



# MVCC NEWS

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## **MIGHTY MITES INVADE TOWER PARK 2014**



The USMC M422 Mighty Mite has an aluminum body, independent suspension, weighs 1,700 pounds, has ¼-elliptical leaf springs, front and rear lockers and inboard drum brakes. The power plant is a 108 cu in 52hp American Motors air-cooled aluminum V4 with a top speed of 65 miles per hour.

The fully synchronized transfer case can be shifted from 2-wheel drive to 4-wheel drive on the fly.

In 1958, 250 vehicles were built by American Motors (AMC). Between 1960 and 1962 AMC built 3,922 Mighty Mites for the Marine Corps. The Mighty Mite was produced in two versions: the M422 and M422A1. The M422 had a 65-inch wheelbase and the M422A1 was 71 inches. Picture: Al Wollonciej

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Mac McCluskey sent in a picture of his Jeep and “pill box” flying the MVCC pennant. If you have a picture of your vehicle flying the MVCC pennant send it to your editor for publication. Thanks for the picture Mac, I like the “pill box” great job.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **April 20-26 2015 Spring Meet**

### **Camp Delta (Tower Park)**

Stockton Delta KOA (209) 369-1041

JoAnne Lesser [mamalesser@yahoo.com](mailto:mamalesser@yahoo.com)

“Biggest MV show in the United States”

**June 5-8 FIFI is coming**, The worlds only flying B29 will be at Mather Airport in Sacramento.

FIFI will be touring the central valley for info on locations to see FIFI or get a ride call Bill Condray of the Commemorative Air Force, 916-764-1492 or 916-962-1491 also visit [www.airpowertour.org](http://www.airpowertour.org)

**June 8th, 2014** Woodland, CA: Woodland Street Cruisers Annual Hot Rod Reunion Yolo County Fairgrounds from 8am to 3pm, Military Vehicles. POC: Dave Porter [dnporter56@comcast.net](mailto:dnporter56@comcast.net)

**June 21, 2014** – Eagle Field dinner, dance, and fly in. This is a free event. POC Nick Bombini [nbombini@gmail.com](mailto:nbombini@gmail.com)

**July 4th, 2014** Alameda Parade, All Military Vehicles welcome. We will meet at the museum, refreshments afterwards Contact Larry at 510- 522-6440 or email [backtothe40s@gmail.com](mailto:backtothe40s@gmail.com)

**July 4th, 2014** South Bay Area Group and MVCC will Participate in the Morgan Hill Independence Day Parade. POC is Jo-Ann Lesser 408 238 8277

**July 5th, 2014** Seaside Parade of Champions Sunday July 5th at Noon they now have a web site... [www.sspoc.org](http://www.sspoc.org) download the form to fill out.. and email it to [SeasidePOC@gmail.com](mailto:SeasidePOC@gmail.com)

## **September 21-28, 2014 Camp Delta Fall Meet**

Second largest annual MV gathering and swap meet in the West. Contact Stockton Delta KOA direct for camping reservations 209-369-1041. Campground 4.

**September 27th, 2014** Auburn Airport Thunder in the Sky; At the Auburn Airport from 8am to 4pm.

POC: Dave Porter [dnporter56@comcast.net](mailto:dnporter56@comcast.net)

## **October 10-13 2014 Fleet week San Francisco.**

Mark your Calendar's Fleet week is back and so are the Blue Angles and the US Navy Parade of ships. <http://www.fleetweek.us/>

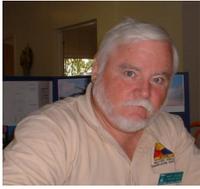
## **October 15-19 2014 Camp Gridley**

Camping, display and vendor sites \$30.00 per night, full hook-ups. Tent sites cost \$15.00 per night.

