



## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

November 2019

### From the Top

Thank you to everyone that came to the meeting on October 1. We appreciate all of you.

I would like to put out a special thanks to Ron Powell for getting our new banners printed up. They look great, they came in under budget and they are shorter so they can fit on something smaller than a duece and a half. Thank you Ron.

The weather is beginning to turn for the worse and it looks like we may have a severe winter in store. On Saturday the 19th the VFW event at Lakeview Park was cancelled due to a rain. On October 26th, Saturday we had the Harvest Festival at 310 S. 24th St. Caldwell from 1PM to 4PM.

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In November we have the Veteran's Day Parade in Boise on Saturday the 2nd and we are to line up by 8AM. I haven't found out yet where we'll be lining up at

**IMVPA MEETINGS: 1<sup>st</sup> Tues of the Month. Social hour 6, meeting at 7.**  
We meet at Gates Towing.

#### Officers:

**President: Bruce Gates**  
**Vice President: Bob Schoonderwoerd**  
**Treasurer: position is open**  
**Quartermaster: position is open**  
**Secretary: position is open**  
**Social Media Director: Benjamin Sterling**  
**Website, Newsletter Editor: Ron Powell**

**Spotted!**  
**Ron's 1942 GPW engine and drivetrain goes into the chassis.**



remember those who gave their lives for our nation. Veterans Day honors all those who served in either war or peace.

## **His glass is half empty. -By anonymous**

Winter is a great time for my WW2 Jeep project with the idea that it can be ready by spring. The bad thing is October and Halloween is a time for fear and man that's the world I live in.

The crankshaft has too much endplay. I'm terrified of tearing the motor down, so maybe it could be just run as is for a few thousand miles? Ah heck with it let's take a chance and fuh-get about it. I forgot to put in a new pilot bushing when the transmission went in. Oh well I'm sure the one that's in there is fine. The starter that came out was post war but here is a real WW2 starter in my parts bin. Condition unknown, but it looks good with new paint. In it goes!

No I don't usually combine mechanic work and alcohol, but it seems like it sometimes. One of my friends says Coors is the official beer of domestic violence. I should go to Walmart in my pajamas and get some. At least the shop is so frigid that the Coors will stay cold.

I'll be adding a commercial heater out there by tapping into the home gas line. There goes the rest of the budget for this jeep though. Have to stay warm while patching Bubba's bullet holes in the body. Natural Gas heat will feel pretty good, but damn I wish I'd never started smoking last month.

I live in fear because bad luck happens to me. None of it's my fault of course. I was complaining to my friend Matt that my new \$10 harbor freight grinder caught on fire and exploded and I blew my GPW budget on re-ordering parts from G503.com that I'd lost someplace between the mailbox and the garage. He took pity I guess and gave me a sweet Dewalt grinder. It was dirty and beat up but it was free so who can complain. I plugged it in and realized too late that the on off trigger didn't work. This thing came to life and tried to cut my arm off. I named it the widow maker. Matt's a good friend. He likes me, I think.

I just read a story about a Navy ship in WW2, the Abner Read, that was the only ship ever sunk 1 ½ times. Apparently its stern was blown off and sunk near Alaska in 1943, then it was rebuilt and the ship was later sunk near the Philippines in 1944 by Kamikazes. I bet they thought it was an unlucky ship. That's nothing compared to my GPW. It was attacked by Kamikazes, assaulted by Germans, its tub was on the bottom of the ocean at some point, cobbled back together and then Bubba got hold of it. The GPW is a war hero, and it doesn't fear anybody (except Bubba, -ed).

I fear the grinder because it's been possessed by an evil spirit. I fear my welder, because it dropped hot sparks onto my running shoe and burned into my foot. Steel toe boots are for kids. I even fear the screwdriver, because while hitting it with a huge hammer and using it as a chisel the handle shattered. Oh well, it's still usable, put it back in the tool box!

What do I tell the kids that come to the house for Halloween? Sorry but I can't afford good candy this year. Go ahead and toilet the paper the house in retaliation. But use this single ply stuff. It's all I can afford at the moment. ❖

## President's guidance: Boise Veterans Day Parade, Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>!

The IMVPA lines up in block K, which is facing east between 12th St. and 13th St. We requested to be towards the tail end. They want us to haul dignitaries at the beginning of the parade instead of the Corvettes. We'll travel east to about 5th then west on Bannock. We'll drop off dignitaries in front of the Boise Cascade building between 12th St. and 13th St. then drive around to the other side of the block and line up again so we can run with the club in the parade. We are to be there and lined up by 8:40 AM.

