

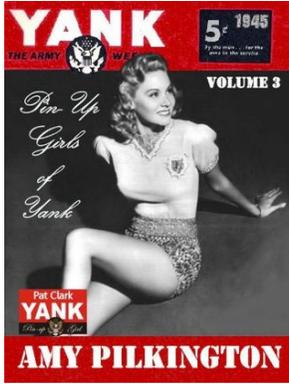
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MVCC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Greetings MVCC!

So as always, I hope everyone is still making it in the latest Stay-At-Home orders.

The question on everyone's mind is – Are we still having a meet? **The short answer is YES.** The long answer is the MVCC will work to have a safe and fun gathering for our members and guests. As I said in the last newsletter, it may not be a “swap meet” or a “club campout” but an “outdoor museum” to showcase the history of military transport. Your MVCC board is working to have everything in place to have a great meet at Camp Plymouth as well as contingency plans for the event or circumstances that may require changes to make this happen.

So, as of December 12, this is what will be the requirements for each of the following groups/activities:

Campsites with no selling: In your own site you are not required to wear a mask or keep 6ft, as long as it is only your site -mates.

If someone from outside your camp comes in you are all required to mask up.

Campsites with selling stuff: Same As Above, plus you need a sign stating “Mask required for service, social distance” What does that mean? The county is requiring you as a seller to only sale to those customers who are wearing a mask. (if you forget your sign I will gladly give you another one.)

Shopping: Mask Required.

Driving vehicles: Mask required if mixed households/campsites. If you're driving your jeep and stop to talk-that is not driving and you must mask up.

Outdoor meetings: Mask Required.

Inside cabin, trailer, rv, tent, or back of 6x6: Don't Ask/Don't Tell! You're all adults.

I know what some or all of you are saying now, that this is a load of dung. I have a right to not wear a mask at the meet as a form of protest. And you are right, you could. But with rights comes responsibilities. Just as you would never sell your vote for money, your right to protest should not be used to deny your fellow MV'ers their chance to gather. And if that doesn't make the point, how's about this- do you want to be the one who's actions force the county to shut the meet down?

Simply, if you can't play by the rules-don't play the game, we'll see you in 2022.

Now on to better news! After a too long of brake(vehicle joke), a classic MVCC activity is returning! The MV Slow Race is back. With all the excitement of watching paint dry, just slower. We'll have a date, time and rules TBA. Unlike the ol' days, no side by side racing we will have a block of time for anyone to run the course and get a time slip. Slowest time wins!

Chris Thomas
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Hello MVCC'ers!

Happy New Year! Here's to hoping (and praying) that this year brings us all the MV time together we can stand, and a return to our happy, pre-plague, lifestyles!

I hope Santa treated you well, and that you got a few OD goodies to play with, or even better, start bolting on to your MVs. He certainly outdid himself for me this year! I spent my few days off tinkering on construction projects in my shop. Sometimes you have to put down the wrenches and work on the infrastructure. I hope to have a heater installed, finish insulating, and do some additional wiring this year. But as we all know, New Year plans often depart from the flight plan, so we'll see what actually happens.

My HMMWV resto project is back home again, and sporting it's cargo cover (as Auntie AM General intended!). I'm still working on the last few fiddly details to get it road ready, but I'm also doing the fun stuff like putting on data plates, markings, and labels. And needless to say, I am very happy with how it has turned out. Hopefully it (and all of the MVCC) will be able to make it to Plymouth this year so it can make it's club debut.

Other than that, it's pretty much business as usual here in Northern Nevada.

I hope you've all got your membership renewals in to Johnny already, as he's getting pretty good at sending me lists of unpaid members to remove from the online newsletter access list. Santa's naughty list has nothing on Johnny's naughty list!

Take care, have a great New Year, and I hope to see you all soon!

Sean

Photo by Sean Nickhols



Above photo by Johnny Verissimo of Lto R, Camera man, Damon Viola and Sean Nichols of Jeep Talk.

