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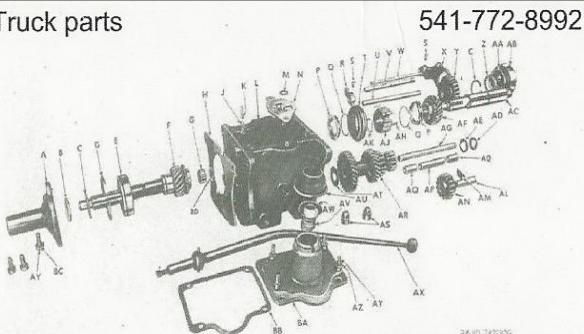
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Two MVCC Members Dave Aro and Ed Henn, both Seabees, were deployed and helped to build this bridge. Ed operated heavy equipment and the pile driver, and Dave operated heavy equipment and trucked crushed rock to the building site.

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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
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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 contact Erik Terberg at 951-529-2301 or email eterberg@hotmail.com

June 18, 2021 "Gathering of War Vehicles"
Eagle Field, 11100 W Eagle Ave, Firebaugh, CA 93622 **POC is Johnny Verissimo 209-918-0488**

~~**August 14, 2020** Spirit of 45 Event WWII Living History Event, celebrating the end of WWII Kelly Park, San Jose
POC: Robert Corpus (408) 887 3311~~

~~**September 15-19 2020** Fall Camp Plymouth at the 49er and Amador County Fairgrounds. Second largest swapmeet and military vehicle show in the west. Come out find parts or a new winter project. POC: Joann lesser, MVCC Wagon Mistress 408-238-8277 or mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com~~

Sept. 30 through Oct. 4 2020 SCMVCC Fall Rally **New This Year!! Lytle Creek, Bonita Rancho Campground call Richard Johnson to make reservation 619-993-5284

October 3, 4 2020 California Capital Airshow Sacramento County's Mather Airport CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com POC Dave Porter 530-677-5115

November 8, 2020 Mayor's Salute to Veterans Day Parade, Fisherman's Warf, San Francisco. The parade will be a WWII 75th Commemoration. Staging starts at 0900, parade step off at 1100. POC: Andy 510-832-4322

November 11, 2020 San Jose Veterans Day Parade Step off at 10:30am near the sharks tank. POC Kurt Lesser 408-238-8277

November 11, 2020 Petaluma's Veteran's Parade Petaluma, Ca. POC: Scott Rohrs (415) 259 8177

AT THE FRONT



Chris Thomas, MVCC President
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Well MVCC, this has been a month of ups and downs for sure. The down is the MVCC Board voted to cancel the Fall meet. The up is the Eagle Field event was a blast of fun for everyone who make the trip. Most first timers to the field were very pleased with the WWII airfield setting, open space, dirt roads and the great restrooms/showers. Thanks to Joe Davis for being open to the event. I tried to make it fun for everyone and that includes those members who haven't had a non-working meet in years – Kurt, Jo-Ann, John, Christina, Don and all the others – this one was on me. I really can't say how many MVs & people made the event, but it was more than I hoped. Dan McCluskey, SCMVCC president, drove his M-135 up and he's first comment was "It was a warm drive". Andy Shyers' road trip took him down back roads (if you can call 'em that) even the locals don't drive. We learned that fire trucks and kids, both young and not so young, are a great way to make an instant water park just add over 3000 gallons of water. The decoder run by Don & John was a big hit with all teams working for hours to find and decode the secret message. And we had great food, breakfast, lunch and dinner!

Now back to the down. The Fall Meet at Plymouth is cancelled. We had hoped that things could improve to the point that Amador County would let us have the meet. The requirement is Stage 4 and the county is at Stage 2.5 and may lockdown again. The MVCC board wanted to give everyone time to make other plans and not hold out false hope. The board will be looking to see if we can have smaller local meets in those areas where possible in the coming months.

To all MVCC- thanks for holding together and we are all looking forward to a bigger and better April 2021 meet.

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Evening 510/925 MV'ers,

Just thought I'd send out a report on the Eagle Field meet this past weekend. Hilde and I have never visited Eagle Field, and this looked like a great opportunity to escape the house, see some of our MVCC pals and check the place out. We loaded up the M37 Thursday and planned to head down early Friday morning in an effort to get our camp set up before it got too hot. This proved to be a wise choice.

The trip down was uneventful and the scenery through Pacheco Pass was beautiful. We were able to *thoroughly* take it in during the climb. Once we made it to Los Banos we took a dirt road about half way to Eagle Field.

The M37 was right at home on the washboard surface.

