



## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

November 2016

### The President's Corner

Veterans Day is arguably the busiest time of the year for the IMVPA. I feel so proud to be part of this organization at a time like this when, in spite of the cold, members come out in force to celebrate the many planned events we have this month.

To some folks, Veterans Day means time off from work and school. For me it's a time of parades, ceremonies as a member the American Legion Honor Guard, and attending unofficial celebrations around town. What does Veterans Day mean to you?

Many people don't really know the difference between Veterans Day and Memorial Day. It's nothing to be embarrassed about. Veterans Day was born from WW1, a war that was so devastating that it was thought to be the "war that ended all wars". The idea later expanded into honoring all living veterans from a time of war and peace, and thanking them for their service.

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*. Sneak photo. Stan is helping out with a minor trail repair during the IMVPA trail ride. This one turned out to be a easy fix.*

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

**The November meeting is at Gates Towing.**

**The December Holiday Party is at the Best Western In Caldwell, Exit 29 off of I-84.**

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**Trail Ride Committee Chair: Alex Gordon**

There is absolutely no requirement for our members to have served in the military, just because we are primarily a military vehicle organization. In fact most of our members are not vets. Yet this time of year I've seen this organization really come together FOR THE VETS and that makes me very proud. I admit that when someone thanks me for my military service, I am embarrassed by the attention. But I also realize those folks are honoring our nation when they thank a vet. And I think the IMVPA is honoring our great nation by participating in Veterans Day events. So thank YOU.

At the October meeting, Bob M gave a trail ride report and that generated quite a few grins and lessons learned. Read about it in this issue. I want to thank Alex Gordon of the Idaho Motor Pool for hosting the trail ride and buying milkshakes, dinner and breakfast, as well providing a fun weekend.

At the last meeting there was also discussion about the Holiday Party. It turns out last year's location wanted to charge \$35 per plate, and demanded a minimum number of plates to pay for in advance. The committee gave us several courses of action and the best one seemed to be a potluck. Well the price is right! Thanks to the committee we have a new location. **I want everyone and their families to come and have a fun time, and sign up to bring a dish.**

I remember and appreciate what Vice President Mike Sword said last year at the party. There is no meeting or work to be done, let's just have a good time.

-Ron



### It was in the news.

-Thank you Gary for hosting the October meeting and providing chow (uh, that is food in civilian talk). It was great to see all the projects you guys have going.

-No food will be served at the NOV meeting but the grill is available for your use.

### Quotes worth quoting

"And they who for their country die shall fill an honored grave, for glory lights the soldier's tomb, and beauty weeps the brave." --*Joseph Rodman Drake*

"When the soldiers came home from Vietnam, there were no parades, no celebrations. So they built the Vietnam Memorial for themselves." --*William Westmoreland*

### Voting topics.

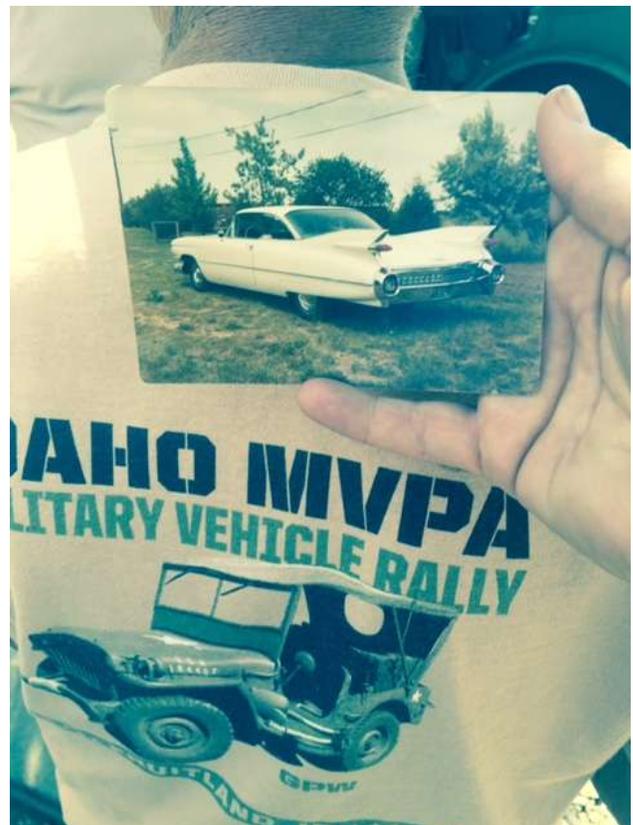
Members voted not to use the Elks Club for the Holiday Party because of the high cost.

