



## The President's Corner

By Bruce Gates

It may only be February, but the weather feels like April and makes everyone think about getting that military vehicle out of cold storage and ready for a drive in the sunshine, even though our first event isn't until Memorial Day at Kohler Lawn Cemetery.

I hope you remembered to put Stabil in the gas tank, and don't forget to air up those tires and check the brakes to make sure they hold. Sitting all winter is hard on the seals.

On another note. As a club, we are doing more shows per year now than we ever have. This takes a lot of time and a lot of organization. I would like to ask for volunteers to run a committee for each show. The chairman of that

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## - Next Club Meeting March 3rd 2015

- Discuss the Fruitland Show and other upcoming events
- Club dues were due in January. Get them in please if you haven't paid

## -Vintage Military Show- Fruitland Idaho

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

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*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.

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committee would only need to keep track of the time, date, who's going, where to park, how many vehicles they want and when the show is over.

Normally the chairman and committee are one person except for the larger shows.

Not everyone wants to do all the shows (I believe I attended 16 last year and I missed a few at that) but a lot of us want to do a few shows when we have the time or when we are in town. It makes it easier for all of us if there is a "go to" person for each show. If no one is interested in a particular show, I'll take care of it myself, but I could sure use some help.

Our secretary and newsletter editor has listed the major events for the year on the website and he updates it as he gets information so watch the website for dates and times. Send him any information you may have regarding an upcoming show.

Thank you,

Bruce Gates  
President



## Notes from the February meeting.

Meeting started at 7:10 and ended at 7:35. 14 members were present.

Elections were held! Bruce Gates was unanimously voted in as President. He says this will be the last year or his wife will make him sorry. Mike S was reelected as Vice President. James G was reelected as Treasurer. Ron P was elected as Secretary and

Newsletter Editor.

We reminded everyone that the movie "Bravo! Common Men, Uncommon Valor" is coming to the Egyptian Theater on March 30<sup>th</sup> 2015. This is a documentary film by Boise film makers. Barry M said Cloverdale Funeral home offered to buy tickets to any member of this club. The point of contact for a free ticket is Jack Marion at 208-375-2212 or jack.marion@carriageservices.com.

The address for the Egyptian Theater is 700 West main Street, Boise Idaho. Doors open at 6 pm. What is this movie about? Answer: the 77 day siege of Khe Sanh during the Vietnam War. Cost of admission is normally 10\$ for the general public(if paid in advance), and 7\$ for veterans or seniors; or 15\$ at the door.

The treasurer gave his report on the status of club funds.

Stan gave a report on the Phoenix Show. He said the emphasis was on M series vehicles and not WW2 era.

There was discussion about having a WW2 Troop (and vehicle) train which would transport people to the national convention at Tower Park. The WW2 re-enactors are involved, as well as local train museums. There may be opportunities to load vehicles on the train. ❖

## It was in the news

Our sister club in Utah will again do their 'victory drive rollout' to commemorate the end of WW2 Europe. It will be a 30-50 mile drive from Thanksgiving Point and bridge Salt Lake and Utah counties. Great event for re-enactors by the way. Timeframe is 9May15 if you are up for it. ❖

Linkshares of the day (by Barry M)

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

[http://pippaettore.com/Horrific\\_WWII\\_Statistics.html](http://pippaettore.com/Horrific_WWII_Statistics.html)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **TOWER PARK, LODI CALIF APRIL 19-26TH**
- **KOHLER LAWN/MEMORIAL DAY MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>**
- **FRUITLAND VINTAGE MILITARY SHOW  
JUNE 3-6TH**
- **LES SCHWAB MOTORFEST JUNE 20-21ST**
- **4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADES**
- **MVPA ANNUAL CONVENTION JUNE 25-  
27 2015.**
- **LODI FALL MEET CAMP DELTA AT TOWER  
PARK SEPT. 21-27 2015**

### SCUTTLEBUTT:

"Military people never seem to apologize for killing each other yet novelists feel ashamed for writing some nice inert paper book that is not certain to be read by anybody.

Leonora Carrington, The Hearing Trumpet

## Book Review

By Ron P

"**Unbroken**" "A World War II story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption" by Laura Hildebrand (2010). Movie "Unbroken" directed by Angelina Jolie (released 2014)

'Unbroken' is a book about the true story of Louis Zamperini. Prior to WW2 he was an Olympic athlete. He later became a bomber pilot and when his plane crashed in the ocean he survived 47 days drifting on a life raft. Captured by the Japanese, he then endured over 2 ½ years in Japan as a prisoner of war.

His is the story of unimaginable hardship, endurance, and most of all perseverance. He was tortured and beaten consistently by a sadistic Japanese guard. The prisoners were half starved and worked in frigid, dangerous conditions. Captain Zamperini demonstrated incredible mental toughness and tenacity by simply surviving! He never allowed his captors to crush his true spirit.

After the war he endured severe post traumatic stress disorder and alcoholism. Incredibly he later overcame these barriers as well. Through the Christian faith he forgave all of his captors. He noted that the day he found forgiveness in his heart was the day the nightmares and pain ended. Publishers Weekly noted this book was one of the best for 2010 (and for good reason)!

Fast forward to 2014-15, and many of you will note that the Movie "Unbroken" has been playing in theaters. Directed by Angelina Jolie, and with the help of Louis Zamperini himself, this is a movie that tells his story from childhood (growing up a poor immigrant who was always in trouble), to making it to the Olympics, and survival until the end of WW2. Tragically, I found that the movie focused mostly on the torture he endured. The story of redemption and forgiveness after WW2 was totally overlooked. This was arguably the most incredible part of the story! A story of a man who found success and happiness, through forgiveness.

