



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

April 2018

It was in the news...

- House bill 506 was approved by the Idaho legislature and signed by the governor. That means in Idaho you can now get a title for your military vehicle and operate it public roadways. This effort would not have been possible without the direct testimony of Alex Gordon, Barry McCahill and others. In addition, many of you wrote and communicated with our representatives, which clearly made an impact. We would like to publicly thank the SEMA Action Network (specialty equipment market assoc.) who used their power of networking and email to help us.

-We welcome three new members. They are Keith Watt, Jim Edgar, and Daniel Edgar.

-in case you don't think America is so great, given all the negativity on TV these

IMVPA MEETINGS: 1st Tues of the Month. Social hour 6, meeting at 7.
April 3rd meeting is at Gates Towing.

Officers:

President: Mike Sword

Vice President: Bob Schoonderwoerd

Treasurer: Bruce Gates

Quartermaster: Mike Pierce

Secretary, Social Media Director: Benjamin Sterling

Website Editor, Newsletter Editor: Ron Powell

You won't believe this! At this air force base airfield, there are low 'flying' aircraft! Wow, who would have known. Apparently they have to get pretty low to like you know...land.



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days, maybe you should get your news from You Tube. Watch “15 things Europeans find weird/get Germanized”. He says in America you get free refills of water, even soda! “They come to my table and the soda glass is half full and they refill it! “What is this magic wonderland of free refills!”.

- The IMVPA annual military show and swap meet is JUNE 23-24th. Get the word out!

- March 15th was the birthday and Centennial of the American Legion, which was formed in 1919 in order to support veterans and veteran’s causes.

- We are celebrating the birthday of the US Army and the US Army Reserve. Don’t drink too much.

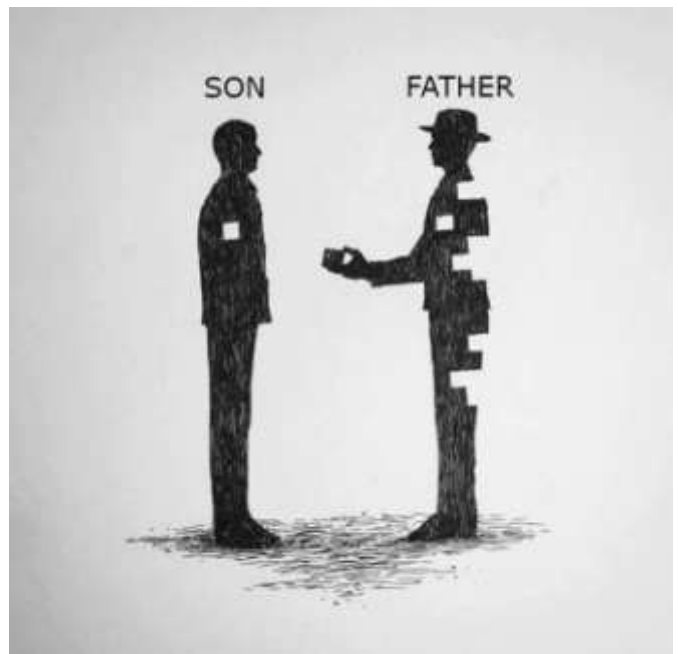
-it’s women’s history month. Did you know over 21000 women served during WW1? Today more and more women are in combat roles. Thank a vet. Thank all vets.

Spotted! I saw this neat equipment display recently at the Artillery Museum at Fort Sill Oklahoma. I wish you could see it in person. Wow doesn’t even do it justice!



Your WW2 Dodge probably has a lot of bugs, er that is special bolts. And if you want to restore it properly then you’ll need all the weird ones that it comes with. Read all about it in Vice President Bob’s article in this newsletter.

Wanted: your newsletter articles, photos, and editorials. Send them in now!



Father’s Day isn’t until June. But when I saw this I thought of my father, and I felt like I had to post it as it left a lump in my throat. Stupid allergies. Of course this is also how I feel about my half finished WC Dodge, only it keeps taking, and taking, and taking.,,

March Meeting Minutes. By VP Bob

The meeting was well attended with close to 20 old and three new members. We called the meeting to order at 7PM with the introduction of officers. The reading of the minutes of Jan, 2 2018 were read and passed. The Treasurer's report was read and passed.

The floor was opened for new business and upcoming events. Bruce G talked about Memorial Day events, specifically on Kohler Lawn, Hillcrest, and having lunch in between. Those two events are on the same day and will start by meeting at Gates's towing @ 8:30am.

Don W talked about the Calif show at Petaluma in April. The speculation is attendance at the show may not go well. The club president is looking at input to a possible change of location in 2019. The subject of our annual military show in June was discussed and people on the committee are to meet this month to move it along as planned, and get flyers out asap to gun shows and other locations. Roy attends gun shows where members may have their own table to distribute flyers, and some said they might go.

Alex talked of the titling legislation. Other states are watching us to see what happens. He is very positive at this time, and thinks it has a good chance at passing. Barry M's testimonial on the subject at the State House was very Impressive.

