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Picture taken at the MVCC Rally/Get Together at Historic Eagle Field in Dos Palos, California June 19, 2020. A total of 37 military vehicles attended (Not all pictured). Of the two large hangars that were built at Eagle Field in 1942 only one remains. *Picture taken by Johnny Verissimo via iphone.*

MVCC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Hope everyone is still safe and getting projects done.

Not much is really happening out and about. On the 4th I took the GPW out to show the flag, but missed out on a cool 4th of July cruise in Atwater. Dean Peck and his son Shane made it I hear. A local auction had two MVs up for sale. M62 5 ton 6x6 navy water truck and an USMC M37B1 with a M416 trailer. The water truck when for \$1,200.00 and the M37 for \$14,000.00 I heard a couple of bidders talking about scrapping the truck during the auction so.....I bought it.

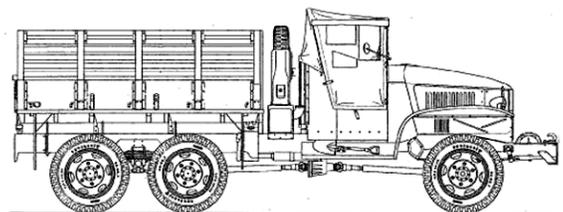
You may see some more changes to the newsletter moving forward as we are still looking for our new editor. What would you like to see in the newsletter? Let us know. Would you like to write a short tip or trick article or a history of your vehicle? Send them in!

I want to thank Johnny Verissimo for becoming our latest Editor, I am confident he will do a good job.

I have been asked by several members if we can do another Eagle Field rally in the fall. We will continue to stay up to date on if/when events can happen. I know everyone is focused on the stay at home orders and masks, but remember that we are in fire season and we all need to do our part to protect our families, homes, and MVs.

That's All Folks!

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Hi everyone. Apparently our esteemed Club Secretary (and newsletter editor), John Verissimo, is under the impression that you want to read words that I string together. So with that, here we go...

Ordinarily I don't publish any columns in the Newsletter because I figure:

You already get enough of me via the website

If you've spent much time talking to me, you probably don't want to read more of my diatribes

You watch or have seen Jeep Talk, and you KNOW you don't want to hear what I might write

It's possible that I don't have too many interesting things to say.

At any rate, if you haven't already heard, the MVCC has an actual website on the Internet! How sweet is that? "Well websites are nice and all, but what's in it for me?" you ask? Your club website is a fountain of goodness that is all things MVCC. We've got a calendar that has fun stuff to do, photos taken by folks like YOU at previous events (but mostly taken by Craig Clifton lately. Thanks Craig!), and we've even got the MVCC Newsletter on there! If you're a member, and contact me to set up your account for access, you can get the latest newsletter on the website and don't have to wait for the mailman to finish reading it before it lands in your mailbox! Not only that, every single newsletter I could get my hands on that go back at least as far as when Donna Mambretti was your editor is available there too. That means you can toss all those old paper newsletters, reduce the fire hazard in your home, and make more room for green vehicle parts! But if you're reading this in the archives section on the website, it's at least 6 months old and maybe you should become an MVCC Member and get all the benefits that come with it!

As for me, when I'm not running the website for the club or running many websites for the State of Nevada, I try to swing wrenches on my own vehicle projects. Right now, I'm wrapping up a complete frame-off restoration of a HMMWV that I've had kicking around for at least 14 years or so. It still has some fine tuning to be done, but last month I drove it under it's own power for the first time. And of course, the requisite before and after shot:



I hope your stuck at home time has allowed you to make progress on your projects like it has for me. OD might be a disease, but it sure does help keep you from going crazy when you're stuck at home! I'd also like to thank my fellow Board Members who are always working behind the scenes to make this the best MV Club anywhere. These folks work tirelessly so that we can all have a good time with our green toys, and I for one am very grateful for all they do for all of us, the MVCC. That's it from here, so stay safe, and 'Keep 'Em Rolling!' -Sean

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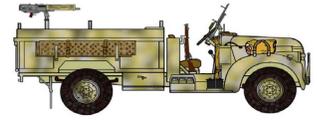
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This on again off again, that's happening in Monterey County is just driving me nuts. First you can eat inside restaurants, now you can't; outside or take-a-way only. The weather in Monterey outside can be iffy at times, so we may have to go back to "take away" dining.

We do have a Porsche picnic this Sat (11th); with all kinds of rules. It will be outdoors and is limited to 30 cars, so a maximum of 60 people. Somewhere in Watsonville at a ranch & social distancing is required.

