



**OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION  
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## **The President's Corner**

**By Bruce Gates**

Summer is coming to a close and we had some nice events that were well attended by the club members. I'd like to thank all those members who brought vehicles to the events. I know it can be a lot of work and expense but they really are appreciated by the public. It also gives the public a chance to get to know us and what we do.

These events also bring in new members, whom we are always glad to have. Some of our best and most active members have been introduced to our hobby by seeing us at the shows, parades and events.

As always, we had a great time at the Veteran's Home with the Boise Valley POW MIA group and their show at the home last Saturday. Through this show they raised \$13,000.00 for the Veteran's Home.

Ron Powell was there with his Jeep. Al Mizner had his Jeep on display. Sean

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*Official Seal of the IMVPA.*

**CLUB MEETINGS:**  
**Always the first Tuesday of the month at Gate's Towing in Nampa. 6 PM BBQ (donations) or 7 PM for the meeting.**

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**Good a quote as any:**

**Education is NOT the learning of facts but the training of the mind to THINK. - Albert Einstein**

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Washam and Thomas (Smitty) Smith took my M37 and Dnepr motorcycle to show off.

On October 1, 2015 the Boise Valley POWMIA will have a Christmas parade in conjunction with the Marine Corps and their Toys for Tots toy drive beginning at 10:00 AM at High Desert Harley Davidson and ending at Quinn's lounge on Vista Ave. in Boise. I normally haul Santa Claus in my M37 in the parade. Anyone who would like to drive along in the parade in a military vehicle should contact me at 208-890-2249.

Ron Powell is our point of contact for the Veteran's Day Parade in Boise this year so get your vehicle ready for that one. That is always a lot of fun and the last parade of the year.



## **Club Minutes By Ron P**

The September meeting was attended by 10 members. The treasurer gave his report on club funds and discussed expenditures. The calendar was reviewed out to November. The President asked me (Ron P) to preside over the meeting. I asked for input on past and future events.

At this meeting we did something a little bit different. We spent about 25 minutes talking about ways to change, improve the club, and utilize club funds. Mr. Wadley reminded us he had 5000 tri folds. He said he will order more shirts when approved, but at least 50 to make it economical. We had a lot of discussion on exactly what we pay for hats, shirts, stickers and patches vs. what we sell them for. We need this data for next month. The questions was raised, do we order more banners.

I handed out pieces of paper so members could give me recommendations, pros and cons and even complaints. here are the results. Two members recommended we have plaques for different vehicles so people can know what they are.

Three members recommended the club procure a large sign (I think the intent was for something to post near a US flag that tells anyone passing by what we are about and who

we are).

Three members requested more trail rides. One member requested we follow the rules of order at meetings.

Three members believe we should have a quartermaster position where a member has a footlocker; brings the swag ie shirts, stickers, hats, patches etc. This serves the following: - we make some sales each meeting, having swag available for every show, doesn't take up too much space, and provides new members with their items right away.

All members believed the club could promote itself better. Suggestions were, hand out tri-folds, sell stickers, patches, and t-shirts. We discussed putting patches on hats. We noted the patch was a bit big for most hats. There was a question, do we sell hats?

All members thought we should use club funds to buy a US flag for events and shows. The Carrol brothers said they will build the flag stand. There was also some discussion on adding another flag to go with US flag, such as POW flag, or having a sign made.

For the last 20 minutes of the meeting I did a helmet identification class from WW1 to present. ❖

## **Scuttlebutt:**

This link was submitted by Barry M. It's a tale about two P40 pilots who managed to fight back during the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor.

- <https://www.youtube.com/embed/zS8HWFwAqa4>

-Tire purchase: bids have gone out in order to get us the best price. More details expected at the meeting. Yeah we've been saying this for a while, and some of us are getting impatient. But if we want the best price, we should wait just a bit longer!

-The newsletter editor has been asking for fresh content, and a few of you have come forward for a member spotlight. Summer is a busy time with events but be patient please and we'll get your information published!

-Bruce Gates submitted this link: it's worth a look!

[www.pacificwrecks.com](http://www.pacificwrecks.com)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **EVENT: BOISE VETERAN'S DAY PARADE 0930 AM, NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

THE 2015 VETERANS DAY PARADE WILL TAKE PLACE IN DOWNTOWN BOISE ON SATURDAY MORNING. THIS YEAR THE PARADE THEME WILL FOCUS ON THE VIETNAM WAR, BUT ATTENDING THE PARADE IS A GREAT WAY TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR ALL UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES VETERANS. [WWW.BOISEVETERANSDAYPARADE.ORG](http://WWW.BOISEVETERANSDAYPARADE.ORG)



## CLUB EVENT REPORT: Chrome at the Home Sept 2015

By Ron Powell

This is an annual event sponsored by the Boise Valley POW MIA Corporation at the Idaho State Veteran's Home. We were invited to come back this year and were happy to do so. The purpose of the event is to raise funds for the veterans. Events included a motorcycle show and shine, flag ceremony, raffle, and free BBQ lunch. The IMVPA was represented by Al Mizner's M38, Bruce Gate's M37 and Dnepr motorcycle, and my GPW.

I attended this event last year and really looked forward to doing it again. It's a low impact event, where club members bring their vehicle and park it. Then they wait for vets to come around and check them out. Nice thing about this event is there is .25 cent coffee, free lunch, and best of all is the company of WW2 to present veterans of all ages.

I noticed the vets very much enjoyed looking over the MVs. I also overheard the Vietnam vets in attendance mention the M37 over and over. Since this was a motorcycle event primarily the MVs didn't get as much press but it was still fun.