### No minutes for you!

Do you want club minutes? The secretary job is open. Please help out and volunteer!



Spy Photo below. Al M shows off a picture of his 59 Cadillac. He still has this car but it's at his sons place in Colorado.



## Calendar of Events:

**November Meeting:** Bruce Gates' business: 604 N 36th street Nampa.

**December Meeting:** None; this will be the end of 2016 holiday party. This is at the Best Western in Caldwell. Just take exit 29 off of I-84. The address is 908 Specht avenue.

**January Meeting 2017:** Covey Café, 5017 Highway 20/26 in Caldwell.

**February Meeting 2017:** Bruce Gates' business: 604 N 36<sup>th</sup> street Nampa

### **-BOISE VETERAN'S DAY PARADE**

Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 starts 0930AM. We are staging at block 2, which is to the east of Banner Bank on Bannock and 9<sup>th</sup>, downtown. POC for this parade is Bruce. See the parade map on the last page of this newsletter for more details.

### **-BOISE VETERAN'S DAY ACTIVITIES**

**-Nov 13<sup>th</sup>: Grace Bible Church Military Appreciation Day;** 8am-1pm. This is New. Its' a park and relax kind of event. Breakfast and Lunch provided free. Address is 1415 W Lonestar, Nampa.

**-Nov 11<sup>th</sup> Gary's automotive;** this has been a favorite the last few years. The POC is Don Wadley. Plan to arrive at 2:30 pm, and the event runs until 7pm. It's at the same location as last year, on Cole Road in Boise, roughly across from the Costco. Don says we have 4 vehicles going.

**-Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Golden Corral in Nampa** is Monday, November 14th: POC is Roy C. The Army National Guard, DAV, and boy scouts are invited. There will be a warming tent outside. We will get our own table inside, and a free meal for our volunteers. This will be fun but cold outside so dress warm. We need at least 3 vehicles at this one.

### **-DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY, TUESDAY DEC 6<sup>TH</sup>.**

No meeting. This is our annual dinner event. The party will take place at the Best Western Hotel in Caldwell. Take exit 29 off I-84 and you are there. Dress casual. Social starts at 6:00, we start serving at 6:30. Bring a gift worth no more than 20\$ as we will do the secret santa exchange again this year. If you are bringing little kids, bring their gift so they don't feel left out. The meal is POTLUCK. At the meeting there is a sign up so let us know what you will bring. POC for the party is Don W, Bob S, and Alex G.



## LOCAL CLASSIFIED ADS

**WANTED: M37, M38A1, or other larger military vehicle (I'm 6'3) a driver preferred; email**

[joiohasagun@aol.com](mailto:joiohasagun@aol.com) (SEPT16)

**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.

**WANTED: M715.** Contact Jason Fox at [snakerivertrailer@yahoo.com](mailto:snakerivertrailer@yahoo.com). would like running and minimal/no rust in cab. I don't want a restored to original one because I would like to customize it to my preference and don't want to mess up a restored piece. Other than that, I am pretty flexible. Price range \$1000 - \$7000 depending on quality and work done on vehicle.

**WANTED** for Model CCKW 352 short wheel based version (SWV), M38A1 engine, and M151 MUTT. Also looking for 47-49 Kaiser Willys pickup for restoration. Also looking for 1945 CJ2A column shift jeep for restoration. Call Steve Bartkowski at 708-863-3090 or [steve.bartkowski@bnsf.com](mailto:steve.bartkowski@bnsf.com).

**Editors Note.** We've been sharing newsletters (and classifieds) from other clubs, so the transcribing here is redundant. Of course if you want them back, volunteer! We always need help.

# The Army Surplus Warehouse, Idaho Falls by Ron P

Last month an old friend of mine stops by and says he's moving from Casper Wyoming for a job in Portland Oregon. Over the course of a few drinks he talked me into driving to Casper, bringing his 73 Land Rover back to Boise, and storing it for him in my garage for 9 months, all for free. (Note to self, stop drinking). That was 23 hours of driving time in one weekend!

