity to purchase an original DUKW from its original civilian owner, that is, the individual that purchased it from the military in 1972. He was a former tank commander and operated a pier and buoy construction business on Lake Tahoe. The DUKW was used as a work platform to transport and install piers and buoys on the lake from 1972 to 2010 or so. He put it up for sale in early 2011 when he "could no longer climb in and out of it".



He gave me a \$1,500 discount off his asking price of \$14,00 when he learned that I planned to restore it back to original. Since it was used in construction, the only modifications to it were the addition of a rack for welding tanks and the removal of the forward bulkhead (bolt-in) in the cargo bay. The photos are of it when it first arrived at my house after a long haul down from North Shore, Lake Tahoe. It still has its original data plates, engine and transmission, winch, air compressor, and air tank. It also has its original side skirts, which are typically missing on DUKWs. The DUKW is based on the GMC CCKW 2-1/2 ton 6x6, essentially a truck frame and drivetrain with a steel hull installed around it.

Per the serial number (18747) and data plates, this DUKW was delivered in mid-1945, in time for the invasion of Okinawa. It served with the Marine Corps on Okinawa (per the previous owner) and went on to serve as a Coast Guard rescue boat after the Marines retired their DUKW Companies shortly after WWII. Hence the layers of paint from the base zinc chromate primer with Army OD green on top, then Marine Corps green, then Coast Guard yellow, then civilian grey. The Coast Guard retired it in 1972 along with several others, three of which were purchased by the guy I bought this one from.



The original engine runs great. I have not tried to float it yet, but it has all its original drain plugs and boots as well as the original water propellor and rudder. It came with an extra set of original DUKW wheels and some extra tires, so it now has a set of six new 1100-18 tires and a nice spare. There is very little rust in the hull, with some in-service patch work evident on the hull where holes were patched over by the military. I've only found one small hole under one of the rear hat channels that needed repair. During the initial restoration work, I had to completely rebuild the brake system, including all lines, master cylinder and booster, wheel cylinders, shoes and drums. Even the brake pedal itself had been removed (don't know why...) but I found one on EBay. I used easy-to-form copper-nickel brake lines that don't corrode, since water is part of a DUKW's normal environment. I neglected to replace the existing steel line from the intake manifold to the brake booster, which is why the brakes still don't work correctly since the engine dies when the brakes are applied – indicative of a massive vacuum leak most likely due to a rust hole in the vacuum line.



Other projects have forced the DUKW into a holding pattern until I can get a few other things done. It's not the easiest vehicle to work on... everything is BIG and heavy. In the meantime, it sits in the driveway in front of my house, getting comments from delivery drivers and guests alike that all want to know, "What is that?".

Until next time, keep 'em rollin' ! Dave



1945 GMC DUKW (usually called a "Duck").

Toadman Visits the U.S. Army Field Artillery Museum

by Chris Hughes

This past July, I spent 8-days at Fort Sill, Oklahoma on a photo assignment for my new employer. During that time, I was able to visit the U.S. Army Field Artillery Museum. I'd been wanting to visit this museum for several years and my wait was well worth it!

Fort Sill is located approximately 90 minutes south of Oklahoma City and 60 minutes north of Wichita Falls, Texas. Opened in 2009, the museum features 3 galleries containing a variety of artifacts, militaria, and of course, artillery pieces. Upon entering the museum, you are greeted by a large diorama featuring a horse-drawn artillery battery from the Mexican War 1846-48. There's also a small display with a German Artillery Observation Mast Telescope from World War I. This is located to the right of the museum entrance.

The museum galleries are located on the south, west, and north sides of the museum. The south or "McMahon Foundation Gallery" features U.S. artillery development and usage between the years of 1775 and 1913. Numerous small cannons, howitzers, and other equipment are displayed here. Each piece has an information placard which provides a brief history on the type of artifact, its characteristics, and any history of the item on display. This is standard for all displays in the museum.

The west or "McCasland Foundation Gallery" is located at the center of the museum, to the left of the Mexican American War artillery diorama. It covers artillery and equipment used from 1945 up to the present day. The displays seen here are quite complex. When you enter the gallery, you're immediately greeted with a winter scene from the Korean War featuring a 155mm Howitzer Motor Carriage M41, a 155mm Gun M1A1 "Long Tom" and a High Speed Tractor M5A1. The lighting and simulated snow in this scene gives one a sense of the poor conditions often faced by troops in Korea. The M41 itself is a special vehicle as there are only two of them left in the world, the other being a war trophy on display in a museum in Beijing, China.