Butte County Fairgrounds. 199 E. Hazel St. Gridley Ca. POC. Bill Campbell, 530-518-1353 [nrg-news@comcast.net](mailto:nrg-news@comcast.net) Hosted by the NRG

If you have any questions or have information regarding a meet or activity in your area, contact your regional vice president or any of the officers to let them know. Be sure to visit our website for any last minute activities or changes to activities/events. Please submit information regarding upcoming activities to the newsletter editor at least two months before the scheduled event. All articles must be submitted to the newsletter editor by the 15th of each month.  
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## Presidents Message, June 2014

Several years ago the MVCC changed our dues year from January thru December to May thru April because so many members were waiting until Tower Park to pay their dues. The board thought it would be easier for the membership and bookkeeping. Up until the change we allowed a grace period from January until April and the club absorbed the Newsletter costs as part of doing business. This was costing the MVCC quite a bit due to the costs of the Newsletter and mailing. Trying to get our financials more in order with the change to the May thru April year we no longer have that grace period and memberships end on April 30th if dues aren't paid by then either by mail or at Tower Park. This year we saw a larger than average number of dropouts and we're attributing this to people not realizing that grace period no longer exists. This year it turns out to be more important than most because we are compiling the next club directory to be published later this year. Please pass the word to friends that if you want your name in the latest Directory you need to check to make sure your dues are paid. A quick note about the Directory, if you have new vehicles or information that you would like included it's important to contact us with that information as soon as possible. Likewise, if you would like to request that information not be included that needs get to us too.

Along those same lines, the feedback we got from Tower Park this month shows a large number of you didn't remember to make deposits on your campsites for April 2015. These deposits are critical for the April meet because we are so full. If you want to keep the location you were in this year it is important that you contact Kathy at Tower Park and make sure you have a deposit for next year. You risk losing your space if you don't and there is already a waiting list started for 2015!

As the summer months roll in we use the vehicles more and more. We tend to forget how important maintenance is but it's time to get hot on it. Breakdowns stink and safety needs to be a priority because we don't want anyone injured around our trucks. Check those brakes and fluids! When was the last time you thought about your tires? What's the correct tire pressure for your vehicle? The NTSB recommends changing tires every 8 years but most manufacturers recommend every 10 years. Because we don't put much annual mileage on them we forget how old some of them really are. There's a three or four digit code molded into the sidewall of your tire with week and year information in it that can tell you when your tires were produced. I remember I had a tire on my M37 that was dated 1952. The interesting thing was that tire was the only one that never lost pressure! I know that we aren't racing around but weather checking can cause tire failures at low speeds too. If your vehicle sits outside covering the tires to keep the sun off of them helps.

Keep 'em rolling  
SUPPORT OUR TROOPS  
Kurt Lesser



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Hello out there in MV land,  
Tower Park was great, despite the rain on Friday. Told you there were going to be more Halftracks in one place than you'd ever seen before! I hope you all found a Military Vehicle related event to participate in for Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day. I drove my '44 Willys in the Rocklin Founders Day / Armed Forces Day Parade on May 17th and participated in the CAM Vettes for Vets car show in Sacramento on May 26th. There were numerous other events happening on the same days – wish I could attend more than one at a time, but I haven't quite mastered being in more than one place at once. Now it's time to move on to the next events.

Here's a few events in our area this summer that you can participate in with your Military Vehicle:

- Woodland Street Cruisers 14th Annual Hot Rod Reunion, June 8th at the Yolo Co Fairgrounds. Contact Larry Vogelesang (530) 622-3814 (May have already past when you receive this newsletter).
- "Tribute America" Car Show, Paying Tribute to all Veterans/Military, June 25th at Skipolini's Pizza, 191 Blue Ravine, Folsom, CA. Contact me at [dnporter56@comcast.net](mailto:dnporter56@comcast.net) if you're interested.
- 4th of July parades at numerous locations. I'll be attending one in Lincoln with Ben Hovis and the Foothill Vintage Jeep Group. Contact Ben for more information at [ben1943@jarheadjeep.com](mailto:ben1943@jarheadjeep.com).
- Sacramento Capital Concours d' Elegance, August 23rd. Contact Dennis Larson 916-719-2563 at [dlla-son1@frontiernet.net](mailto:dlla-son1@frontiernet.net).

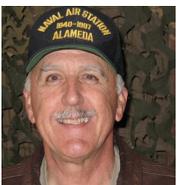
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Letter to the editor:

Thank you so much for sending your newsletter with reports on Tower Park.

We visited your show on April 24/27, flying in from the UK to San Francisco and stayed in Lodi.

Could we offer our congratulations on the displays and thank all your members that we met there who made us both so welcome.

