

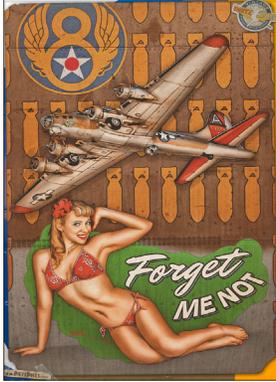
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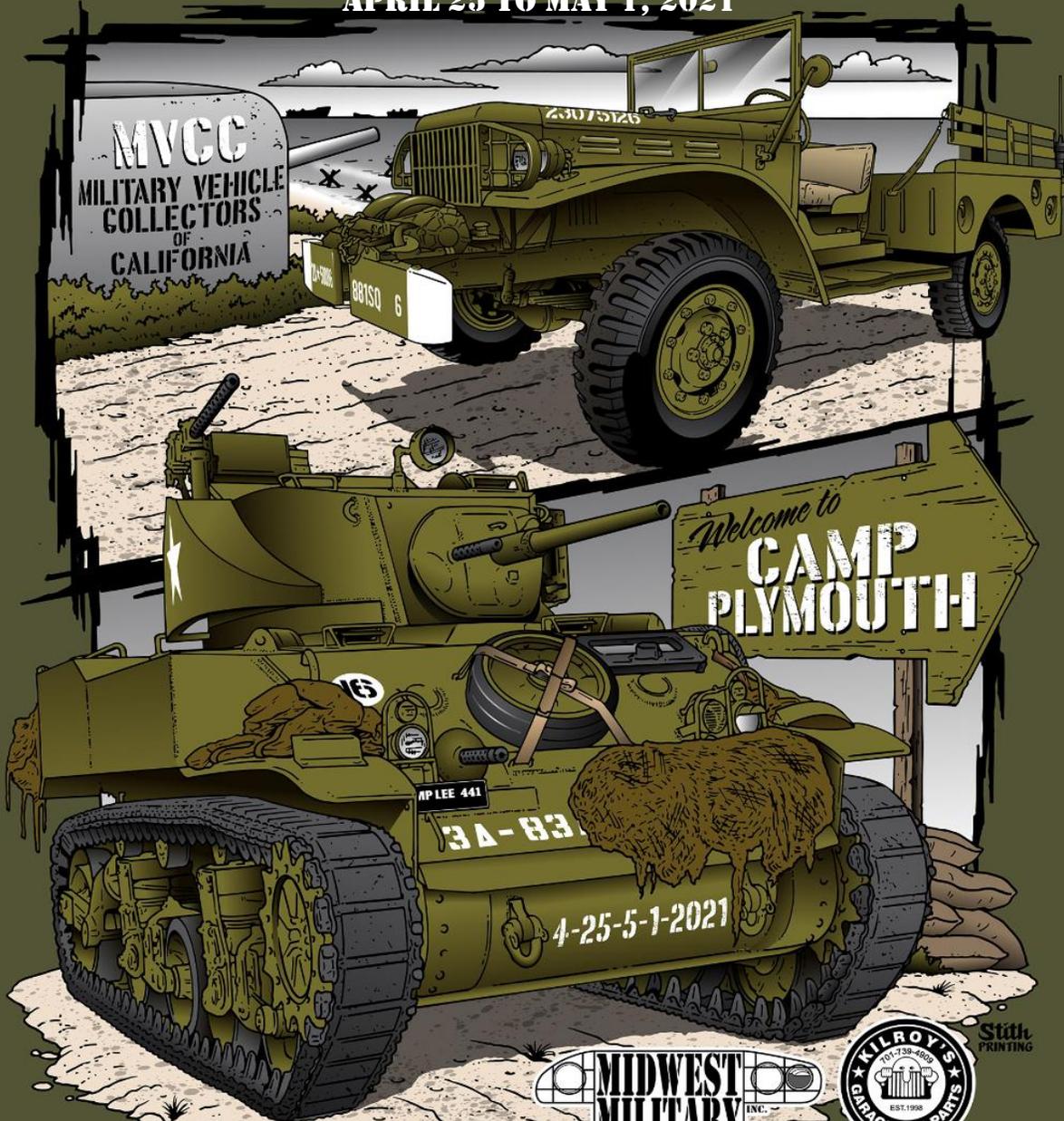


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Hello MVCC

First, thanks to John Verissimo for posting my messages. By email, carrier pigeon, telegraph, and smoke signal - my quick notes got through. By the time you are reading this, I'll be home after 3 months away. I'm taking the rest of the year off from work (lots of unused vacation time) to work on my mv projects and to work on the Spring Meet.

The board is working to have a meet that meets the requirements set by Amador County and the state. We'll do everything we can to make Camp Plymouth fun and safe. You, the membership have a big part to play in this as well as our friends and guests.

