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The President's Corner

The Schoonderwood's hosted an amazing dinner last month and it was first class! They provided all of the food, drinks and table settings and we really had a great visit. Because of the heat we came inside and sat around their spacious dining room table like it was a family reunion. Thanks for hosting Bob!

The next meeting is at my place, and I encourage everyone to come. Burgers and brats will be provided. I ask that members bring a side dish. This worked out great last time. Members should RSVP so I know how much food to get. If anyone else cares to host a meeting, then let us know. There is no requirement to provide chow. It's just something that is fun to do.

The September meeting is at the Fire Station in Kuna, hosted by Benjamin. By the way he's stepped up and is now serving as our secretary as well. I can't thank him enough for taking on some of the IMVPA business. The organization is not difficult to

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

Sept Meeting is at Ron's House, 2592 N Dalton Lane, Boise (Ustic and Maple Grove). Burgers, brats provided. Please bring a side dish. Meal at 6PM.

Officers:

President: Ron Powell

Vice President: Bob Schoonderwood

Treasurer: Bruce Gates

Secretary and Social Media Director: Benjamin Sterling

Website Editor: open; Newsletter Editor: open

Spotted:

Al and Bonnie Mizners Jeep at Covey Café. Why not take your MV out for lunch on a sunny day!

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run but it does take time.

Let's talk about the Gowen Field Air Show. this is going to be an enormous event, with over 60,000 people in attendance. The IMVPA will have an area reserved for 10 vehicles. This means you get VIP treatment. While the rest of the public gets to shuttle into the Air Base, we will have back gate access, parking for oversize vehicles and trailers, and Air Force guards if you leave your vehicle over night. It may be the biggest and most amazing event of the year!

-Ron



Meetings:

September Meeting: Ron's house, 2592 N Dalton Lane, Boise. This is potluck. Burgers and brats provided. **Please RSVP** so I know how much food to buy.

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

- Oregon Legislation SB645 has been signed into law. This means a vehicle of special interest can be used for exhibitions, parades, club activities, etc. This applies to the HMMWV as noted by Governor Brown.

- The Carrol brothers have been working on the halftrack. Will it be ready for the Gowen Field Air Show?

- Don and Karen W were at War and Peace in Europe. Will we get pictures?

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

Kuna Days Parade

Members lined up and we were in the lead! Benjamin took ownership of this event so getting there and participating was too easy. It was a fun and LONG parade! The first vehicle was a WW2 GPW led by the VVA Chapter.



Photo above: members line up for the Kuna Days Parade. Participants included Benjamin's HMMWV, Al and Bonnie in their M38, Roy and Ron rode in the M151.

“Quote without revealing the source”

“I was going to bring the other vehicle but an engine fire put a stop to that...”

-“The Dottie Mae flies again!”

Several of our members came to the Warhawk Museum to see the unveiling of the Dottie Mae. Roy had his M151 and machine gun display set up, and Barry stopped by for a photo op. Also at the Museum was Walt, Ron and Benjamin.



The Unveiling of the Dottie Mae.

By now you know about the Dottie Mae because this WW2 P47 has earned international fame. It was officially unveiled at the Warhawk Museum at the Caldwell Airport in the month of August. There was a large public turnout, several speeches, and many other warbirds in attendance. While this wasn't an IMVPA related event, we do congratulate our own member Mike who owns Vintage Air Frames, and who has led the restoration with his talented team. The story of the Dottie Mae is an amazing and beautiful piece of living history.



Military Appreciation Day at Harley Davidson

We did two events at the Harley Davidson Dealership this year. The Military Appreciation Day event is a yearly event sponsored by HD and it's always been an IMVPA favorite. We had a big turn out thanks to Barry M who personally coordinated the entire event. The Carrol brothers brought out their newly completed M1009 CUCV with its new engine. Don and Karen Wadley were in attendance with their Burma and M38A1. Don noted that he has owned the M38A1 way back when he was in college when it was his only vehicle. He drove it rain or shine. Al and Bonnie Mizner came out in their M38. Barry and Wayne brought their M37s. Fred's ¾ ton Command is shown below. There was also the Civil Air Patrol, VFW, and Ride22. We also thank the Harley staff for free beer and lunch.