Another large diorama in the west gallery features a Vietnam War firebase set up with a 105mm Howitzer M102. On the far right of the firebase scene is a 175mm Self-propelled Gun M107. This is an imposing vehicle with an extremely large gun. It is posed as if it were on the move. An AH-1G Huey Cobra gunship hanging from the ceiling of the gallery continues the Vietnam War theme.

Modern vehicles are also included in the west gallery with a Command Post Track M577A2 and a Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) M270 representing Operation Desert Storm-era vehicles and a 155mm Self-propelled Howitzer M109A6 Paladin and a Bradley Fire Support Team Vehicle M7 for the war in Iraq. Additional pieces such as counter-battery radars and a 155mm Howitzer XM777 are also on display in the gallery.

The U.S. Army Field Artillery Museum is located on Fort Sill and was opened in 2009.



Upon entering the museum, visitors are greeted by a large diorama featuring a horse drawn artillery battery from the Mexican War 1846-48.



The west gallery of the museum features artillery and ancillary equipment used between 1775 and 1913. This 6-pounder cannon was built in Austria and was used by Confederate forces during the American Civil



On the right or north side of the museum is the “LTC Gene Love USA (Ret.)” gallery. Like the other two galleries, it is loaded with artillery and vehicles in use from 1914 through 1945. The entrance to the galleries features several World War I uniform displays along with a substantial diorama of a 75mm Field Gun M1897, aka “French 75” in action in France.

As you make your way through the gallery, additional World War I-era and Between the Wars guns and vehicles can be seen. Included are a Model 1917 10-ton Artillery Tractor, 75mm Field Gun Model 1916, and an Italian 37mm Infantry Gun just to name a few. There are video presentations and numerous photos and infographics on the gallery walls.

After completing the WW I/Between the Wars section, you immediately enter the World War Two portion of the gallery. On the right is a 75mm Howitzer Motor Carriage M8. Across from the M8 is a large “Battle of the Bulge” diorama featuring a 105mm Howitzer Motor Carriage M7, a Jeep, and a German 7.5cm L.G.40 Recoilless Gun.

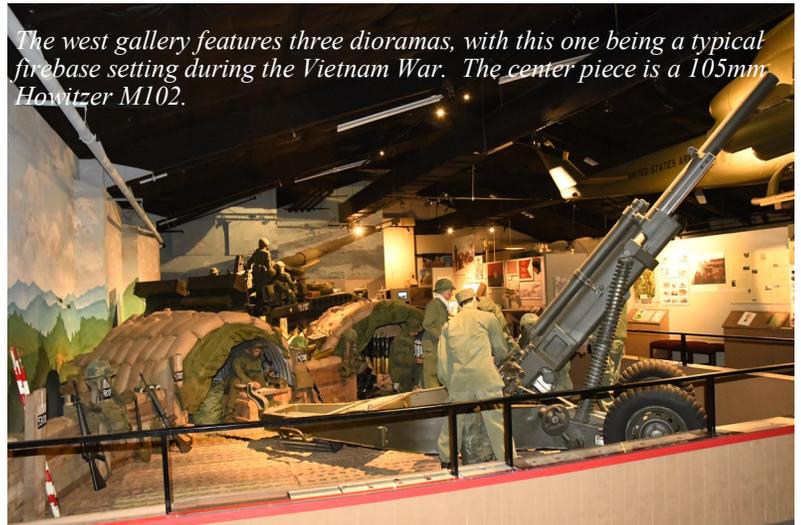
Around the corner from the Battle of the Bulge scene is a 155mm Gun Motor Carriage M12. The M12 mounted a World War I-era, French 155mm GPF gun on a M3 Lee tank chassis. Only 100 of them were built at the beginning of World War II and the one on display is the sole survivor. Displayed in front of the M12 is a German 10.5cm le FHM 18 howitzer. Across from the M12 are a 75mm Pack Howitzer M1A1, a 105mm Howitzer M2A1, and several Japanese pieces.

The north gallery finishes up with the Artillery Tech Gallery which features missiles such as the M752 Lance missile launcher and variety of early fire control computers and radars.

