



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

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The President's Corner

The annual military show has been on our minds for a few months now. We have met, debated, and planned. Decisions were made (almost unanimously) and the event is now locked down for **24-25 June at the Harley Davidson Dealership** in Meridian Idaho. Your committee has put in a lot of hours to plan this and make it happen. Many thanks go out to Barry, Gary and Larry, Mike P, Dwayne B, Bart, your VP Bob, and several others. Yes it will be different than previous years. At least now we will be able to increase our 'footprint' in the community, build excitement and visibility for our association, and be a ton of fun. So I'm asking our members to support the show, and come out in force! The Harley Dealership is our host, and has offered not only the parking lot and venue, but a pancake breakfast and car wash.

The first IMVPA event of the year 2017 was attended by one of our newest members.

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Photo without a story. Member Bob Meredith took this photo at the pole. Where do you travel to in your spare time?

CLUB MEETINGS: 1st Tues of the Month. Social hour 6, meeting at 7.

Officers:

President: Ron Powell
Vice President: Bob Schoenderwood
Treasurer: Bruce Gates
Secretary: Karen Wadley
Website Editor: open



Mike Pierce was the only one to take his MV (M38A1) out to Mountain Home for their big event. He said it was huge, and took place in a hangar with hundreds of airmen. Great food, great people, and apparently a big water balloon fight. He noted it was a little disappointing that it wasn't better attended by club members, given that he was treated so well and that it was a lot of fun. Well maybe the reason was the event came on somewhat short notice. It's important for members to check email at least weekly. We don't "spam" everyone, and try not to send out too many but it really is the way we communicate in the IMVPA.

The year 2017 has a very full calendar, which can be seen in detail on the website. I would like to see members not only sign up for events ahead of time, but also take on some of them as the event coordinator. That takes some of the pressure off of the officers and we do appreciate it.

One of the initiatives this year is to take full advantage of social media. So far only one member has visited the facebook page in months; that is me! So I ask that everyone go out and "share" the page. I'm not asking everyone to embrace social media; I personally don't care for it. However it's the way of the future and it's how young people communicate. One of our goals has been to attract young people to the hobby. And like it or no, this is how we will be found.

-Ron



It was in the news.

Your dues are now due. It was duly noted by Bruce, and it was set as a due out to have members pay their dues.

We welcome our newest member Walt. He has a 1944 MB and a 1.5 ton Chevy M-506.

This link was shared by Barry M. it's an

amazing video about the restoration of a B29. Worth watching! Spoiler alert, I needed a couple of tissues just to get through the whole video. It's allergy season though...?

<http://mortefontainevillage.pagesperso-orange.fr/marcbrecy/b29.html>



Calendar of Future Meetings:

March Meeting: Covey Café, 5017 hwy 20/26, Caldwell

April Meeting: President Ron's house, 2592 N Dalton Ln, Boise ID.

May Meeting: Larry Carrol's place; 2283 Elliot street, Eagle ID.

Nostalgia: The Boise Veteran's Day Parade 2016 featured this for the first time. It was a magnificent addition to the Parade.



Due to budget cuts, we had 8 years of a shrinking military. What will 2017 bring?



How did you spend the winter? by Ron Powell

The happiest times in my life were defined by getting married, the birth of my daughter, and oh yeah, an uninterrupted day turning wrenches in the garage. Sadly my mechanical ability was born out of necessity, not experience.

My only hobby used to be 4wheeling (rockcrawling), and I “needed” an off road vehicle that was overbuilt so my friends and I could tackle the insane paths that we chose to drive on. Back when I actually had more money than I could spend (and time off was rare) I would hire others to do the work. Sadly I got “taken” much of the time by poor work, high labor rates and sorry craftsmanship. That started me doing my own work in the garage. Eventually my 4wheeling bug played itself (mostly) out (long story). And then the vintage military hobby bug took hold.

I set these huge goals, with almost no idea (or skill) to accomplish them. I envy folks like Al (who is a retired rocket scientist), Bruce (who has restored armor, trucks, and jeeps), Mike who builds “freaking airplanes!” etc!! There are so many guys in this hobby that turn rusty iron into gold with a single touch. I’m not a total loss; I’ve painted a few rigs now, built a few off road suspensions and restored a GPW. But what you dyed in the wool gearheads can do in a day, will take me 3 weeks. Time is on my side though. I’ll spend the winter trying to button down each “system” in turn, be it frame, then brakes, then shocks, then clutch, etc. A guy can eat an elephant one bite at a time, as the saying goes. With all this self pity behind me, my list of people to thank for their help wouldn’t fit on one page. Many of you from Utah to Oregon have helped with questions, part numbers, their valuable time, or just experience. And for that I’m grateful.

Without that kind of “spirit” in this hobby, what good would it be? The journey is now just as pleasurable as the destination. Like I already said, getting it done and ready to drive would be AMAZING, but I LOVE being in the garage, and turning that wrench. What about you? I want to hear your story!



Al came by and showed me how to do brakes; Bruce showed me how to do an old Dodge clutch; Roy helped with all kinds of other things. Bob is doing some of the body work. I don't know if I'll be driving it this summer, but thanks to the generosity of others, this WC will live!

My MV Pics by Mike Pierce

The top two pictures are of our M38 and my father in law. At left is at the Emmet car show. The bottom pics are at the Heartland Museum of Military Vehicles, Lexington Nebraska.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Note: these are also on the website, Idahomvpa.org

Ride 22, April 22nd, 2017; Military Suicide Awareness Event

This is Free and a non-profit event. Up to 5 vehicles Max will park at the Harley Davidson Dealership. This is a static display type of event. Sign up with Ron.

"Parade America" Sat, May 20th 2017; starts at 11AM. This is supposed to be one of the largest and longest patriotic parades in Idaho. The application is already approved. Plan to stage about 0930AM. POC is Bruce.

Eagle Field of Honor May 20th, 2017; (details to be published); POC is Barry M

Idaho Veteran's Network Meridian Speedway Honor Lap! May 20th 2017.

Race starts at 6:30PM; vehicle line up is at 5:30. Six vehicles desired which will carry an active duty service member and service flag to open the race!

POC is Ron. Please contact him now to sign up.

Kohler Lawn Ceremony, Nampa; May 29th, 2017 10AM. members arrive 9AM to stage. This is a static display type of event with a ceremony.

FREE IMVPA Vintage Military Show, June 24th and 25th at the Harley Davidson Dealership in Meridian. Vendors, living history, re-enactors, VFW, American Legion, and of course motorcycles! Car wash and pancake breakfast is free. Set up is the Friday prior and the event runs through Sunday afternoon.



LOCAL CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED: Nick Wilson from England is looking for a headlight bracket for a GPA. If anyone knows of one, please get hold of Bruce Gates who will relay the information.

WANTED for Model CCKW 352 short wheel based version (SWV), M38A1 engine, and M151 MUTT. Also looking for 47-49 Kaiser Willys pickup for restoration. Also looking for 1945 CJ2A column shift jeep for restoration. Call Steve Bartkowski at 708-863-3090 or steve.bartkowski@bnsf.com.

WANTED M151 hardtop for the 91st Training Division M151 in California. This vehicle is on static display outside. Contact ron at rondoin_98@hotmail.com

Editors Note. We've been sharing newsletters (and classifieds) from other clubs, so the transcribing their ads here is redundant. Of course if you want them back, volunteer as an editor! We always need help.