Eagle Field is quite the place! Joe was kind enough to give us a personal tour of the Museum housed in the Administration Building, and just driving around the place is fun. There's a wide array of vehicles to check out ranging from farm implements to aircraft to APC's! There was even a stash of M37s :) . If it got too hot there was shelter in the hanger which housed another treasure trove of goodies and SHADE!! Friday night the Swamp fed us and Saturday Eagle Field had a fundraising dinner. Both meals were great. Friday night we had the special treat of Chris' Mom's killer deserts! Then there was the Code Breaker Rally. Code' breaking may not be Hilde's or my strong point... We did have the opportunity go tooling around on the farm roads that surround the airfield looking for clues though, which was half the fun. One of our favorite events was the "Fire Demonstration". There were no flames involved, but the ambient temperature was high enough it made you wonder. On Saturday afternoon we noticed some vintage fire trucks gathering nearby. Then the hoses were turned on... hmmmm, must check this out. It seems the "Fire Demonstration" had actually become a giant public shower! BRILLIANT! After watching the kids play in the water we decide to go out and enjoy it too. It was wonderful! Instant cooling! I was shocked how quickly one of the trucks could empty its 850 gallon tank, but this was not a problem, when out of water at Eagle Field you just get the tanker truck. Hilde seemed to get concerned when I started discussing how practical it would be to have a fire truck. Wonder why?

The Eagle Field event was just what we needed to break the COVID funk. We were able to have some fun, enjoy some good company and do it safely. Good way to take some lemons and make lemonade.

In addition to the attachment here's a link to some of the photos we took, enjoy:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/Q7hV3Deg65opd3WKA>

picture bottom page 8

Stay Healthy,

Andy



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Hello North Bay West and beyond,

I will start with the big news. Again another event cancelled in 2020, “The Year of Covid”! September 2020(fall meet), Plymouth, Ca. is officially cancelled. When we met at Eagle Field a few weeks ago, there was still a glimmer of hope that we would get together and swap. Now we shift to April 2021.

Thanks to all who had a hand in putting together the Eagle Field Rally! Outstanding Job! Dinners, events, meetings, driving, scavenger hunts/ word puzzle, the “schwag” table making money for the club, all were components of the “Hot” event held at Eagle Field! I was a first timer to the field and always heard good things about the fly in event there. My son and I had a good time and would love to hold an event there in the early spring when it would be a comfortable 85 instead of 105 degrees! Other than the heat, it was good to get folks together.

Today I am changing a water pump on the 42 GPW P/U. Getting ready to take it to Virginia City, Nevada for the 4th of July. Do some trail running and exercise the “ol’ Pick em’ up”. Just got the word that the fireworks show was cancelled, and no official parade. We will find some fun in what ever we do. After all its Nevada! Couple pictures from Eagle Field 2020 Below.

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North Bay West VP





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Before the “lockdown” some local restaurants every now and again would have what they called a “pop-up dinner”. Usually had a fixed menu and a fixed price. Well that’s what I would call the event at Eagle Field on the weekend of June 19th -21st. Considering there wasn’t much time to prepare things; it went rather smoothly. It was a “pop-up meet”.

Unfortunately I had another meeting that weekend and therefore could not stay for the whole weekend. I didn’t feel like loading the Jeep on the trailer and towing to Eagle Field for only one day. So since I have not had the opportunity to really road test the Porsche since its restoration; I decided to take it instead. Donna pointed out to me several times that it was going to be very hot at Eagle Field and the Porsche does not have AC. But then I always counter with the statement that 53 years ago we went on our Honeymoon to Las Vegas in the very same car and it didn’t have AC back then either. But then again she was in love and the Las Vegas heat didn’t bother her much.

Anyway the Porsche ran just fine both down and back, just like it did back in 1963 when I first bought it. Well like I stated in the last Newsletter, most if not all of the local events have been cancelled because of the virus.

This one is still up on the net at the present time. “Monterey Rock & Rod Festival 14” there is a fee involved for charity. August 14 -15th Web site below.