The "Monterey Rock & Rods Festival" is still up on the internet as happening on Aug 14th & 15th. <http://www.montereyrockrod.com/>

Also on the 15th is the "Concourse d' Lemons Monterey" "actually held in Seaside. <https://24hoursoflemons.com/concours-d-lemons/>

Oct. 10th "Cars in the Park" sponsored by the Marina Rotary on Sat. Oct 10th. Location is Vince DiMaggio Park, 3200 Del Monte Blvd. Marina event time 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Website is here <http://marinarotaryclub.org/cars-in-the-park-info.html>

Oct. 18th - Historic Town of San Juan Bautista, sponsored by the "Gold Coast Rods" on Sunday Oct. 18th from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Website <https://www.goldcoastrods.org/san-juan-bautista-show.html>

Another I found in October that is still up on the internet is "Rods on the Wharf" on Sunday Oct. the 25th. [18th Annual Rods on the Wharf | October 27., 2019 | Custom House Plaza, Monterey, CA](#)

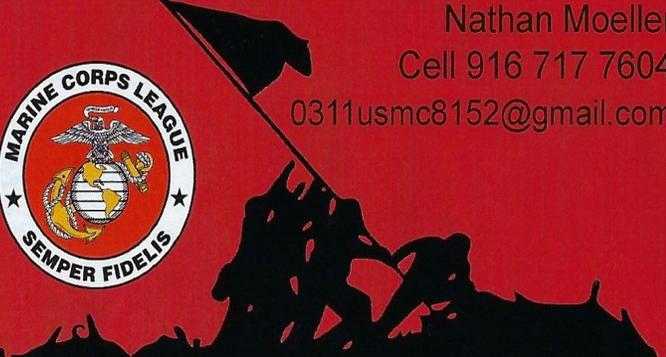
But I would suggest that you check to make sure they have not been cancelled before you decide to make the effort to attend.

P.S. I did the same thing that I did for Memorial Day (on the 4th). Parked the Jeep on the side yard behind the gate. Also we had our own "mini parade" through downtown Pacific Grove in the jeep.



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Hope you all had a great 4th of July. Our last minute celebration at Ryan's in the East Bay Hills was a hit! There were a variety of MV's including Armando's BMI/Hasco 5 ton, Jim's WWII Vintage Chevy 1.5 ton and the M37. In addition to the MV's there was a large and eclectic mix of other vehicles, a sampling of which includes an AH Sprite, FC150, various CJ's, Dodge Forward Control vans, and the "Victory Tractor" that appears to have been built during WWII with parts available. Before grilling we had a nice time hanging around outside and checking out Ryan's homestead. After a tasty lunch of burgers, sausages, beverages and some peaches for dessert we grabbed our lawn chairs and headed down the driveway to set up and watch the show. We had parked our vehicles along the main drag for display and this was a hit with passers by, kind of an inverted parade. There seemed to be a combination of enthusiasm and/or confusion depending on who was passing! I'm very confident property values in Ryan's neighborhood skyrocketed.

Then it was time for some fun in the dirt. After Jimmy took us on a recon run Hilde and I hit the hillside in the M37. We did a few practice laps and then the M was pressed into service as an amusement park ride. We loaded up the troop seats with all who wanted to join the fun, including a group of mountain bikers who dropped by to see what was going on. They were surprised at what the truck was capable of and it was funny to listen to the group during the steep climbs/descents. After the line for rides subsided Hilde and I went back up the hill to play. Little did we know we would be providing the late afternoon entertainment. We went wide on a turn and slid sideways over the trail's berm. As we attempted to extract ourselves we just kept sliding sideways further down the hill, not good...time to get some help! After much discussion, much tow rope, airing down the tires and finding the appropriate vehicles to help we were able to extract the M with relative ease. Fortunately some of the crew had some 4 wheeling experience!

At this point things began to wind down, possibly due to being baked on the hillside for over an hour! We had planned to head to the West side of the hill to watch the illegal fireworks, but I think everyone was bushed and ready to head home. I did want to share Jim's report of the ride back to San Francisco that evening, I think it did justice to the "display":

Here is a link to some of the photos from the event, hope you like them: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/SKJkNmxdQrezloZn8>

I'd like to thank Ryan and his family for hosting the event and making sure all had a good time. Hope to see you out in your MV soon! Stay Healthy, Andy



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North bay east update

Howdy MVerS,

It's been a couple months since I've updated...thank you Mr. Covid. Anyway, work continues on the HEMTT. Installed the pistons in the liners. Since it was my first time, ended up breaking a ring. No big



I reordered another ring set and got the pistons into the liners and installed the liners. My homemade clampdowns worked fine. Now I can install heads. In regards to upcoming events, I'm super excited about the upcoming event and hope to see you there. Let me know about events in our area so I can share with our group.

