



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

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From the Top

With all that is happening in the world and the fears of Coronavirus we all need to take extra precautions. Camp Plymouth has been canceled so we are canceling the April meeting. We'll wait to see what happens in May. As of now it appears no one knows how long this is going to last. If anyone has questions about upcoming events call me at 208-890-2249.

As most of you know I have been selling off my good friend Dr. Phil Krueger's collection of vehicles, guns and memorabilia for his family. What's left is as follows:

Vehicles:

Burma bomb truck
5 ton IH

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

Officers:

President: Bruce Gates

Vice President: Matt Wrobel

Treasurer: position is open

Quartermaster: position is open

Secretary: position is open

Social Media Director: Benjamin Sterling

Website, Newsletter Editor: Ron Powell

Dick Bengoechea, our own WW2 veteran and Purple Heart Recipient passed away last month. His funeral was well attended by IMVPA members and the public. Rest in Peace



2 1/2 ton IH tipper
WC 63
49 Mercury woodie
48 Ford F2
Willys MBT or Bantam T3 trailer
Minneapolis Moline tractor
Guns:
M1 Carbine
03 Springfield
1911 Colt 45 Mark IV
Winchester .30 WCF from 1907
Winchester 12 gauge shotgun
Smith and Wesson model 3913 9MM
2 bayonets
M1 carbine canvas scabbard
M1 carbine leather scabbard

-Bruce Gates
President, IMVPA

It was in the news...

- Alex Gordon of the Idaho Motor Pool has cancelled the spring military show in Fruitland.
- COVID-19, or Corona virus has shut down a lot of activity in Idaho. As of this writing there are nearly 50 confirmed cases. Nausea, dry mouth, diarrhea and headache are among the symptoms. Just like eating at Taco Bell.
- The virus scare has created somewhat of a panic. There is a shortage of toilet paper and masks. One spouse complained that there were no potatoes at Albertsons. When Idaho runs out of potatoes then its serious folks! Watch out! Run! Where? Just run!
- There's a sweetheart winter top for sale in the classifieds, and maybe you

saw it on craigslist. Check it out! No, the Jeep not included - what are you some sort of craigslist flake?



-Did you know we had a website? Go to Idahomvpa.org to get the very latest and greatest news!

(you only update this monthly, you lazy a\$\$ -ed.)

-By chance did you notice there are a lot of unfilled paid (not paid, -ed) jobs available in the IMVPA? Don't make one or two people carry the load for everyone as that's not cool! (It's 'kewl', not cool, boomer, -ed).

-March 25th was national medal of honor day. March also celebrates waffle day, Maryland day, and Tolkien reading day, among others. Thank you google.

-Benjamin S is a firefighter, in case you wanted to know. He reports that on two occasions people stole masks and medical supplies out of ambulances. What kind of jerk would do that? Wait, don't answer that.

**-Have you paid your IMVPA dues!
Due it now, uh er, do it now!**

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

His glass is half empty. -By anonymous

My faith in humanity has been completely restored. Nah, had you going there didn't I? In fact it's the total opposite.

The coronavirus scare has everything locked down and people are on edge. Stores are sold out of toilet paper, anti microbial wipes and masks. They are also sold out of dry goods like beans, rice and canned foods. If facebook is to be believed, we will be dressing like the "Road Warrior" by this time next year, except for some 'men' will still have their red skinny jeans on.

I was raised in a time when we drank from the garden hose and rode in the back of a pickup truck, and when teachers at school beat us with sticks. Most of us in the Idaho Military Vehicle Preservation Assoc are of that survivor generation. Hell I have enough meat in the freezer to last 9 months, and with my fat cats that could be stretched out another 2 weeks. Cat meat, yum! Day 1 of Coronavirus: cmon kids we're going to the china buffet for all you can eat! Day 180 of the apocalypse, "daddy what kind of meat is in this grass and weed stew?" "Only the best sweetheart, bottoms up!"

As long as the coffee doesn't run out, we'll be okay. When that happens things will get messy and people will get shot at for their resources. I'd trade powder, slugs and purified water for used coffee grounds, and if it gets bad enough, I'd even trade rare GPW Willys MB parts.