Anyway, let's talk Army Surplus! I don't care how long your drive is, who can resist stopping at every Army Surplus Store you see on the road? We stopped at several, but of course the one in Idaho Falls is hard to miss. We added two hours to our long driving day by stopping by and checking the place out. I Didn't get the story on all the vehicles in there. But The WC6 command car is an interesting tale. It was hit by a train and the back was destroyed. What is left is now is on display up on the ceiling. There is also a halftrack and scout car, among others. There is a unique utility vehicle there. Anyone car to try to identify what it is? If you are passing through twin falls, stop by and have a look. It'll take about an hour to really get see what they have.



# The Ola Idaho Road Trip and Trail Ride. By Ron P



We've been talking about doing a road trip since spring, but the calendar has been full, and people have well, lives outside the hobby. Gratefully Alex Gordon of the Idaho Motor Pool put a ride together the first weekend of October and the weather was great for it.

Alex brought a couple of 5 tons; I brought my WW2 GPW; Stan and Bob brought their M37s, and Bart brought along his CUCV. Because of the distance, many of us chose to park our tow rigs in Emmett. Fortunately our newest member Mike Pierce and his mom gave us a safe place to park them (yes we mailed her a thank you letter).

From Emmett we drove to Ola for Milk Shakes, then hit the dirt roads for some scenic views. The convoy stopped a couple of times for minor vehicle issues. By early afternoon we were at Alex's Cabin. There he treated us to dinner and drinks. I was the only one bold (or dumb) enough to drive my jeep through the creek a couple of times. The mud and water was axle deep but we didn't get stuck. I guess the Jeep that won WW2 has a reputation that is intact.

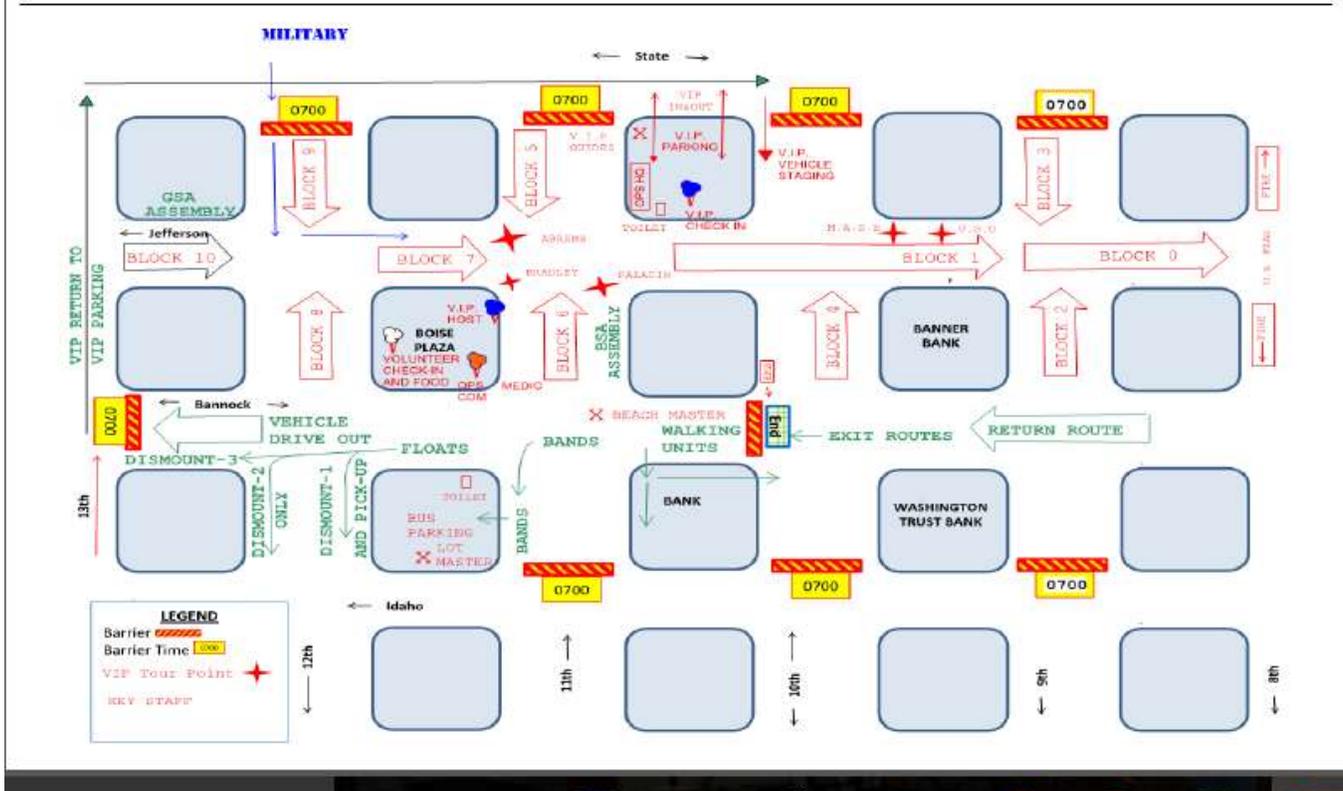
The next morning we broke camp and Alex's daughter and son in law treated us to a great breakfast. A 40 mile trail ride was planned. I left my jeep in camp because I wanted enough gas to get back to Emmett. One of the M37s had an issue and a creative trail fix was done. But at that point we thought we better get back to town. The convoy back was warm and sunny, and no one had any issues.

