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WEASELS ATTACK TOWER PARK

We had a couple weasels come out to play in the obstacle course under the Highway 12 bridge. George Smith driving his gun weasel, James Bundgaard in the right front (where the fuel tank usually is) and Dan Seaborg in the gun turret. Editor

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USS LST-390 (background) between Piers 4 and 5 at Newport News, VA, loading Dodge 3/4 ton command reconnaissance cars, 1 January 1943. US Army Signal Corps

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 20-26 2015 Spring Meet Camp Delta (Tower Park) Stockton Delta KOA (209) 369-1041 JoAnne Lesser mamalesser@yahoo.com

July 4th, 2015 Morgan Hill Independence Day Parade. POC is Jo-Ann Lesser 408 238 8277

September 20-27, 2015 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.

October18th 2014: Milpitas, CA: 2nd Annual Veterans Commission Car Show; 10am till 4pm at the Milpitas Civic Center Plaza, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd. Free and open to the public, the show will feature lots of Great vehicles Info: 408-586-3210 or on the web at www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov

October 18, 2014 Mustang's and more at the Nut Tree in Vacaville. 301 County Airport Road Vacaville, California 95688 call Larry Smigla at (707) 689-4848 or email p51smigla@aol.com

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 Hosted by the NRG

November 8 - 9 2014 Goodguys 25th Autumn Get-Together Alameda County Fairgrounds 4501 Pleasanton Ave, Pleasanton, CA 94566 Saturday, November 8 - 8:00am to 4:00pm Sunday, November 9 - 8:00am to 4:00pm More info (925) 838-9876

.**November 11, 2014** Folsom Veterans Day parade Tuesday. contact Leann Schumer at schummergroup@comcast.net if you're interested in attending and giving some Veterans rides.

November 11, 2014 San Jose Veterans day parade Meet east side of the Shark Tank 9am. For more details contact Kim Sievert vaudevillian@msn.com 408.253.2834

NOVEMBER 11, 2014 Antioch Veterans Day Parade. Everyone needs to be checked in at the Marina By 9:15am The parade begins at 11:00am from the Marina. POC: Matt Dunn Antioch Veterans Day Parade Committee 415-740-5169

November 12, 2014 honoring Veterans Day at Las Positas College Livermore, CA from 10 AM - 3 PM POC: Todd Steffan Financial Aid, Veterans Affairs Adviser Las Positas College 925-424-1582 tsteffan@laspositascollege.edu

December 6, 2014 MVCC Christmas party Harry's Hofbrau San Jose Ca. 5:30 to 8:30pm. This is a no host Christmas party for all Military Vehicle Collectors. Bring a gift marked male or female. There will be a gift exchange. POC Kim Sievert vaudevillian@msn.com 408.253.2833

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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AFTER ACTION REPORT

We were all thrilled to see John Sorenson and his crew pull PBR 210 into the dock at Tower Park during the MVCC Fall Swap Meet. I personally got a ride on the 210 boat, and it was a lot of fun and will not be forgotten in this life. John reported he left the dock at the Napa Valley Marina Thursday morning with friend and crew member Dana Lamel traveling the 67 miles to Tower Park. It took 3 1/2 hours and burned 70 gallons of fuel. On the way, John and his crew made a brief stop to meet up with the armament crew, Pete Woodward, John Neuenburg and Carl Thompson at B and W resort and "gunned the boat up" for its initial approach into Tower Park. I think I can speak for all in attendance at Camp Delta when I say thanks to John Sorenson and the crew of PBR 210. They include Dana Lamel, Dominic Demettei, Pete Woodward, Mark Taylor, Scott Rohrs, Ryan Shelley, John Neuenburg and Carl Thompson. Thanks for bringing the 210 boat out and giving us rides in the Sacramento Delta.

