



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

January 2020

From the Top

The year is winding down and all the military vehicles are being put away for the winter. Don't forget to check that antifreeze. We had a great year with a lot of good shows and a couple of new shows to add to the schedule.

This year saw the best Christmas party we've ever had thanks to Bob Schoonderwoerd and all his hard work. He really did a great job. If you missed it, I'm sorry for you.

We've decided there will not be a January meeting as I will be gone and there is nothing to discuss.

IMVPA MEETINGS: 1st Tues of the Month. Meeting at 7 at Gates Towing in Nampa. Note there is no meeting in January. See you in February!

Officers:

President: Bruce Gates

Vice President: Bob Schoonderwoerd

Treasurer: position is open

Quartermaster: position is open

Secretary: position is open

Social Media Director: Benjamin Sterling

Website, Newsletter Editor: Ron Powell

Spotted, Winter Soldier 2.

The Sterlings had a Christmas baby in December. Congratulations!



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We will have our February meeting on the first Tuesday of the month. At this meeting we'll have elections so be sure to show up and vote. Your 2020 dues are due. The dues are \$20 per year.

-Bruce Gates
President, IMVPA

It was in the news...

- February is elections month and all positions are open. We ask everyone to seriously consider stepping up and helping out.

- go to www.firefighterstairclimb.org to support our local firefighters as they support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS). This organization raises funds to fight cancer and it's for a good cause.

There were no meeting minutes for last month because we celebrated the holiday social. That's Christmas Party for those who aren't easily offended.

A few pics from 2019



Roy's ambulance at Eagle Fun Days



Bruce wins an award at the Emmet Valley Show and Shine car show.



Mike Pearce brought his M38 to the Boise Veterans Home picnic and it was a huge hit.



Wanted: your newsletter articles, photos, and editorials. The newsletter runs on input, not on thanks. The winter months are a great time to submit editorials and stories. Send them in now!

His glass is half empty. -By anonymous

It seems like every time I turn on the internet connection I'm drawn to looking at olive drab vehicles for sale (don't tell us what else you look at online, .ed). Not that I'm shopping for one mind you. I need another project like I need a coffee - orange juice ulcer. No what I don't understand is why stuff costs so much now. Or does it really? What's worse, a used car salesman or a politician? Don't answer-yet.

Here is a WC Dodge Command Car, reputed to 'possibly' be General Patton's vehicle! It's outfitted as such so it 'could' be! Maybe! So therefore the price reflects that. Auctions America.com predicted it would fetch between \$100,000 and \$150,000! It was bid to \$60 thousand and not sold. Good grief people the fake story ought to be worth about 90 grand more! Cmon, sheesh! This auction is pattontly false advertising! Doh!

Here's an England ebay find. This 42 Willys is an unrestored script jeep! Probably found in a barn. So far so good! Asking 32 thousand pounds. That's about Eleventy hundred thousand dollars US. The problem? Wrong steering, wrong axles, wrong engine, wrong drive train, frame issues, must I go on?

It's not just vehicles that are stupid prices. Since I'm so poor I don't have two nickels to rub together I sometimes window shop for other olive drab goodies. Ah what's the use! On facebook marketplace there is a M1 steel pot for sale, only \$200! Advertised as a "very rare vintage early 1960s steel army helmet...this is truly a rare piece of historic memorabilia!!!" According to the 'internet' which never lies, over 22 million steel pots were made thru 1945, with another million made in 1966-7. Wow what a deal. Anyone dumb enough to all buy my helmets for half that price? I paid two nickels a piece for them, back when I was rich.

I think we all really know what's going on here. Since the caveman, someone has been trying to sell a rock and club to another poor dumb bastard for a ridiculous price. I've lost faith with humanity. I think I'll go listen to non stop xmas music. ❖



"Patton's command car", without a shred of proof, of course. Here's a 42 Willy's script Jeep on UK-ebay. Well this 'gem' ought to be worth the 32K pound asking price! ❖

IMVPA holiday party.

On December 13th the IMVPA held its annual holiday party at the Caldwell Veterans Hall. It was a really fun event, thanks to the event organizers (Bob and Karen) who made it all possible.

The gift exchange was a lot of fun, with some creative and valuable gifts given (and taken) away! Somehow some extreme cold weather boot inserts found their way into the gift pile. I guess they could be used as stockings. The best gift? Probably the whiskey! My opinion, not necessarily expressed by others.

Bob and Roy brought out an extensive collection of weapons and WW1 memorabilia and laid it all out on the table as a static display. There was an abundance of neat and historic stuff, and each item had its own story. Bob read from a letter from a WW1 Soldier that he sent back home. I wonder if that fellow ever dreamed his letter would be read by patriotic Americans at Xmas some 100 years in the future!

Having trouble titling your HMMWV in your state? We may be able to help !! Please e-mail as much information about your problem as possible and let us know if you will participate in a Class Action lawsuit (not required) if so e mail hmmwvowner@gmail.com ❖

YOUR FREE CLASSIFIED ADS

Wanted: M101A2/A3 trailer. Contact Ben at hondatoys@gmail.com

Wanted: GPW foot rests, push pull light switch and top bows. For sale or trade bellhousing and clutch/brake pedals. Contact ron at rondoin_98@hotmail.com.

Wanted: Civil defense items, contact John Downs at johnrdowns@yahoo.com

For Sale: misc MB bolt on parts, 5 new NDT Firestone tires 7-15 size \$100 each, and a very complete 1950s ¼ ton military trailer unrestored. Contact Wayne at waynehanners@msn.com

Wanted: black out light for Harley Davidson motorcycle. Contact nickwilson4@aol.com

Wanted: tail lights and black out lights for 1943 GPW. Contact Michael at michaelsantinik@gmail.com

Idaho Military Vehicle Preservation Association

Membership Application

-Since 1993, an Idaho Organization has been dedicated to the preservation of old and historic military vehicles. The IMVPA encourages the acquisition, preservation, restoration, and the public education of historic military vehicles. The Idaho club encourages and supports museums, as well as national and community events.

Membership Fees - \$20.00 per year

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Please mail this membership application to :

Bruce Gates

PO Box 592

Nampa, Idaho 83653

Ownership of a military vehicle is not a requirement for

membership! Monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

Please call (208) 890-2249 for more information.

Are you a member of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association, or MVPA!

Why join? You get access to thousands of members worldwide for information, vehicles, parts, resources and a community of shared enthusiasm; Premium publications – *ARMY MOTORS* and *SUPPLY LINE*, the best in the hobby from the **only** international historic military vehicle association; An organization that supports pro-HMV legislation to protect your access to vehicles, parts and vehicle usage; Doing your part to support vehicle and archival preservation and research; Preferred pre-registration status and vehicle judging access for the annual convention; Reduced ad rates in *SUPPLY LINE*; Access to the members only website section and directory; A vote and voice in the operation and direction of the MVPA

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