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Editorial: What's in Your Hobby Shop? By Ron

I know you have lots of cool stuff in your man cave. Do share. It was a little cold last winter so I spent the time on time wasters instead of restoring my MV. Last year one of our IMVPA members Bob M gave me an old M38A1 grill. I eventually found the blackout lights and headlights in order to finish it. Now with sanding and paint it's a nicely restored wall hangar.

The piece on the left was made by a friend on his plasma table out of flat steel. With some olive green paint we now have a cool looking coat or hat rack.



Hasn't the creativity bug ever hit you? I missed it in my DNA. But I like the online forum garage journal, where folks talk about all things related to the man cave.



“I loved it. My kids loved it. My second ex-wife, not so much.”

**-Chris Brown,
President of the
Puget Sound
Military Vehicle
Collectors Club
taking about the
M35 Deuce he
restored.**

This is my 1940s Vintage radio. I found it on Craigslist for dirt cheap. It didn't work and I didn't want it to. I gave the insides to a friend of mine, and using the hollow case I inserted a speaker that plays 1940s tunes from my cell phone. Now my jeep can play vintage tunes wherever it goes.

Editors Note. We have been sharing other club's newsletters, such as one in Puget Sound Oregon for well over a year now. They are really great. If you are not getting them, contact Alex and get on his distro list.

UPCOMING EVENTS Idahomvpa.org

- **Memorial Day Ceremony at Kohler Lawn.** Monday May 28th at 10AM. Members should arrive NLT 9AM to set up. Or meet at Gates Towing NLT 0830AM and convoy over.
- Annual Memorial Day Program at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens,** May 28th at 1PM. This is park and relax kind of event. Expect to convoy over from Kohler Lawn. It was a fun and well attended event in 2017. Free hotdogs and refreshments will be served.
- **Annual IMVPA Military Show and Swap Meet,** June 23rd-24th. The location is the Harley Davidson Dealership in Meridian. Planning is ongoing. If you want to be part of the planning committee, please let us know ASAP.

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LOCAL CLASSIFIED ADS

Wanted: CJ3B windshield. Call Justin at 208-863-5901

Wanted: M100 Pintle ring for trailer. Interested in what you have. Call Mike 208-891-108.

Wanted: GPW or MB steering shaft, complete, with shaft, horn button and tube. Email johnsamschulz@yahoo.com

For Sale: beautiful and complete 1943 ¾ ton WC57; European return, 100% restored, full radios and winch, 4 wheel disk brake conversion. Asking 42k OBO. Call Fred 208-908-7966.

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 ❖

Editorial: “I got the bug. What’s bugging you?” by VP Bob Schoonderwoerd

Ok now I don’t have “the bug” or even spring fever. Heaven knows the grass and garden can wait a few more months. I mean the trademark bug. Some call it hallmark or proof mark, but to collectors it can mean the difference in a few dollars or thousands. In my case it’s the Dodge logo used to show the company’s parts from the factory. Dodge used a logo of DPCD or Dodge, Plymouth, Chrysler Desoto. Whew! That’s a mouthful-So DPCD. In the restoration of a truck or car, some purists will go that extra mile to preserve the historical integrity of the vehicle. My WC is a case in point; a 1941 WC21 Weapons Carrier. And I bought it for \$150. That’s the cheap point of the story. Fast forward 10 years and I’m neck deep into this project with a 1500 piece jigsaw puzzle and hundreds of hours; plus a lot of dough.

Now with all that said, you don’t have to be like me. I just don’t have much common sense it seems. But I do have a commitment to do a historically accurate restoration to the best of my ability. So here I am, still plugging away. I’ve told people it’s a lot cheaper to buy your rig already done than build it. As an artist we sometimes keep trying to out do ourselves when putting a rig back to original. It’s very time consuming but to me it’s worth it.

A bug, or logo on an original part is a way you identify the maker. It can be the size of an eraser head or as large as a silver dollar, and looking for them is a never ending process. Eventually every piece of the puzzle will fit. No one knows where you’ll come across them, but with enough persistence and time and research, every bug will move the WC closer to the day it will come

alive. WW2 Jeep lovers know their vehicle inside and out. They will look for that elusive 'F' logo. Ford and Dodge had their own bolt production in house, along with foundries that made pintle hitches, engine blocks and gear cases. Finding every bolt, part and piece is like going further and further down that rabbit hole. But this is my journey and I'll keep hunting and researching. God willing I'll finish this and even enjoy the ride.

To put the right parts and bolts in place I will try to recreate as closely as possible to what would have rolled off the assembly line over 75 years ago. If my work is high enough quality then this vehicle will last another 75 to 100 years past me.

Every person has their own perception on how their MV will look when it's completed. That vision is sometimes unique and it takes time to complete it. It might be paint and a tune up, or a full frame off restoration and no two are alike. Each method is a way to enjoy it.

Why do we do it? It may be about therapy, remembrance, honoring vets, or getting that thumbs up in a parade. Whatever your reason, or how you went about it, keep twisting wrenches, spray some paint, and lift a cold one. You'll no doubt sweat and endure to KEEP THEM ROLLING. God bless, Bob

Editors Note: Bob would never tell you this but he is one of the finest auto body technicians in the entire state of Idaho, who has created award winning show quality work for customers.

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.