When the guidelines are published, these are what the county is requiring you and I to do so the meet can go on. Everyone is going to have to take one for the team for this to work. We may have to be an "outdoor museum", if so we'll give each vehicle a plaque for year, make and model. More Information will follow as we work with Amador County.

Till Next Time...

Chris Thomas



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Hello MVCC'ers!

As I'm writing this, we just did the Veteran's Day "Cruise" (not a parade, even though it pretty much was) in Virginia City, NV. In attendance was my beautiful bride, Nikole, along with Damon and L.K. Viola, Steve Viola, Ron McKimmy, and Mike Imus. We showed up with Ron's M-1009 CUCV Blazer, Damon's Dodge cargo truck, and Damon and my M-998 HMMWV. It was a good turnout, and lots of patriotic folks both in and watching the parade giving their appreciation and honor to the Veterans. It was a great day. We were even spotted on the local evening news!

Around my place, I took my HMMWV to Retired War Horses in Brentwood, CA for a camo paint job, and a few adjustments. And from the pictures, the truck turned out great! I'm going back next weekend to pick it up and bring it home once and for all. And then, on to the next project!

We've already had our first snow of the season (4-6 inches at our house), which is a good reminder to get those MV batteries hooked up to the Battery Tender, and make sure you have a good mix of anti-freeze and water in those radiators. I know not all of us live in areas where it dips below freezing, but it's a good idea to take some time and do that Winter maintenance on your MV so that it will be ready to roll out in the Spring. And hopefully be ready to head to Camp Plymouth in April!!

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, and I wish all of you a wonderful and Merry Christmas! During this time, I hope you are able to spend lots of time with friends and family, and may Santa bring you all the OD goodies you are wishing for.

I look forward to the MVCC being able to be together again in 2021!

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Sean



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MVCC BOARD MEMBERS REPORT



Jack Valenti, (Central Coast VP)

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Trying to stay ahead of the deadly Newsletter deadline. I have to correct a misstatement that I made in my last report. My statement about “drive your Porsche day” was correct it is Sept 19th, but it was the son’s birthday; also known as Ferdinand. Who was also very instrumental in the development of the 356 Porsche after the war.

Well we haven’t done any “convoys” either with MV’s or the Porsche’s this month. Looking for an excuse to do either one. Halloween just pasted and Veterans day is fast approaching. The weather has been pretty good for something.

I contacted the local group and it seem they are up for a Veterans Day Convoy. Have three already and just started. This will be “weather permitting”; I’m not ready to drive around the peninsula in an uncovered jeep if it’s pouring down rain. That did happen one time coming back from the Castroville Parade May 21st 2006. Marc Goldman’s dad was still alive.



My friend George Sicre (from Palm Desert) came up to enjoy the rain with me. We had to put up the windscreen for the 15 miles back home.



George stayed at the guest house until the next week for the Watsonville Air Show on May 30th 2006. We were on the flight line with many of the aircraft and front row seats for the show. The weather was much better and by then all of the canvas had dried out. Nothing smells worse than wet canvas.



I had the pleasure of meeting George in back 1995 when he showed up to hang out with Rick and me and the truck at the Great Western Gun Show. After that he became a real supporter of the LRDG, coming to many of the MVCC and other events.

Unfortunately I lost George to cancer back in Sept 2nd 2012. Sorry to be “melancholy” but I’m tired of losing friends. As I don’t have that many. Anyway the guys are up for another “Convoy” on the 11th. I’ll report on what we did and where we went with a few photos. My gunner (John Dick) is out of town so not sure who will take photos. I’m sure we can find someone to ride along and take photos. ... Jack



In the interest of upgrading the quality of our membership we are presenting another in a series of simple quizzes covering basic facts related to historic military vehicles.

MILITARY VEHICLE QUIZ #2



- Why does the military prefer open cab vehicles?
 - Lighter weight
 - Lower cost
 - Easier to ship
 - All of the above
- American Motors Corporation's claim to military vehicle fame was production of the M422 Mighty Mite. What was the name of their lightweight amphibious vehicle that used some Mighty Mite components?
 - Swamp Rat
 - Weasel
 - Muskrat
 - Otter
- At an MV meet a fellow club member comments that he has forgotten his "Fart Sack", what should be your response?
 - Clear the area immediately
 - Offer him a duffle bag
 - Tell him those were outlawed by the Geneva Convention
 - Offer him a sleeping bag
- What was the principal design difference between WW2 American and German halftracks?
 - American halftracks were armored, German ones were not
 - German ones had a different steering system than the American ones
 - American vehicles had a single driving position, German halftracks had dual controls
 - German halftracks were diesel, American halftracks ran on gasoline
- What is the firing order of the Willys "Go Devil" engine?
 - 1-3-4-2
 - 1-3-2-4
 - 1-2-3-4
 - 1-4-2-3
- The difference between the Dodge WC51 and WC52 is:
 - One is a half ton truck, the other is ¾ ton
 - One is a 4x4, one is a 6x6
 - One is closed cab, one is open cab
 - One has a winch, one does not
- During WW2, the Studebaker Corporation manufactured:
 - M-5H-6 6x6 Truck
 - US 6 6x4 Truck
 - M29 Weasel
 - M5 Halftrack
- In addition to military vehicles, Ford Motor Company manufactured what large aircraft during WW2?
 - B25
 - B24
 - B17
 - B29
- The "Flying Jeep" or Rotabuggy was developed in Britain and was powered by:
 - A 9 cylinder radial engine
 - A 5,000 lb. thrust jet engine
 - An in-line Rolls Royce engine
 - None of the above
- The originator of the concept for the M29 Weasel was Mr. Geoffrey Pyke, and he also proposed "Pykrete" as a material for the construction of aircraft carriers in WW2. Pykrete's two main components consisted of:
 - Concrete and steel
 - Mortar and gravel
 - Ice and wood
 - Concrete and fiberglass