Across the street from the museum is Artillery Park. There, you will find another 70+ towed and self-propelled artillery pieces along with rocket and missile launchers. Included are pieces from pre-World War I such as a German 7.7cm Model 1896 Field Gun up through the American 155mm Self-propelled Howitzer XM2001 “Crusader” prototype that was cancelled in 2002. Artillery from the U.S., Germany, the U.S.S.R., Italy, the United Kingdom, Japan, and France are all represented.



This 5-inch Siege Rifle Model of 1898 was produced in very limited numbers between 1898 and 1902. This particular gun was built in 1902 and was one of the last ones built.



The west gallery features three dioramas, with this one being a typical firebase setting during the Vietnam War. The center piece is a 105mm Howitzer M102.



Left-The entrance to the north gallery features several World War I uniform displays.

Below-One of the larger vehicles in the west gallery is a 155mm Self-propelled Howitzer M109A6 Paladin. The Paladin is currently the standard self-propelled howitzer in service with the U.S. Army.



The U.S. Army Field Artillery Museum at Fort Sill is open Tuesday-Saturday from 9:00am until 5:00pm. Artillery Park is open at first light and is accessible at night as it has excellent lighting. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. More information about the museum can be found on their website: <https://sill-www.army.mil/famuseum>

All visitors over 18 years of age are required to obtain a visitors pass from the Fort Sill Visitors Center, which is located about 2 miles from the museum. Visitors 16 or 17 years old who plan on driving to the museum will also need a pass. Visitor pass information can be found by visiting the Fort Sill Visitors website: <https://sill-www.army.mil/vcc/>

If you're in the Oklahoma City area and have an available day, I highly recommend a visit to this museum. It is very well put together with numerous displays.



This infantry gun was used by the Italian Army during World War I and was a copy of an Austro-Hungarian piece.

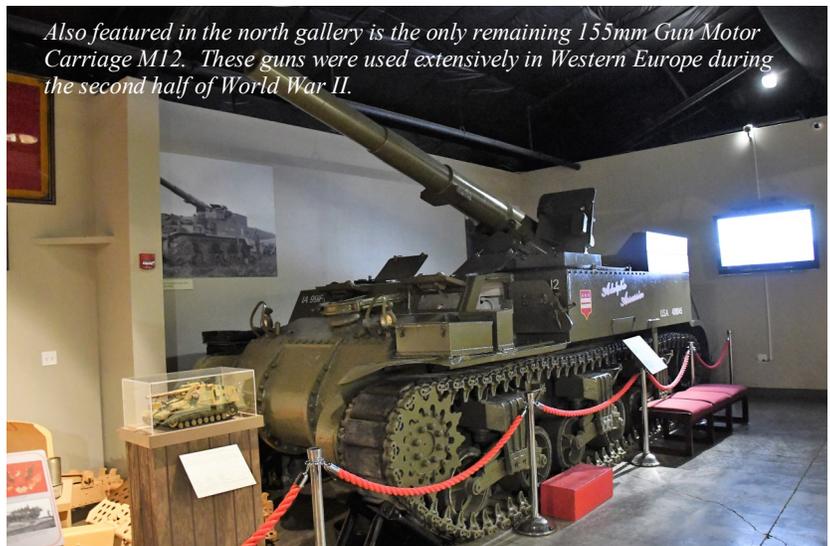


Just past the uniform display cases is a substantial diorama featuring a 75mm Field Gun Model 1897, aka, "French 75".

Below-The M65 Atomic Cannon, aka "Atomic Annie" was developed to fire nuclear artillery rounds. Of the 20 M65's produced, this was the only one to fire a live, nuclear round.



The far end of the north gallery features a Battle of the Bulge diorama. It showcases a 105mm Howitzer Motor Carriage M7, a Jeep, and a German 7.5cm L.G. 40 Recoilless Gun.



Also featured in the north gallery is the only remaining 155mm Gun Motor Carriage M12. These guns were used extensively in Western Europe during the second half of World War II.

Below-Across the street from the museum is Artillery Park. There, visitors can see more than 70 artillery pieces from all over the world.





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Hello North Bay West and beyond,

Happy Summer to all! Well... “the switch has been flipped” on the Summer! Somehow August is almost over?! Hope the membership is keeping cool and that you all are getting those MV’s out into shows, parades, or trail rides!

