



## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

July 2017

### The President's Corner

Our annual military vehicle show was a success! I want to thank all of the IMVPA members who attended and supported the event. I would also like to thank our vendors for coming, especially the ones from out of state. Finally, the event would not have been possible if it weren't for the efforts of several key members. The Carrol brothers built the advertising sign and got the HMMWV from Alex Gordon and the Idaho MotorPool. Wayne coordinated with our vendors, and made sure everyone had a place to park. Vice President Bob worked behind the scenes and many of the special touches had his name on them. . Bart coordinated for and provided our security at night. Our Social Media Director Ben built and promoted the Facebook page.

And of course I'd like to publicly thank Harley Davidson Motorcycles who hosted the event. I can't say enough great things about them. They were generous to a fault, gracious

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**CLUB MEETINGS: 1<sup>st</sup> Tues of the Month. Social hour 6, meeting at 7.**

**No July meeting! We covered all business at the Military Show so members can enjoy the holiday.**

#### Officers:

**President: Ron Powell**  
**Vice President: Bob Schoonderwood**  
**Treasurer: Bruce Gates**  
**Secretary: open**  
**Website Editor: open**  
**Newsletter Editor: open**  
**Social Media Director: Benjamin Sterling**

#### Spotted!

**The Carrol brothers now have a running driving M1009 CUCV with a new engine. This is a clean truck!**



with all of our requests, and beyond accommodating.

With all this effort behind us it'd be tempting to sit back and relax but we won't be doing that. The truth is the summer is just starting and the IMVPA has parades and car shows scheduled. If you see something that should be on the calendar and isn't, then please 'come up on the radio net' and let us know.

The Boise Veterans Day Parade is quite a few months off, but I'd like to take a minute to talk about that. We will now be at the front of the parade, and I'm asking for members to carry VIPs. This is a refreshing change! Where we used to be in the back and the Corvette club was up front! I would love to take credit for the change but the fact is one of our newest members (Walt) is the chairman on the committee and we discussed moving the IMVPA to the lead. It's a VETERANS DAY parade after all. So I look forward to discussing this amazing opportunity at our August meeting, which is at VP Bob's place in Caldwell.

-Ron



## Meetings:

**July Meeting:** no July meeting due to the military show and 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday!

**August Meeting:** VP Bob's House, 1003 Lannahan Place, Caldwell

**September Meeting:** would you like to volunteer your place? We've been moving meetings around so we can see our members projects, etc.

## It was in the news

**-The Dottie Mae flew 10 hours!**

**-We welcome a new member Bill Edwards, who is a 33 year military vet and is now retired. He's looking for a military vehicle, something different or unique. Welcome Bill.**

**-Department of Corrections:** the website showed the God and Country event as June 29<sup>th</sup>. It's actually the 28<sup>th</sup>.

- **Wanted:** your newsletter articles, pictures, or editorials. Send them to Ron.

Roy is shown here posing with his award, which is the IMVPA Best Vehicle. Voting was available to the public and to members. Votes were issued at the HQ table and returned and put into the ammo can, uh we mean voting box!



## Quotes of the Day

"Did you help someone today? If you did you know how that feels to truly live and know the meaning of life". –John J. McDaniel

"I have to at least make the point so I can say I told you so" -Major General Puster, 84<sup>th</sup> Training Command; in a meeting in 2017.

"Our communications network is fragile, and it doesn't degrade gracefully". Colonel Cook, 181 IN Brigade Commander, 2017.





## Not another war story! By Ron

When I was a young enlisted man in the Army National Guard in 1988 I was Mechanized Infantry and we used the M113A1 armored personnel carrier. In those days reorganizations were common and we later became a support company and given trucks. Mine was a very early but clean M35 series deuce and half. It was a cargo multi-fueler, with ten tires and no power steering. It was slow, noisy and hot, but a pleasure to drive! We drove in convoy from Bend Oregon to Boise Idaho several times and none of our trucks ever broke down. The best thing about that old beast was how it sang to us while driving down the road. The engine (turbo?) would spin up and whistle a happy tune. Some of the old Sergeants would call them 'whistlers'. It would only go about 45 mph tops.