About the lessons learned. My first hobby is rock crawling in my buggy jeep. When we do this, we crawl over volkswagon size boulders for fun. We also go prepared, with spare axles, driveshafts, tools, air source, even a welder. But I had to laugh at myself for being almost completely unprepared for a 100+ mile trip, in an antique no less. I can't speak for everyone else but I really had little idea how far we were going to go and what trails we would be on. I had tools and an air compressor, but my fuel can, shovel and jack are antiques and they don't work. I didn't have any spare parts, as I used them for the restoration and didn't even have a spare cap and rotor. I guess when you have a parade queen that is "retired" you don't give much thought to a long trip. Well I'm glad to say my jeep easily made the trip without drama. Who will plan the next trip? YOU!

Boise Veterans Day Parade. November 5<sup>th</sup>, downtown Boise. The IMVPA stages at BLOCK 2 East of Banner bank on 9<sup>th</sup> street between Jefferson and Bannock. Large Military Trucks should plan to arrive by 7AM. Smaller ones may arrive between 8:00-8:15. Keep in mind there is no general car parking within the parade staging area. Parking downtown will be a challenge so arrive early. Each block is assigned a block marshall who will help you get into the right "order of march". Volunteers will be wearing yellow safety vests with "Parade Staff" on them. Committee members wear red coats and white hats with ID badges. Parade entry vehicles should have the entry permit in the windshield. It's a simple piece of paper that says 2016 Boise Veterans Day Parade Vehicle Entry Permit. This is emailed out to members.

This is the parade Map. Note the exit plan. Don't crowd up at the end, but keep moving! This is the largest and most ambitious parade ever done in Boise so please make every attempt to be part of the solution. Study the map and understand the routes, barriers, start and end point.

- When the parade ends at 10<sup>th</sup> and Bannock...chaos begins. Everyone needs to remember SAFETY!!!
- Parade walkers move to the sidewalks – you are now pedestrians
- Entries with just vehicles can drive away by going straight and turn on 13th or 14th
- Bands take a column left on 11th, stop and exit to the bus parking lot – on their right
- Vehicles dropping off passengers, turn left onto 12th, move to the right side of the street, stop, unload and the drive on 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Vehicles picking up walkers or removing items from trailer/float, turn left onto 12th, move to the left side of the street and wait for them
- If 12th street is full, proceed on Bannock and move to the left side of the street
- Vehicles carrying VIPs; Go straight to 13<sup>th</sup>, turn right on 13<sup>th</sup>, right on State to the VIP Parking lot. PROCEED TO VIP LOT TO UNLOAD!
- Barriers will remain up until the parade is over and the assembly area is empty. This time frame can be very busy as there are many moving parts going in multiple directions!



### 2016 Boise Veterans Day Parade Vehicle Entry Permit

Put this on your windshield. It allows block marshalls to know who is authorized at the parade. Enjoy!