



## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

April 2016

### The President's Corner

This is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Persian Gulf War, where a joint and combined coalition led by the United States expelled Saddam Hussein's Army from Kuwait. At that time he had the world's 4<sup>th</sup> largest army.

The victory cost America 383 lives. At that time I was just a private in the mechanized infantry Oregon National Guard. Sadly we were never mobilized. But I recall those days clearly, and patriotism was running high. I'm grateful that in Idaho, patriotism still runs high. There sure are great people here in this state!

Our club has been formally invited to carry the US Colors in the opening lap at the Meridian Speedway in front of 5000 people. Wow what a rush, and what a patriotic way to start the year.

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*SPY PHOTO: Bob gave a presentation at the last meeting about vintage tools and how to identify them.*

### CLUB MEETINGS:

First Tuesday of the month. Social hour at 6PM, 7 PM starts the meeting. **Marie Calenders, 8574 Fairview Avenue, Boise Idaho.**

### Officers:

**President: Ron Powell** (801) 243-6753  
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**Vice President: Mike Sword** (208) 422-7668 /  
SWORDMD@YAHOO.COM

**Treasurer and Secretary: James Galloway**  
(208) 365-8944

**Fruitland Show Committee Chairs:**  
Alex Gordon, Larry Carrol, Gary Carrol

Each vehicle will carry a military branch flag. Sign up now as we still need two more vehicles!

We had our first meeting at Marie Calenders. I'm grateful to say that the turn out was excellent. There was some drama as we had to move into the banquet room, and the waitress was overworked but it was manageable.

Bruce G had surgery on his leg, but he is doing much better now. I gave him a call on behalf of the club and let him know that we hope he gets better soon, especially with all the fun spring events coming up fast.

Again on the topic of patriotism, I'd like to say that it really makes me proud to be a part of this club, when so many organizations ask for us by name to come to their event. Yes it could be a busy year. I hope to see you Tuesday at Marie Calenders!

By Ron P



### **April Club Minutes**

The minutes will now be read at the meetings. We will only summarize them here. There were 18 members present with 1 new prospective member and 1 guest. Andy from Kohler Lawn came to the meeting and asked us to come back this year. So far only two members have committed.

Everyone at the meeting had the opportunity to review the following documents:

By laws and Mission Statement  
Fruitland Show plan (draft)  
IMVPA social roster

-We welcomed prospective new member Jim Johnson, who bought a HMMWV from Alex Gordon.

-We talked about T shirts expenditures. Since then the shirts have arrived; thank you Don Wadley, for making this happen!

-If anyone can work the gun show with the Carrol Brothers, let them know. Our main purpose is to advertise the Fruitland Military Show, but we also intend to sell some apparel as well.

-Thank you to all the members that donated funds for girl scout cookies. They will be donated to the Idaho Veterans Home.

.-There was much discussion about how the Fruitland Military Show is being planned. Too much to discuss here. If you want to know more, attend the Planning Committee meeting. POCs are Larry and Gary Carrol.

-Finally, we talked about doing a club campout this summer. Naturally, no plans were laid in stone. If anyone has any ideas, let's discuss at the next meeting.



### **"The Rumor Mill"**

- A mouse told us that the Dottie Mae will fly this summer! What is the Dottie Mae? Well it's a P47 that is being restored by Vintage Air Frames in Caldwell.

- We keep hearing the meetings are moved to different places. A deception plan works well in the Army, but in the IMVPA it's not a good idea. Meetings are at Marie Calenders until further notice!



## Upcoming events:

### **IDAHO SPORTSMAN SHOW**

April 8-9<sup>th</sup>. IMVPA will have 2 tables set up. The purpose of this event is to advertise and sell shirts for the Fruitland Show. If you can do some time at the table, let Gary or Larry Carrol know.

### **SPRING 2016 CAMP DELTA AT TOWER PARK**

April 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. source:

[http://www.mvccnews.net/event\\_pages/tower\\_park/tower\\_park\\_spring.htm](http://www.mvccnews.net/event_pages/tower_park/tower_park_spring.htm)

This is an event well attended by the club. If you plan to share expenses or travel, talk to Bruce Gates.

### **MERIDIAN SPEEDWAY**

May 21<sup>st</sup>. Our club has been formally invited to drive the American colors on a "victory lap" which opens the event. They also have asked for 1 vehicle per branch, Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines to carry their flags. Contact the Ron Powell ASAP if you can do this. So far Ron, Bruce, and Al have volunteered. We still need two more vehicles!

### **KOHLER LAWN**

We've been invited back! Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at Kohler Lawn Cemetery, 76 6th St N, Nampa, ID 83687. Exact time is to be published. This is a club favorite. The timeline is to TBD but expect it to be the same as last year. Meet in the morning at Gates Towing and convoy over. We will show up a bit early but we expect the ceremony to last an hour. From there we'll depart and go to lunch.