Mike



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REPORT FROM SPEARHEAD VI (Part 1)

This is an after action report from the driver of Jeep 6. Part of the American Military Vehicle Squad “Spearhead VI”. Over the next several months I will chronicle the adventures and experiences of Jeep 6, driven by myself, Scott Rohrs. I hope you enjoy these stories and maybe inspire or assist you in your own trip to the hallowed ground of the battlefields of Europe.

This adventure began for me in 1994 with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the D- Day invasion. My father was an early member of the club (MVCC) and told me of an opportunity to ship our jeep over to Normandy on the WWII liberty ship Jeremiah O’Brian. At that time, the ship was newly restored and I believe this was its first cruise since it had been made sea worthy again. Needless to say, it was a once in a lifetime opportunity! This idea captivated my mind for years. Unfortunately we were unable to make that cruise. Ever since that time it was a “bucket list” trip for me.

Fast forward to fall of 2018, Tower Park. I am visiting with the old Mike’s Military shop crew and they are talking about a trip that they are planning, to make the 75th Anniversary in Normandy France. My interest was immediately peaked and wanted to know the details. Even though all the details weren’t sorted out at the time, I knew that I was in! Gary was the “Wagon Master” and he already had a great itinerary planned and I was over the moon about the whole idea of this adventure! Now that I was committed, the work began.

The vehicle selection was a “no brainer” for me. It would be the family’s 1942 GPW Script (Richmond built). The jeep has been in the family since 1964 and has been passed down through three generations of Rohrs, starting with my grandfather Herman. There were some repairs that I knew I wanted to make before the jeep was shipped over seas. I wanted to repair the hinge on the hood, re skin the windscreen, put new glass in the inner windshield frame, replace the exhaust system, do a full fluid change (oil, gear oil, & radiator fluid), tune up (plugs & ignition parts), do a full repaint, and change the unit marking of the jeep. This all was to start in December and to be buttoned up by April 1, 2019. Needless to say that it rained the majority of those months and slowed the progression of that “punch list”. I found myself with a wet back many times due to the copious amount of water leaking under the walls and on to the slab of my metal shop. Thankfully, the original military paint I was spraying could have dried under water! The other thing I had to consider is the fact that all of the equipment, uniforms, and spare parts to be used during the 2500 mile trip, had to be packed and accounted for in the packing list prior to being shipped out. Before I knew it, the day had arrived to take the Jeep to the shipping company. Of course it was raining that day too. (You will see though out this adventure “Rain” is a common theme)! Ready or not it was headed across the pond. I have to admit that it was a strange feeling when you have a family heirloom (the jeep) leave your possession for the first time in 55 years. Crazy thoughts entered my head of all of the catastrophic things that could happen to it. This was amplified due to fact that all 6 jeeps would be stacked 2 high in a 40ft sea container. The next time I would see my rig, and how it fared the journey, it would be “in country” at the harbor in La Havre France. I texted Gary the afternoon I dropped the rig off in Richmond and said “this S* * * just got real”. Up to this part of the planning stage, that is all that is was. Planning and fanatizing on how the trip would go. Well, now the first part of the trip had begun!





Above photos by Scott Rohrs

Hello North Bay West and beyond,

I wanted to drop a quick report on my 4th of July adventure in Virginia City, Nevada. This is the 4th year that we have been going up to the “Comstock” to celebrate America’s birthday. The fireworks were cancelled and the parade was officially canceled, but you would never know it. The cars, floats, and crowds showed up to celebrate together! It was great to see as we live in the “Cancel Culture”! Flags and patriotism won the day! I brought the 1942 GPW P/U across state lines to ring in America’s Birthday! I even ran into some of the Nevada members and had a good visit.

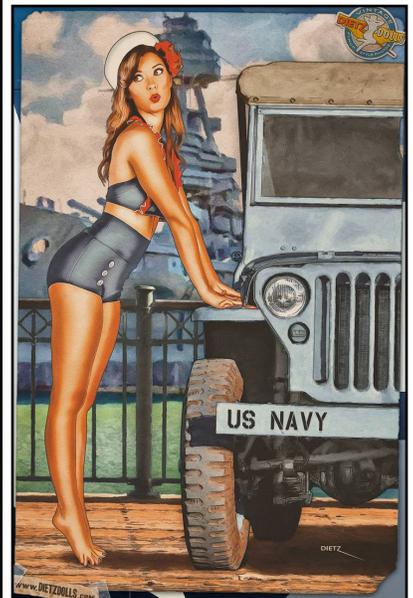
Remember, the September Swap is canceled. Let’s use that week to get some local rallies, trail rides, or camping trips. We all took the time off, lets use it!

