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The President's Corner

My eleven year old was telling me about her pet peeves. She asked what mine was. I think a military vehicle that won't start tops the list! Thank you Don and Al who stopped by to show me what I need to know about owning a M38A1. That's what I love most about the IMVPA; the willingness of members to help members.

In October we have the rare opportunity of attending the Gowen Thunder Air Show. Our place is front and center of the action, and we have as much space as we want! Members can bring their vehicles in on trailers and leave them overnight if desired. Guards are provided courtesy of the US Air Force. My crystal ball says this will be the biggest and most amazing event of the year! I sent out an email asking members to tell me if they are coming. I need you to respond ASAP! I'm doing an access roster to get you on base.

Please let me know if you are coming!

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

October meeting is at the Kuna Fire Station, corner of Linder and Boise. Free Pizza will be served courtesy of Benjamin.

Officers:

President: Ron Powell

Vice President: Bob Schoonderwood

Treasurer: Bruce Gates

Secretary and Social Media Director: Benjamin Sterling

Website Editor: open; Newsletter Editor: open

The Gowen Thunder Air Show is October 15th and 16th! This is how much space we get! We are located North of the Tower on Gowen Field.



Bruce wrote a short note about “Touch a Truck” at Boise State University. It was an event that exposed the public to Police, Fire, Construction equipment, and more. None of our other members chose to attend because of the “concern” that kids would climb all over our vehicles. It’s refreshing to know that people were respectful. If they have it next year then it will be on our calendar.

Chrome at the Home is hosted annually by the Boise Valley POW MIA Corp, who raise funds to enhance the lives of veterans at the Idaho Veterans home. 100% of the funds are donated. It’s for a great cause and we are excited to be invited. We received a very personal and sincere thank you from the organizers for attending and we are invited back next year.

Lastly I’ll share that this year we received a couple of requests from outside organizations who want our participation. These came in with 3 weeks notice or less, and were missing key details such as what, why and when. While I hate to miss an opportunity to support a cause I just can’t and won’t ask members to drop what they are doing to support a last minute event. You will notice that your calendar for the year is published in January! We are not inflexible late requests are in the “hard to do” category. When this happens you’ll see an email go out that invites members but it will be noted that it’s not an official IMVPA event. This way members can choose to attend if they desire.

Finally I’d like to welcome our newest member, Joe Perry who bought a 1953 M37 from our WW2 Vet Dick B. Welcome Joe!

-Ron



Meetings:

October Meeting: Kuna Fire Station, corner of Linder and Boise in Kuna. Benjamin is the host.

November Meeting: Covey Café, 5017 Hwy 20-26, Caldwell ID (off Franklin and I-84)

December Holiday Party: will we have it?

Come to the meeting so we can vote on it.

It was in the news

- **Sept 11th** is known as **Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance.** You may also have noticed the flag flying at half staff.

- **Sept 18th** marks the birthday of the **US Air Force.** This is when the Air Force became independent of the US Army. Oh yeah, it was **1947!**

- **On our facebook page you will see Roy send about eleventy hundredety rounds of 7.62 downrange from his M60 machine gun mounted on the M151 Mutt. How much does that cost?**

- **Do you want to move to Oregon? It could get more expensive. Democrats proposed HB2877 which is a 1000\$ tax per 5 years on vehicles over 20 years old.**

- **Our WW2 Vet member Dick B is doing well. He’s just getting too old to drive much and prefers to stay home.**

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

“Spotted!”

I don’t know the vintage of this toy but it’s a neat piece decked out in military stencils. It was spotted at the museum in Luray Caverns on the East Coast.



Chrome at the Home

Chrome at the Home on Sept 23rd was an annual event that raised money for the Idaho State Veterans Home. The event consisted of a raffle, free lunch and motorcycles of course! 100% of the funds go to enhance the quality of life of the veterans there. The Boise Valley POW MIA corporation produces this event every year and it's for a worthy cause. We are always proud to be part of it. Attendees included Mike Sword, Roy with his M151, Ron with M38A1, Al and Bonnie with their M38, Bruce and M37, and our newest member Joe Perry.



UPCOMING EVENTS Idahomvpa.org

Gowen Field Thunder Air Show, 0830AM -430PM. Sat, Sun October 14-15th. Friday prior is set up day and rehearsals. Over 65K people are expected. Come out and support! We have our own real estate front and center of the action. The IMVPA has invited the American Legion and Boise Veterans Day Parade Committee to set up a booth with us.

Parking: members park their personal cars or tow vehicles next to Gowen Field behind the control tower. They can drive their MV through the main gate or through an opened side gate just east of the tower. They can leave MVs overnight; the US Air Force will guard them! Remember if you choose this option you can park your POV at the special vendor lot behind the control tower. It's a very short walk to us or they can bring you over with their golf cart.

Weapons: yes you can bring them mounted on your vehicle, replica or real! No real ammo. Does that go without saying? But please let me know what you have for the access roster. No pistols rifles or handguns! Don't give them a reason not to let you in.