John introduced me to Mark Taylor who was stationed at Mare Islands Special Boat Unit 11 1990 to 1997. Mark said he was not assigned to John's boat but did go out on patrol on the 210 boat many times. Mark Taylor is pictured at the helm of the 210 boat. Editor

Top Left: Pete Woodward instructs a coast guard crew member on the forward gun tub.
Top Right: Mark Taylor at the helm of 210 boat. Bottom Left: Pete Woodward watches CG crewmen looking over the M60 deck gun. Bottom Right: Rear of PBR 210. Pictures John Sorenson

AFTER ACTION REPORT

Top: John Sorensen's PBR the 210 boat. Middle left: yours truly before my ride. Middle right: 210 boat waiting. Bottom left: Mark Taylor and others waiting for a ride. Bottom right: yours truly manning the rear deck gun. Funny what might by found in a .50 cal. sight aperture at "Tower Park" Editor

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Presidents message, October 2014
With another spectacular fall Tower Park meet under our belts I hope everyone had a good time and found some elusive treasure they couldn't live without. We've spent a considerable amount of time over the last few months reading, rereading, writing, and rewriting the Bylaws we introduced at the General Membership Meeting. This is a project that has been in the works for quite some time now and it needed to be done correctly since it incorporates so many new concepts and needed to be well written to guide the MVCC into the future. Our old Bylaws had been redone so many times over the last 30 years and were no longer a practical guide for running the MVCC.
We had asked for some professional help with these new Bylaws and took that information into account as the new Bylaws were written and then we merged sections of the old Bylaws that we felt were still pertinent to our organization. The resulting document is what we presented at Tower Park. Those of you who didn't receive a copy at TP will receive one in the mail shortly. There is a business reply card included with the Bylaws asking for your vote of yea or nay on the adaptation of this document. If we had rewritten the existing Bylaws again we would have had to ask you no accept every change, line by line. By introducing a completely new set of Bylaws it simplifies this to a yes, I accept them or a no, I do not accept them. I would like to ask each of you to read the new Bylaws because they are the document that we operate under as a club. It is important that you understand them. I would ask that you please return the reply card by November 15th so that we can count them and announce the results in the December Newsletter. If accepted them the new Bylaws will go into effect January 1st.
These new Bylaws also include a copy of our new MVCC Policies. We've all heard the term used at our meets for years so we put them in writing for you. Policies are basic rules that can be altered more easily than the Bylaws themselves. They can be made, changed, or deleted by a board decision rather than by a vote of the entire membership so they can be much more flexible and reactive to changing conditions.
Please read the Bylaws and cast your vote with the reply card early. We feel that this is the correct path for the MVCCs future.
Keep 'em Rolling SUPPORT OUR TROOPS
Kurt Lesser

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I have been out of sorts since we got back from England, W & P and France. Just seems like I can't get my act together. I even hadn't had time to print any of my photos from the trip yet. Of course throwing my back out didn't help. We were to have had a display at the Pleasanton Celtic Games the last weekend in August. John Neuenburg, George Cooper, Marc Goldman and myself, but at the last minute John canceled as his jeep was acting up and since I couldn't even get into my jeep at the time (because of my back), none of us showed up with a vehicle. Well after five sessions at the Chiropractors my back seems to be back in shape. I see him again in a couple of weeks and then I think he wants to see me once a month. Just in case you didn't know; "getting old isn't for sissies". I do not have anything on the local schedule of events until Veterans Day.
I have just checked and Salinas will be again having a parade this year. Deadline is Nov. 4th; so any locals that would like to attend drop me a note before then. Jack Valenti

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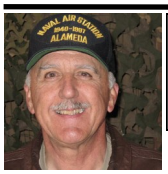

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Hello to all from the East Bay.
It's been one of those Days For us at the Alameda Naval
Air Museum, But we keep plugging along.
Our last month has been busy with events and being short handed [Chief Perry] retired, we miss his faithfulness.
We had a Wedding, Birthday, and Private club event, brings in some help with our expenses , but lots of time needed.
Our Museum is in the process of creating A WW 1 display, some of you may remember the event in San Francisco called Celebrate History a few year ago , well the organizer, Danna Lombardi and a group of historians will be working with us , Opens in December of this year. Any one out there with WW 1 Items, please let us know what you have. Swap Meet here at the museum is Sunday October 5th. hope every one knows that, will be passing out flyers at Camp Delta. I attended the Gatby Summer Picnic Sunday the 14th, there was one Navy 1942 GPW very nice. I drove my 1941 Cadillac there " Old Faithful" and the first time in forty three years that i have owned It, It had to be towed home. It happens to new cars too. That's all for now, Over and Out the 40s , Larry