MVCC BOARD MEMBERS REPORT



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It seem like I no sooner read my Newsletter, it comes time to think about writing another.

But we did do another “convoy” on Nov. 11th; in honor of the veterans. Unfortunately some of my regulars had to work that day, so there was only two jeeps. A rather small convoy but a convoy just the same.

Bob Gruber joined me this time, his father had just passed away and he though it fitting to honor him by our little convoy. I gave him a MVCC application blank, hope he has sent it in. He has two girls in College but is looking for a jeep (the one he has been using belongs to his wife’s family). So he’s looking for one that he can work on.

My “gunner” was AWOL (out of town to visit his brother), so we only got a few photos in the driveway.

He has indicated that he will make up for it by coming Dec. 7th; as I’m trying to scare up another convoy. Figured that this would be the last day this year to do it. If we get this one organized, I just may notify the local newspaper to see if they can take photos along our route.

The only other thing gone on is; I took the Jeep into be serviced (I know most of you do it yourself), but I’m old and have no mechanical skills. Told him to check it over as it has been running fine and I want to keep it that way. They did notice that the tires are 22 years old and recommended a new set. Which has been ordered. Hopefully before our next planned convoy.



Sorry to report there is no activity in the area to show off our vehicles.... Jack



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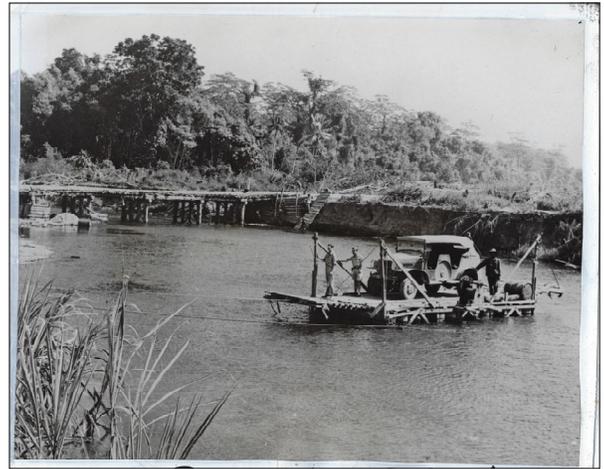
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In the interest of upgrading the quality of our membership we are presenting another in a series of simple quizzes covering basic facts related to historic military vehicles.

MILITARY VEHICLE QUIZ #3

1. The GMC DUKW was a successful amphibious truck built during WW2, followed by the postwar XM147 "Super Duck". What was the name of the successor to the Super Duck?
 - A. The Swan
 - B. The Drake
 - C. The Goose
 - D. The Pelican
2. A MOFAB is:
 - A. An obnoxious guy in the next swap meet space
 - B. An engineer vehicle
 - C. A glider
 - D. A bridging vehicle
3. For US forces in WW2, a "Purple Heart Box" would have been:
 - A. An M1 or M2
 - B. An M2 or M3
 - C. An M3 or M4
 - D. An M4 or M5
4. The ERDL "four color camouflage" was used during what war?
 - A. WWII
 - B. WWI
 - C. Korean War
 - D. Vietnam War
5. You have removed all five of the gauges from the dash of your Willys MB and masked off the faces in preparation for painting. How many of them will need to be unmasked to be sure you get them back in the proper locations in the dash?
 - A. One
 - B. Two
 - C. All of them
 - D. I don't care, this is a Bubba restoration
6. The "SEE Tractor" is now being mustered out of service, it is manufactured by:
 - A. All of the below
 - B. Mercedes
 - C. Case
 - D. Freightliner
7. During WW2, International Harvester manufactured:
 - A. M-5H-6 6x6 Truck
 - B. US 6 6x4 Truck
 - C. M29 Weasel
 - D. M5 Halftrack
8. What common military vehicle was considered, with modifications, for the first Lunar Roving Vehicle?
 - A. M151
 - B. M38A1
 - C. M274
 - D. MB
9. The largest displacement gasoline engine used in a production US medium tank was:
 - A. 1,790 cubic inches
 - B. 1,195 cubic inches
 - C. 1,823 cubic inches
 - D. 1,100 cubic inches
10. What do the M422 Mighty and M274 Mule have in common?
 - A. They have aluminum bodies
 - B. They have air cooled engines
 - C. They can be driven on three wheels
 - D. All of the above



Answers on following page

MVCC WAGONMISTRESS 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.