Scott Rohrs

North Bay West VP



Photo by Scott Rohrs



The Quest for a CA-1 Dozer by Scott Tanis

I have always wanted a WWII Clarkair CA-1 Dozer. A little background and how I became obsessed with WWII Military Vehicles. My Grandfather was a C-47 Troop Carrier pilot and staff officer for the 314th Troop Carrier Group. He participated in 7 Allied Campaigns from North Africa through the Rhine Crossing including D-Day. He retired from the Air Force after 30 years of active duty. Even though he was retired, military aircraft were never far away. If there was an Airshow or Fly-in within 200 miles, my brother and I were there with him. We went to Travis or Beale AFB once a month from the time we could walk, until we aged out at 18. We became very familiar with the U-2, SR-71, C-141, C-5, and C-17. We got to get up-close and personal with those planes. On one of the trips to the AFB, the museum had a glider display, we spent a lot of time there. There was a picture there of a glider with a CA-1 inside of it, it was the coolest. As a kid, like most of us, I paved all the roads in the country in our sand box with our Tonka Trucks and fell in love with big equipment. I didn't give it much thought until a few years ago at the MVCC Tower Park, when a member brought his restored Clark and demonstrated what the Clark could do. It was then that I decided I needed one, not want, definitely needed one. After looking for a while I found a pile of parts that used to be a Clark, I placed a bid on it because it was all I could find. But unfortunately, I lost the auction, it sold for way more than I had expected. The next few years go by without finding anything for sale. Then one day, another one showed up on eBay. This one didn't run but was complete except for the winch. The bad thing was it ended while I was on vacation, let's just say I drove my wife and friends crazy because I wouldn't leave the hotel room on auction day until it was over. I lost that bid too by \$100, which made me moody for the rest of the vacation. Thought for sure the wife would block me from eBay bidding for the rest of my life. Needless to say, I continued my search for a WWII Dozer. Then on a trip 5 years later, to Montana with Nick Bombini to pick-up his GPW project and my ½ ton Command Car project, we stumbled across a CA-1 Dozer. We were hurrying out of northern Montana trying to miss the first snow storm of the year, we missed the three feet of snow that blanketed northern Montana by hours! We were a site to see, driving the truck with a gooseneck trailer loaded with a ½ ton Command Car, a GPW, and soon to stack a Bantam trailer on top, there was absolutely not an inch to spare on the trailer. But this did not stop us from looking the whole trip home for other projects/toys that needed a new home. We were just inside Idaho, flying down the little mountain highway heading to get Nick's Bantam and then to his family in the area for dinner and rest, when I looked over Nick's shoulder for a split second and saw a CA-1 with a for sale sign it was down a hill through some trees. I yelled out for Nick to stop the truck we need to go back; I had seen a CA-1. Nick said "no way". I told him I swear I know what I saw as we drove for the next ½ mile or so. I was like, "Dude we need to turn around!" It seemed like forever, before we finally got turned around in a driveway. We got back to where I had seen the CA-1, sure enough it was a CA-1. We drove up to the house where the CA-1 was for sale and Nick knocked on the door, I stood back a few feet as I figured two big guys knocking on a door may scare most people. Nick explained that we were there to take a look at the CA-1 for sale and the nice gentleman said he would show us. As we walked out to it, he explained he had it for the last 15-20 years and that it hadn't ran in 3-5 years since the starter died. He explained and showed us that he had done all of the yard and road work around his house with the CA-1. He moved a lot of stone and it looked great. Nick ask what he wanted for it, he told us and we made a deal. It was obvious that we had no way of getting it home this trip which killed me. The gentleman and his wife stated, "Grampa's Bucket of Bolts" could stay a while longer. So, after paying him for the CA-1 we headed to get the bantam then dinner, which we were several hours late for. Nick deserves a medal for riding home with me, I was like an 8-year-old on a sugar high for the 10 plus hour drive home to California. But we made it, and he didn't drive off and leave me a gas station or rest stop.