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All has been quiet in the South S.F Bay Area, MV wise.
San Jose's 94rd annual Veteran's Day Parade is being held on November 11th, in downtown San Jose. Our usual staging area has been on the East side of former H.P. Pavilion, now renamed SAP Center aka "The Shark Tank", on N Autumn Street. To avoid street blockades, best to get there before 10 AM. The MVCC has continuously participated in this parade, for several decades. No matter what the weather is, this parade will still proceed. Bring snacks, beverages and clothing appropriate for the weather. Porta potties are close by our marshaling area. If you do not have a truck, no problem come on out and we will find you something to ride in.
Christmas Party at Harry's Hofbrau,
December 6th 5:30pm to 8:30pm.
Forth coming elections, I will not be running for South S.F. Bay Area VP. Its time for me to move on and let a new South S.F. Bay Area VP do a better job that I have done. It has been fun, to be at the forefront of activities and then reporting on them. I will still be around and will still assist in local MVCC events. Additionally, I will also be assisting in the California MVPA convention, in one form or another, as I have assisted (WMAO) in both of the previous California MVPA conventions.
Speaking of the convention, MVCC members can assist in making this a fun event for all. Let the convention planners know of your desire to assist. The more members that assist, makes the convention infrastructure duties easier for all.
Kim

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October 2014
Hello from the North Bay West! Well I hope everyone had a good time at Tower Park and found all those last minute parts to keep your projects going through the winter. Thanks to everyone who came out to the Wings Over Wine Country Airshow in Santa Rosa. It is always a great time, especially that the military aircraft are back. Speaking of the military, Fleet Week returns to the Bay Area October 10-13. Should be a good time with great weather! Remember to get involved with a Veterans Day event in your community. If you are looking for a great parade, the Petaluma parade is always a wonderful event! The MV's always come out in force for this one! If you have any events you want to promote give me a jingle on the ole' pork chop and we will get the word out!
Out in Front,
Scott Rohrs

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Hello to all. Tower Park this time was very special to me. As you may know, I learned my trade in the U.S. Navy and loved every minute of it. As an electrician mate, I was the only electrician in the boat group taking care of a landing craft fleet of twenty-four LCM's, LCVP's and a River Patrol Boat. On top of all that, I provided electrical repairs and service support to any PBR that required parts or help. As you know John Sorensen, a fire caption from Napa, brought his awesome PBR 210 to Tower Park, 4 hours by water, and gave us all rides up the delta. WOW! That just brought back so many wonderful memories of days gone by. Thank you so much for that John Sorensen. For me, the rest of Tower Park is just a blur. We had good weather all days but one with a little rain in the AM for about three hours. There were half track and weasel shows. Weasel runs and spud gun events. The new proposed bylaws were handed out to the members. Please fill out the yellow card and return it ASAP!
Sonny Hanson MVCC North Bay VP 707 EAST

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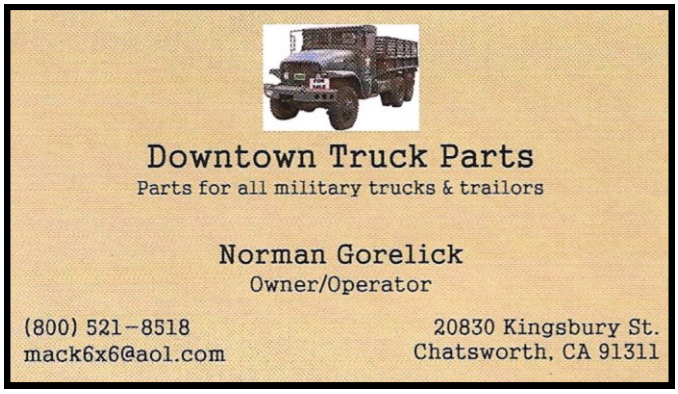