Photo above left: members rest in the shade after doing nothing all day ☺ at right: a big IMVPA turn out with all the vehicles lined up motor pool style.

UPCOMING EVENTS Idahomvpa.org

- **Kuna Days Parade, was August 5th.** This event was fun, and Benjamin did a great job putting it together. Thanks Ben!

- **Harley Davidson Military Appreciation Day, was Aug 26th.** There was free beer and lunch. Yeah I'd go again!

- **8th Annual Chrome at the Home at the Idaho Veteran's Home.** Sept 23rd; 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 14-15th. Friday prior is set up day. Over 65K people are expected. Air show at 11AM daily. Come out and support!

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.

Quote without saying who quoted the quote:

"I was going to bring the other vehicle, but an engine fire put a stop to that..."

LOCAL CLASSIFIED ADS

Wanted: 1954 M38A1 parts. Looking for front and rear tow D ring shackles and mounts, antennae mount, side reflector, 6 lugnuts, bows and top canvas, and spare tire carrier. **For Sale:** a vintage non military beautiful and complete Braden PTO winch (\$445) 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.

Wanted: CJ3B windshield. 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@cablone.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 ❖

The budget jeep gets a makeover By Ron

Last month we talked about how we found, purchased, and did maintenance on a 1954 M38A1. This month we moved on to the do the body work to get it back to its original color and glory.

Instead of a frame off restoration I just intended to give it a makeover. I scuffed the existing paint to prepare it for primer, and started with the body work to fix only the worst spots. Poking around for rust holes, I found a couple that needed to be repaired prior to painting. The technique that I like to use is to cut out the offending spot with a die grinder and coat the inside with POR15. This converts the rust that might be lurking around. I used to weld up patch panels with my Miller 240 Mig until our VP Bob (who is a professional auto body expert Yeehaa!) turned me on to a product called Speedgrip Adhesive. It takes a special (read expensive) applicator gun but this 2 part glue hardens to the consistency of steel. Much faster than welding!

Now I'm no sheet metal expert and never will be. But using some of Bob's special hammers and blocks I was able to get the fender back out to where it almost started. In doing so the metal was stretched and hole opened up wide. I went out to an old Rusty Dodge fender that Bruce gave me and cut out a square piece. Once it was grafted and shaped I tacked it in and glued it using Speedgrip. In less than 5 minutes it was hard enough to sand and even grind on!

I could have kept after the body work for the rest of the summer. But my intent was a cheap jeep ready to enjoy. So after 2 days of fixing dents and imperfections, I knew that it was time to pull the paint trigger and get er' done. Per Bob's advice I went with some HBE 400 high build epoxy 2 part primer. I used Prep All wax remover and a tack rag to clean it up prior to spraying it with 34087 Olive Drab. This is a WW2 paint but I have 8 gallons of the stuff laying around so it will do. I cut the primer and paint both with 15% M.E.K. to facilitate spraying. I found that using a little gloss hardener makes the paint more resilient and quickens the drying time.

There are many drawbacks to paint project like mine so I'm not making recommendations. Painting at home instead of using a paint booth means there are risks. A home garage is never going to be "clean enough" for a paint job. Dust and contamination is always a concern. The undercarriage and much of the drivetrain is still a greasy mess because without a frame off media blast it's not going to be clean and perfect.

The canvas was found at ODCloth.com. it was a great price, under \$170 delivered and the quality was good. Installation was pretty easy, taking about 40 minutes per seat.

At the end of the day, this project has met my objectives. Find a cheap jeep, do the initial maintenance, give it a make over and enjoy it for the summer. I would say most members of the Idaho MVPA have first class, even award winning restorations. This isn't one of those yet. I'll save the frame off restoration for the next guy 😊



I want to publicly thank our Vice President, Bob who gave generously of his advice and experience so this would turn out right.