



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

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From the Top

This has been a strange year with all the Covid problems cancelling our shows, parades and meetings. Most of us are a little older and very susceptible to Covid 19. Hopefully in the next 60 to 90 days any of us that want the vaccination will be able to get it. I got my first one on February 5 and I get my second one on March 1st. I hope all the rest of you are doing well.

I'm hoping to have a meeting in May since our first show is normally May 31st, Memorial Day at Kohler Lawn. We don't know yet if this show is a go or not. We probably won't know until very shortly before the date. We'll know more about a meeting the closer we get to May.

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IMVPA MEETINGS: 1st Tues of the Month. Meeting at 7 at Gates Towing in Nampa. Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 2021

Officers:

President: Bruce Gates
Vice President: Matt Wrobel
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Spotted!

Veterans Day 2020; Wayne poses with his M38A1



We have finished with the sale of Dr. Phil Krueger's collection. I want to thank all of you that bought items and helped to move and clean up the area where the collection was held. I still have a few items of canvas that I am giving away so if you are interested stop by my office and take a look. Most of the pieces I don't recognize but maybe someone else will.

Mrs. Krueger was very appreciative and was stunned when I kept handing her stacks of hundred dollar bills. She said "I thought I was going to pay you to haul all that stuff away. I didn't know it was worth money."

I've been having some trouble with old military vehicles getting titled. Some go right through while others are returned to me or they lay on someone's desk for months until I call. I had a meeting on Wednesday, February 17th with Idaho Transportation Department and we got a lot of problems and misunderstandings straightened out. Hopefully we can get titles done a little faster. All county DMV's have been given a new program for titles and license plates so the employees had to undergo training for the new program and the transfer of information from the old to the new did not go very well. Consequently DMV's are three months behind on title work.

-Bruce Gates
President, IMVPA

It was in the news...

-The savvy reader will notice this newsletter covers the gap from

November 2020 to present because the editor wasn't available during that time. No-one stepped up to keep it going, nor did anyone notice that the newsletter ever stopped. Oh the pain.

-Did you know we had a website? Go to Idahomvpa.org.

- Routine business, I mean business. This time of year we collect dues, but no dues will be collected for 2020 because of COVID. How will 2021 work out? That depends on if you're an optimist or not.

-This time of year we conduct elections, but that is put off until the next in person club meeting. You are highly encouraged to run for any office! We need leaders and the leaders need leaders! We especially need a new and competent newsletter editor! Just sayin...

Wanted: your newsletter articles, photos, and editorials. The winter spring summer fall and covid months are a great time to submit editorials and stories. Send them in now!

Favorite submitted quote of the quarter

War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things. The decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse. The person who has nothing for which he is willing to fight, nothing which is more important than his own personal safety, is a miserable creature and has no chance of being free unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself. -John Stuart Mill

Radioactive Spark Plugs by Bruce Gates

<https://www.orau.org/ptp/collection/consumer%20products/sparkplugs.htm>

Firestone Spark Plugs with Polonium Electrodes

Nick Wilson, our member in England found a set of Firestone Spark Plugs and bought them. He had them shipped to me (thanks a lot) so I could send them on to him in England. I had never heard of them and had never seen them before so I began to do a little research on them.

There is a link above that will give you some great information on them. They seemed to have appeared on the scene about 1940. The first ones were patented in 1924 by a young shyster named Alfred Hubbard. He used radium in his plugs but Firestone used Polonium, which is the most radioactive substance in the world and is found only in Poland and was discovered by Madam Currie.

I guess they figured they would have a little nuclear explosion every time a sparkplug fired. The article says they did improve conductivity and gave a hotter spark but only for 138 days. Then they were about the same as a standard sparkplug.

I had the plugs sitting on my desk until I did the research then I moved them rather quickly to the other side of my office. I haven't got around to checking them with a Geiger counter yet to see if they are still radioactive or not.

There are some very strange things that come through this office.

(don't carry these around in your pocket too long -ed)

MVCC event Plymouth Calif by Don Wadley

I thought all of you would like to hear what's going on for the Spring MVCC meet in California at Plymouth (April 14-19th [MVCC Spring Meet at Camp Plymouth \(mvccnews.net\)](http://mvccnews.net) -ed. The meet will be held period !!! It will definitely take a new shape this coming year due to the Pandemic. Chris and the board of directors have been working very closely with the local Health dept and local fairground officials. A few high points of what i know about this event;

- > 1. It will not be advertised to the public
- > 2. it will not be open to the public; campers only!!
- > 3. Wearing of masks is mandatory and a condition with the health dept for holding the event. The RV camp ground, the Fair grounds and the local Health Dept have the ability to cancel and close the event for non compliance of the mask rules. If this happens during the event because of non compliance there will be no refunds of any

camping fees at either the RV park or Fair grounds. One of the reasons that the general public is not invited is that they have no skin in the game if they don't wear a mask. All of us camping there should be motivated to keep the event open. If you won't wear a mask - DON'T COME !!!!!

> 4. This event is booked for this year as an "OPEN MUSEUM" and conforms to current state rules. Of course this can change at any time.

> 5. If the event is canceled at Plymouth by either the Health dept or the camping facilities prior to us arriving, a back up plan is in place and will be rolled out. It will not have the amenities of Camp Plymouth but the event will be held, even if there is only one person there! Let's hope it doesn't come to that and that the pandemic situation starts to improve.

> 6. reservation information was emailed to members on Dec 18th. As new data is available i will keep you informed.

Veterans Day by Don Wadley

Here are a few of the pics from the pseudo Veterans Day parade. we traveled the normal parade route in reverse and then did the Veterans Hospital loop. Joe brought his M37, Wayne his M38A1 and I brought my M38. Weather was a cool 34 degrees but otherwise a very nice day and sunny. Many people either waved or honked their horns as we drove by. We ate after the parade at one of the Taco trucks which are scattered all over downtown. We ate in the back of Joe's M37 while it snowed briefly on us. A good day was had by all.





His glass is half empty. -By anonymous

Back by popular demand! Hey Mr. Editor, this article is the only reason your trashy newsletter even gets read, and it's the only reason the letter writing campaign even happened in the first place to get this newsletter brought back! (actually none of that happened, -ed). I'm so glad the year 2020 is behind us, and some say 2021 couldn't possibly be worse but then crazy Joe was elected. (no more politics anonymous, this is your only warning, -ed). And if that isn't bad enough, I've been crying myself to sleep every night because my hero Rush Limbaugh passed away. I've been inconsolable ever since. (ok, I'll let that one pass, I feel the same way, -ed).

So 2021 started off rough, and if Covid season continues then we'll have no military vehicle events AGAIN. Plus with the price of gas going up I won't be able to afford to drive a M37 anywhere! I mean they get what, 4.3 miles per gallon? I think the M1 Abrams is better on gas than that! In fact I think the future is so bleak for our hobby that once the gubmint has taken all the guns they'll come after our military vehicles too. I think that rant deserves several pages in the next newsletter! (uh, I think not, -editor).

YOUR FREE CLASSIFIED ADS, free free free and free

-All ads need to be renewed! Checks payable to...oh yeah, ads are free!

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
is you will participate in a Class Action lawsuit (not required) if so e mail
hmmwvowner@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 in 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
Go to MVPA.org, or

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