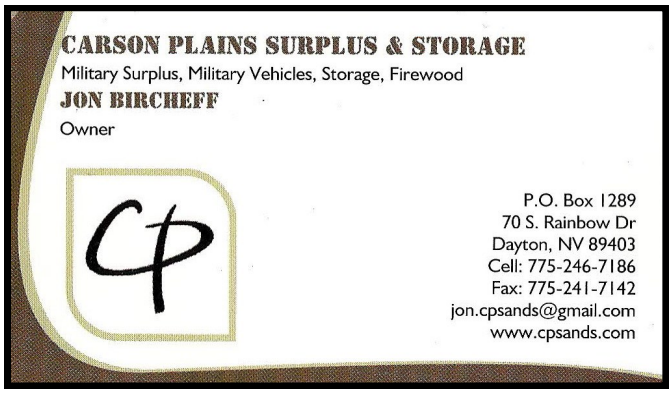

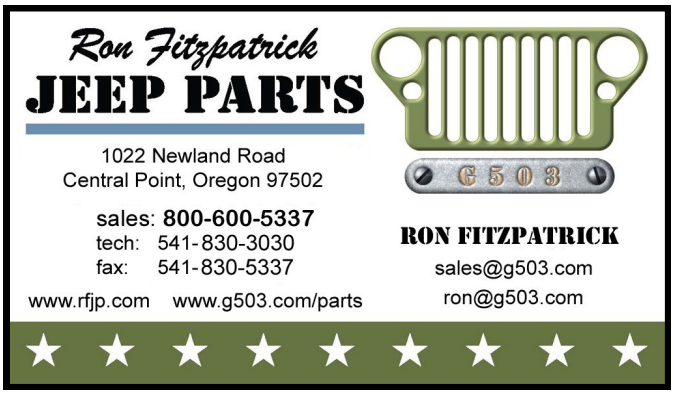

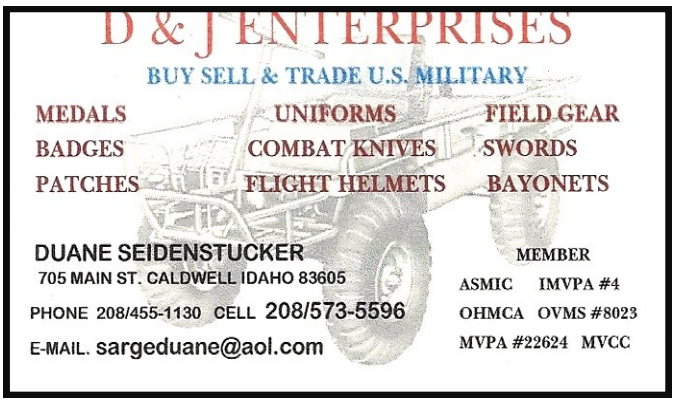

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CAMP DELTA FALL ACTIVITIES RECAP
John Neuenburg, Camp Delta Activities Coordinator

Seemed like folks had a good time as usual at the Fall meet. We had some rare pre-October drizzle on Thursday morning that kept a few people away but I like how it keeps the dust down. Temperatures were very nice. The strange thing is John Sorensen cruised his Patrol Boat, River for four hours to the meet from Napa on Thursday morning and didn't get rained on!

The appearance of PBR 210 was a real treat. It's about time we had a brown water Navy boat attend our event in a real river delta. It's probably not the first time a PBR was seen at Tower Park, since Special Boat Unit 11 was stationed at Mare Island and trained in the Rio Vista area. John got this new project running and looking good in record time. Pete Woodward, Carl Thompson, and I met him just west of Tower Park at the next marina to loan our .50 Brownings. These were attached and we rode the final six miles with John and crew dodging water hyacinths. Fun! We look forward to Pete joining the Camp Delta Squadron when he gets his PBR done.