I can be reached at mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com or 408.238.8277

49'er RV Resort 209.245.6981

MVCC Wagonmistress JoAnn Lesser~

Photo below of your MVCC QM's Johnny Verissimo & Don Gomes



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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.

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If you want more info on the MVCC check out the web page and we are on facebook in two areas, look us up.

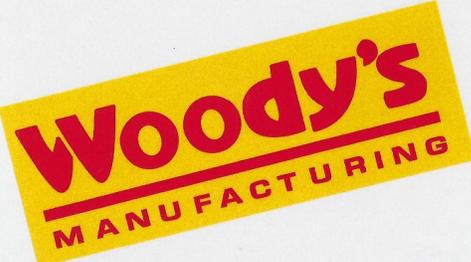


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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year MVers.

Remember last month I finished the HEMTT motor rebuild. Since then I've been able to drive the HEMTT around a bit. Still running great and gobbling up plenty of diesel fuel. I did take apart the front rims and changed out the o-rings. When one starts leaking, the others follow quickly so you're better off fixing them all. Let me tell ya, working on 500 pound tires is not child's play. You can't let it get away from you or else you either get smushed or you have to figure out how to pick that monster up. I ended using my tractor to move them around and get them upright after laying them down during the o-ring replacement. Did all 4 of the front steering tires.

I shifted gears this month and did some work on my M-gator. For those that don't know, the M-gator was built by John Deer for the military. Mine is a 1981 model and is a 6X4 with a 3 cylinder yanmar diesel motor and a bed that has fold down sides that lock horizontally. I brought it to Eagle field this year and we had a blast running around the golf course with it. Here is a picture of the wife (soldier B) towing an anti aircraft gun at Eagle field. BTW, the front tires look weird because they are run flats.



I bought this gator out of Fort Lewis Washington. The motor was toast! I ended up replacing the motor. The closest one I could find at the time was a yanmar diesel motor out of a forklift. This required some modifications; mostly electrical. For the longest time I blew off finishing the electrical issues until now. No better time then now to get it fixed. I needed to figure out the alternator wiring. I tested the alternator on the motor and it was toast. I ordered one from Amazon along with a new belt. I obtained the TMs for the M-gator which included the wiring diagrams. After installing the new alternator, I needed to add a wire back to the starter solenoid to re-charge the batteries. Found one in my piles of parts and installed it.

Finally, I replaced both batteries. It's needs 2 in order to get enough cranking amps to turn the motor over. The batteries are wired to keep it 12 volts but to run more cold cranking amps.

Needless to say, it's running great now and you can run the lights without worrying about killing the batteries. Still trying to get an MV cruise before winter really sets in. Let me know your thoughts about a potential MV event. Otherwise, please share your projects with me so I can post them here as well.



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Hello North Bay West and beyond.

Let me start by wishing all of the membership a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! Thank god the year is over, and hopefully we can get back to “life as we knew it”! I’m sure all you good boys and girls got your wish lists to Santa for all of your OD goodies! I will say with all of this shelter in place jazz there hasn’t been any excuse to not be working on our rigs. As for me I have been blowing them up and collecting more!

My recent adventure took me on a 4500-mile odyssey to the Great State of Texas! I did a 6-day run to recovery 3 GPW’s and 2 ½ trailers.