## Harvest Festival 2019 - by Bruce Gates

On Saturday we had a Harvest Festival show at a church on 34th St. in Caldwell. Roy Cagnacci brought his M43 ambulance and Bruce Gates brought his M37. It was a nice little show but the wind howled and the cold was biting. There was just no way to stay warm, especially with two trucks that don't have a heater. By three O'clock the rain started and both of us packed up and left. We decided we weren't the sharpest tools in the shed for even showing up with such bad weather but we had to give it a try.

This year is shaping up to be a cold hard winter.



IMVPA President's M37 at left, and Roy C's Ambulance at right

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## **MEETING MINUTES.** None submitted for October.

### **Support my Climb!** by Benjamin Sterling

(Editor's Note, this article was brought over from last month because it's for a good cause)

I recently accepted the challenge of participating in the 29th annual LLS Firefighter Stairclimb benefiting The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS). This event is the world's largest on-air stair climb competition, that is exclusive to firefighters. Every participant, including myself, has committed to raising funds for LLS to help fund and find a cure for blood cancers. 100% of all proceeds raised benefit LLS and will contribute to the \$20+ million raised since the event's inception in 1991.

Learn more about Why We Climb at [www.firefighterstairclimb.org](http://www.firefighterstairclimb.org)

I am asking you to help by supporting my fundraising efforts with a donation. Your tax-deductible gift will make help bring us a step closer to a world without blood cancers. You can make a donation online via my Personal Fundraising Page below, and will receive an automated emailed receipt for your records:

[https://www.llswa.org/site/TR/LLSWA/llswaFF?px=1940392&pg=personal&fr\\_id=1640](https://www.llswa.org/site/TR/LLSWA/llswaFF?px=1940392&pg=personal&fr_id=1640)

If you prefer, you can also send your gift via check, made out to LLS and sent to the address below:

**Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Attn: LLS Firefighter Stairclimb  
5601 6th Ave South, Suite 182, Seattle, WA 98108**

Any amount, great or small, helps in the fight. I greatly appreciate your support and will keep you posted on my progress.

**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](mailto:hmmwvowner@gmail.com) ❖

## **YOUR FREE CLASSIFIED ADS**

**Wanted:** M101A2/A3 trailer. Contact Ben at [hondatoys@gmail.com](mailto:hondatoys@gmail.com)

**Wanted:** Civil defense items, contact John Downs at [johnrdowns@yahoo.com](mailto:johnrdowns@yahoo.com)

**For Sale:** misc MB bolt on parts, 5 new NDT Firestone tires 7-15 size \$100 each, and a very complete 1950s ¼ ton military trailer unrestored. Contact Wayne at [waynehanners@msn.com](mailto:waynehanners@msn.com)

**Wanted:** black out light for Harley Davidson motorcycle. Contact [nickwilson4@aol.com](mailto:nickwilson4@aol.com)

**Wanted:** tail lights and black out lights for 1943 GPW. Contact Michael at michaelasantinik@gmail.com

## **Idaho Military Vehicle Preservation Association Membership Application**

-Since 1993, an Idaho Organization has been dedicated to the preservation of old and historic military vehicles. The IMVPA encourages the acquisition, preservation, restoration, and the public education of historic military vehicles. The Idaho club encourages and supports museums, as well as national and community events.

### **Membership Fees - \$20.00 per year**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this membership application to :

**Bruce Gates**

**PO Box 592**

**Nampa, Idaho 83653**

### **Ownership of a military vehicle is not a requirement for**

**membership!** Monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

Please call (208) 890-2249 for more information.

### **Are you a member of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association, or MVPA!**

Why join? You get access to thousands of members worldwide for information, vehicles, parts, resources and a community of shared enthusiasm; Premium publications – *ARMY MOTORS* and *SUPPLY LINE*, the best in the hobby from the **only** international historic military vehicle association; An organization that supports pro-HMV legislation to protect your access to vehicles, parts and vehicle usage; Doing your part to support vehicle and archival preservation and research; Preferred pre-registration status and vehicle judging access for the annual convention; Reduced ad rates in *SUPPLY LINE*; Access to the members only website section and directory; A vote and voice in the operation and direction of the MVPA

Go to [MVPA.org](http://MVPA.org), or

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