Al Mizner and I did things a bit different. I invited Al and his wife to trailer his M38 to my place in Boise (he lives in Caldwell) and from there we convoyed our jeeps to the Vets Home. It was quite a hoot seeing people do double takes when they saw TWO old flattys driving by. I was thinking how much fun a convoy would be. Should this be the next club event before the weather turns? Hmmm, something to think about!





Mike Sword drops in to visit with us briefly. He was at work so had no time to stay for long. Sean, Thomas (Smitty), Al and his wife Bonnie pose for the cameras.



Smitty and Al pose in front of President Bruce's M37. Here is Ron with his GPW.



# CLUB EVENT REPORT:

## Gore's MV Show and Swap Meet, Dillon Montana

By Rick Giles

We had a pretty good turnout considering the weather was less than cooperative. 12-15 vehicles and various towed armor pieces were to be seen. South Dakota, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, and Montana were represented. Derek Gore and family put a lot of prep into this event and it showed. I look forward to next years event. Of particular interest was this MT tug from Bozeman.

(Editor's Note: the WW2 Jeep 6x6 MT Tug was an experimental vehicle designed in WW2 that didn't go into mass production. According to some sources only 15 were produced).



Photos above: courtesy of Rick Giles. ❖

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# CLUB EVENT REPORT

## IDAHO AIR NATIONAL GUARD FAMILY DAY

by Ron Powell

The show took place September 13<sup>th</sup> at Gowen Field. It was a toy show which featured everything from classic cars, ATVs, UTVs, and remote control cars and planes. There was a live band, free food, and a bouncy house for the kids so big it filled half the hangar. My Jeep was the only military vehicle there. I brought it because I'm a volunteer on the Boise Veteran's Day Parade Committee so the GPW was parked in the hangar next to our table. I allowed plenty of kids pictures in it but all of the parents were respectful and asked first. I understand that last year the kids didn't treat the MVs well. I suppose this could have happened differently if it was outside with the rest of the vehicles.

So is it a show worth supporting next year? I think so. For one it's exciting to be on the flight line as that creates a photo opportunity. There was an A10 Warthog, F15 Strike Eagle and even a WW2 P51 Mustang. The food and the band alone made it a great time. With that said it was hot out on the flight line, and a bit noisy being on the airport. And it's definitely a kid oriented event. There really wasn't any shade to be found out there either. I heard a rumor this is the last one? Well I guess we'll see. ☺



Ron's GPW at the Boise Veteran's Day Parade table, left. GPW and F15 Eagle, right.)❖

## CLASSIFIED ADS

-My declining health mandates that these trucks must find a new owner. I am available most anytime through daylight hours. Included in the (sale) should be two M-37s, 2 M56B1s, a Canadian Army M152 radio/communications vehicle, and an extremely rare XM-708 dump truck. Pictures of a M-37 frame are included which also includes the placard for the glove door. Also a Kaiser 2&1/2 ton truck. Contact Dana Smith at [drsm@ida.net](mailto:drsm@ida.net) (208) 681-1241 or Jolene for pictures at [berninasbest@cableone.net](mailto:berninasbest@cableone.net)



**-WANTED:** at the Harley Davidson Show we met a lady who really loves military vehicles. Her name is Judy Kirsch and she has been looking for a military vehicle to use as a driver and not just a show rig. She really didn't give much detail as to what she was after but didn't desire anything modern. A jeep or? Contact her at 208-697-9884.

**-For Sale:** Beretta 40 caliber pistol, like new very little use. Comes with case, mags and ammo. These are over \$600 new. Comes with case, 3 mags, and ammo. Will take \$450. or trade for: WANTED: optic or 9x scope for 308 assault rifle with a flat rail. Also I am now carrying a number of these CNC machined decorative grills. They make good man cave art or gifts. The CCKW ones are 28\$; M151 and MB 19\$. Many other types are available. Contact Ron P.



**-For Sale:** Lots of GPW and MB parts. Engines and parts, transmissions, axels, etc. Contact Dave Turley 801.787.7374 for a parts list.

**-For Sale:** US Beretta M-9 style 9MM pistol for sale. Comes with 3 mags and military holster. Very good condition. **\$600**; British .303 P-14 for sale. Original WWI era rifle with the hard to find volley sights. Comes with original Bayonet, correct slings and about 50 rounds of .303 ammo. Condition is good-plus. It is an import gun with very small import markings. **\$700**; 1911A1 .45 ACP for sale. Not original but has all the correct features of an original WWII gun. Near new condition. Comes with 3 mags **\$600**; NEW reproduction MB/GPW inner and outer windshield frame. Perfect condition painted in red oxide primer, still in bubble wrap, never used **\$450**; NEW canvas MBT/M-100/M416 canvas cover and tie down ropes **\$130** Contact Ray Meldrum. 801- 494-9852- [apcogear@msn.com](mailto:apcogear@msn.com)

**-For sale:** I am considering putting up for adoption one or more of my dearly beloved: -1987 M35/A2, winch, multi-fuel, many upgrades \$12,000; 1952 M38 and trailer, radio, winch, tow bar, gun pedestal. \$12,000; 1952 M37, ground up rebuild Hercules turbo diesel, winch \$15,000; 1980 era Fast Attach Vehicle, 1980 cc VW powered, Chenoweth chassis, baskets, the real deal. \$10,000; Contact Harley Jacobs 801- 360-5188 [hwjacobs@aol.com](mailto:hwjacobs@aol.com) ❖