The journey took me to a cow pasture in Tyler Texas (2 hours east of Dallas). It took me 3 trips to recover the equipment and haul it another 130 miles north on Hwy 69 (Audie Murphy Memorial Hwy) to a retired Forestry buddy in Dennison, Texas (birth place of President/General Dwight D. Eisenhower). That is where 2 GPW’s and the 2 ½ trailers reside for the moment as I figure out the logistics of selling them. Like I always say this hobby is a disease is way stronger than COVID will ever be! It may be the death of me! I would love to say it was the find of my life, but it is like all the recoveries I have made over the years, they all have their good features and bad. They usually a more work and effort than they are worth. That is why we are the curators of military history. My hope is that I have saved 5 more historical MV’s from the “scrappers” Look for the one I brought home in this issue’s classified section. We love the story, and the hunt and that is why we do this.

With that I bid you a happy end to this “shitty year” and I hope all of you have a great holiday season and stay healthy.

Scott Rohrs, North Bay West VP



Photos on this page by Scott Rohrs



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FROM THE MVCC EDITOR/SECRETARY JOHNNY VERISSIMO

What's going on in the MVCC? Its January so everyone I know is getting ready for the MVCC Spring Meet. I'm trying to decide which military vehicle I will take this spring. I've talked to Chris Thomas (our club president) and it's a strong go for the meet and planning for the meet. As of January there are gona be rules we have to live by to make sure we have a full fun meet but it's a small price to pay for all of us to get out and have some fun. Its important to know that restrictions can be lifted from week to week so fingers crossed. If your like me you can't wait to see your friends again and find cool deals on parts. One of my favorite things to do it check out all the venders because you just never know what your gona come across.

Important note and reminder. If you're an MVPA member you have already heard but if your not I'll tell you that there was and terrible incident that happen with a MVPA chapter club in 2019. A live fire arm loaded and cocked was left in a military vehicle that was being displayed at an event. A child got to it and thought it was a toy gun, he aimed it at his mother and pulled the trigger. The mother ended up in intensive care at the hospital. A lawsuit is underway against the MVPA and MVPA Chapter Club. The MVCC has a No live fire arms or ammo to be displayed or sold at MVCC events rule. This rule will always be enforced. If you have any questions or concerns on this please contact out club president Chris Thomas.

Membership expiration date. For those that don't know yet, your membership expiration date is on the outside of your monthly newsletter under your address. That date under your address is your membership expiration.

I believe this is an election year. If you would like to run for a MVCC office shoot me an email with your information and what position you would like to run for?

If you have cool photos of your military vehicles please send them to me at istanbull@sbcglobal.net and I'll see about getting them in the newsletter. As someone who loves military vehicles I love seeing other peoples military vehicles so if you own a MV please take a picture of her and send it to me.

MVCC classifieds are free. If you have a MV you want to sell or MV parts just send me a picture and info and I'll get it listed for you. MVCC Classifieds are free to members.

If there is something you would like pre ordered with the new event t-shirt artwork just contact Don Gomes (209)765-1273 and he will take you down on what you want or need.

I would like to thank the gentleman who has supplied us with the MVCC newsletters quizzes! Thank you Phil Kern.

I took the two photos below at the Camp Petaluma meet. We had five 1/2 ton command cars in the photos. There was one more command car there but didn't make it into the photo.

Any questions or concerns you can contact MVCC HQ at (209)918-0488, and for me, Johnny...

Johnny Christina Verissimo~



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Happy Holidays MV'ers,

Hope you and yours are doing well. Things have been quiet in the 510/925 area code. We've been attending the Cars & Coffee events at the USS Hornet, but that's about it for MV fun. Last event some of my students came out and convinced Hilde and I to drive the Caterham instead of the M37. Fortunately, Armando brought a 7 ton out to play, as did the Marines, plus there was a really nice HMMWV. That's the first time I've seen a 7 ton up close and they are BIG. I still can't get over the size of the coil springs in the independent front suspension.

MV stuff aside, I'd like to wish all of you a wonderful and safe holiday season. I feel fortunate to be part of the MVCC and really cherish all of the friends I've made and adventures I've had. Now if one of you guys can direct me to the 24v Christmas lights for the truck... Andy



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For sale: Ford GPW 69302, Missing serial # data plate, has the other 2. Really nice hood, GPW radiator, a lot of GPW parts, good dashboard, rear panel is straight, nice CJ 2A windscreen with solid glass, M38 wheels, CJ drive train, neat period correct hand winch on the bumper, Floor is rotten, a small spot of rot in the frame. Motor has depot rebuild tag: Red River/ Texarkana 3-3-58. Fresh from the fields in Texas!