We had more fun activities at this meet. Dave Porter organized "Weaselfest and other Tracked Things." Cash prizes were sponsored by Hagerty Collector Vehicle Insurance and Surplus City Jeep Parts. Read about it in his article. We will have an annual MV showcase at the Fall meet if you all want that. Any ideas for next Fall? Massed MVs? After the display the Weasels and other MVs went playing in the dirt below the highway bridge. Several types were seen getting dirty and even Dennis Reid was climbing the banks with his nice M3A1 halftrack. On Thursday the ladies caravanned toward Lodi to a nice winery lunch, then on Friday descended on Marilynn and my campsite for "Apron Day" and much chatter. Spud guns were a hit on Saturday afternoon in the display field/LZ and kids of all ages got to try the action. Sponsor Blazing Wood BBQ Sauce was giving samples plus gave product to each person who brought a gun. Thanks to member Ray Jones for injecting a bit of "flavor" into this activity. Since the Spring 2015 plan is to put all regular dry campers in the Dry Camping Field, it is likely we will have the space to keep the spud event at the high profile display field next April. Living history campers are welcome in the pool areas.
Rosa's Restaurant cooked a simple Oktoberfest dinner on Friday and had a BBQ and beer trailer going for two days. KOA did their spaghetti feed Saturday night. Nice to not have to cook! One glitch was the no-show of our regular Thursday BBQ dinner vendor. This was a surprise and I understand some words were exchanged with him about this. We want to continue with having dinners available for three nights in the campground.

SPRING 2015 SHOWCASE REMINDERS

In **April 2015 we are planning two showcases. The first will be Emergency Vehicles – Fire, Rescue, Ambulance, MP, and Wrecker. All nationalities, any condition. Also we will have a Foreign Military Vehicle Showcase.** This can include U.S.-made vehicles portraying foreign military, or U.S. made vehicles for foreign contracts even if currently restored with U.S. markings. For example jeeps with British, Canadian, Chinese, or Russian-coded data plates. Please pass the word to owners you know with qualifying vehicles but are not MVCC members and may not hear about these displays. Better yet, refer them to www.MVCCNews.net for a MVCC application!

We do not have sponsors for the People's Choice cash awards yet but hope to announce this in a month or two so the sponsors can receive plenty of recognition in the newsletters and magazine ads. For info contact John Neuenburg at 415-491-1601 or in_garage@hotmail.com.

Amazing new war vehicle travels in water... glides like a ghost over swamp or sand

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Army's latest Weasel M-29C

Built by Studebaker and powered by famous Studebaker Champion engine

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Studebaker Weasels help pace the drive to Tokyo

LET'S read what they said about this amazing new personnel and cargo carrier not so long ago, in a Philippines dispatch to "Yank," the Army weekly. Here's the quotation:

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MADAMES REPORT

I think after the success this year the Madames will make the lunch at Michael-David a bi-annual event and next time we will canvas the camp for others to attend the lunch and the Friday afternoon gathering. The gathering at Marilyn's was really nice. Marilyn started by asking everyone to say their name, their significant other's name, a little about themselves and something we did not know about them. I have to say that this was really interesting. We also networked about the Convention in 2016. Ideas were flying! We discussed field trips, items to sell, classes to give, raffle items, etc. I think there will be a lot of participation in the Convention preparation. The food and company were very good and very positive. Nancy and I did a demo on the Rosie the Riveter gear we came back with from the UK and also vintage aprons. Claire Werner

Above: Claire Werner; Top Right: Laura McGinnis show off their Muscles and Smiles;
Bottom Right: Apron Day at the Red Ball.
Photos, Donna Mambretti

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

Just a couple quick reminders, **2015 is an MVCC election year**. There will be vacant board positions in the East Bay, South Bay and the Central Valley. We need Volunteers to step up and join the board. These open board positions offer a unique opportunity to be a MVCC board member and an ambassador to those coming to the 2016 Convention. The term limit for MVCC board positions is two years so all membership elected positions will be on the 2015 ballot and available for nominations in just a few months. If you feel you have something to offer the club and would like to be apart of the inner working of your club please step up. There will be some changes to the MVCC officers ballot after the updated bylaws are ratified by the membership so send in the bylaw ballots. There will be election updates in the coming winter months.