In particular, Sandy and Rob Causey from Oroville, Joe Davis at Eagle Field Air force base, Frank Morris and Johnny and Christine with their superbly renovated half ton command car. With apologies to all the others who we have not mentioned and enjoyed meeting. You made our trip such a memorable one. Thank you all so much indeed.

Saving my pension to make a visit next year, best wishes to you all,

David and James Hawke,  
dahawke@icloud.com

## **Eagle Field Dinner and Dance Updated Information**

Eagle Field has been rescheduled for June 21, 2014. Please make note on your calendars.

Due to events out of our control, we have had to reschedule. We will not be bringing in the bombers this year but the dinner and dance will go on. Dinner starts at 6:00pm but everyone is encouraged to come out early. We will have living history displays and this year, we are putting an emphasis on WWII military and period correct civilian vehicles.

A short trail driving course will be available, there are no admission fees to the field itself, camping is encouraged and you may bring your RV if you wish (no hookups available). Participants are welcome to come in on Friday June 20 and stay through Sunday June 22.

A live 18 piece Big Band will be playing after dinner with swing dancing and a few competitions. For pricing on dinner, please visit <http://www.eaglefield.net>

Please feel free to email me Nick Bombini with any questions at [nbombini@gmail.com](mailto:nbombini@gmail.com)



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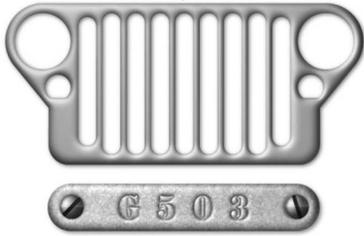


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# CONVENTION NEWS

## 2016 MVPA Convention Committees

By John Neuenburg and Dave Ball, Convention Co-Chairmen

The MVCC has been awarded this event and it will take place August 11-13, 2016 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. This is our chance to strut our stuff in front of enthusiasts from most states and many countries, plus people new to the organized hobby who see our advertisements and attend their first MV meet. We should see a nice membership spike around this event plus we get a share of Convention revenue. This will allow us to do things for members in years following the Convention.

At the Camp Delta meet last month we talked to members wanting to help. It takes many volunteers to do a great Convention and more hands = less work. We had a level-of-interest sheet for people to mark what committee categories they are interested in. Some said, "I'll do whatever you want me to do." That's the spirit! If you are not on our radar screens, please respond after you read this article. Soon we will choose committee heads and start building committees. There will be some tangible benefits for MVCCers who work on this show with us. Members will be identifiable to attendees and will be able to answer most questions or know how to find the answers. New members with enthusiasm are welcome!

Here is an expanded list of committees. Some jobs don't overlap so it is possible to be on more than one committee. With enough people nobody has to be stuck doing a job for hours and hours. If you want to get on our list or learn more details about what committees do, contact John at 415-491-1601 or [in\\_garage@hotmail.com](mailto:in_garage@hotmail.com), or Dave at 408-866-8233 or [vought@msn.com](mailto:vought@msn.com).

**MVCC INFO TABLE:** Club, Convention, and regional information. Our base of operations

**SOUVENIRS:** We are in charge of T-shirts and other souvenirs.

Sales tables co-located with MVCC Info Table

**REGISTRATION:** Assist MVPA office staff

**VENDOR:** Variety of duties from check-in to vendor support

**VEHICLES:** Variety of duties related to checking in, pre-inspection, and placement of judged and display-only MVs

**SECURITY:** Alameda County Fairgrounds security people may also be used

**SAFETY:** Inspecting and tag all "guns," live or not.

Firearms must be rendered incapable of immediate fire

**AUCTION:** Help solicit, collect, handle items, help auctioneer

**AUCTION DINNER:** Decorate tables, take tickets, and assist Auction Committee

**AWARDS BANQUET:** Decorate tables, take tickets

**TOURS:** 2-3 offsite excursions will be planned including bus logistics

**SHUTTLE BUS:** Coordinate shuttle buses connecting show to host hotel

**MEETING ROOM:** Insure tables and chairs are set up correctly for the various pre-planned meetings

**SIGNAGE:** Develop with assistance from other committee people and place them around the show

**CAMPING:** At this time we will have ACF handle our dry and hookup camping sales. Our Camping Coordinator will be our liaison.