Comes with a bill of sale. \$3700 OBO

Scott (415)259-8177



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.

- (1.) Chevy G506 spare tire rack with lever handle also will fit Ford GTB cargo blasted and painted \$950
- (2.) GTB repro side pass seat made by Bob Cozzi yrs ago never installed with strap brackets and bolts \$775
- (3.) GTB front windshield frame complete O.D original Ford glass \$595
- (4.) GTB Bomb truck gas tank very clean inside has pin holes under side bracket \$425
- (5.) GTB MU5A winch for Burma Jeep \$525
- (6.) M101-M105 Trailer side racks & tailgate parts \$200
- (7.) Dodge M37 troop seat brackets & legs only have two \$55
- (8.) 1943 GTB Cargo truck Original OD paint never cut up not much rust .. engine ,trans and steering frozen but comes with good engine , steering box, \$7500



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For Sale: RT-1523 / pre-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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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].

2.-- Four 1/4 T trailers, 1 Bantam, (T-3) [\$1800]. 1 WWII, raised axel below the springs (M- 100) [\$1100]. 2 Korean with handles, one has some cuts on front panel [\$700/\$550]. All square and look great.

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

SOLD 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].

SOLD 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.

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

SOLD 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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Merry Christmas guys, I hope the season finds you well and safe and not bored out of your mind... Here in the Foothills, people aren't taking the lockdown too seriously, but it still puts a crimp in people's personal freedom. Enough said.

The latest addition to my motor pool fleet is a relatively rare Ford GTBS Navy Bomb Service Truck. It's one of 2,301 "S" model GTBs produced by Ford and is the only version of the GTB with single rear wheels. For those that have no clue what a GTB is, it's a 1-1/2 ton 4x4 low profile truck produced by Ford during WWII, popularly known as the "Burma Jeep". Starting in mid-1942 with the first GTB cargo trucks built for the Army, production continued from 1943 through October 1944 under Navy contracts. Navy models were the GTBA cargo truck, the GTBB wrecker (only 50 made), and the GTBS and GTBC bomb service trucks. An unknown number of the trucks built on Navy contracts were relegated for use by the Marine Corps, with nearly all Navy contract GTBs used on Mainland or Pacific Theater airfields as aircraft support vehicles. A total of 15,274 GTB's (Military designation G-622) were produced, including 3 prototypes. It was the first Military Vehicle designed and built from the ground up as a Military Vehicle, not based on an existing civilian design.

I acquired this GTBS from Don Gomes. It was one of his extensive collection of GTBs that followed him home over the last few years. I actually paid for it about 2-1/2 years ago but just now finally got it home, thanks to Nick Bombini and his fabulous truck and trailer transport service. (I don't have a big enough truck and trailer to tow anything larger than a Weasel for long distance.) For one reason or another, mostly too many other projects, I neglected to arrange for transport home to Shingle Springs, so it sat in Don's dairy yard waiting patiently for me... This one is GTB number 7 in the collection, if you count one that's a rolling chassis without a body, and the first S model. Don is still ahead of me with 9 trucks, unless he's sold off a few since the last newsletter.

I've been known to call the GTB "so ugly it's cute". It's actually a very distinctive, collectable Military Vehicle, unmistakable for anything else. GTBs are very ruggedly built and fun to drive, being very tough but maneuverable and agile. Steering is light and quick for a 1-1/2 ton truck, much better than a Dodge WC or a Chevy G506. Powered by the military version of the famous Ford 226 flathead 6-cylinder engine (90 HP) backed by a 4-speed transmission and a two speed transfer case, the GTB will go anywhere a jeep will. Top speed, like most WWII military rigs, is around 45 mph.

