



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION



FROM THE TOP

From the President

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. Since most people should be vaccinated by next month I thought we'd have a club meeting in April on the first Tuesday which is April 6 at 7PM at Gates & Associates 604 N. 36th St., Nampa, ID.

I'm attaching some pictures of a 1941 Dodge WC 4 that I sold to our English member, Nick Wilson. It was a winch model open cab, but I sent it to England partially restored with an open cab and a closed cab, due to English weather. Nick has been finishing the restoration and it is looking good.

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-Bruce Gates
President, IMVPA

IMVPA CLUB OFFICERS

President: Bruce Gates
Vice President: Matt Wrobel
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Secretary: position is open
Social Media Director: Benjamin Sterling
Website, Newsletter Editor: Ron Powell

Spotted: what to do with a pile of misc and spare jeep parts? Let's find out!



It was in the news...

- In case you missed it from page one, our first meeting of this year is Tuesday April 6th! Bring a mask, social distance, and stay safe, you know, just in case.
- We have a new member this month, Alan from Ola. Welcome aboard!
- March 25th was National Medal of Honor Day.

-Story without a source or facts:

In case you're worried about the US Govt burning up your tax money like its play dough, stop worrying. They are reported to be working on laser weapons, robotic super body armor, and an artillery piece that can shoot from Nashville to New York. It seems the Russians and Chinese are already working on this technology. So why are we writing about it in the newsletter? Cause someday some of you will want to buy it surplus and bring it home... (Sigh)

-Story found on da You Tube

"Mad" Jack Churchill was a British Army officer in WW2. Word is he loved to fight! He fought Germans while playing the bagpipes and his favorite weapons were the sword and bow and arrow.

IMVPA MEETINGS: 1st Tues of the Month.
Meeting at 7 PM at Gates Towing in Nampa.
Next Meeting is Tuesday, April 6th! This is the first meeting of this year.

Department of Corrections

Last month we published some info about Camp Plymouth, and much of it has changed since then, so the best thing you can do is go directly to their website for the latest and greatest information.

He was highly decorated and utterly fearless. He fought from Norway to Yugoslavia and was reportedly the only one in WW2 to fight with a bow and arrow. He once captured an entire town with a much smaller force by deception and intimidation alone.

He was captured twice and escaped. At the end of the war he was so disappointed by the end of the fighting he traveled to Israel to fight there.

He wore a kilt into battle because no one made trousers large enough to hold those brass balls (as reported).

He died peacefully in 1986 at the age of 89.

-Fan mail!

-Great newsletter! Keep up the great work, very interesting indeed! (Thanks Mom!)

-Wanted: your newsletter articles, photos, and editorials. The winter spring summer fall and covid months are a great time to submit editorials and stories. Send them in NOW!

A 1941 Dodge gets a second life.

-By Bruce Gates

This WC 1/2 ton went to England for final restoration by our IMVPA member and friend Nick Wilson.



His glass is half empty. -By anonymous

Editors Note: this space is reserved for any member or guest, anonymous or not, so anyone can contribute to the newsletter. We've always had the same anonymous person with no new content until now, so we're happy to present a new guest writer instead of the same old...well crap.

Uh hi guys, how are you? Flipping New guy (FNG) here, LOL just wanted to join up and be part of the club because I'm pretty lonely and can't wait to make new friends! I can't afford a military vehicle yet but I'm into building the plastic models and reenacting. I thought I'd come to a meeting and spend about an hour telling you guys about plastic models and paint. I know everything there is to know about German tanks. Don't worry my reenactor uniform is Germany Infantry, not Nazi. Or I could talk to you guys about reenacting, even got some stuff for sale. Wouldn't that be awesome? See I'm super optimistic so your time will be well spent! And my wife doesn't mind it when I'm not home all the time so we can stay late after the meeting too. Hope you guys provide the burgers and brats for free. Let's just say uh, heh heh I'm a little big but its all jolly fat. If anyone would like to join my church let me know! Love you guys!

Editors Note: Damnit anonymous I know that's you and this isn't funny!

“Out of the Blue” *By Don Wadley*

This is a short teaser article on a jeep project that came in “out of the blue” so to speak. My son Ken got married this past year and along the way his wife expressed interest in working on rebuilding a jeep. They had been looking for a “project “ jeep out in Georgia, having found nothing but seriously over priced rusted out hulks. They were getting pretty discouraged. She is pretty handy with tools, so I figured what the heck! I have a lot of residue from 40 years of jeep projects lying around that really needed cleaning up. So I started searching through my piles of stuff and what do you know I had 99 % of an M38A1 jeep lying around. Now lets be - clear all of the sheet metal will require quite a bit of repair and TLC and if anything were ever considered a “Parts Kit” this would be it. Nothing and I mean nothing was bolted together. So I offered the “kit” to her and she accepted. They are coming out this May/June ish time frame to pick it up.

Well Idle hands and all that. I figured they would have their hands full just fixing all the sheet metal, let alone building up a jeep from scratch. It would take them years and probably get discouraged along the way. So I went about building a jeep from parts. What else have i got to do. I restored only those parts that would be unsafe and unreliable; brakes, steering, axles, powerpack. So that the jeep could be safely driven nomatter what it looked like. They could then work on what area they wanted first and incrementally work their way through the entire restoration. Along the way anytime they got tired of working on it, just take it out for a drive.

I started with a frame and added axles, tub, steering column etc. Basically building a rolling chassis with brakes and steering that worked. Then went about building a powerpack up from a casting. After that added a minimal wiring harness and seats. It needs a ton of body work and lot of paint but is basically a very straight tub and fenders on a reliable safe power train. I have probably more than 300 hours into it—NOW IT’S THEIR TURN!!!!. As they make progress I’ll have the pictures here in the newsletter.

The attached pictures show the highlights of the project culminating in her driving here in Boise back in December. Everything that would be on a M38A1 with the exception of a spare tire holder is on her jeep. It just needs a lot of TLC to make it presentable. I want to thank all of you that contributed parts to my jeep parts pile over the years. This project wouldn’t have been possible without you.

-Don

“Out of the Blue!”



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For Sale: two M151 Mutts and one trailer with a lot of parts a lot of parts on consignment; they can be purchased as a lot or 1 at a time.

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Can anyone use this?

There is still some misc. canvas items from the Krueger estate. Reach out to Bruce if interested.

Found! The Good ol' boy who was looking for M38A1 canvas doors was contacted by a member here. Good to go.

For Sale
The Cloak of Invisibility
Owned by Harry Potter
Best Offer.
Here's a picture, below.

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-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.

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Please let us know your membership number!



Military Vehicle Preservation Association
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