



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION
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The President's Corner

By Bruce Gates

(Presidents Message by the secretary Ron P for this month)

Bruce was fully occupied enjoying Tower Park so I'm filling in the column for him so we get the newsletter out on time. Can't wait for his report on what happened down there!

In the meantime let me take a moment to reinforce a few things going on in the club. First and foremost is the Club's main event of the year, the Vintage Military Show at Fruitland. I really haven't seen a lot of leadership from club members so far (at least from my foxhole) but after talking to Mr. Butterfield I do believe things will be picking up momentum soon. He noted to me in our conversation that we do

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May 5th 2015

June 2nd 2015

Main Club Event!

-Vintage Military Show-Fruitland Idaho

Pre-registration is due 1 June. Point of Contact is Wayne Butterfield at 208-412-5653 Details on page 4



Official Seal of the IMVPA.

CLUB MEETINGS:

Always the first Tuesday of the month at Gate's Towing in Nampa. Come at 6 PM and BBQ (donations) or at 7 PM for the meeting.

need volunteers to help with some set up, but also to discuss what events we will be doing there as a club, from trail rides, to luncheons to static displays. The club should really be at the point of getting a good show of hands as to who is coming. Another critical task is to simply get the word out! Is every member sharing information, sending out the flyer to their contacts, and posting up the event? Perhaps you heard the phrase, "if it is to be, then it's up to me..." Well participation is requested, and leadership is desired for this.

If you are ready to get involved, or have questions, get with Alex Gordon. As for me I'll be setting up at the show (my first year) and looking forward to the fun.

A quick note on the Kohler Lawn event. My father's health is ailing so Memorial Day weekend I will be going to central Oregon to build him some flower beds (he can't do his garden otherwise). I will take my GPW down there as he said he'd like to ride in the Prineville parade. Might be the first time Prineville ever had a war jeep. I really regret I can't join IMVPA at Kohler Lawn. Does anyone want to lead the convoy from Bruce's shop?

Thank you,
Ron P

Notes from the last meeting.

Meeting started at 7:10 and ended at 7:35. There were 17 members present. We discussed the Kohler Lawn Event and timeline. There was no input from club members on whether to do the Hillcrest event or not. We do need to lock down participation

numbers by the May meeting.

Tires: we are up to 55 tires on the group tire buy but we have to get the word out, as the more the better!

Reminded members there was discussion about member Dick B donating a 6x6 to the club. The vehicle is unrestored. Do we sell it and how do we utilize the funds. It's a CCKW fire truck. There was no discussion by club members.

The President talked about the National Show and that it wasn't placed in the National Magazine in time. He asked members to assist with getting the flyers out and that he would distribute them as well at Tower Park.

We discussed participation in a monthly symposium event at the Warhawk Museum. Vehicles were parked out back where they didn't get a lot of viewing. We may move them inside.

There was a question by a member on if Gov Liquidation Auction HMMWVs can be titled and licensed in Idaho. Right now the answer seems to be 'No', that they are for off road use only. More to follow.. ❖

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Memorial Day May 25th.

- Kohler Lawn / Cloverdale Funeral Home event (Hillcrest)

- Kohler Lawn event starts at 10 am. The event coordinator asked that we have the vehicles there no later than 9:30. Those who choose to convoy can meet up at Gates Towing at 8:30 and be prepared to move out.

-Following this event is Hillcrest Memorial Gardens at 15862 South Indiana Avenue in Caldwell. This is a Memorial Day Program that starts at 1 PM. This time slot was moved specifically to accommodate our club. Note there is no event at Cloverdale Funeral Home this year like there was last year. The "Victory Belles" will return however in the August time frame. ❖

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVENT: MEMORIAL DAY MAY 25TH

KOHLER LAWN

EVENT: FRUITLAND VINTAGE MILITARY SHOW JUNE 3-6TH

EVENT: LES SCHWAB MOTORFEST JUNE 20-21ST

EVENT: 4TH OF JULY PARADES

EVENT: VICTORY BELLES- SATURDAY, AUG15TH 1PM AT THE WARHAWK MUSEUM

EVENT: HARLEY DAVIDSON SHOW AUG 22ND 9AM-6PM

EVENT: AIR FORCE BALL AT MT. HOME AIR FORCE BASE MAY 18TH. REQUESTING VEHICLES FOR STATIC DISPLAY

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From the Newsletter Editor: Is this club about sharing a hobby, knowledge, experience, or fellowship? The newsletter can contribute to these ideals. But only with your input. Contact me today!

Did you notice the website was updated? Do you have any ideas for new and fresh content?

*Overheard conversation by a Captain
to his Master Sergeant*

*"I don't know what you did, but I really
got my \$\$\$ chewed for it!"*

Editorial

“What is this connection we have with our military vehicles?”

By Ron Powell

An interesting thing happened to me one day, and I know it's happened to you too. A veteran noticed your military vehicle and came by to chat. And that's when things got interesting. Does this story sound familiar to you? I personally enjoy these moments. They make having a MV worthwhile.

When I lived in Meridian just last year I took my little girl to the bus stop. Nearly every morning I'd exchange a wave with a WW2 Vet who was out for his morning walk. I regretted that I only got to visit with him very very briefly. One day I took the GPW out for a drive around the neighborhood and I saw him in his driveway. He did a double take, then a triple take, and waved me down. I pulled in and we had a wonderful visit. He was ecstatic to see a WW2 Jeep! Turns out this fellow was one of the first Americans to reach the Rhein River in Germany in WW2, and being an engineer sergeant, his job was to build a bridge across it. While we were visiting, his son in law pulled in. And he shared some stories about his time in Vietnam. He pulled his Screaming Eagle off his hat and gave it to me. I know what that meant to him.