Answers on page #23

MVCC WAGON MISTRESS JOANN LESSER

CAMP PLYMOUTH SUNDAY, APRIL 25 THRU SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021

Several weeks ago Kurt and I and our trusted sidekick, Glen Closson drove up to the 49'er RV Resort. We had a sit down with the management and were given the above dates for our April event. As usual there is a 4 night minimum stay starting Wednesday April 28 thru Saturday May 1, 2021. I have gone through the 2019 and 2020 lists and have tried to assign the same sites to those that have attended in the past however, a few site assignments have changed. If you are unsure that your name is on the list or if you are a new member and have never attended, please feel free to contact me at mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com. I want to make sure that everyone has been assigned a site. As a double check, please fill out a registration form for this event. I will verify site and send your name onto the 49'er. All site assignments are through me, NOT the 49'er. Once you are assigned a site the 49'er will be notified so that you can then call the 49'er with payment. If you call the 49'er and they do not have your name on a site you will be directed back to me for site assignment. Payment in full to 49'er starting December 15, 2020 and no later than March 25, 2021. Any site without payment will be turned back to the 49'er for their use.

Amador County Fairgrounds will be the venue for tent camping. A registration form for tent camping and instructions for payment is in this newsletter. Please fill out and include payment in full for your tent camping needs. The water and electric sites are considered premium sites and do roll over from year to year. If you would like to be put on the wait list for one of these sites please let me know in the comments section on the form.

Rates at 49er Camp Grounds: (tax included) Payment in full to 49'er: December 15, 2021 – March 25, 2021

RV - \$65.00

Studio - \$136.00

1-2 Bed - \$180.00

Rates at Fairgrounds for tent camping/no RV's

Water/Electric - \$45.00

Dry \$35.00

Payment in full to MVCC: December 15, 2021 – March 25, 2021

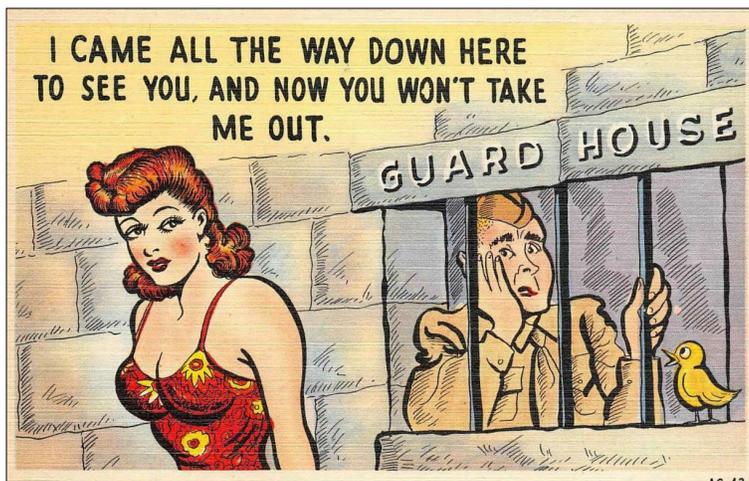


Some last minute tidbits, as of this writing masks are mandatory when out and about. Hand sanitizer must be available to all that attend. (on your table). The pool and cafe will be open for our event as well as the walk thru path to the Amador County Fairgrounds.

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49'er RV Resort 209.245.6981

MVCC Wagonmistress JoAnn Lesser~



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PLEASE fill out and mail in to reserve your spot at the 2021 Spring Meet..!