We waited for the weather and the Holidays to pass and then touched base with the old owners of the CA-1 and started planning our trip back to Idaho to bring my new toy home. We picked up Nick's new trailer on the way back to Idaho and picked up my CA-1. We got the CA-1 loaded without any issues. The prior owners filled us in on its history and stated that a gentleman had stopped a few times wanting to buy it, but he had to tell him no that is was already sold. We laughed and took pictures with all of us and then headed for home. We looked pretty funny with this huge gooseneck trailer and a tiny dozer on it. Again, we kept our eyes out for something to fill the empty trailer with. A couple of hours down the road, Nick spotted a yard with a bunch of WWII Military Vehicles on it. We of course turned around, blocking the highway and headed back to see if there was something for sale. We pulled in to the yard and went in search of the owner. When he came out of his shop, his first words were, "You brought me my little Airborne Dozer". We started laughing, as it turns out, he was the guy the prior owners told us about that had stopped by to try and buy it a few times after we had. Turns out he is as crazy as we are for OD Military Vehicles and happens to be a club member. We ended up talking for 2 plus hours and exchanged information on parts he was after and what we were after. We finished up there and headed for dinner that we again missed a second time. A few days later we made it home with no issues and its time for the restoration to begin, so we can play with it at 49er for the next MVCC meet. I want to thank Nick Bombini for all of the help and adventures while rehoming WWII Vehicles. It was two great road trips with a lot of fun along the way, I can't wait until the next thing we get to drag home.

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Hello MVCC Members,

I hope all is well with you and your families. It's been a long time since I've written an addition to the newsletter and this year has been particularly uneventful, so I'd like to start off with a big thank you to Chris Thomas for setting up the Eagle Field Rally that we had in June and a big thank you to Joe Davis for letting us have our rally at Eagle Field. We had a great turnout and a lot of fun with all of the MVCC members along with their friends and families.

Friday night we were able to serve around 100 tri tip dinners thanks to our president's efforts to put on at least one gathering for everyone to enjoy. Saturday, Johnny and I set up a Code Breaker event in which MV drivers and their riders had to solve a saying in relation to Eagle Field. We had around 15 MV groups participate and it took an hour and a half for all of the prizes to be won. That evening, the Dos Palos Lions Club sponsored dinner for all of the members and the night closed with a movie depicting the establishment of Eagle Field in 1942. I hope that we can put on such an event next year as well now that people know and are more aware of Eagle Field and its great potential.

Congratulations to Johnny Verissimo for becoming the newest Editor of the MVCC Newsletter.

Best,

Don Gomes
MVCC Central Valley V.P - Keeping History Alive! -



Don Gomes and his new GTB with a C cab he bought from Pual Lubker. Don plans on getting it running soon. He's not sure if he will leave it as is or make it a cargo truck.

Photo by Johnny Verissimo



I saw this at hobby lobby in Los Banos, Ca. I didn't expect to see this at a craft store but I thought it was pretty cool.

Photo by Johnny Verissimo

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Because of recent surgery, I need to sell one of my M151A-2 Mutts which I was going to restore. It runs very well and is an over-all good project. It was a USMC tow vehicle. The paint is 34052. It never had R.O.P.S. It has a lot of body holes where the tow brackets were removed.

There are some small spots of rust on the body. It has lot of new parts, plus 4 extra tires and rims, a heater, and a N.O.S top.

It has been parked outside since June, when all maintenance was done. It is in San Luis Obispo County, California. It has a clear Arizona title. Asking price \$8000. A fact sheet listing all parts and photos are available on request.

Harry Leave a message at (805) 473-9705. 6-20

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.

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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.

Pictured to the right are some of the parts I have.

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 7-20



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 1 small chip in the glass that you can see in the last picture.

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- 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.

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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 located at the Santa Barbara Motor Pool, Santa Barbara, CA

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email rgracing57@gmail.com or call Herman at 805-964-9449 **8/20**



FROM THE NEW EDITOR

Hello All MVCC members, Some might know me as the MVCC Secretary, Co-Treasurer and Co-Quartermaster. Now I will be your Newsletter Editor. I want to say a HUGE MASSIVE THANK YOU to Dave Ball for doing an OUTSTANDING job over the last 10 years as your Editor. I won't sugar coat it, it's a job doing this month after month. Dave Ball has my deepest respect for his job well done.

I ask for your patients as I figure out this whole newsletter thing. You will already notice changes here and there I'm sure. If you have any questions, concerns or comments please feel free to contact myself at istanbull@sbcglobal.net

This newsletter will be a one time deal of combining the 2 months of July & August due to a combination of Covid19 and the transaction for switching Editors and programs. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

You will notice we have two new business card advertisers **Portrayal Press and Ron Fitzpatrick Jeep Parts**. I had ordered 3 GTB manuals from Portrayal Press when I asked if they would like to run an ad in our Newsletter and they agreed. The manuals were excellent reproductions (pictured below).