**LOGO:** Chairman will create the official event logo or organize an approval process using other artists.

**SPONSORSHIP:** Lead and organize commercial sponsorship acquisition efforts

**MARKETING / ADVERTISING:** Various duties to get the word out to specific and general audiences

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Top: M932A2 tractor (Craig Clifton)

Bottom: M151 (PVT Parts)



Top: Armor showcase Tower 2014 (Jim Bundgaard)

Bottom: Zelda M3A1 Halftrack (PVT. Parts)



Craig Clifton

# Kudos and a mission “WELL DONE!”

James E. Bundgaard CW4 (USA Retired)

**“It made me think about what it was like for our soldiers riding in the back of an Army truck going across Europe during WWII.”** That is how one of the United States Future Army Soldiers (USFAS) Cadets recounted his trip into the KOA campground. The Venture Scouts arrived late Friday of the MVCC Spring Meet and were met at the front gate of Tower Park, mounted a 1941 G-4112 Chevy 1-1/2 ton cargo/personnel truck, (1)→ and were driven into Camp Delta. The Company was made up of 3 adults, 11 boys, and 5 girls all in their inspection ready Army Combat Uniforms (ACU) ready for their Field Training Exercise (FTX). They slept in the CAMP PATRIOT bivouac, conducted some of their training in the camp, and received relevant training and instructional demonstrations from a number of prior service MVCC members in their prior service uniforms. After a historical tour through the camp where (2)↓ Marine “CPL” Stoney Brook shared his experiences while in the Service, they were then



treated to (3)↓ Navy “Captain” Tim Sammon’s Battalion Communication Center radio presentation. Navy “2<sup>nd</sup> Class” Kurt Lesser briefed them on his HUMVEE and Singars radio (4)↓.



Mike Hill, a certified EMT, explained the various items in his WWII Medic Kit, reviewed the key elements of field first aid (5)↓, and hosted a hands on casualty-on-a-stretcher run. They finished up at the California State Reserve’s Historical Weapons Display hosted by Maj. George Cooper. A local Confederate Civil War re-enactor “PVT Gensen” (Eric Towle) (6)↓ conducted an



interactive conversation about “his” experiences during the [Civil] war. Late Saturday they were given “liberty” to use the swimming pool, but all chose to pair up and visit as many of the MV sites they could. Before departing mid morning Sunday, they conducted a ‘police call’ leaving the bivouac



cleaner than they arrived. They had only one complaint - - *“The FTX was too short and ... wanted more time to see the MVCC sites.”* Their conduct during, respect for, and appreciation of the opportunity to be part of the MVCC Spring meet was noted by a number of MVCC members who met with them.

This author personally extends a well deserved **thank you** for a job “well done” to those who supported the Cadets through their contribution, presentations, and as role models for them from our organization and what it represents.

[Photos: #1– 4 (LTC) Tim Vaughn (USFAS), #5 James E. Bundgaard CW4 (USA retired), #6 Gordon Felice (MVCC).]

# AFTER ACTION REPORT



Top four: Mighty Mite pictures Al Wollonciej  
Bottom picture of John Neuenburg's M20  
Dave Porter