The steering was all manual, and if the truck had to be squeezed into a tight spot, then it took what we called "strong arm" steering to make it happen. Feathering that huge clutch took practice too! But we got used to it.

We maintained them constantly. We were taught to break and change tires, clean fuel and air filters, and load and tow cargo. I recall the day our brand new soft tops came in and we mounted them up, taking special care to get them nice and straight. One day an outer tire blew out. One of the old timers taught us to drive up on a block, remove the outer tire, and "continue the mission". "You can always put on the outer dual later" he told us. We referred to a special calculation in the technical manual for weight bearing capacity, air pressure, and number of tires needed on the truck depending on weight of the cargo.

Off road the truck was not unstoppable but it was a load of fun! We would drop it into low range, activate the air pump for the front differential, and crawl along. Later I was issued a brand new M939 series 5 ton cargo, with power steering, automatic transmission and CTIS central tire inflation system. While that truck felt like a Cadillac in comparison, I still preferred the old M35.



The M35 at left was in heavy use in Vietnam and continued its service in the Oregon Army National Guard. The 900 series (center) replaced our M35s by 1991. Prior to 1990 we utilized the (even then) obsolete M113A1.

## Pictures without a story

These were shared by our friend and member Nick in England; his recently and beautifully restored 1942 Jeep!





# The Annual Military Vehicle Show pictures by Don W.

Vehicles, trailers, vendors and displays converged on the Harley Davidson Dealership on Sat. and Sun.



Left: Walt's 1.5 ton is beautifully restored! At right, Roy's ambulance won "Best Military Vehicle"!





The People's Choice award was won by Bruce for his M37 and presented by Harley Davidson. Roy won best vehicle for his recently completed ¾ ton ambulance and was presented by our VP, Bob. At left Colonel (retired) Rick Johnson displays an amazing and rare collection of WW2 artifacts.



At left: Idaho Automatic Weapons Collectors' Assoc (IAWCA) had an amazing weapons display. At right, Roy tells us his bazooka was a huge hit with the crowd (uh no pun intended).



At left: Barry and Fred take a break from the hot weather in the IMVPA HQ. At right, it was swap meet paradise with many members bringing in olive drab gold to sell and trade. ❖



**WW1 assault vehicle!**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS** [Idahomvpa.org](http://Idahomvpa.org)

### **-4th of July Activities**

-Star Parade 10AM. line up at 9AM at NE end of town. Upon completion we convoy directly to the Middleton Parade which is at 12 noon: Line up is at 11AM at the middle school.

-**Emmett Show and Shine**, July 15<sup>th</sup>; parking starts as early as 6:00 AM. This is a huge car show with over 1000 cars! POC is Bruce. Details at [emmettshowandshine.com](http://emmettshowandshine.com)

-**Harley Davidson Annual Show**, Aug 26<sup>th</sup>. This is a club favorite and is a park and relax type of event. Start time is to be published. POC is Barry M. ❖

**Gowen Field Thunder Air Show**, 0830AM -430PM. October 14-15<sup>th</sup>. Over 65K people are expected to attend. Air show at 11AM daily. Our attendance is tentatively approved. More to follow.

**Boise Veterans Day Parade**, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 0925 start time. Line up is at 8AM. We've been asked to lead the parade and provide WW2 vehicles for VIPs.

## **LOCAL CLASSIFIED ADS**

**Wanted:** 1952 M38A1 parts. Need glove box door, driver fender complete or for sheet metal parts to fix the damage, 5 wheels, front and rear shackles, and canvas. **For Sale:** this M38A1 has a non military beautiful and complete braden vintage winch (\$445), roll bar (\$45) and tow bar (\$45) and psychedelic 1970s plastic seat covers (free) Contact Ron at 208-914-6239.

**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.

**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](mailto:hmmwvowner@gmail.com)