As Editor I will be asking members to send me pictures and articles from events you attend or a barn find you found or a new project you are about to start or an article about a restoration you are working on or about military museums you have attended? Anything MV related you would like to share with the club. The Monthly due dates for articles are 15th of every month and the Newsletter goes to the printers by the 20th then you all should receive the newsletter around the 1st of every month, that's the plan.

Glen Clausen. We Quartermasters would like to give a big THANK YOU to Glen for his help at the MVCC Booth at Eagle Field! :)

There is talk about another Eagle Field event in the fall?? I'll keep you posted.

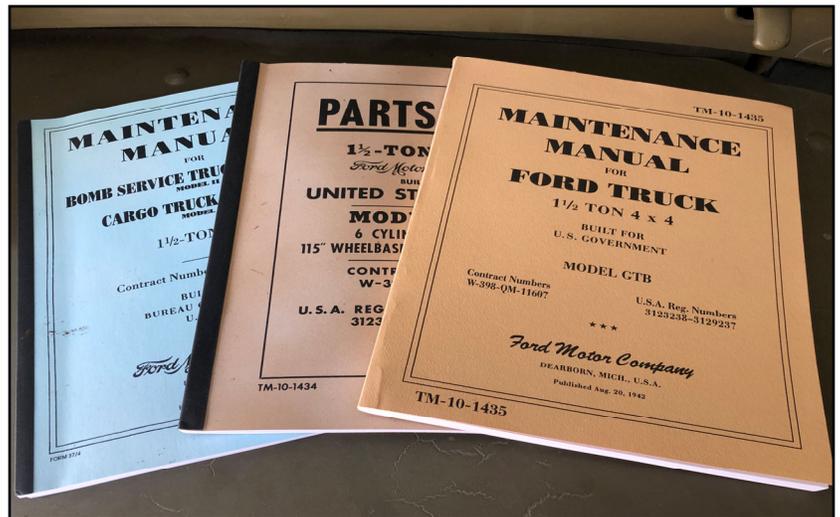
What's the MVCC working on at the moment? The MVCC is now focused on making the 2021 MVCC April Meet the Biggest and Best to date! There are things in the works as we speak so stay tuned for future newsletters with the latest information.

Regards, Johnny, MVCC Editor...

3 Manuals I bought from Portrayal Press in June of last month. All of them are manuals to the Ford GTB Cargo Truck and GTB Bomb Truck. 2 are US Army and 1 is US Navy. They are not all 3 identical, each one has its own information on the Ford GTB Trucks.

If you do place an order with Portrayal Press please let them know you saw their ad here, thanks!

Johnny...



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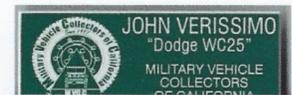


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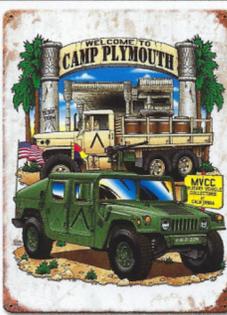
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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 14-19, 2021 Military Vehicle Collectors of California Annual Spring Swapmeet, Campout and Military Vehicle Rally. Held at our new location in Plymouth CA at the **49er Village RV resort and Amador County Fairgrounds.**

No vendor or visitor fee except camping fee.

Lots of free parking for day use. Contact: MVCC Wagonmistress, Joann Lesser

408-238-8277 or 408-440-6068 email

May 22-24, 2021. Best of the West Antique Equipment Show, Santa Margarita Ranch, Santa Margarita, CA.

Between San Luis Obispo and Atascadero. Registration website: bestofthewestshow.com

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June 18, & 19th 2021 Eagle Field Dinner Dance and Fly In & MV Rally

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POC is Chris Thomas (559)871-6507

~~**August 14, 2020 Spirit of 45 Event WWII Living History Event,** celebrating the end of WWII~~

~~Kelly Park, San Jose~~

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POC: Andy 510-832-4322

November 11, 2020 San Jose Veterans Day Parade

Step off at 10:30am near the sharks tank.

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November 11, 2020 Petaluma's Veteran's Parade

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Camp Plymouth Update from Jo-Ann Lesser

It is with much discussion and sadness that the MVCC board has decided to cancel the September 2020 Camp Plymouth. With the uptick of cases in California and with the questionable 4th stage openings it was an unhappy but necessary thing to do. Those that sent in early registration forms and payment please, look to your mail for a refund. Please pass the word to our non member friends. Dates have been requested from the 49'er for the April event and we are awaiting their answer. Please keep watch for more information in upcoming newsletters.

This is a tough time for some. We, as a nation are so used to getting out and socializing.

