



## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION



### FROM THE TOP

*From the President*

It has been a busy year so far. It must be because we are coming out from under Covid and people are anxious for some events. We have been in high demand at all sorts of events so we have done numerous new shows for the first time.

We attended a show at Mission Aviation Fellowship for the first time. It was nice as they fed us lunch and gave us several trophies. They were very appreciative.

I want to thank all the new members we've had this year. It's great to see and meet the new faces and see what vehicles they have.

It's a national problem that most of the Military Clubs are not getting many new members and

### IMVPA CLUB OFFICERS

**President: Bruce Gates**

**Vice President: John Downs**

**Treasurer: please volunteer**

**Quartermaster: Erik Kunkel**

**Secretary: Bob Schoenderwoerd**

**Social Media Director: Benjamin Sterling and John Downs.**

**Website, Newsletter Editor: Ron Powell**

### Spotted: Gowen Thunder 2023. A rare 3 wheeled Jeep!



## From the Top *continued*

are losing the old ones to age. It can really hurt a club that doesn't replace it's aging membership with new members.

When I go to shows with one of my military vehicles I always keep a manilla envelope with plenty of Membership Applications inside. If someone even shows a slight interest in the club I give them an application. It has brought in a lot of new members and the rest of the membership might consider doing the same. I'm happy to print off as many applications as people want.

We have had a bit of a problem with members picking out the faults of a new member's vehicle or a prospective member's vehicle. This is totally unacceptable and must stop. None of us have a perfect military vehicle (except for Bob Meredith's M37 that received the highest ever national score for any M37). All our vehicles will have a few flaws or a few things we have changed to make it our own and there is nothing wrong with that. In the military the vehicles were personalized, modified, dinged and dented and named and loved or hated so let's all be considerate of other's vehicles.

## We Welcome New members Frank Cornell and Ron Magnaghi

**Wanted!** Write the article, send in the pictures, fire the newsletter guy and take his job! (*please*). We want to hear from YOU

## It was in the news...

-IMVPA dues are due at \$20 per year. If you haven't already, re-enroll today. You can mail your dues to President Gates at 604 N 36th street, Nampa Idaho 83687, or grab a lifetime membership.

**Wanted: send in your photos articles and editorials.**

**The Military Vehicle Collector's Club of Oregon is no longer affiliated with the MVPA, Military Vehicle Preservation Association. Reasons given were: insurance is no longer available, no formal budget for the non-profit for 3 years, and leadership who allegedly didn't follow their own by-laws, resulting in several board member resignations.** (Drama makes the world go around-ed)

**The annual Ola Harvest Festival Oct. 14th is a small car show, low key and laid back event. If you want to go, please reach out to Alan Jacobus who will arrange parking for us.**

**IMVPA MEETINGS: Always the 1<sup>st</sup> Tues of the Month at 7PM at Gates & Associates at 604 N. 36<sup>th</sup> St. Nampa, ID**

**Official news and events** —by Secretary Bob Schoonderwoerd

September 8th and 9th: Cruise Night Payette

September 9th: Air Force Appreciation Day at Mountain Home, 10:30 AM. IMVPA will attend.

September 24th: POW MIA Chrome at the Home car and motorcycle show at the Veteran's Home.

October 14th: Ola Harvest Festival at Ola Community Hall at 9AM.

October 28th: The Military Vehicle Collector's Club of Oregon Military Show, in conjunction with the NW Historical Military Collector's Assoc at Kliever Armory, 10000 NE 33rd Drive in Portland Oregon. This is a 1 day show, Sat, 9-3PM. All kinds of GI clothing and gear is available.

November 4th: Boise Veteran's Day Parade, 10AM. Be there at 8:30AM.

December: date to be planned and published, annual IMVPA holiday party.

**IMVPA is busy this summer!** by VP John Downs

**Man oh man has it been a busy few weeks!** from the Caldwell Independence Day parade, Eagle fun days, Kuna Car show, Kuna Days parade and Emmett Show and Shine in July to the Warbird Roundup at the Warhawk Air Museum to Gowen Thunder in August. There were so many events that I couldn't even attend them all! Did anyone make it to every event? I figure someone did!