I have been busy with all the family events that we deal with during this time of year. As I try to sprinkle a bit of MV flavor in. I was roped into a retired men’s club presentation on the WWII jeep and how it was developed. I brought out the ’42 Script GPW w/ the M1917 Machine gun. It was a hit! A lot of interest! Thanks to the group for having me!

The 4th of July parade was outstanding this year in Napa with record breaking attendance. Members like Greg LaLonde, CJ Bertagna, Octavio Auguilar and (the winner of the Spring’s WWII show case) Jeff & Karen Itemann all brought the jeeps out to celebrate Independence Day. Thanks to those guys for sending the pics and showing up!

Update:

Member John Nuenburg updated us on the postponement of the Jerimiah O’Brian event in the City. This was dated for Aug. 19-20, 2023. I guess the ship is at Mare Island in dry dock for repairs. The new tentative date is for Fleet week which is usually the first week in Oct. Stay tuned on that.

As a substitute for that date, we have a classic car show in The Russian River in “the Vacation Wonderland” of Monte Rio! John Nuenburg will be the contact on that. Hopefully we can get the North Bay group to make a strong showing.

We also have our famous Veteran’s Day parade in Petaluma on November 11th. Always a great parade and all MVer’s welcome! Come and join us in celebrating our Veterans.

Member Project Showcase:

I would like to showcase member Lars Aspelin’s ’42 GPW (script) project that he is involved in. This is a March 1942, Richmond, Ca. jeep. He now has a rolling chassis with motor and drive train. This is the 3rd ’42 GPW (script) that Lars has restored. When I say restored.....I mean saved! He is a purist almost to a fault. Lars does a great job, and we love to see these rigs come back to life! If he can’t use a NOS new part, he will restore and old “take off”. This project is going to be one of the jeeps in the “Return to Normandy” for Spearhead 6 group that is going back again for the 80th Anniversary of the Normandy invasion. Keep up the good work and I can’t wait to this this rig “overseas”!

“Keep Your Powder Dry”

Scott Rohrs



Members Project Spotlight:

Lars Aspelin's 1942 GPW (Ford Script) manufactured at the Richmond, Ca. plant.





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Hi MV'ers,

Not too much to report from the East Bay. It's been nice to have the M37 back on the road and I've been chasing down some parts for the new engine we're going to put together this fall. I did have a radiator re-cored and rebuilt. If you need to have one done you may not want to put it off. Shops are getting hard to find and the cost of a core is sobering. I also picked up some nice tools to work on the flathead's valvetrain. It was helpful to visit an older machine shop to see what's available and take photos and search for the tools on the web. I scored some nice tools inexpensively. On another note, I was in town the other day and spotted an M43 in someone's driveway not 2 miles from my house. I was able to speak to the owner and he has a GPW too. I'm encouraging him to join up. It may take dragging him to Plymouth to firmly set the hook :).

Please note the Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade is approaching. Hopefully I'll see you there and at Plymouth too!

Andy



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Hello MVCC'ers!

I hope you're all deep in the process of getting ready for the Camp Plymouth Fall Meet!

Unfortunately, due to a lack of vacation time, Nik and I once again will miss the Fall Meet. But we're already making plans for April '24!

Around here in Northern Nevada, Damon Viola and I spent a few days in August cruising around in Damon's spectacularly restored '43 GPW in the Hot August Nights car show here in Reno Sparks. It's so much fun to watch people walk right past a beautifully restored Mustang or Camaro and straight to Damon's GPW to get a closer look.

Things have been crazy for me and my Bride this Summer, and we've pretty much been just doing the daily grind with work and trying to eek out a few minutes to do hobby/fun stuff on the weekends. But Damon and I were invited to bring his GPW and my HMMWV to the University of Nevada Reno to participate in the Veteran's Club BBQ at the end of August, and we're tentatively planning to participate in the Veteran's Day Parade in Reno possibly supporting Nevada Honor Flight. But before all that happens, I need to swap out a leaky fuel pump on my HMMWV.

I hope all of you can get your vehicles out this Fall in your local area to just go for a cruise, attend a car show, support veteran organizations, and share the history of your vehicles with the public.

Keep 'em Rolling,
Sean

Photo coming soon..