Being isolated from one another, for some is hard. Learn a new skill, pick up a new hobby, be mindful of your eating and drinking habits. Oh, don't forget your mask and frequent hand washing. The MVCC wants all of our members to be healthy when we are able to meet again.... **JoAnn...~**



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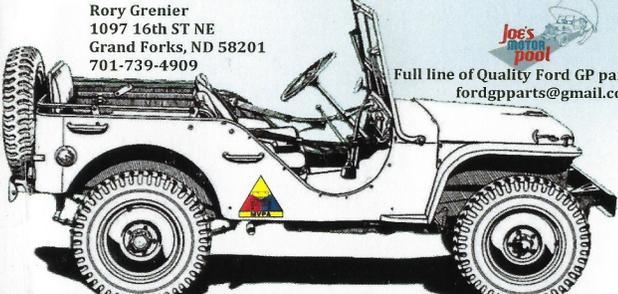
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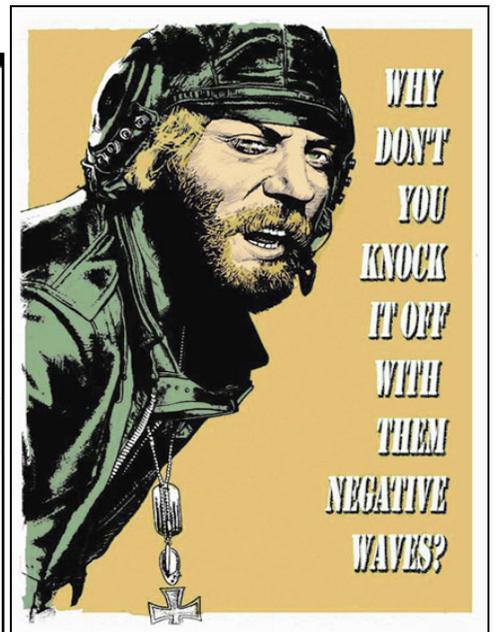
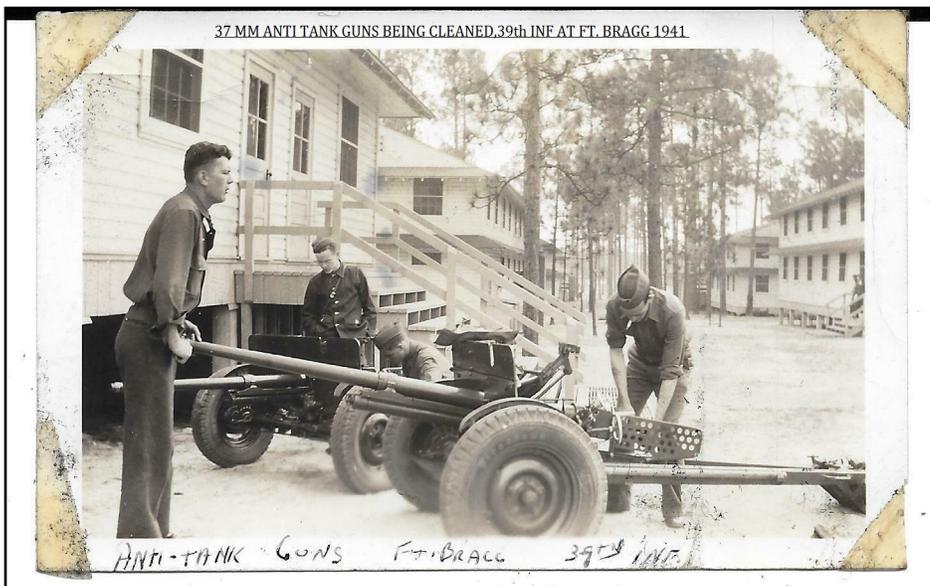
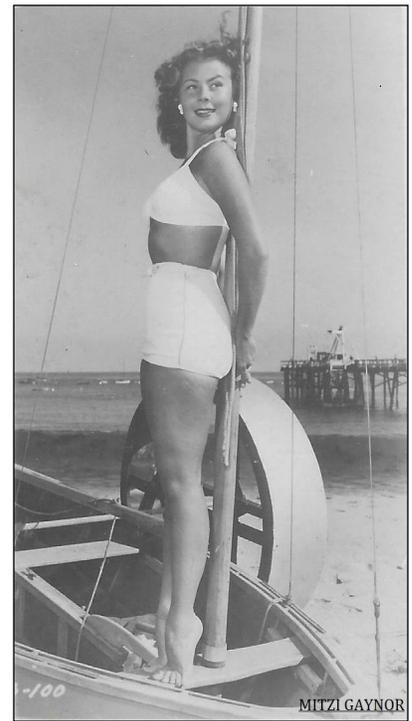


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This is the story of my latest Military Vehicle rescue adventure. It all began with a text from my good friend Ryan Shelley asking if I might be interested in saving 3 or 4 Burma trucks, which turned out to be one Burma truck and one International M-2-4. They were in Southern California, about 6-1/2 hours from me, but the price was right and they needed to be saved from being scraped. Truth be known, there were two other Burma trucks on the property, but only one was available.