MVCC April 25-May 1, 2021 Camp Plymouth Registration

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49er RV Resort, 18265 HWY 49 Plymouth, Ca. 95669 (209)245-6981

4 night minimum stay April 28th to May 1st 2021 at 49er RV Resort– No tents at 49er RV Resort

Arrival Date _____ Check Out Date _____ **Payment in full paid to Camp 49er by 3-25-2021**

Assigned Site # / # of Nights /	Description of Site, Pick one	/ Per Night /	Total
	RV Type(\$65) _____ Length(Ft) _____		
	Studio Cabin (\$136) _____		
	1 Bedroom Cabin (\$180) _____		
	2 Bedroom Cabin (\$180) _____		

Amador County Fairgrounds, 18621 Sherwood St. Plymouth, Ca. 95669

No minimum stay for dry sites, no RV's, 1 vehicle & 1 tent per site, 4 night stay for water/electric sites April 28th to May 1st 2021

Arrival Date _____ Check Out Date _____ **Payment in full to MVCC**

Assigned Site # / # of Nights /	Description of site, Pick one	/ Per Night /	Total
	(\$35) Dry Tent – Military _____ Civilian _____		
	(\$35) Dry Car – Pickup Camper _____ Utility Trailer _____		
	(\$45) Water/Electric – Tent _____ Military _____ Civilian _____		

No refunds after April 15th 2021.

Coments:

Fairgrounds camping payment should be made to Military Vehicle Collectors of California, 2714 Peartree Lane, San Jose, Ca. 95121 C/O JoAnn Lesser .

For more information: mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com

All vehicle operating on public roads must be currently registered/ have insurance coverage.

In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate, participant and spectators, by execution of this entry form, release and discharge the producers of any and all known or unknown damages, injuries and or losses.

Please Sign _____ Date _____

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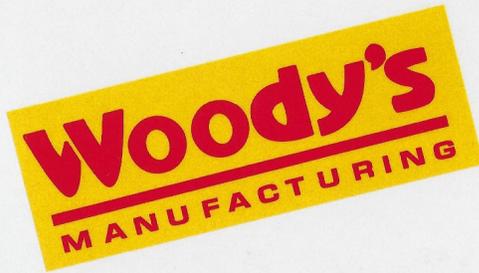
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Howdy MVer,

I'm thrilled to announce that my HEMTT is finally back on the road. Yep, 11 months and countless hours later the HEMTT roared back to life. I needed 16 gallons of SAE 40 oil (2 oil changes at 8 gallons each). Apparently that wasn't all that easy to find right off the shelf so I ended up ordering the oil online. Several delays later (2 weeks total), my oil finally arrived. Next I rigged up a fuel bleeder because Detroit diesels don't start easily if there is any air in the system. I pressurized the fuel tank with 10 PSI via an air regulator Thru the tank breather. I removed the fuel return line and put it in a bucket. I then capped off the fuel return at the tank. It took almost 20 minutes before it quit burping air.

After successful bleeding, I hooked up the batteries and cranked the motor over. It lit up right away. SUCCESS! Now the process of properly breaking in the motor begins. Basically it needs to be driven hard for 100 miles to properly cut in the rings. Driving my MV for 100 miles doesn't sound like a burden but at 2 miles per gallon, it will dent the pocket book. If you go to YouTube and search for "HEMTT start up" you'll find a quick video of me starting the truck. Lastly, here is a picture of the HEMTT outside the shop.

Many thanks to all the folks who helped with this huge project. Please share your projects with me so I can post them in the next newsletter.

Besides the last event at the American Armory Museum, I don't know of any upcoming local events. I'm hoping to put together a small MV get together or even just a joy ride or two before winter really sets in. Let me know of your thoughts about a get together any ideas or events so I can share with the rest of our group.

BigMike



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Hello North Bay West and beyond,

I would like to start by wishing a belated Happy Veterans Day to all of our members who have served and to all of our rigs that have survived their military duties and are still running up and down the roads of the U.S. and beyond. I hope that the membership got their rigs out and participated in some kind of celebration/ parade.

Despite the cancelation of this year's Vets parade in Petaluma, the local North Bay Crew all got together for a West Sonoma County MV convoy. Member Ernie Ongaro came up with the idea of a convoy and we ended up bringing a Vet's Day parade to 7 separate towns in Western Sonoma County. We had about 14 MVs show up to make up the convoy. The run was about 60 miles and all the rigs made it no with no breakdowns! It was good to see the local gang of O.D. Junkies again! We even stopped in the small town of Bodega where we had the church that was used in the Alfred Hitchcock movie "The Birds" as a backdrop for a photo op. We concluded the convoy at the VFW hall in Sebastapol.

There is a sad event that I have to report. While pulling my Dodge WC3 out of 'Moth Balls' to participate in the convoy, I was driving the truck from Novato to Napa where I encountered a loud knock! I limped the truck home the last 10 miles to complete the journey to Napa where I have come to the conclusion that it is the DREADED ROD KNOCK! This was the original T207 motor that was rebuilt in Los Angeles at the depot in 1945. I was and am sooo..... bummed out!! Know anyone with an engine?! That was the last this I needed to happen to the fleet! 2020 strikes again!