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Hello, I'm happy to be your new Central Coast VP. Here's a little bit about myself. I've been married for 36 years to a wonderful lady (my wife told me to add that) and have 2 grown children. I've been a member of the MVCC for 20 years. I have been working on Jeeps for about 15 years. I have a 1941 slat grill Willys and I love to talk about Jeeps. I've attended almost all of the meets since 2003 and have the T-shirt to prove it. Met a lot of great people at the meets and have developed many good friendships. Hope to make some more. I probably know most of you but if I don't I'd like to meet you. I will be in site 212 at the Spring meet. So, come by and say 'Hi'. I've really enjoyed being a member of the club and would like to see it thrive. Hope everyone is doing well and I will see you at the meet.

Sincerely,
Tim

UPCOMING EVENTS



September 11th-16th 2023-The MVCC Fall Meet in Plymouth California. For more information keep an eye out in the following MVCC newsletters. For space reservations contact Jennifer Tanis (MVCC wagon master) mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com

September 27th to 1st October- SCMVCC So Cal Rally 2023. Lytle Creek. Sonita Ranch Camp Ground. 900 S Ford Rd. Lytle Creek, CA. 92358. For Camping Reservations contact Richard Johnson (619-993-5284. www.scmvcc.com. Military Vehicles & Vendors all week.

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

April 14th -20th 2024-The MVCC Camp Plymouth Spring Showcase and Swap Meet. Its gona be **BIGGER** and **BETTER** than **EVER!** Please plan in advance! Reservations go quick, especially cabins and the local hotel. Sunday the 21st is a move out day. Saturday is the Showcase, Dinner, Raffle and Dance. Come, enjoy, bring friends, bring your family, bring your town, we want you! Details and flyers to follow!!!



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Don Gomes, (Central Valley VP) MVCC Quartermaster, Divisions 209,559,661,760, 442
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Hello to all MVCC Members,

I hope your all staying cool in this crazy heatwave we're having again! I started the tear down on my wife's bosses 1942 Slat grill Jeep. First, I wanted to make sure the engine was in running condition and the trans shifted. So, the engine smoked a little but ran smoothly till I floored it and it started missing. The next thing to do was to start pulling all the body parts off so Johnny Verissimo started helping me. Johnny and I started by removing handles, seats, 80lbs of home-made back bumper, bow brackets and small parts. A couple of days later we pulled out the grill, headlights, starter, generator, fan and radiator. The next day I pulled the Tub and today my friend Denny came by the ranch and helped me removed the engine, trans and transfer case.

Here's a couple of photos of our progress. Please stay turned for my next installment. Also, I'm looking for a set of MB Bows and rear seat. Please don't forget to come see us at the Camp Plymouth Club booth at our fall meet.

Keeping The GTB History Alive!
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Arrival Date _____ Check Out Date _____ **Payment in full to MVCC by Sept 1st 2023**

Assigned Site # / # of Nights /	Description of site, Pick one	/ Per Night / Total
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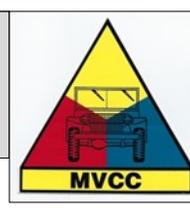
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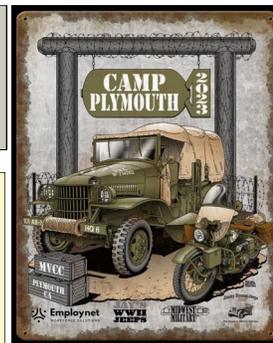
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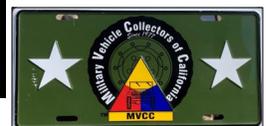


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For Sale: GPW Engine, Serial Number 144723, no manifolds. GPW block and parts, Serial Number 18971. CJ-2A complete frame with front and rear differentials with 15" Jeep wheels. Contact Alvin Rentsch (707)972-8726

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.



FOR SALE: Fully restored, 1941 Chevrolet USMC Staff Car, by Jerry Mambretti. As seen at many MVCC meets and parades. Ground up resto. Fuel injected, power steering, power brakes, cruise control and more. Located in Azalea, Oregon just 86 miles over the CA border on I-5. \$40,000 OBO. Email Donna Mambretti @ sgtjswife@yahoo.com. Can send more photos if interested.



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

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



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.