Camp Roberts. I have been asked by many MVCC members about changes at Camp Roberts and if the MVCC will be allowed back on base to have our annual get together. At this time I am in an info gathering mode trying to get some idea as to how the MVCC can get its foot back in the door so stay tuned.
I too miss our trips and think often of our annual trips to Camp Roberts and all the trail rides exploring the back country for long hours putting our vehicles to the test, visiting MATES and talking with the troops training in the field and in work shops working on the armored vehicles, as well as visiting with Gary and Dirk at the base Museum. checking out there latest Military Vehicle acquisitions. Cooking together in our own mess hall and everyone's favorite part sleeping in a military barrack. I know this has been missed by many. Having 42,678 acres to explore with our military vehicles in an historic private secure setting for seven years was something special. I will see what I can do to get us back in. The rumors are correct the CHG and others are doing there reenactments again at Roberts. I am not sure of the restrictions.
Dave Ball
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Weasel Fest and Other Tracked Things Showcase – Tower Park September 2014

Our September Showcase, "Weasel Fest and Other Tracked Things" was not as large as it could have been, but we had fun anyway. Four vehicles were in the Showcase: a fully restored 1944 Autocar M3 Halftrack owned by Dennis Reid, an incomplete 194? White M2A1 Halftrack on a trailer owned by Kurt Taylor, a 1943 Studebaker M29C Weasel sporting a 50 cal. gun on a powered ring mount owned by George Smith, and a 1945 Studebaker M29C Weasel in USMC livery owned by Dave Porter.

Competition was fierce for the People's Choice awards sponsored by Hagerty Insurance and Surplus City Jeep Parts. First, second and third were within one vote of each other! Third place went to Dave with the mostly original USMC Weasel. Second place went to Dennis with the multi-gunned Autocar Halftrack, and First place went to George with the awesome Gun Weasel. Eric Reed won $50 in the ballot drawing and remarked that it was the first time he'd ever won anything. Thanks for voting Eric! And THANK YOU Hagerty and Surplus City!

After lunch, the Weasel Fest and Other Tracked Things event continued with an Off Road Adventure in the undeveloped area under the Highway 12 bridge outside the Park entrance. Several jeeps, a Humvee, a couple of mules, Damon and LK Viola's ½ ton Dodge, a mysterious white Civilian Jeep (we won't say who was driving it but his initials are Dave Ball), as well as the two Weasels and Dennis' Halftrack had a raucous good time "tearing up" the sandy trails, embankments and mounds under the bridge for close to an hour before everyone got tired and rolled back to camp. Special thanks to John Neuenburg for getting the OK from the Tower Park manager to allow us to drive the Weasels to the Off Road area. There was no organized course – we just had fun tackling any obstacle that presented itself. More than one participant was heard to say it was just way too much fun; big smiles everywhere you looked. No one got stuck and no one broke anything. We're thinking about making it a regular event sometime during each meet. Next time we do it though, we will be issuing a warning to stay off the levee - we don't want to upset the Bureau of Reclamation and get banned from driving under the bridge.

Dave Porter

AFTER ACTION REPORT

Bottom opposite Page: Dennis Reid tearing up the pit with his 1944 M3A1 Autocar Halftrack.
Top left: Dennis Reid's M3A1. Top right: Kurt Taylors White M2A1. Middle left: Dave Porter USMC Weasel, Middle right: George Smith's M29C gun Weasel, Dave Porter tests the center of gravity on his Weasel he went over this hump several times and got the weasel to rock back and forth a couple times. Bottom Right: George Cooper takes his Jeep for a spin in the dirt pit under the Highway 12 bridge. Lots of fun watching these MVs playing from my high perch. Editor

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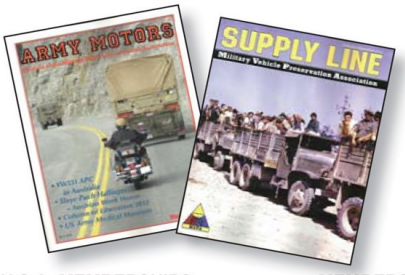

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