Now what is the point I'm driving at? Well this old piece of leaking iron and steel created the conditions for neighbors to learn about neighbors, for some stories to be told, and smiles exchanged.

I don't know what special connection you have to your MV. To me, owning a WW2 Jeep is my way of paying honor forward to our veterans who fought for our personal freedoms. I chose the GPW because I have a special respect for WW2 and Korean war vets. For some reason I've always been fascinated with that period and the men and women who fought them. I enjoy nothing more than spending time with a WW2 or Korean War vet and hearing their story. That was my motivation for owning a MV. What is yours? And what is your story? ❖

IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE ASSOC. ANNUAL

VINTAGE MILITARY SHOW

JUNE 3-6, 2015



IDAHO MILITARY TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM Grounds

Fruitland, Idaho

FREE ADMISSION

Open to the public Fri & Sat

Honoring All U.S. Services



Vintage Vehicles – See Real WWII, Korean, Vietnam, Desert Storm Jeeps, Big 6X6 Trucks, Tanks, Half Tracks and many more up close.

Raffle– Military items 1:30 Saturday

Swap Meet – Vehicles, Dealers selling military vehicle parts, tools, uniforms, field equipment, manuals, clothing, camping equipment. Bring your own to sell – spaces available

Transportation Museum open free to the public

Desert Trail Rides – Daily trail rides

Military Displays

Vintage Vehicles on Display

Demonstrations

Car Crushing Friday & Sat 1 PM

MUSEUM Displays



Exhibits of equipment, uniforms, Photos, more!

Open 9am to 5pm
Dealer/Vendor Spaces:
\$40.00, 20'X25'
(\$30 if Pre-Registered by June 1)
Dealer setup Wed &
Thur
Open to Public Fri &
Sat



Vehicles, parts, Uniforms, equipment, tools

Stuff to Buy

Location: Take Interstate 84 to ID/OR Border. Take Idaho Hwy 95/Exit 3 North ¼ mile. Motel list available on web.

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RIDES AND PROJECTS

Highland T Trailer restoration

Our President Bruce G is making progress on the ¾ ton trailer. He notes that he used really expensive red primer and Gillespie paint. Now the sides are going on and the wood benches are next on the agenda.



A GPW in Illinois!

This 1942 script GPW was restored by Staff Sergeant Jim Taylor (US Army) in 2012. Jim restored this jeep for his Grandpa, a Navy WW2 Vet who has owned the jeep since 1971. It was so neglected and rusty that Jim did a complete frame up restoration.

He says this GPW is all Ford except for a CJ L-134 motor that was in it in when purchased in 1971. Its serial # is 10,002 (March 1942) but oddly it didn't match the data plates. He said it needed a new hood, front floor, inner windshield, and back panel. The Jeep has an 8 volt battery which increases cranking power and still works on 6 volts. He's put over 850 miles on it since it was restored.

Jim said his goal was to restore this Jeep so his grandpa could have a ride in it (before it was too late). He said he got that ride!

Links you may like (Alex G and Barry M)

-11 year old boy honors our troops in Normandy

<http://swf.tubechop.com/tubechop.swf?vurl=8k9Si28k0Fk&start=0&end=438.55&cid=3753492>

-Photo Compilation and patriotic video (submitted by Barry M)

<http://www.mission4today.com/index.php?name=ForumsPro&file=viewtopic&t=14428&finish=15&start=0>

http://www.youtube.com/v/AgYLR_LfhLo?version=3&hl=en_US&rel=0

<http://www.jerrycan.com/the-little-can-that-could>

CLASSIFIED ADS

I have what I believe is a Dodge 6 X 6, WC62, WC63 pintle trailer hitch. EBay had one listed for \$275.00. \$100.00 for this local one. Cell: 801-631-6381, David Barber (Utah).

WANTED: I am interested in purchasing a M151A1 in Fair plus condition. Contact : Steve Bartkowski. Phone 708-243-7713. (Utah)

WANTED: 1942 WW2 Dodge, ¾ ton, WC54 ambulance parts to include front and rear frame cross-members, interior seats/hardware. // WW2 back pack type radio BC1000 (SCR300). Contact Pete Park at 435-640-0186 or parkpc@msn.com (Utah)

WANTED: 1941-1945 Willys Jeep engine. Contact Wayne Goodman at 801-278-7015 (Utah)

For Sale: 1952 M38A1; older, amateur restoration; \$7,000. Contact Brian Jagoe at biagoe@msn.com or 541-999-1314 (Oregon Club).

Wanted — 16" CJ rims — contact Cal at militaryjeeps@q.com or 541-999-0620.

MB GPW Jeep grill ornaments are Plasma cut from 11 gauge steel. They make great wall art for your man cave or for gifts. Dimensions are 11 in long x 5 in tall. Cost is 24 each. Painted Olive Drab. Want something custom? Let me know and I'll give it a go. POC for these is Ron P. 801-243-6753

Jack Bogetti is asking for four used NDT tires for a museum jeep project display he is working on. Willing to pay a small price for each but these do not have to be good tires as they will not be rolling. So dry rotted tires would be okay. Even if you only have 1 or 2 contact him please.

Targheejeeps@gmail.com

Tires Tires Tires!

President Bruce is taking numbers now so we can do a **bulk discount tire purchase**. We are up to 55 tires. Please let him know soon how many you want. The discount is handled by Mike B and will be very close to near cost price.

American Vintage 4x4 just opened their doors. They can work on any military vehicle (well they said no tanks!). The owner Kevin is a talented mechanic and fabricator. Summer is coming, so get that rig in top shape now! try AV4x4.com. Located in Meridian Idaho.