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



For Sale - 1945 Jeep for sale, M.B. production date 3/4/45. I Have owned for 33 years, driver, and lots of parades. Still looks good, Field modifications, 20 footer." Road Hard put away wet," \$8,500.00 trade possible? Larry Pirack (510-612-8955) backtothe40@gmail.com

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



Wanted: CH-153 -chest for purchase or to be able to get dimensions from a chest to have one built. These were used to house the SCR-193 radio set in the M3A1 Scout car as well as the 3/4 ton Command Car and Weapons carrier. Paul Thekan (650) 385 -1719 , email pfthekan@gmail.com

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.



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 \$850 Scott 415 259 8177



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For Sale: ¼ ton M416 Trailer bed with lunette, Bed not rotten/ dent in the from bulkhead (fixable). Great for a truck bed for a resto mod or replacement for another trailer \$750 OBO



For Sale: Assorted complete CJ2a and Mil. Jeep (MB) complete axle assemblies (front and rear) \$250 a set

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
Bradcarrott@gmail.com



For Sale-M-274 A5, 1968 (Mechanical Mule) \$15,000 obo, Fresh paint, Full electric start. Two front baskets and seats. Driving lights. Extra engine, spare parts. Runs perfect, 13.5 hours on current engine. Tow bar, (N.O.S.). Replaced tie rods. New tires, with spare. Full set of manuals. New steering wheel (N.O.S).

FOR SALE: 1946 Chevrolet Fleetmaster U.S. Army Staff car \$12,000 OBO – New carpet kit and plenty of extras. Contact Jeff Sutherland at Cell (209) 456-1581 or Home/Office (209) 365-1132



Wanted – An original condition M762 ¼ trailer. Brad Carrott (831)345-0372 bradcarrott@gmail.com



For Sale -Ford GTB Bomb Truck: Very restorable Very Original. Desert rescue 2 years ago. Got it running and it sounds great. Needs brakes and a clutch adjustment. I would say its 90 percent there. Has a steel deck over original wood. It's located in a covered building in Elko NV. I'm Asking \$8500.00 John (415)559-9042 or paradise@coastside.net. I have a walk around video I can text or email to you.



For Sale- 1953 M38A1, It has the 24v system and engine ran fine with no noise when I disassembled the jeep to start restoration. Body parts in great shape with only a couple spots of rust around the fuel can mount holes. Parts are all organized in boxes, and I have lots of new and NOS parts including a NOS distributor, NOS front springs, drag link, new waterproof sparkplug wires, T-90 transmission rebuilt etc. Please see the pictures. My number is **(530) 777-8512 Paul. Asking \$5,000** due to condition and extra parts. Original hood registration number is visible. I have title. I do have, The wheels were all sand blasted and painted. I even have paint and primer to go with it. New 24v blackout light couple extra 24v coils etc. Parts and hardware labeled in boxes and baggies.



FOR SALE: 1953 M-43 Dodge Ambulance ¾ Ton 4X4. \$18,000 OBO- Plenty of extras. 24 Volt, Runs Great, All Original with U.S. Army Colors. Contact Jeff Sutherland at Cell (209) 456-1581 or Home/Office (209) 365-1132



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D-Day, Hel, Poland

This is something I found so cool and so interesting, so I want to share it with you all. I found this on Facebook, I follow a cool awesome photographer named **Edward Jankowski**, who photographed D-Day Hel reenactments, so I contacted him to ask if I could use his photos, he gladly said yes. So below words are off the D-Day Hel website. The military vehicle shows, reenactments in Europe are 2nd to none. Photos are by Edward. This gives you an idea of how seriously Europe celebrates D-Day and the Allies, especially the USA. I give a lot of respect for what they do in Poland.. Johnny..

Please read the following and check out their website:

D-Day Hel, in Poland, is an extraordinary historical spectacle referring to the largest Allied amphibious operation in Normandy in June 1944. Operation Overlord was a military operation that began with the successful invasion of German-occupied France on 6 June 1944 and lasted until the end of August. The Allied landings in Normandy were the initial phase of hostilities on the Western Front of World War II.

D-Day Hel distinguishes its duration, location and nature of the project from other events of this type. The spectacle takes place in the seaside resort at the end of the Hel Peninsula. For five days, the city of Hel turns into the center of military operations from the Second World War.

During the event, dozens of original and vintage military vehicles from the Second World War are presented. Hundreds of reenactors take on the role of soldiers fighting and living on the Western Front. The most popular are extremely spectacular stagings, during which historical weapons, armored vehicles and spectacular pyrotechnic effects are used.