Lastly, I hope all you "Dog Faces" have been good lil troopers and are establishing a comprehensive parts lists ready for Santa, on all of the proper request forms of course.

I would like to wish the membership a Happy Thanksgiving!

Scott Rohrs



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FROM THE MVCC EDITOR/SECRETARY JOHNNY VERISSIMO

What's going on in the MVCC? - Good News! Date set for the MVCC 2021 April Spring Swap Meet is officially April 25 to May 1, 2021 in Plymouth, California, USA! Our Wagon Mistress JoAnn Lesser and VP Dave Porter have nailed down 49er Camp Grounds and the Amador County Fairgrounds for the above dates. MAN am I stoked about having those dates locked down so we can now begin the work of getting our event into place.

T-shirt Art Work for Spring Meet—T-shirt artwork and t-shirt sponsors Midwest Military and Kilroys Garage and Parts will be the same as was planned for 2020. EVERYTHING planned for 2020 will take place in 2021. Big Truck Showcase, Armor Showcase and Hummer Showcase will take place as planned.

Registration for Spring Meet...! In this newsletter you will find the registration page for Camp 49er and Fairgrounds. This year you will pay Camp 49er directly if you are staying there. Fairgrounds payment will be sent to Wagon Mistress. Priority for registration spots go to MVCC Members. There are a limited number of cabins available. There will be the large parking lot for visitors again this year plus much more!

Veterans Day. Myself (and 1942 GTB), Don Gomes (and 1942 GPW) and Denny Clark (with my Dodge WC25) did the Gustine VFW parade in downtown Gustine then drove to see our close friend Dieter Peotrch at rest in the San Joaquin Military Memorial Cemetery.

AND, Merry Christmas from the MVCC HQ!

Johnny & Christina Verissimo~



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Ahhhhh, Homework!

Johnny told me this needed to be in by the 14th, but he didn't say what time 📧🕒 !

There's not much going on in the East Bay. We did manage to get out to another car show at the USS Hornet which had a turnout that was easily double that of last month's event. Larry P. brought out his Jeep and we had the M37 as usual. I'm always impressed by the sheer volume of goodies Larry has on his Jeep, every time I see it I find something new to look at. I enjoy watching to see who checks out the MV's. The little kids are drawn to them, along with some of the JDM types who are very curious about the old beasts. I posted a dyno chart on the truck at one event and there were lots of photos. A whopping 50 rwhp, go figure...

Veterans Day was quiet. Local events were canceled, but I did take the time to speak with my students about the significance of the Holiday. There's a real enthusiasm for History in my Auto class and many of the kids enjoy it when I get a bit off track and start telling historical "stories" as they call them. You wouldn't think you could wrap a class of ruff tuff High School students around your finger with a simple story, but, from experience, you can! That got me thinking, with COVID and all I've been trying lots of ways to try and get the students involved and engaged in their education. Do any of you members have some fascinating experiences you'd like to share with the class? Historical, Automotive, Photos,... You could relate them to me or you could participate in a Zoom meeting with the crew. It's hard to beat a real life story! Any takers??? If so, give a call.

To all you Vets out there, THANKS!
Have a Great Thanksgiving,
Andy



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FOR SALE: 1944 International USMC 2.5 ton 6x6 M-5H-6 Cargo truck. Needs some TLC to get back on the road and running. This truck has the original bed with both fuel tanks and the winch, rust free open cab with top bows and windshield. Surface rust only. Was running and driving has sat for a year now. Will start with a battery and fuel. Very complete original older restoration. Clean title, California historical plates currently on non op.

Very rare WW2 Marine Corps truck. \$5,000 OBO **Dave 408-805-0065**

12-20

Want To Buy WWII Jeep and Dodge WC 62 parts: Looking to buy a "driver" WWII Jeep. Must look nice and be relatively correct. Not looking for a garage or 100% show queen. Also looking for running boards assemblies, spare tire bracket, and head light brush guards that will fit a 1943 WC 62/63. Lastly, looking for many usable 9:00x16 NDT tires. Thanks, Calvin 1898kma@gmail.com. Or 805-458-7291.

FOR SALE: Ford GTB Parts, all sorts of GTB parts. I'm restoring another GTB but will have many extras including frames, engines etc. Make offers.

I also have a 1941 Dodge Radiator and some rims for sale. The radiator needs work. Taking offers. Don Gomes, Newman, Ca. (209)765-1273 **10-20**

Wanted: Original GTB US Army or US Navy Cargo Truck data plates,

Johnny Verissimo—(209)-918-0488 istanbull@sbcglobal.net **10-20**



FOR SALE: This is an M151A2 windshield that is a spare part that I got with my Jeep that I do not need. It is in fair condition and I am asking \$200.00 for it. It has has 1 small chip in the glass that you can see in the last picture.

