



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

June 2020

From the Top

The past two months have been hard on a lot of us. Being locked down in quarantine is not much fun but it does give us a lot of time to get caught up. It's hard missing the club meetings and the Memorial Day events but it is necessary. A lot of us in the club are not that young anymore and we are the prime targets of Covid 19 so stay hunkered down for a little longer. It looks like some things are going to open up a bit more on June 1. We won't have a club meeting in June but I'm hoping we can have one in July. It would be nice to see everyone again. I hope everyone is spending time working on those vehicles and taking a chance to relax. Even though the

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IMVPA MEETINGS: 1st Tues of the Month. Meeting at 7 at Gates Towing in Nampa. No June meeting!

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

Spotted!

Mike is a long time IMVPA member. Up on his ranch is a new acquisition, this WC63.



lockdown is hard on some of us I'm sure there are others that have not changed their lifestyle much and were pretty much locked down anyway.

-Bruce Gates
President, IMVPA

It was in the news...

Memorial Day is a federal holiday and is observed on the last day of May. Its purpose is for honoring and mourning the military personnel who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Sadly there were no parades this year, and commemorations were greatly reduced. Thank you coronavirus and China.

- You might have noticed this top was for sale in last month's newsletter.
-Brian said this winter top is still for sale, but the ad will come down over the summer. I'm sure the sadist in you would like to run this in August. Don't be wimp and go get this for your jeep. Or I guess you could add air conditioning.



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

- Have you paid your IMVPA dues?

-Our member Benjamin is a firefighter and his district has been climbing stairs to raise funds and support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS). Will you help and donate?! Reach out to Benjamin Sterling using your IMVPA social roster to find out how!

- The MVPA is planning to do their Parks Highway 2020 convoy in mid to late August this year. They will be going through Baker City, Halfway, OR and up the 39 Road into Joseph, OR on the afternoon of Aug. 20. They will have a static display in Joseph and leave on AM of the 21st for Lewiston, ID. Alex Gordon of the Idaho Motor Pool will host a BBQ on that day. For more information or if you have any questions or just want to chat, drop Doug an email or give me him a call at 541-398-8867. Or if you are the anti social type and don't want to talk to people on the phone, there are more details in last month's newsletter.

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

-Here is some input that I've gotten from members for the newsletter over the last 3 months:

Don't see it?



His glass is half empty. -By anonymous

There are some people in the IMVPA who think they know who “anonymous” is, and like to mention it all the time. So maybe it’s time for the big reveal, and everyone should finally know who it is that writes these amazing (you mean trashy –ed) columns. So here we go, wait for it, anonymous is, YOU! That’s right, anonymous is in all of you. Because let’s be completely honest, life is about pessimism and regrets, like having pimento loaf for dinner.

So yeah, the human outlook on life is schadenfreude, which is a german word that has no English translation. But essentially it’s about the pleasure you get from someone else’s misfortune. This is the reality of life folks! Ever read the works of the philosopher Nietzsche? Did he get it right?

In case you still don’t believe me, here’s an example of what I’m talking about. Here’s a little rust hole in the side of my GPW. No problem, a little tack weld and it’s all fixed. But come out the next day and there it is again, as if the weld fell out. So on goes some bondo, and bam, same thing! Next idea is some short strand fiberglass reinforced with Kevlar! Did it work? Um no, the all seeing blind eye returns! JB weld? Didn’t work! This is about as frustrating as watching Adam West play the part of Batman. So now it’s time for the big guns, and out comes the speed grip industrial strength adhesive. Thank you Bob for getting me a great price on your spare applicator gun, which normally costs more money than a 18 speed racing bicycle. This stuff is what they supposedly used to fix the space shuttle O-ring problem back in the day. Clean it, prep it, apply it, and then turn out the lights and come back the next morning to find....

THE STINKING HOLE IS STILL THERE! It’s the gateway to hell, I mean is this the window to Satan himself? Now I admit I found no reason to go poking around behind this panel. I mean what’s to be found? Some old weld, bondo, a dryer sock and some proof of bigfoot’s existence? You don’t mess with a poltergeist folks. No, let’s just stick a bolt head in there and call it good. Hope it keeps the demons out of the engine compartment.



New acquisitions by Mike Pierce and Ron Powell

It's not too likely you've been up to Mike's ranch, which sits on a hill top way out of town. But if you've gotten past the no trespassing signs you would have seen vehicles like these. You see for the past year Mike's been helping his dad move from New York to Idaho, and they have been making many trips back and forth, logging many thousands of miles. His dad is somewhat of a hoarder (car enthusiast, use some tact, 'ed). He recently found this WC63 in Washington state and ran up and grabbed it, why? Well why not put a few more hundred miles on his box van. It's a real ww2 gem and remarkably complete. I asked Mike about the timeline on when it'll be restored but got no answer. First they have to finish moving dad and all his stuff, then build him a huge shop for his collection which will include a repair and fabrication bay for all his cool tools. Then a small retirement house, maybe in that order.

Ah yes, we can't forget about the 'other truck' which isn't military at all. But it's one of the coolest things I've ever seen. I would like Mike to restore it and paint it white, wear a white vintage milk man outfit while driving it around, then maybe sell snow cones and ice cream out of the back at the county fair to pay for it all. Ah yes, it's fun to dream up plans for other people.



This Wc63 was brought home this month from the wilds of Washington state. No reason to fear COVID-19. Tetanus on the other hand...

And who can identify this civilian truck? Email your answers to the editor and you win...nothing. He'll just be amazed that anyone read this at all.

YOUR FREE CLASSIFIED ADS, free free free and free

Wanted: M101A2/A3 trailer. Contact Ben at hondatoys@gmail.com

For Sale: Kevlar Helmet size M and cold war steel pot with brand new woodland cover and both in excellent condition. Contact ron at rondoin_98@hotmail.com.

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

For Sale: lots of MB GPW parts: bellhousing 45, front axle 65, machine gun crossmember from 43 GPW 90, other misc parts too 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: 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

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 ❖

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, or

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