<https://www.montereyrockrod.com> Likewise this one in October is still listed. Title is “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>

The last one also scheduled in Oct. in the 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 SAN JUAN BAUTISTA SHOW



Andy's M37 at Eagle Field 2020

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MVCC / NRG members participating in the event were:

John Gillich – '42 GPW
Dan Seaborg – '44 GPW
Doug O’Neil – '62 M170
Tom Gunther – '52 M38A1
Dave Porter – '43 GPW
Joe Swartz – CUCV
Carl Thompson - M151 MUTT

It was a very successful expedition to new territory (for this group), including excursions into El Dorado and Stanislaus National Forests. The intrepid group of MV’ers set out from a cabin near Somerset, CA and traveled more than 130 miles on and off the pavement to elevations as high as 7,120’. Secluded campsites were located near Utica/Union Reservoirs and the Mokelumne River, with a gas and resupply stop at Bear Valley. There were no breakdowns and no injuries, just tired, relaxed bodies at the end of each day. A brief thunder shower dampened the area one evening but the rest of the time was typically sunny and warm days and cool nights. A dip in the cool water of the Mokelumne River refreshed the group on the last full day (and removed some of the road grime in the process...). Everyone involved had a great time. We’re already looking forward to next year.

Pictures below and on page 7

Dave



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Camp Plymouth Update
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

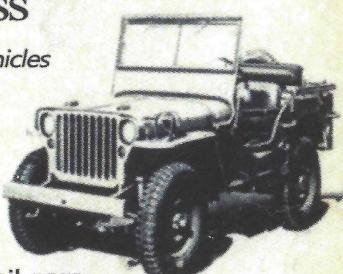
Dates have been requested from the 49'er for the April event and we are awaiting their answer. Please keep watch for more information in upcoming newsletters.

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.

Jo-Ann

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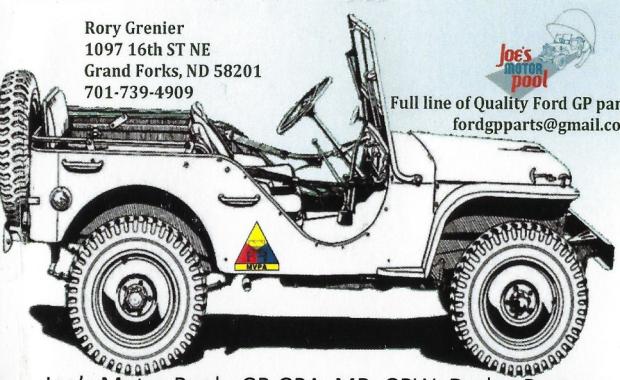


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After a lot of thought and conversations with fellow board members, MVCC friends and family, I have decided it is a good time for me to retire as Editor of the MVCC Newsletter. I have several projects on hold and want to put 100% effort into those projects.

This issue is my last newsletter as your editor. I took over as Editor at a time when the club needed one. It was a time of turmoil that has long since passed. At the time, I had only planned to do the job for a couple years. Now almost 10 years later, I have decided it is time for another member to step up and put their personal touch on the newsletter.

It has been both a learning experience and a lot of fun meeting and talking with so many members. I went from being a collector of WW2 Dodges and Internationals to getting one of the best educations possible on every kind of MV and now loving them all.

All this was made possible through the members' enthusiasm for the hobby and their vehicles. I want to thank all those that sent in articles, want ads and have given me encouragement and so much kindness and thanks. To everyone that shared their vehicles and collections, I send out a very special thanks. I have ridden in tanks, a river patrol boat, a Huey (slick) several times dangling my legs over the California Delta and too many Jeeps to count and even a P-51 Mustang several times in Hollister. Where else are you going to have that much fun and make so many great friends.

The MVCC has strong leadership from the board and a promising pool of eager talent (you). I am excited for the future of the MVCC, and the possibilities that a new editor will bring to the newsletter.

Like all the board positions, the Editor's job is to serve the membership. It is in my opinion that the newsletter editor is one of the most important jobs on the MVCC board.

The newsletter is a hub for our club. It has the events section and the articles showcasing our events. It puts the MVCC membership and our vehicles on the map.

I will continue to provide assistance in the transition in the months ahead. I will attend as many events as possible. Hopefully in my Dodge WC56 Command Car soon.

Look for me sitting in my chair or scouting for Dodge parts and say Hi!

There are no strangers in the MVCC just friends.

Sincerely,

Dave Ball

CLASSIFIEDS

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.
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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.
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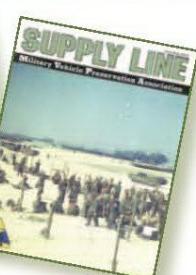
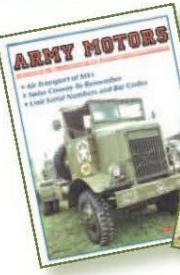
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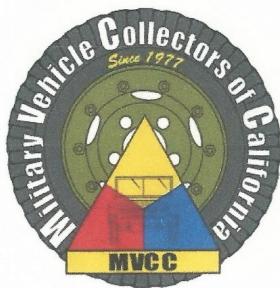
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