E-mail works best for me at rjheim38@comcast.net. Regis **7-20**



For Sale: RT-1523 / prc-119 SINGARS radio (demil, nonfunctional, for display only) includes dismantled 8523 battery box. No internal cards or components. No mounts or other accessories Included. Not for export. \$450. Brendan (650)759-3983" **8-20**

For Sale: M211 complete cargo truck, metal cab, winch, was a great runner till rats ate engine wires. M211 Truck Tractor, winch, good parts truck, motor and transmission in it, both trucks go together, best offer. - WW2 Engineer trailer, 5th wheel, 8 wheels in the rear, flat bed, best offer. Mike Killeen, (530)601-7166 **8-20**

For Sale:: Stencil machines for sale: Diagraph Brandley Industries; Makes 11/16 inch letters. Marsh Stencil Machine; Makes 1/2 inch letters. Approx. 100 sheets of 7x24 stencil paper. Best to pick up in Yountville Ca. 94599, these machines are heavy. \$300.00 or best offer

Tom Scott @ 707-339-0698 or tomlauren@sbcglobal.net

11/20

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FOR SALE MILITARY VEHICLE COLLECTION

1) **1942 Dodge WC 53 Carryall** in running/driving condition 5 new tires, new master cylinder new wheel cylinders, all lights function correctly, very rare and desirable vehicle. \$45,000.

2) **1943 White half-track.** Runs and drives, new starter, starts and stops. New front tires. Lights are not connected at this time. All new interior. Seat backs and bottom cushions from Beachwood Canvas. Beachwood canvas cab top as well. \$50,000. Street legal in California.

4) **1944 Dodge WC 52** original 6 V barn find, all wiring still original, all original wood bed new master cylinder, new wheel cylinders. New tires, runs and drives, lights not working at this time. \$12,000.

5) **1945 Ford GPW** very good condition. Runs, drives, starts and stops. New master cylinder, new wheel cylinders, 50 caliber machine gun M 31C pedestal mount, Combat rims and a BC 659 jeep radio. \$25,000.

6) **Ford GPW**, VIN 108038, Date of Delivery 4-23-43. Was restored 10 years ago by a specialist but never driven, kept in a safe garage. Every item is absolutely correct with many F-marked components and bolts.

New Beachwood Canvas summer top and seat covers, new Denman American tires on correct combat rims, correct OD paint. Engine runs very quiet and has excellent oil pressure. Original 6-volt electrics. Clear title and current registration. A steal at \$20,000. Located in Santa Barbara.

7) **K 38 Telephone Trailer**, restored, very rare, attaches to a Jeep. \$2,500.

All vehicles are in running/driving condition. They all start and stop. All vehicles have new master cylinders and new wheel cylinders except for the half track. Its brakes and Hydro Vac system function correctly.

All of the vehicles have combat rims and new tires, Tubes and flaps except for dodge 1944WC 52 the one with the markings C 14 , has older tires. Will sell the whole lot or individual vehicles. Vehicles are

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Items for sale from Fred Kennedy's "Motor Pool". Contact (209)639-9724

1.-- Three Mules (M-274 A5), two complete, one has electric starter and alternator [\$6500/\$4000]. One has all parts needed along with extra bed and transaxle[\$3000].

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3 Three Ben-Hur trailers. 2 metal [\$900/\$700] wood (G-518) [\$700].

1. 1 1/2 T trailer (M-107A) with a spare tire. [\$975

3.-- Two GPW Jeep's. Both project vehicles, complete [\$1800] ea. One M-38 complete and runs [\$5000]. One M-38A1, complete and runs [\$5000]. One 1970 CJ-5 did run when parked [\$2000].

4.-- 1/2T Dodge pickup, (WC-21) square box, rattle snake head tie downs, spare tire carrier, great body, extra engine [\$5000]. Command Car (WC-6), not cut, most parts there [\$5000].

Two parts cabs, one open cab, other CC cut behind front seat [\$750] ea.

5.-- 3/4T Dodge Troop Carrier, very good body [\$3250]. 3/4T Canvas Covered Ambulance. Tire carrier. Right front fender missing [\$1500].

6.-- 1 1/2T Dodge 6x6 (G-507) bed all there. Open cab [\$2750].

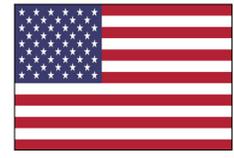
7.-- Mercedes UNIMUG L1300. Runs, has a turbo diesel. Box on back for camping. Set up with water heater, electric kitchen. Sleeping area. Solar to recharge batteries , and 46" tires [\$42000].





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Veterans Day Convoy in El Dorado County

Wednesday, November 11th marked veterans day, 2020. Instead of our usual gathering for veterans, like last year’s simulated flight to Washington DC Veterans Memorial, this year we participated in a convoy/drive-by from El Dorado Hills to Placerville. The plan was to drive past several local retirement home communities where the residents would be outside waving as we drove past. The convoy broke up a few times, but everyone made it to the end thanks to good written directions.

