



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

February 2020

From the Top

We didn't have a meeting in January as there is so little activity there was nothing to discuss.

This is a good time to work on that MV and get it ready for spring. Hopefully spring will be here soon. I'm already tired of cold weather and snow. Some sunshine would be welcome. We are planning more shows and events this year than last.

Our February meeting will be on Tuesday February 4th at 7:00 PM at Gates & Associates at 604 N. 36th St., Nampa. Elections will be held so please be there to vote. If you want to hold an office please let me know. I

IMVPA MEETINGS: 1st Tues of the Month. Meeting at 7 at Gates Towing in Nampa.

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, Mike strikes a pose next to a military wagon at Army Surplus Warehouse.



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don't know yet what openings we'll have but I will know the evening of the elections.

Your dues of \$20 per year are due so please pay those as soon as possible so I don't have to mail out reminder cards.

-Bruce Gates
President, IMVPA

It was in the news...

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

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 trip to Army Surplus Warehouse in Idaho Falls



Ron P and Mike M took a road trip to pick up a derelict GPW last month. That's a story for another time. But they stopped at the Military Surplus store in Idaho Falls for some winter shopping. Here's Mike striking a pose at their halftrack.

-The US Army will begin deploying the robotic mule which lightens the load of an infantry squad by 1000 lbs (that's a lot of beer for the National Guard, ed). Running electric, it has a range of 60 miles. The contract is to provide 624 units for 162 million dollars. By my beer math that's about 37 used HMMWVs at auction for each one of these. Your tax dollars at work. Source: stripes.com



-update, the robotic mule contract was killed off.

-update, the robotic mule contract is back alive again! This time it will be rebid. What's next I wonder.



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

Rotten grapes! I popped one of these in my mouth the other day and my instincts told me something was wrong. That and the little bit of vomit that came up from the stomach (or down from the brain group, .ed). It turned out this grape was rotten and it had grape herpes or something.

Rotten grapes is what I think about when I work on my military vehicle, as there's so much cancer and rust on the body. Splicing in sheet metal is fine but guys doing that on you tube make it look so much easier than it really is, at least for me. Patch those rusty panels, or leave them alone and stop like Fred Flintstone? That's the question I'll be asking if I ever do one of these junkers again.

"Bondo it up" Bob says. Bob is our VP and is probably one of the best auto body guys in the state. "Do what Bob would do" is good advice! Just like the Jedi would say, "Do what Yoda would do." But teaching Jedi powers to Jar Jar Binks is one thing. Yoda might say in his funny froglike Nancy Pelosi voice, "no, too much anger him, and too old to begin the training!"

Morale is low, so what to do? Put some food (no grapes) and a coffee pot out in the shop of course! Flavor that sh#\$ with sugar free coffee creamer, Splenda (nice name for something that causes cancer), and Prozac pills, and get back to work!

Aah damn the welder just burned right thru that patch panel! The weld is too hot and the coffee is too cold. I wonder what baby Yoda would suggest. ❖

Shop heat for winter! By Ron P

Helping a friend really paid off this year as my 30x40 insulated shop sorely needed a source of heat in winter. I helped my pal (member Mike P) do an engine swap this summer for his van and in return he helped me (you mean did 99.9% of the work, .ed) put in a gas furnace.

I chose a Modine Hot Dawg 75K BTU gas model and purchased it online. The project required running gas lines from the meter to the shop, thru and up the wall, some electrical work, and hanging the unit from the ceiling. I'd say it was a 2 month project start to finish, working on it on and off as time allowed.

The inspector later said the ditch was dug 12 inches deeper than it needed to be. If I'd known the correct depth it would have saved a ton of extra work. A rental machine did most of it in about an hour, but hand digging around the gas and cable lines took another day. I was able to get a good parts list together thanks to the advice of my neighbor who's a friendly contractor, and IMVPA member Matt W who works for the city. Mike and I had to go to a few different places around town to get everything but we saved some dough using a commercial account.

The project wasn't without drama as the first gas couplings we bought didn't pass inspection and we had to go back to buy 'risers'. I learned that you have to know what you need because the counter guys will sell you anything and I wondered if they have any real world experience. Of course a friend of mine who lives in Meridian just put in a furnace in his shop and that city had some different inspection requirements than I had in Boise.

What's the bottom line? The 75K BTU heater makes it comfortable in there in less than 10 minutes! I suppose if I were going to paint it would take a long time to heat up all that metal but I'm sure it would get it warm enough. It's also pretty loud but it doesn't stay on all the time as Mike put in a thermostat which seems to work fine. Now I can work on the GPW project without winter hat, coat and gloves!



The costs really added up after 14 trips to home depot for HVAC stuff, a thermostat, Carbon Monoxide detector, electrical panel switch, and a million feet of black pipe and wire. The military discount never seemed to apply to anything. Big deal! The breakout was something like this:

- Modine Hot Dawg from FN Cutbert, delivered \$896
 - 14 trips to home depot for 'stuff': \$247
 - Tates rents trencher: \$116
 - Wire, gas line, misc from Ferguson: \$155
 - Electrical and mechanical permits: \$130,
- total: \$1544 and zero sense.



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 ❖

YOUR FREE CLASSIFIED ADS

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

For Sale: WW2 jeep bell housing, clutch and brake pedals and drive flanges. 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

For Sale: MB GPW full canvas winter enclosure/top, complete, like new! \$1200 contact Brian at willys1945mb@hotmail.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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