### **FRUITLAND MILITARY SHOW**

Fruitland Idaho, June 1-4<sup>th</sup> 2016. **This is our club annual event.** Details are available on the website, online at MVPA.com, and in the MVPA Supply Line Magazine. The flyer is online. Members please send this flyer out to your friends and family!

### **NORTHWEST MOTORFEST**

Saturday and Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 2016. Read about it at EventBrite.com. I've been in contact with the event organizers. It will be free to our club but we can expect a limited number of free tickets. We are waiting for that number, but let Barry know now if you are going. Club Lead for this event is Barry McCahill

### **MVPA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

Pleasanton California, August 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> 2016. Source: MVCCnews.net

### **Harley Davidson Show**

August 27<sup>th</sup>. This is a park and relax kind of show. The time is to be published. POC is Barry McCahill.

### **CAMP DELTA AT TOWER PARK**

September 19th-25th 2016 source:

[http://www.mvccnews.net/event\\_pages/tower\\_park/tower\\_park\\_spring.htm](http://www.mvccnews.net/event_pages/tower_park/tower_park_spring.htm)

### **7TH ANNUAL CHROME AT THE HOME**

September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016. This is a park and watch kind of event. There will be a short ceremony and raffle. This event is at the Idaho State Veteran's Home in Boise.

### **BOISE VETERAN'S DAY PARADE**

Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Source: boiseveteransdayparade.org. Our club is signed up for this.



## The March IMVPA Meeting.

Photo: Dick B shows us the purple heart medal that he received in WW2.



Photo left: For the first time in while, we held the meeting at a restaurant. There were 20 folks in attendance. Marie Calenders gave us the banquet room. Following the meeting Bob S gave us a very interesting presentation on vintage tools. He talked about who the manufacturers were, how to identify them, where to find them, and how to match tools to your tool box and military vehicle.



## Book Review: “Samurai!” by Soburo Sokai, Fred Saito, and Martin Caido

By Ron P



Soburo Sokai was the leading surviving Japanese ace of WW2, and was thought to have shot down 64 allied planes. The actual number is unknown, since Japanese procedure was to give credit to the unit, not the individual. Sokai came from Samurai ancestry, but was born and raised as a poor farmer. Through a little luck and hard work, he rose through the ranks in the Japanese Navy and was accepted to flight school, where he graduated first in his class.

Sokai earned a reputation as a skilled pilot, and was mentored by many of Japan's finest aviators. During the battle of Guadalcanal, Sokai and his flight of 3 Zeroes attacked 8 US fighter aircraft. Sokai shot down two aircraft, but in the battle a bullet entered his cockpit and struck him in the head, blinding him in one eye and paralyzing one side of his body. He somehow managed to fly 47 minutes back to Rabaul, and insisted on making his report to his superior before collapsing. After being discharged from the hospital in 1943, Sokai spent a year as a trainer. Although he never regained full eyesight in one eye, he insisted on returning to combat.

In June of 1944 Sokai approached a flight of 15 F6F Hellcats that he mistakenly believed were friendly. He was instantly surrounded by a hornets nest, and he found himself fighting for his life. Although he had a vastly inferior aircraft and only one good eye, Sokai demonstrated his incredible skill as a pilot, and evaded the Americans and made it back to his airfield.

In another incident, Sokai came across a Dutch DC-3. Although he had orders to destroy any aircraft he saw, he chose to let the unarmed aircraft go when he spotted a woman and child on board. He never reported this to his superiors.

After the war, Soburo Sokai became close friends with many of his former opponents, and met with them often. He also embraced Buddhist teachings, as an act of atonement. After WW2 he would never again harm another creature for as long as he lived, not even a mosquito. Soburo Sokai died in 2000 at the age of 84.



Photos of Soburo Sokai. Photo sources: Wikipedia, and Collectorsweekly.com ❖

# CLASSIFIED ADS

**Raffle.** Boise Valley POW/MIA Corporation are raffling off a Kimber Pro Carry 2 1911 .45 pistol. Tickets are \$10. Winners will be announced at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Chrome at the Home event on 9/24/2016. You need not be present to win. All money collected will go to support the Idaho State Veteran's Home and National League of POW/MIA families. More Information call 208-867-9105 or E-mail: [sgt.at.arms@bvpowmia.org](mailto:sgt.at.arms@bvpowmia.org)

**-For Sale:** (an email came out from Alex Gordon last month with lots of pictures of derelicts. He says "There is a lot of other things also cars trucks boat etc nothing in good shape! All must go call for more information 452-5335".