Due to other events that day (and some vehicle availability issues), we had only two WWII jeeps participating. The convoy included Corvettes, a Veterans Center van, classic cars, motorcycles, celebrity cars and even a couple of Tesla super cars. Doug O’Neil drove his ’43 USMC Willys MB and I drove my ’43 Ford GPW “trail jeep” with my wife, Nancy riding shotgun. Doug flat-towed his jeep from Auburn while I drove mine the half hour from Shingle Springs to the starting point at El Dorado Estates Retirement Community.

It was a little cool driving to the starting point in an open jeep, but the weather cooperated and warmed up slightly with the sun out most of the day. The original route called for no freeway driving (in consideration of our 4-cylinder jeeps), but someone missed a turn and took us onto the freeway from El Dorado Hills to Cameron Park (about 4 miles), which is coincidentally the steepest uphill portion of Highway 50 in that area. We were down to 35mph at one point going all out uphill... but we made it without incident and got a few thumbs up, honks, and waves along the way.

A 5-ton truck joined us briefly at the third stop, Eskaton Cameron Park, but I didn’t have a chance to get the driver’s name. We were enthusiastically greeted at each community drive-by and even got a few smiles and waves at places in between. Everyone likes a parade and this one had multiple American flags waving to celebrate the day. I got lots of honks and thumbs-up before I even arrived at El Dorado Hills, and with my big American flag flying on the back of my jeep I got even more on the route home - made me proud to be a Veteran and an American, driving my WWII jeep on a very untypical Veterans Day.

Here’s a video link to the Good Day Sacramento coverage of the event: <https://gooddaysacramento.cbslocal.com/video/4862074-corvette-caravan/>. Watch for the jeeps toward the end of the video.

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Hello Mvcc Club members

I hope all is well at these trying times. Well November was a great month for me when I received a call from one of our club members wanting to sell his GTB collection and other vehicles .So I called Johnny Verissimo a "Burma Brother" and asked him to go with me to go check out Fred Kennedy's gtb's.. November 5th Johnny, Denny another old friend and I took a trip to Manteca to Fred's house to check out the Gtb's and all the parts. The parts were everywhere in the weeds in the truck beds and even a little Red Wagon had parts in it .So Fred and I started talking and finally struck a deal and I bought the GTB collection 3 1943 Cargo's with beds and one has the hard to find Troop seats complete and one other is all original in OD with numbers and a original side seat with GTB belt brackets . Fred had been collecting gtb's and other trucks , jeeps and trailers for over 30 years . I ended up going back Sunday to set up the trucks and parts for transport on the next Thursday . I had a guy named Roger that hauled my 1940 Dodge Aviation fuel truck home .



Well as of now I have 9 Gtb's on the Dairy some complete and some are parts trucks. Johnny took a bunch of photos and put them on Facebook about our Burma Jeep adventure and received a lot of likes and questions and then Nick Bombini a club member made a comment calling me the Burma King . Thanks Nick .. KEEP-ING HISTORY ALIVE .



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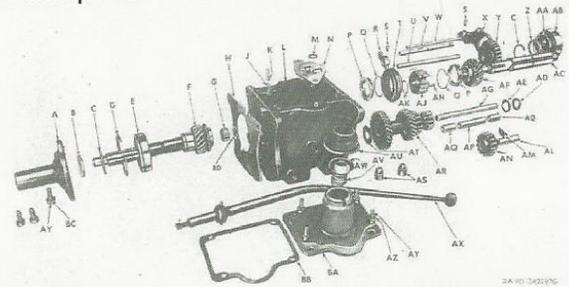
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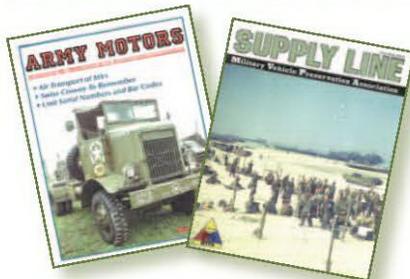
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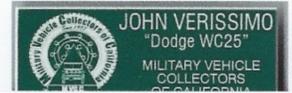


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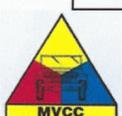
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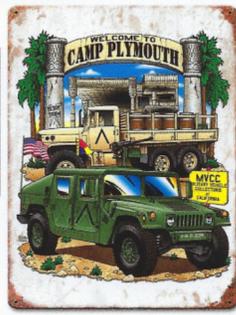
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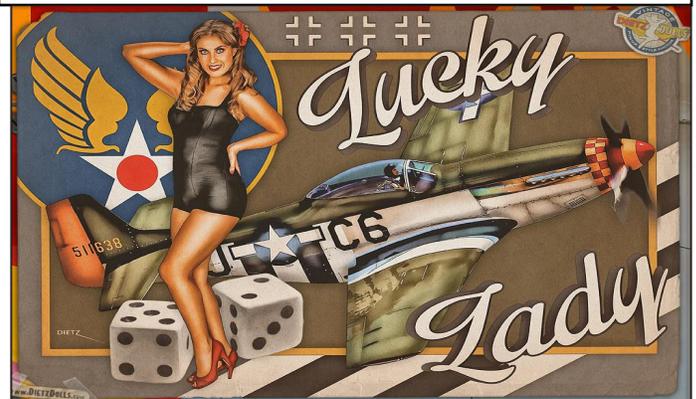
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Toadman's Second Annual San Jose to Tuscaloosa Road Trip Part 2, by Chris "Toadman" Hughes