Plans for the GTBS include getting it running and doing some restoration work. In the meantime, I'll be doing a little research figuring out an approximate date of delivery and seeing if I can uncover



any markings, such as the registration number on the sides of the hood. If you have a GTB project, I'd love to hear from you. I know you're out there!

Dave



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Hello MVCC Members,

Happy Holidays. Hope everyone's staying safe. Been keeping busy working on Ford GTB projects which I love doing on my spare time. My GTB Burma Bomb Service Truck is complete so I'm helping Johnny Verissimo make his Ford GTB Cargo complete. We are working on the little things that most people probably don't notice.

So someone asked me how can you tell the difference between a Ford GTB Bomb Service Truck and the Ford GTB Cargo Truck when beds and hoists are missing? Things I've noticed:

Bomb truck passenger step is twice as long as the Cargo truck version. The Bomb Truck has overload springs on the rear axle and the Cargo Truck doesn't. A Cargo truck has the spare tire carrier under the cargo bed behind the driver seat which means there are 4 holes there for it and Bomb Trucks won't have those holes because their spare tire carrier goes behind the passenger seat.

So many GTB's have been farmer modified so sometimes a bomb service truck will have a flat bed or cargo bed they found in surplus. I've seen GTB trucks used as silage trucks in corn fields, some used as hay bale trucks with flat beds on them, some used as fire trucks, some used as gravel trucks deep in the mountains for Southern California, some used on dairy's to haul heavy equipment, some used as tractor's pulling harvesting equipment, some were used as water trucks to water down dusty roads, some were used by the Department of Parks Service and Wildlife because a GTB can go anywhere any time and the list goes on. Mine was modified to look like it was used in a Mad Max movie, it was used in an event in Southern California called Wasteland USA.

If you have any questions about the Ford GTB let me know and I'll do my best to help you. I can't talk enough about the Ford GTB Bomb and Cargo Trucks...

Johnny has a Facebook page dedicated to Ford GTB Bomb and Cargo trucks that has tons of photos, check it out if your interested in this rare WW2 vehicle.

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The Arizona Military Vehicle Collectors Club (AMVCC) is proud to announce our 30th Annual Arizona Military Vehicle Show!

To make this one extra special we've teamed up with the Buckeye Air Fair, joining forces to provide an amazing 3-Day Show, February 12, 13 and 14 (2021). Our recent shows have drawn 70-80+ military vehicles from WWII WLA motorcycles and jeeps up to a main battle tank and HEMTT, spanning the decades from a 1918 WWI Standardized Class "B" truck up through current cargo trucks. Vendors offer a wide variety of militaria, military surplus and MV parts plus other related items. This year will feature a reenactor area with historical exhibits. *We've even moved the show closer to California: Buckeye AZ is 40 miles west of downtown Phoenix, just off the I-10.* And camping there at the fairgrounds is allowed and encouraged.

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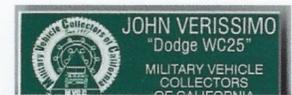


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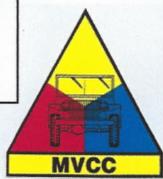
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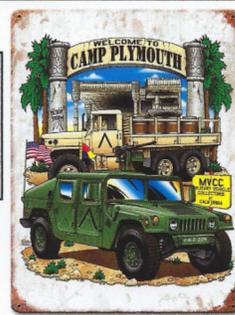
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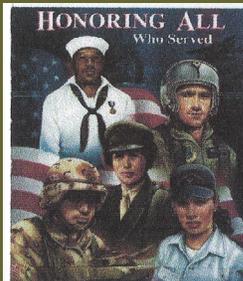
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Beast in the Bush James E. Bundgaard, CW-4 (USA Retired)

When you hear a growl in the bush, it is an indication there is a beast lurking and waiting to attack. Not in the case of two “Growlers”¹ now in New Zealand. Two members of the New Zealand Military Vehicle Club (NZMVC) Peter Haigh and Paul Baptist have participated in a number of Military Vehicle Preservation Association (MVPA) convoys and have recently added a Marine Corps M1163 each to their stable of vehicles. During the MVPA 2018 Convoy they got wind of an auction of U.S. Marine Corps GROWLERS, and they got on it like white on rice.