Louie Zamperini was quite pleased with the early scenes he saw of the film. Sadly he passed away in 2014.

Source: [Unbroken](#).2010 by Laura Hildebrand

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From the editor:

-To get your vehicle on the website, email me!

-Get your story, vehicle, book review or favorite web link or quote in the newsletter. Do it today!

-Submissions to the newsletter \$250 in cash.

(note that payment must be approved by the President. In the likely event payment is not approved, we will pay you in 'thanks'.

**From the Treasurer:** Club dues should be coming in now. Cost is 20\$. Lifetime memberships are available for only \$200 (8 members are lifetime members!). In the interest of privacy, treasurer reports will be given at club meetings and not published here. Need to send a check? Your dues can be sent to Gates Towing. Make the check payable to the Idaho Military Vehicle Preservation Association.

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### *Good Military Quotes*

*"Be courageous; it's one of the only  
places left uncrowded"*

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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.

For More Info & Reservations Contact: Wayne Butterfield  
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## MEMBER PROJECTS

### Dodge ½ ton Command Car WC6 by Ron P

This WC6 was purchased by me from member Mike B for a great deal. He also generously donated a fuel tank, NOS transfer case and many other parts.

Its military service was unknown. But it turns out it was converted into a tow truck post war and used in Washington State. So naturally the back ½ was cut down like most of them are. Getting the title was the biggest pain so far! But luckily the previous owner in Washington was willing to sign documents and paperwork. The restoration is another matter. The only thing done so far is the front cowl was removed and misc. small parts and 2 dozen bolts were tapped, cleaned and restored. Our President Bruce graciously donated a clean and uncut front cowl. A spare frame and axles were traded for a certain trailer (see it below!). The rear sheet metal (shown), as bent as it is, was found in Northern Idaho. It was a day trip to go pick it up that resulted in a open cab seat and winch for Bruce!

First thought is to sandblast, primer, and paint the good frame. Then move good parts over to it. At this time I have no idea what kind of condition the drivetrain is in. The plan over the spring is to pull the drivetrain and get it rebuilt. Any suggestions? And how does one spend \$ on a such a project without the wife finding out and shutting it all down? Ah its not so simple as just starting the body work!



## MEMBER PROJECTS

### Highland T Trailer restoration (write up by Ron P)

President Bruce G has been making progress on the Highland T. During the last meeting these spy photos were snapped of the trailer while it was parked in Bruce's shop. Bruce says It was primed with an epoxy primer, then shot with Gillespie 33070 acrylic enamel. Next will be \$500 worth of clear red oak from High Desert Hardwood that will be cut, milled, drilled and urethaned before re-assembly.



# CLASSIFIED ADS

**Jeep for sale!** Call Harry Wadley of the Utah Military Vehicle Club in Manti Utah. 1942 GPW, some MB, and repo parts, lots of script " F " parts . New battery and fuel pump. Purrs like a kitten. Also had the front end tightened, so it handles much better, still some shimmy. Contact Harry Wadley in Manti Utah. \$12,000.00. [south40@mail.manti.com](mailto:south40@mail.manti.com) 435-835-4591 or 435-851-5459.

**For Sale:** WWII MB engine blocks for sale, \$500 each. Other parts available including hoods, transmission and transfer case, manifolds, heads, starters, etc. M2A1 halftrack for sale. Engine, trans, bed, tracks, front armor and wheels, floor are there. Starter will turn engine. Comes with rebuilt carb and new exhaust \$7900 / 1943 MB 80% restored \$7500

Dave 801.787.7374 [overthere1945@gmail.com](mailto:overthere1945@gmail.com)

**For Sale:** One Springfield **M-1 Garand** for sale. WWII serial number. Rifle has nicely grained new black walnut stock/handguards \$900. **1911A1 .45 ACP**. Modern built gun using many original GI parts to make it appear as a WWII period firearm. Has been used as film prop for Saints and Soldiers. \$550. Misc. M-38 and M-38A1 Parts. Some body parts axles, T-90 transmission but mostly 24 volt electrical and ignition parts. Starters, Generators, Voltage regulators, Lightswitches, Gauges etc Contact Ray Meldrum 801-494-9852. [apcogear@msn.com](mailto:apcogear@msn.com)

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

**Wanted** — 16" CJ rims — contact Cal at [militaryjeeps@q.com](mailto:militaryjeeps@q.com) or 541-999-0620.

Lloyd White has the third volume of his jeep book is now available and ready for purchase. It is 522 pages and costs \$90 and \$15 for shipping. You can contact Lloyd at [mbgpw20@gmail.com](mailto:mbgpw20@gmail.com) or 503-631-2239.

**Available now.** These MB GPW Jeep grills 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 at [rondoin\\_98@hotmail.com](mailto:rondoin_98@hotmail.com)



**Tires Tires Tires!** President Bruce is taking numbers now so we can do a **bulk discount tire purchase**. Please let him know soon how many you want. There could be a nice discount in our future! Right now three members have signed up! That is 12, uh, 13, uh 14? Tires?

**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](http://AV4x4.com). Located in Meridian Idaho.

**Do you have anything you want to barter, buy or sell? Get with the newsletter editor to get get your add in now!**