**-For Sale** as of FEB16: dozens of military and civilian vehicles and trailers located in Payallup WA. Call 253-355-2170 for details.

**-For Sale** as of FEB16: 1962 Willys M170, restored, beautiful condition. Located near Idaho City. There is no price on this yet. Todd noted he wasn't sure of a fair price to ask. Email Todd Marquart at [tmarquart@me.com](mailto:tmarquart@me.com)

**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** as of FEB16: want to do a yard sculpture with the rustiest MASH-era jeep...( but as rusted out as possible) Rick Kearl, voice or text: (801)628-8262 email: [rick@ospreyutah.com](mailto:rick@ospreyutah.com)

**WANTED: M715.** Contact Jason Fox at [snakerivertrailer@yahoo.com](mailto:snakerivertrailer@yahoo.com). would like running and minimal/no rust in cab. I don't want a restored to original one because I would like to customize it to my preference and don't want to mess up a restored piece. Other than that, I am pretty flexible. Price range \$1000 - \$7000 depending on quality and work done on vehicle.

**Looking** for Model CCKW 352 short wheel based version (SWV), M38A1 engine, and M151 MUTT. Call Steve Bartkowski at 708-863-3090 or [steve.bartkowski@bnsf.com](mailto:steve.bartkowski@bnsf.com).

**-For Sale:** Lots of GPW and MB parts. Engines and parts, transmissions, axels, etc. Contact Dave Turley 801.787.7374 for a parts list.

**-For sale:** I am considering putting up for adoption one or more of my dearly beloved: -1987 M35/A2, winch, multi-fuel, many upgrades \$12,000; 1952 M38 and trailer, radio, winch, tow bar, gun pedestal. \$12,000; 1952 M37, ground up rebuild Hercules turbo diesel, winch \$15,000; 1980 era Fast Attach Vehicle, 1980 cc VW powered, Chenoweth chassis, baskets, the real deal. \$10,000; Contact Harley Jacobs 801- 360-5188 [hwjacobs@aol.com](mailto:hwjacobs@aol.com) ❖

**M151 original NOS vinyl** top, side screens and doors. Very good condition, I replaced this set with canvas. \$250 Steve Andereggen Sr. [Nukesub612@comcast.net](mailto:Nukesub612@comcast.net)

**2 halftrack rims** - \$25 each or both for \$35; 1945 International M-3-4 Beam Fire Truck - \$5,000;

**1954 Dodge M152 CND communications van** – only 1200 built - \$5,000; Contact Jim Shipp 541-290-1779 Konig PTO with three winches; \$1,200; Contact Jim Morris 541-404-5788 or [jimgarage@frontier.com](mailto:jimgarage@frontier.com)

**1952 or '53 M38A1;** Air Force - originally painted light blue; still has the original engine and the 24 volt system - has not run for at least 20 years \$5,000; WWII trailer also available. Erich Laetsch - [ErichANI@aol.com](mailto:ErichANI@aol.com)

**For Sale:** set of five 700x16 ndt tires with 4 chains; estimate 50% rubber; \$300.00; M416 trailer has some surface rust; \$1300; Jerry Wheeler jrwheeler7@gmail.com or 541-260-3941.

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**Konig PTO** with three winches; \$1,200; 5 new 15” military tires on military rims: \$850 Contact Jim Morris 541-404-5788 or jimsgarage@frontier.com

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**Selling** my resin full scale 1 to 1 size without tri pod and pintle just the M-2 Browning 50 cal non firing would look great on the back of jeep or? 17 lbs in dry weight: \$400.00. And for the serious collector, I also have M2 – weight is 84 lbs full scale non-firing replica. Custom made, all metal \$1,350.00. Call if interested, Dana Foley 541 680 0218 \$400.00

**1953 CJ3B project**; clear Oregon title; engine runs with decent compression; \$500.00 in new parts included are 12 volt hi-torque starter, fuel pump, carburetor rebuild kit, oil lines; body rough but repairable; frame pretty straight; jeep has been disassembled and will need to be trailered. \$1,900 or best offer; Call Cal 541-999-0620 or Cal@florencechamber.com

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**Full Scale resin gun** 1-1 size without tripod and pintle – just the M2 Browning .50 cal non-firing; would look great on the back of a jeep; 17 lbs dry weight = \$400; Custom made all metal M2 full scale non-firing replica \$1,350. Dana Foley 541-680-0218.

**1953 CJ3B project**; clear Oregon title; engine runs with decent compression; body rough but restorable; frame pretty straight; has been disassembled and will need to be trailered. \$1,000. Cal 541-999-4175 or [cal97439@gmail.com](mailto:cal97439@gmail.com).

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