For those of you that don't really know what those are, the Burma is a WWII Ford GTB 1-1/2 ton 4x4 truck, commonly known as a "Burma Jeep" or "Burma Ford" for obscure reasons. I like to call them GTBs and I have a small collection of 6 or 7 trucks. ...OK, call me a hoarder but I prefer the term collector. You OD guys understand. Ford made basically two versions of the GTB starting in 1942 and ending in 1944, a cargo truck and a bomb service truck (plus a couple other variants in limited quantities). This one is a '43 cargo truck version, made for the U.S. Navy.

The other truck in this story is an original International Harvester M-2-4, which is a WWII 1-ton cargo truck. These were made exclusively for the Navy and Marine Corps. M for Military, 2 for how many thousand pounds it is rated to carry (2,000 pounds = 1 ton), and 4 for 4-wheel drive. Like the GTB, production started in '42 and ended in '44. This one is a late '44 Marine Corps truck.

Both trucks were surplused after WWII, most likely in the late 1940's, from Port Hueneme Naval Logistics Base. They were purchased surplus for use on a ranch in Santa Paula, California by the grandfather of the man I obtained them from. The family used them heavily until about 20 years ago, when they were parked under some pepper trees.

One other item was rescued on this adventure, an original G506 K51 Chevrolet panel van body. The van body was in a storage yard near Agua Dulce, about an hour east of Santa Paula. I'd been keeping my eyes open for a van body to rebuild one of my G506 trucks, an original panel van that is complete minus the rear half of the body (where a local fire department installed a water tank). This body showed up about a week before the two trucks in Santa Paula, courtesy of club member Tom Hovis, so I decided to combine trips and grab the van body too.

The trip to SoCal to rescue these gems came together after a few weeks of planning. Nick Bombini was gracious enough to help haul the GTB and the van body on his marvelous 30' gooseneck trailer towed by his outstanding Ram pickup while I hauled the M-2-4 on a friend's borrowed trailer with another friend's Dodge 1-ton dually. A couple other friends (Adam Kilgore and Cody Caruthers from Southern California) showed up to help load the beasts, which was a great help. I would have been there a couple of days without their help.

My wife, Nancy and I drove down on Friday and spent the night at a hotel near Magic Mountain, then picked up the van body in the morning before transiting to Santa Paula. We caught up with Nick and the others on Saturday morning and began the rigorous process of loading the GTB, transferring the van body to Nick's trailer (using furniture dollies), and loading the M-2-4 onto my trailer. The front tires on the M-2-4 were shredded, so we changed them out with a couple in better shape (one I brought with me and one found at the ranch) to allow it to roll onto the trailer easier.

We made it home to Shingle Springs around 11:30 PM, after avoiding what would have been a very long delay caused by a 7 car pileup near Eagle Field, by detouring off I-5 over to Hwy 99 at Chowchilla. The outside air temperature gauge on the Dodge showed 111 degrees F at one point. Thank goodness I recharged the A/C before we left home. The next day, Sunday, we rendezvoused with Nick and his dad, Mark at my buddy Scott's place where we unloaded the trucks and the van body. They will stay there until I can free up some space at my place to park them. I'll be evaluating the two trucks to determine how much restoration work will be necessary to put them back in running condition, but it may take a while because I already have several other projects in the works. But hey, another couple trucks were saved from extinction at the hands of the scrapers!

Dave Porter...

Photos from Dave Porter on his trip to Southern California with new toys



Hello Fellow Members,

As you all know, it has been a long while since we've had a get-together, so I wanted to express my appreciation to everyone who helped put together the meet at Eagle Field in Dos Palos this past June. Although the event was short-lived and the sun was incessantly beating down on us, it was wonderful to see club members and their families be able to enjoy themselves despite these hard times. I appreciated everyone's mindfulness of COVID-19 and, with the addition of social distancing and face masks, we were still able to have a good time! I enjoyed our time at Eagle Field so much that I would love to make the event an annual occurrence. I would like to thank Chris Thomas for doing an awesome job in pulling it all off, and I look forward to when we will be able to continue the fun times under better circumstances. It is my sincerest wish that we all stay safe and healthy throughout these difficult times!

**My Best,
Christina Verissimo**



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