



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

April 2017

The President's Corner

The annual military show is coming up fast. I'm asking our members to come, support, and display their equipment for the weekend. I'd love to see some living history, tents, and sandbags. This could be our best show yet! Yes its different, yes it's in town, and yes it's free!

The only event of the year that I ask members to give their FULL support to is OUR annual military show. It's an IMVPA official event. The very future of this event depends on this year's participation and success. Future events are not at all guaranteed.

At this year's event there will be a car wash, a free pancake breakfast, and a beer garden. Already we are getting requests from vendors and organizations who desire to come out and set up tents and booths. The excitement is building.

Thanks to Benjamin our facebook page has

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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
Social Media Director: Benjamin Sterling



Photo without a story. IMVPA guy spotted with the US Midway in San Diego Calif. What, are we adding ships to our hobby now?

been revitalized and that will help get the word out. He has uploaded the newest flyer there which can be shared with families and friends. Our flyer is also on the website. At the last meeting we asked every member to share 10 flyers with others. You can post them around town, email to friends, share on social media, or hand them out at work. We have already arranged for the event to run in the MVPA magazine.

About the MVPA. Are you a member, and if not, why not? Only about 1/3 of our members are, and that concerns me. This international organization fights for our hobby, publishes informative magazines, maintains informative web pages, and has conventions all over. They also do much more. I strongly recommend them so check them out today.

Finally, I would love to see members contribute to the newsletter. What are your stories? What are your adventures? You don't have to major in English literature to write an article. We are neither graded nor critiqued. Let's hear about what interests you!

-Ron



It was in the news.

- Send in your dues to Bruce now!
- Wanted: your newsletter articles, pictures, or editorials. Send them to Ron.
- The website stays updated. Who would have known right? You can get your info there at www.idahomvpa.org

-We want to thank Benjamin S for volunteering to be our social media guru. He has merged the old facebook page into a new one. Please go out and share with friends.

-April meeting is at Ron's house. Brats and Kraut provided. Bring a side dish if desired. How to get there? Address is 2592 N Dalton lane in Boise. This is near Ustic and Maple Grove. Turn south at the Cat Doctor on Dalton and you will find it!



Future Meetings:

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

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

June Meeting: open: any volunteers?

July Meeting: no July meeting will be held due to the military show and 4th of July holiday!

Photos:

This is the where the Military Show will be. Will there be snow in June? Well it's Idaho, so there' snow knowing. Uh, that was bad yeah.



The circled area is where the show will take place. To the right is general parking. Vendors will have as much as space as they need. Our Military Vehicles will be arranged in static display.



Your Military Vehicle is Done; now what?

By Ron P

You are dedicated to preserving military history, and the proof is that amazing military vehicle you have! I bet you can easily recall the day when your vehicle was done, it looked amazing, and performed flawlessly. Whether you bought it or built it, there was still the long search, the research, and tying up all the loose ends. No doubt it included a real investment in time and money. I often wonder what motivates people to be so dedicated in this hobby?

For many it's the journey that is the thrill. That may include the search, the ultimate deal, finding parts, and turning wrenches. For others it's the destination that counts; the thrill of the drive or rolling through the parade. Whether you bought it or built it, or somewhere in between, eventually you may come to the point of "now what"?

For some, one is enough! Others answer the question by getting another one of course, until your garage is a small motor pool. I've seen folks in the hobby build bigger and bigger each time, until they have a tank or even an airplane. It's quite an addiction, isn't it?!

Others load up their vehicle(s) with military gear, such as helmets, weapons, and packs. I like to think of this as living history, where the display is part of the experience, and it may even include a tent, cot and sandbags. Of course there are some vehicles so loaded down "with combat load" that one can barely see what's underneath!

Then there are the re-enactors. I admire their dedication, as I dare say they are the most committed of all. You can bet their uniform and "kit" is flawlessly historically correct. Reenacting is popular in the US, be it revolutionary war, civil war, or WW2. Personally I think it would be a lot of fun, but wonder if active battles aren't for the "much" younger crowd.

Getting back to living history now. I think this is one of the best ways to enjoy our hobby. I admire Don and Karen Wadley, who among others, are absolutely dedicated to educating the public about our military history. This is the premise of the IMVPA after all. I love it when they dress the part and "live" in the time period they portray. And do you recall our brothers and sisters in Battle Group Idaho? When they set up their displays, you can bet they know every detail about every weapon, every button, and every stitch on their uniform.

As a prior military history teacher myself, I completely understand, support and admire those of you who strive to go the extra mile and expand our hobby in these ways. And let's be honest, it's fun isn't it!! So yes you have a lot of options, once your MV is done. Don't get discouraged or bored with the hobby. There is so much more to do.



Photos:

Above left: the Carrol brothers own this beautiful halftrack named "old expendable". They also own a M38 that needs restoration and a M1008 CUCV they are doing engine work to. Our newest member, General Walt showed us these two restored beauties; a MB and GMC 1.5 ton. Some of our members have only one vehicle, others have several. How many do you have? Let us know!

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. Only 1 member signed up so far.

"Parade America" Sat, May 20th 2017; starts at 11AM. One of the largest and longest patriotic parades in Idaho. The application is already approved. Depart from Gates Towing and convoy over. POC is Bruce.

Eagle Field of Honor May 20th, 2017. Static display at Merrill Park. 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. Vehicles desired which will carry an active duty service member and service flag to open the race! Mike P: Air Force; Roy C has the USMC vet; Dick M has Army; Bruce has Navy; Ben S has lead.

Kohler Lawn Ceremony, Nampa; May 29th, 2017 10AM. members arrive 9AM to stage. This is a static display type of event with a ceremony. We will convoy from Gates Towing at 0830 AM.

FREE IMVPA Vintage Military Show, June 24th and 25th at the Harley Davidson Dealership in Meridian. Vendors, living history, 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

Wanted: USAF vehicle painted Strata Blue in good running condition and with a decent body. Prefer small to medium size, either purpose built military or Dodge crew cabs, etc, but open minded. Cash budget for this project is relatively modest; but also have items to trade if interested. Feel free to call Ivan Urnovitz in Spokane at (509) 710-0545.

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

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. ❖