



## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

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### The President's Corner

Is it possible to get into this hobby on the cheap? We are always looking for new members but sometimes people are scared away by the purchase price, restoration and maintenance costs, and even having a place to park it is a consideration. The conversation needs to be frank, but I don't try to talk anyone out of the hobby. Instead it's better to talk about how to make it all happen.

I won't try to make the argument that this is a cheap hobby. Cheap means different things to different people. I don't think I'll ever be able to afford a new ½ ton or ¾ ton 4x4 pickup off the lot. With prices over \$40,000, I just can't imagine it. But to many, that is no big deal. But I noticed that when I meet someone off the street who is interested in joining our organization, I sometimes feel like they haven't really thought out the investment. After discussing purchase price, restoration, parking and maintenance, I can see some

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**CLUB MEETINGS: 1<sup>st</sup> Tues of the Month. Social hour 6, meeting at 7.**

August Meeting is at Vice President Bob's house, 1003 Lannahan Place Caldwell. **Dinner is provided.**

### Officers:

**President: Ron Powell**  
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### Spotted:

Picture shared by Ben S. This plane crash is at Loon Lake above McCall. Road trip anyone?



folks shy away immediately. That is too bad really. I recently picked up a M38A1 that runs and drives for \$3000. I changed the fluids, tuned it up, traded some parts for wheels, and got some new tires mounted and balanced (add \$700). I'll do the paint job and body work at home in my garage. It won't be a frame off, but I have every good intention of being invested in this thing for no more than \$4500. I think that price will even include canvas top and seat covers! Will it be perfect? Uh no but I think for that price it'll be a 15 yard jeep. That means it looks good at 15 yards away haha

Is this price point considered normal or average for our hobby? Certainly not. Most of our members have award winning or first class restorations. But I'd hate to lose potential members because they are too concerned about price.

-Ron



## Meetings:

**August Meeting:** VP Bob's House, 1003 Lannahan Place, Caldwell

**September Meeting:** Ron's house, 2592 N Dalton Lane. This is potluck. Burgers and brats provided. Please RSVP.

**October Meeting:** Open, anyone care to host?

## It was in the news

- We welcome new members: **Max Percy and Mitch Johnson.**

- In the April newsletter there was a picture of the museum aircraft carrier **USS Midway**, which is anchored in San Diego. Our own Korean War era vet **Al Mizner** tells us he served on the **Midway**, and his bunk was under the forward catapults. He didn't say if he got much sleep.

- The **JLTV**, or **Joint Light Tactical Vehicle** is being fielded, and will soon replace about **500 HMMWVs** of the **10<sup>th</sup> Mt. Division.**

-The army has been testing silencers on its weapons systems for about 10 years now, to include machine guns up to 50 caliber.

## The silencer is nothing new actually; having been in use since WW1.

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

-Don created this cool startup and mobile testing box which he uses for projects and vehicles. In this picture its being used on Ron's Dodge WC to start the engine for the 1<sup>st</sup> time.



## Quotes of the Day

"Self appraisal bias: 'they say if everyone saw themselves as they truly are they would be clinically depressed' "

"(On surviving on the raft for 47 days) We had truly made it on a wing and prayer."

— **Louis Zamperini**, **Devil at My Heels**

(You can read about his amazing story of his bomber crash in WW2, years of captivity and torture by the Japanese, and his story of forgiveness. Read the book Unbroken.)

- "All right. They're on our left. They're on our right. They're in front of us, they're behind us. They can't get away this time'."

— quoting Colonel "Chesty" Puller



# The 4 stages of love (as in owning a military vehicle). By Ron

Getting that new Military Vehicle is like finding that elusive feeling of true love. You may instinctively know it's only hormonal, like the rush of dopamine or serotonin pleasuring your brain. But that "she is so beautiful" moment happens and you are hooked.

Well I wasn't looking for love as I'm happily married, but I was looking for yet another jeep and that kind of felt like dirty cheating. I was taking some gentle ribbing from some IMVPA members for being El Presidente and having only half finished derelict vehicles. Then one day I opened up craigslist and found a beautiful red, and running M38A1. I remembered from my psychology classes that this experience is a lot like the 4 stages of love. **Stage 1** the "infatuation phase". Defined as a cause to be foolish, deprived of sound judgment, and inspired to open wallet and let your money (and brains) fall out. So I brought this young beauty ahem, a 1954 M38A1 home, knowing full well the honeymoon phase only lasts 1-6 months.

**Stage 2** is sometimes referred to as the power struggle or bonding stage. It begins when the romance wears out and the, er, bondo is discovered. You will know when you at stage 2 when your "beauty" has been taking up too much time or money or breaks down and won't start. Some people break off the uh, relationship right there, preferring the emotional high in stage one. I realize now that I bought this jeep from someone who was well into stage 2. Fools! Their loss for letting this red beauty go!