This past summer, I drove from San Jose to Tuscaloosa, Alabama. This has become an annual road trip as my youngest daughter attends the University of Alabama. Along the way, I stopped at numerous military vehicle and military history related sites. This article chronicles day 2 of the trip.

On Thursday, July 30, I departed Flagstaff, Arizona bound for Canyon, Texas. This leg of my journey was around 9 hours in time and 620 miles in distance. Combined with traveling through two time zones, it made for a long day. Since there really isn't much to see on I-40E in this area, I only made one stop and that was to the National Museum of Nuclear Science and History (NMNSH) in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Located about 15 minutes east of downtown Albuquerque, the NMNSH first opened in 1969 at Kirtland Air Force Base. After 9/11, it was moved to Old Town Albuquerque due to the increased security at Kirtland. It moved to its present location in 2009.

The museum exhibits focus on the history and origins of atomic theory, the development of atomic weapons during World War Two, the expansion of nuclear weapons during the Cold War, nuclear medicine, and commercial applications of atomic energy. Various interactive displays are available throughout the museum for guests. Along with interactive displays are artifacts from the Manhattan Project, nuclear weapons casings, several vehicles, electronic equipment, and other items.

Outside of the museum is a large yard containing seven aircraft ranging in size from a F-16 Fighting Falcon up to a B-52B Stratofortress. There are also numerous missiles and rockets along with an Honest John rocket launcher and a replica of the tower used for the first atomic bomb test.

Due to restrictions in place because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the museum interior was closed during my visit. However, I was able to visit the entire museum during my 2019 road trip and can tell you that it is well worth a visit. Expect to stay for several hours to get a proper experience. Since the outdoor display area has very little shade, I recommend viewing that area first if visiting during the summer.

The National Museum of Nuclear Science and History is 601 Eubank Blvd SE, Albuquerque. Due to the continued pandemic restrictions, please visit their website, www.nuclearmuseum.org for updated visitor information.

With the conclusion of my visit to the museum, it was time to head off to Canyon, Texas for the night. A stop for gas at a Costco across the street from the museum had me filling up for \$1.79/gallon for unleaded. 4 hours later, I was at my hotel in Canyon, resting up for the next day's adventure.

Museum: The National Museum of Nuclear Science and History has been around since 1969. It has been at its present location since 2009.

Towed HJ: A towed Honest John rocket launcher is one of the weapons displays inside the museum. In addition to the towed Honest John inside the museum is this truck mounted version.





B-52B: This B-52B was the first of its kind to drop a hydrogen bomb. The test took place in May 1956.

B-47E: The B-47 was a U.S. strategic bomber used during the 1950's and early 1960's. It is one of over half a dozen aircraft on display at the museum.

Photo's taken by Chris Hughes



Answers to Military Vehicle Quiz #2 from page #5

- D. All of the above
- C. The XM531 "Muskrat" was built by AMC, none were procured by the US military.
- D. A "Fart Sack" is a sleeping bag if you are in the Army, or a mattress cover if you are in the Navy.
- B. German halftracks had a non-driving front axle and longer tracks requiring track braking for steering around tight corners, American halftracks had a driving axle on the front, shorter tracks and did not have track braking.
- A. 1-3-4-2
- D. WW2 trucks with winches were built with longer frames, postwar M series Dodge trucks with or without winches were built with the same frame and bolt-on frame extensions for the winch model vehicles.
- B & C. Studebaker built the M29 Weasel and the US6 cargo truck, most of which were exported to the USSR as Lend-Lease materiel.
- B. Ford manufactured the B24 bomber at their Willow Run, MI plant during WW2.
- D. The Rotabuggy or Flying Jeep was a gyrocopter, it had no engine and had to be towed by another aircraft to fly.
- C. Pyke proposed using large icebergs as aircraft carriers early in WW2, large enough to launch land-based aircraft to protect Atlantic convoys. It was not clear how the reinforcing wood fibers would be frozen into the icebergs, how they would maneuver or how all the other infrastructure required of an aircraft carrier would be incorporated into them.

Score yourself as follows:

- 1-2 Correct: Tenderfoot
- 3-4 Correct: Private First Class
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