Access Roster! I need the name and birthday of everyone who is coming. Get it to Ron OCT 5th!

Calendar: Friday is VIP, military and employee appreciation day. Ron will set up his M38A1 at noon but we have no formal plans to attend. However I recommend you set up Friday as Sat morning starts early. Sat-Sun hours are 0830-430 for the public. Early arrival is recommended!

SAFETY. Bring ear plugs, chairs, and dress for inclement weather. No coolers are allowed. There is a list of do's and don'ts at the website. There is food, drink, and restrooms nearby.

POC for this event Ron P. email me or call! <http://gowenthunder.org>

Boise Veterans Day Parade, November 4th, 0925 start time. Line up is at 8AM. We've been asked to lead the parade and provide WW2 vehicles for VIPs. Sign up to carry VIPs is in October! POC is Ron P.

Garry's Automotive, November 11^h, 2:30 – 7PM. We converge on Garrys for a static display that is a club favorite. Located on Cole Road in Boise, across from Costco. POC is Don W.

Free Meals at Golden Corral in Nampa, November 13th, 3PM start time. We'll park our vehicles out front in a static display. We will also have our own table inside for food and to stay warm. We

are working with Golden Corral to have a display in Boise so members don't have to travel as far. More to follow on that.

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: CJ3B windshield. Call Justin at 208-863-5901

For Sale: extensive list of MB, M38 and M38A1 parts for sale. Liquidation. Too many to list. An email list went out to members. Email Randy at rdrake@cableone.net

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 ❖

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Touch a Truck at Boise State University By Bruce G

The club missed out on one of the most enjoyable shows I've ever attended. I borrowed two cones from an ACHD truck and a State cop offered some crime scene tape. No one bothered the truck at all. Everyone was very pleased to see it. I wish I would have had the club banner there. I heard two different numbers of attendance. One said 7,000 people and another later one said 10,000 people showed up. There were probably 30 to 35 vehicles there. People didn't mind at all that they couldn't touch it. I did an on camera interview with Michael Severns from Channel 6 news and it aired that night on the 10 PM news. [They provided coffee and doughnuts in the morning and served us lunch at noon.](#)



Editors Note: at the last 2 meetings members chose not to participate in “Touch a Truck” because of what the name implies. Kids can really undo a nice restoration. Fire, Police, and construction, etc often encourages the public's interaction.

The 1954 M38A1 Pig gets lipstick By Ron

Why is it called the pig? Well no one respects the M38A1 for one thing. I mean it wasn't iconic in any wars, and isn't known on TV unless you count the movies Romancing the Stone and Commando. You are old enough to remember those movies, right? The other thing is this one is just dirty! With no frame off restoration the underside is greasy and filthy. So I gave it some lipstick, uh I mean stencils and the dress up began from there.

I ordered up a full stencil set from Delta Team Decals. Communication with them was very good and the price was about 50\$ which included bumpers, hood stars, hood numbers, tire pressure and side stars. The quality was ok, but some of them fragmented in removal, causing the number to peel the paint. The issue could also be the paint, outside temp, etc. Do you think the Private in the Motorpool cared about such perfection in the early 50s? From my research, it turns out stencil placement following WW2 were similar for the WW2 Jeep, M38 and M38A1. For example on the side of the hood U.S.A. was used, and the registration number began with a 20. These naming conventions changed by the 1960s. Initially the hood star pointed back toward the driver. Eventually the hood star pointed forward, and U.S.A. was changed to US Army on the hood. The stencils I received were wrong for my era of jeep, as I asked for the early version. They immediately corrected the error for free. My intent was to do a jeep makeover as it would have appeared in the 1950s, not the 60s.

Information on the M38A1 is not as easy to come by as it is for the WW2 Jeep. There are many professed internet experts out there and I'm grateful they took the time to build websites, visit chat boards and collect raw data. Hood registration numbers are always missing. One "Expert" always tells people to put the vehicle serial number on the side of the hood. THIS IS NOT CORRECT! No-one did that! But often folks take the advice because an internet expert said so. My opinion is if you are going to be the M38A1 expert on every chat board, don't purposely mislead people! Since I didn't know the vehicle (hood) registration number, I did chose the vehicle serial number but started the sequence with a 20.

Now I'm no expert and I don't want to be. As Al Mizner said to me once, sometimes it's better to bury your head in the sand. So my solution was to find vintage photos of a couple of Korean War era Jeeps and place the stars according to the period of use in the field. The so called "experts" can complain all they want, but a period correct photo is all the evidence I need. Remember this is "The Pig", not a factory class example. If someone cares to take issue with where the stencil is placed, I'll show them a vintage photo.

As for the unit numbers, this choice was easy. My father was drafted into the army in 1957. He remembered his unit data as 1st Infantry Division, 7th Artillery, 1st Howitzer Battalion, Charlie Company. He was trained as a cannon crewmember on a M38A1 with a recoilless rifle on it. To get the chance to honor my fathers service is exciting! He notes he still has the splinters under his fingernails. He says that's where they drug him off the front porch and drafted him into the army! ☺



Sources:

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