# CLASSIFIEDS

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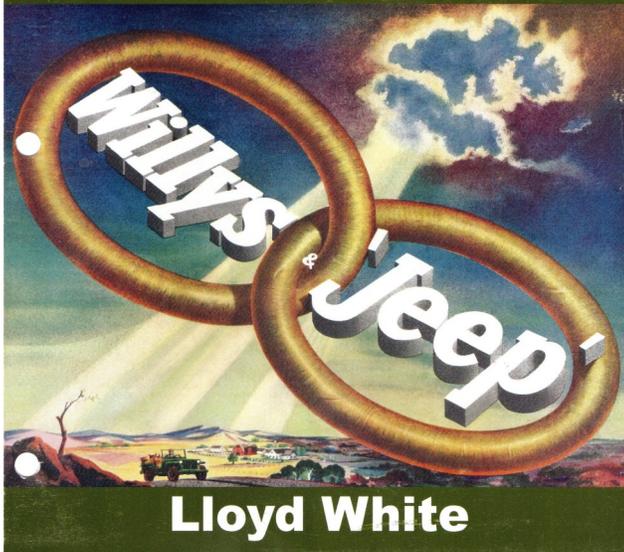
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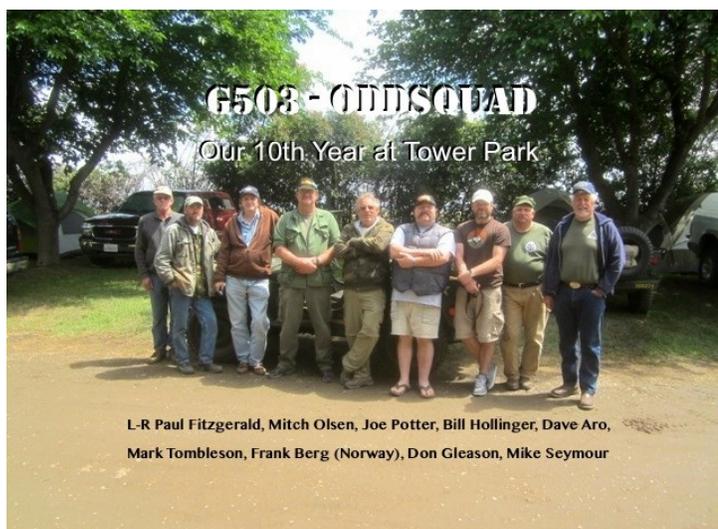
# MEAN WHILE DOWN AT THE LYSTER BAG

Over the years, the MVCC has grown from a small core group to a large multi-regional group. From the very beginning, there has always been smaller social groups within the greater regional MVCC membership. A few that come to mind are the Georgetown Rats started by the late Jack Anderson, the BAR once known as the Bay Area Region, the Madames, started originally by Donna Mambretti and friends to give the ladies something to do while the boys talk about how to best remove the “F” off of Ford bolts for their Willys Jeeps and of course who could forget the group with sand in their gear boxes, the LRDG or long range desert group, Jack Valenti, and his gritty group of desert rats. One of the original MVCC regional groups, the NRG is now an MVPA affiliate, many NRG members are MVCC members and vice versa and we have all seen their awesome engineer encampment. These groups are made up of friends who enjoy getting together to have some like minded fun with their vehicles and equipment which carries over to Camp Delta where we all join together to put on the best swapmeet in the USA and share our vehicles and displays. My hope in writing this article is to give some of the MVCC groups a heads up to write a short article about their group, its origin and special interests to get that info into the newsletter, so that members can connect with these groups and get involved and have some fun. A couple of the newer groups are the Swamp Rats, Southern Boys, the Odd Squad and the Foothills Jeep Club and a spin off of the original BAR is the SBAG or South Bay Area Group and the newest group the LHG or living history group. Just to name a few. The following info on the **Odd Squad** was recently shared with your editor thanks to Dave Aro and Chuck Lutz. It is reported by Chuck Lutz that “It was Bob Notman who came up with the name “The Odd Squad” as opposed to the dirty dozen or some other moniker. Prior to that I think most of us had started hanging out and camping together at Big Bear and Woodson Bridge At Big Bear, when the park opened up the space next to the railroad tracks, we “claimed” that area for the MVCC as a group and from that time on we kept together. As a group, we moved to Tower Park. The Alameda pic (see below) is most of the Odd Squad (I was judging jeeps) wearing the “uniform of the day” provided by Jon Rogers”. As most know, the Odd Squad has a soft spot for all things Jeep related.

These OS members made it to the 2014 TP Spring meet: Frank Berg (Norway), Joe Potter (AZ), Bill Hollinger (OR), Mark Tombleson (CA), Bill Campbell (CA), Mike Seymour (OR), Mac McCluskey (OR), Ron Fitzpatrick (G503) (OR), Ken Creason (CA), Dave Aro (CA), Chuck Lutz (CA), Paul Fitzgerald (CA), Mike Wright (KS), Mitch Olsen (CA), Jim May (OR), Matt Parry (CA), Jim May (OR), Don Gleason (OR).

These OS members did not make it to the 2014 TP Spring meet but have attended before:

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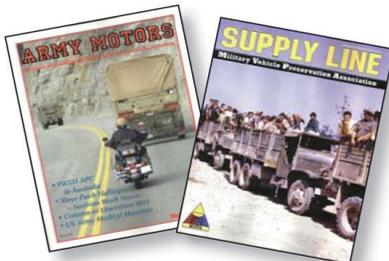
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