It'll get worse before it gets better, so the best you can do is stay home (work on your military vehicle), practice social distancing (stay away from those jerks who cough on you), and wash your hands often (I like Orange Goop hand cleaner, cuts the dirt, blood and grease off). In fact, this virus thing is awesome! I get to stay home with nothing to do but work on my Jeep restoration (POS derelict, '-ed). Yes, the only way life could get better is if the govt. will cut me a fat paycheck to stay home. God bless America!

-Idaho MVPA members, 180 days from now:

Michael-Al and Bonnie-Roy-President Bruce-Matt-John-Benjamin-Bob-Alex



About time. By VP Matt Wrobel

Although I have been a member off and on since 2007, most of you do not know me.

My name is Matt Wrobel and as I said I have been around the club since about 2007. I seldom came to meetings as I lead a very busy life working with veterans in our community.

A little over a month ago. Ron Powell called, and had me come look at a jeep he bought and was interested in selling. He offered me a deal I couldn't refuse, so I purchased his 1943 GPW as a project to clear my head and fulfill a childhood dream of owning a real ww2 jeep. So after 13 years it was about time I felt like I might really belong as a member

I know this will be a challenge, and will not be a quick project, but as they say nothing worth having comes cheap or easy.

Ron got me to go to a meeting last month, and quickly threw me under the bus. LOL, he nominated me to be Vice President of the club, although very few there knew me, they accepted and welcomed me as though we had known each other for years. After the meeting many came over and introduced themselves, told stories and basically made me feel at home.

I look forward to meeting more of our membership, and hope more of you come and share some fellowship at our upcoming meetings. I am excited to start rebuilding my jeep and sharing the process with those who are interested. We have a resource here in the club that money cannot buy, the knowledge that our members can share, as well as helping each other whether it is physical labor, help finding parts for our projects, or just an attaboy from time to time are priceless. I look forward to meeting more of you at meetings or events as the year progresses. Matt



-Matt begins the tear down at Ron's place. A quick look at the serial number reveals a 1943 Ford built GPW. His daughter came to help, while the shop dog takes a nap.



Editors note: Matt attended every IMVPA military show with the tabs to prove it. Too bad we don't do ranger tabs any more. At right, the GPW chassis unmasked to reveal an all original drivetrain. Too bad the engine was missing from this. Anyone have a flathead engine laying around?



Meeting Minutes. -By VP Matt

-President Bruce called the meeting to order at 6:55 pm with 11 people present. A Treasurer's report was given. It was mentioned the we collected \$2500 for the fire truck that was sold.

-Dick Bengochias funeral was the same day as our meeting and 11 members were present there.

-Minutes of the previous month's minutes were read and approved.

-Don W spoke to those present about the upcoming event at Camp Plymouth with a warning about possible cancellation due to the Covid-19 concerns. (Note that it has since been cancelled, -ed.)

-Ron discussed upcoming events: Nampa exc. Club Parade America, Idaho Motor pool show (cancelled), Kohler lawn cemetery, Memorial Day events, Hidden Springs car show. (These events are on the website Idahomvpa.org)

-Talked about a tentative Convoy date of 3rd weekend in July maybe Silver City

-Mike suggested getting 2 Flags: a club Flag and U.S. Flag for events as well as cards or stickers we could hand out to promote the club. Don W. said he thought he had a template for cards he would forward to Ron P.

-Talked about Phill Kruegers estate vehicles Bruce is helping family liquidate, if interested contact Pres. Bruce. ❖

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

For Sale: Kevlar Helmet size M and cold war steel pot with new woodland cover,
both in near perfect condition \$45each. Contact ron at rondoin_98@hotmail.com.

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

For Trade: Willys MB driver seat(large mouth), want to trade for MB or GPW
passenger seat. Rondoin_98@hotmail.com

For Sale: canvas cab side back curtain for 2 ½ ton trucks and others, MS51324-16,
measures 7ft x 4ft, new condition \$25. Rondoin_98@hotmail.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

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

For Sale: weapons misc, 50 cal trays (\$40), M240B/M2 pintle mount (\$125);
Vietnam era ammo tray (best offer), everything is best offer. Also have complete
PRC25 radio on mount, w power supply, headphones, etc, very nice condition;
contact mosinmatt@gmail.com

For Sale: German tire repair kits for large military truck tires, all tools included to
repair it in the field. \$75 sale or trade. POC is Roy at desertglock@yahoo.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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