The parades were a good time with TONS of people out and about to watch it. Car shows drew a massive crowd. Luckily Kuna was in the shade, though I am fairly certain I pruned a few branches with my ambulance.

The Warbird Roundup was a little bit smaller this year but still a great show and turn out! I was able to meet a former soldier that deployed in a HMMWV Ambulance on a few occasions and has been a valuable resource for how these things were actually used! He even brought a little display of things that actually deployed with him to help tell his story.

Gowen Thunder... where to begin? It was hosted by the Idaho Air National Guard on their base. There were a few issues getting some of us on base but those were quickly worked out with the help of CAC cards and sponsorship. Day one was quite pleasant with some very light rain but a lot of high altitude cloud cover that made it quite easy to sit there and enjoy the show.

However, those same clouds brought chaos for day 2. Upon arrival the next morning we found the tarmac a mess. A decent sized storm destroyed canopies and ruined many vendors merchandise. My canopy frame was broken in two places and it wasn't even set up! Another vendors cart rolled into David's ambulance and dented the corner. Everything was soaked. Erik's foam filled sandbags felt like they actually had sand in them. Dozens of gallons of water pooled on the canvas of his truck.

After the hectic reset of the morning displays it worked out to be another great air show with many people coming by to hear our stories about our rigs and why we do what we do. I met two additional people that either deployed or were medivac in a HMMWV Ambulance and they told me their stories. This is why we do it. For them. So keep them rolling.

# Gowen Thunder 2023 by President Gates



**We had a good turnout at the 2023 Gowen Thunder Air Show with the Thunderbirds. We were told they were expecting 150,000 to 250,000 people to attend. This event is the Treasure Valley's largest air show.**



# Gowen Thunder (continued) by President Gates



# Warbird Roundup Ron P

The Warbird Roundup is Idaho's largest 2 day gathering of historic war planes from across the country. These are flying aircraft and the IMVPA had a great time contributing to celebrating history.



## Your Free Free Free Classified Ads

### For Sale:

-1944 Ford GPW \$4500 208-890-2249



-77 Kaiser M35A2 w winch, runs great, complete, soft cab and hard cab, w Idaho title, drive it home now \$7000; All items in Wendell ID.

Email at [jrjrfm@yahoo.com](mailto:jrjrfm@yahoo.com)

### Lifecoach counseling and services.

ChelseaDoolittle.com; transform@ChelseaDoolittle.com

### WANTED, INFORMATION:

Our member from England has this super cool WW2 Airborne Cushman scooter. It received a restoration but are any of the details missing? Any experts out there or have parts? contact Bruce Gates 208-890-2249



**Have Junk...er... military stuff to sell? This space is for rent at no cost and free free free.**

# ***IMVPA and MVPA Membership!***

## **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 Go to [MVPA.org](http://MVPA.org), or

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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**Are you a member of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association?  
Please let us know your membership number!**






**Military Vehicle Preservation Association**  
**History In Motion**

*Since 1976 the Military Vehicle Preservation Association's mission is to provide an international organization for military vehicle enthusiasts, historians, preservationists and collectors interested in the acquisition, restoration, preservation, safe operation, public education and display of historic military transport.*

All membership types include Six issues of Supply Line and Four issues of Army Motors annually.

<b>U.S.A. MEMBERSHIPS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Second Class Postage - \$50.00 <input type="checkbox"/> First Class Postage - \$75.00	<b>MEMBERSHIPS OUTSIDE THE U.S.A.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Canada Economy Air - \$60.00 <input type="checkbox"/> International Economy Air - \$70.00	<b>OUTREACH SPONSORSHIP</b> <input type="checkbox"/> To Organization or School <input type="checkbox"/> Second Class Postage - \$50.00	<b>Electronic Membership</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Worldwide E-Membership - \$35.00 (Does not receive Printed Publications)
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MVPA Recruiting Member \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

16 Digit Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this application and mail with a check or money order (on a U.S. bank in U.S. funds) to the address below.

**MVPA • PO Box 520378 • Independence, MO 64052**

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