**Stage 3** is the transformation stage, and in marriage its sometimes called disillusionment. You discover that life, as in marriage is actually hard work and effort. In this stage Your "princess military vehicle" has fallen off the pedestal of worship so to speak, and you see her for who she really is, warts and all. Its stage 3 when you realize she needs new wiring, tires, canvas, paint, and rare expensive parts. You may then experience some little measure of regret. I've been here. It's a feeling that I'd rather subsist on a diet of Southern Comfort and green apples than go out to the garage and work on that red bastard jeep.

**Stage 4** is about a blissful relationship, or finding REAL love. With your spouse or partner, that no doubt means you have both accepted each other, are happy, and are joined in a feeling of bliss or contentment (you are usually mature enough to reach this stage by your 3<sup>rd</sup> marriage). You are complete and you complete each other. You have met the wise man on the mountain, and he is you. Total Jungian individuation is within your grasp! With a beautiful award winning factory class military vehicle however, it means that wiring problems and brake issues only pop up in the middle of a parade. Now its running like crap, and even the brake light is leaking oil. These are the times that try men's souls; and serve to make you want to wash your face in gasoline and chain smoke. Will you ever get to stage 4 with your MV? Its likely that your "love" will start acting like a demon possessed, and even with your priest yelling "the power of Christ commands you!" won't be enough to get it to idle right, the front end to stop shaking, or the left headlight to work.

For love and marriage, your journey culminates at Stage 4. For the military vehicle owner however, you have 2 paths. One is to sell it and go to stage 1, or to park it out in the barn and then go to stage 1. This process works great! It can be repeated until you have or have had dozens of vehicles! Maybe there should be a new stage for what this is called.

## UPCOMING EVENTS [Idahomvpa.org](http://Idahomvpa.org)

- **Kuna Days Parade, August 5<sup>th</sup>**. This is new. POC is Ben S. Contact him for details.
- **Harley Davidson Military Appreciation Day, Aug 26<sup>th</sup>**. This is a club favorite and is a park and relax type of event. Set up at 0900AM and goes from about 11-4PM. POC is Barry M.
- **8th Annual Chrome at the Home at the Idaho Veteran's Home**. Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>; set up is 0900 and it starts at 10AM, ends at 2PM. There will be free lunch fund raiser for the vets home. Limited to 5 Military Vehicles due to space (No 6x6 trucks or bigger please). Please RSVP with Ron.
- Gowen Field Thunder Air Show**, 0830AM -430PM. October 14-15<sup>th</sup>. Over 65K people are expected to attend. Air show at 11AM daily. Our attendance is tentatively approved. More to follow.
- Boise Veterans Day Parade**, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 0925 start time. Line up is at 8AM. We've been asked to lead the parade and provide WW2 vehicles for VIPs.



Cool, a cheap jeep! Ugly but with new tires. Changed fluids and everything works. A quick brake inspection reveals no leaks and nice pads.

❖ Not a bad find for a cheap jeep. Of course no one likes the M38A1 Boo hoo! But it runs, drives, doesn't leak and is rust free! Sometimes even a blind man can catch a fish.

## Kohler Lawn

Kohler Lawn Cemetery of Nampa conducted its annual Memorial Day Ceremony and celebration. The IMVPA loves to support this event, and this year members were out in force. The event was also supported by the City of Nampa Police Dept, the American Legion, The boy scouts, the Young Marines, and many others.



## LOCAL CLASSIFIED ADS

**Wanted:** 1952 M38A1 parts. Need glove box door, driver fender complete or for sheet metal parts to fix the damage, 5 wheels, bumperettes, black out light guard and canvas. **For Sale:** this M38A1 has a non military beautiful and complete braden vintage winch (\$445), roll bar (\$45) and civilian spoke tires and wheels (25\$each) Contact Ron at 208-914-6239.

**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. **For Sale: M38A1**, \$700. Restorable but not running and engine is out. Lots of good parts. Located 25 miles south of Missoula Mt. call Bob Gentry 406-396-6160.

**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 is you will participate in a Class Action lawsuit ( not required ) if so e mail [hmmwvowner@gmail.com](mailto:hmmwvowner@gmail.com)



The poster features a collage of military vehicles, including a jeep with a red cross on its side. The text is bold and colorful, with 'MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY' in large green and white letters at the top. Below it, 'COME SEE THE MILITARY VEHICLE DISPLAYS!' is written in yellow. The date and location are 'SATURDAY AUGUST 26TH AT HIGH DESERT HARLEY-DAVIDSON 10AM-4PM'. At the bottom, it says 'ENJOY FREE HOT DOGS & ICE CREAM 11AM-3PM BEER GARDEN!' and 'IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION'. Logos for the association and Harley-Davidson are also present.

**MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY**

**COME SEE THE MILITARY VEHICLE DISPLAYS!**

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*Come out to the Harley Davidson Dealership for a park and relax type of event. Member Barry M has set this up again this year and as usual, it's a great time. Bring lawn chairs and cold drinks.*