D-Day Hel, in addition to staging, also consists of other additional events such as: concerts of music of the forties, fashion shows, competitions and vehicle parades. Events take place throughout the city, with particular emphasis on popular tourist destinations... www.d-dayhel.pl/#





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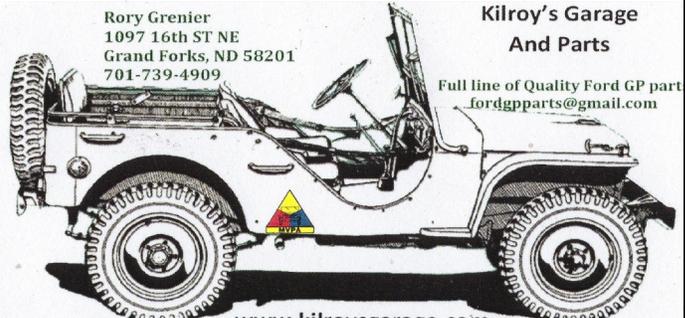
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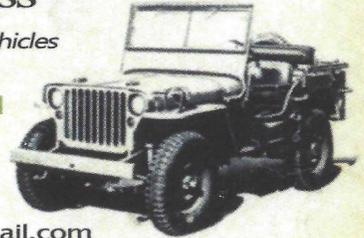
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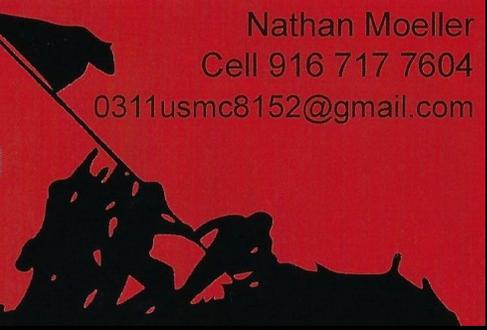


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MVPA Convention 2023

Des Moines, Iowa, by Sean Farley

Well the Farley Men set out again for another new adventure together, this time it was to the MVPA convention. None of us had never been to the convention before and this was such a treat. Opening day we were there like bright eyed kids at Christmas waiting for the doors to open! Rick 72, Sean 38, and Nathan 10, were first in line at the doors in our Matching NRG shirts. (Northern Recon Group) Once the doors opened we couldn't believe all the vehicles and vendors. We picked up our badges and items at the MVPA table and set off to look around. It was overwhelming to say the least. Nate immediately wanted to buy everything he saw! The first few hours went by so fast and by 10 AM it was time to get on a bus headed to Fort Dodge and tour the Gold Star Museum.

What a fantastic place to visit. Our family having several members who served on that post was a great connection for all three of us. All the history of Fort Dodge, The Iowa National Guard and the 34th Infantry Division was amazing. You could easily spend an entire day looking at all the tanks and equipment outside as well as the beautiful displays and historical facts about Iowa's Men and Women in Uniform. All to soon it was time to load backup on the bus and head back to the convention.

Once back we continued with pictures, meeting new friends and checking out all the amazing vehicles and displays. My Son Nathan as you can imagine, just like any 10 year old boy loved all the guns. At one booth Landon Klouda and Drew Burham were there representing their company Firearms Specialties Plus along with Landon's business LK Arms. They had a huge assortment of Still operational automatic weapons all legally owned and licensed. Nate could tell them what each of their weapons on display were. He further impressed them by explaining the different models, configurations, and rates of fire for the BAR's (Browning Automatic Rifle) through WWII. They were so impressed by Nate's knowledge that they let him hold and lay down with a SAW (Squad Automatic Weapon) and pose for pictures. By the end of convention Nate had made good friends with Landon and now has a standing invitation to come shoot anything in the collection when he comes back to Iowa! I can't say enough how nice everyone at convention was!

After three days of MV overload we packed up our hard found treasures and hit the road back to California. The memories made and the friendships forged will last our lifetimes, I don't think we could have had a better time or met better people. I want to thank all of the MVPA members that worked so hard to put that convention on! They really worked hard and we will never forget our time there.

Below-The M22 Locust, officially Light Tank (Airborne), M22, was an American-designed airborne light tank which was produced during World War II

Below-Father (Sean) and Son (Nathan) in front of a Sherman Tank.



Sean and son Nathan at MVPA Convention





Left and bottom-D-Day Hel, Poland, photos by Edward Jankowski



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