New Zealand has unique rural bush sites that we do not have here and these two little “beasts” have taken to the off-road sites with gusto. Smaller than a jeep (12½ inches shorter, 2 inches narrower with 78 HP more, and air adjustable ground clearance), the Internally Transportable Vehicle - Light Strike Vehicle (ITV-LSV), snuggles into a Marine Corps V-22 Osprey Tilt-Rotor Aircraft and was designed to be a fast attack, light strike, and light utility vehicle. Smaller than the four seat M1161, the M1163 is capable of towing a M327 120 mm heavy mortar and ammunition. The distinctive, low-level growl, ‘purring’ sound is the 2.8 Liter In-line 4-cylinder SOHC 12-valve turbo-diesel (Navistar Defense) 132 bhp @ 3,600 rpm / 230 ft lbs. torque @ 2,000, engine pushing the 3945 lbs. curb weight (maximum payload 8,536 lbs. cross country) 4-wheel drive truck with maximum payload at 65 MPH cross country and 85 MPH highway. The combination of 4-wheel steering² at low speed (3 MPH), high torque diesel engine, and fuel meets the loading and low flammability requirement for air transport. *Try that with your MB or GPW!* Well, from now on the growling that you will hear coming from the bush will be the envious onlookers and other Historical Military Vehicle owners.

¹ Designed [1999] and manufactured by the American Growler Manufacturing and Engineering Company.

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(left) 2-seat M1163, PM090 - (right) 3-seat M1163, PM 105 John Subritzky, NZMVC

The “compact” PM 105: with roll bar and storage/tool boxes. Paul Baptist, NZMVC



(left) 3-seat M1163, PM105 - (right) 2-seat M1163, PM090 John Subritzky,

Answers to Military Vehicle Quiz #3

- 1, **B.** The XM157 Drake was a larger, more powerful 8x8 version of the WW2 DUKW.
- 2, **D,** although B would be acceptable. The “Mobile Floating Assault Bridge” was a wheeled, amphibious vehicle with a treadway on top that could serve as a section of bridge or a stand-alone ferry.
- 3. **B.** US M2 and M3 halftracks were known as “Purple Heart Boxes” due to their thin armor. The M4 was a mortar carrier and did not carry troops, the M5 was exported to the USSR and not used by the US in combat.
- 4. **D.** The US Army Engineering Research and Development Lab (ERDL) developed the first four color “woodland” camouflage pattern for uniforms in the late 1960s and a similar pattern was used on vehicles from about 1967 to 1981.
- 5. **A.** The speedometer is over three inches in diameter, and the oil pressure and temperature gauges have unique connections on the back so it is obvious where these gauges go without unmasking them. The gas gauge and ammeter both have two #10 threaded terminals on the back so unless they are still labeled after 75 years you might have to unmask one of them.
- 6. **A.** The SEE Tractor, or FLU-419 Small Emplacement Excavator, featured a Case backhoe unit on a Mercedes Benz Unimog chassis that was built under a contract to Freightliner, so technically all three.
- 7. **A & D.** International built the M-5H-6 cargo truck for the Navy and Marines as well as the M5 halftrack, most of which were exported to the USSR as Lend-Lease materiel.
- 8. **C.** In the 1960s the M274 Mule was studied as an inexpensive Lunar Roving Vehicle. The major modifications would have included a battery pack, electric motor and flexible metal mesh wheels.
- 9. **A.** 1790 cubic inch Continental gasoline engine was installed in the M26, M46 and M47 medium tanks before they went to diesel power plants. Fuel economy was about two gallons per mile on the highway and three gallons per mile cross country.
- 10. **D.** Both the Mighty Mite and Mule can be driven on three wheels if properly loaded, have air cooled engines and aluminum bodies (the A5 version of the Mule anyway).

Score yourself as follows:

- 1-2 Correct: Clueless
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