



## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

September 2019

### From the Top

I would like to start out by thanking everyone who came to the shows this month making them all a success. We had the Kuna Parade on the 3rd, Harley Davidson event on the 15th, the Aaron Butler Purple Heart Run on the 17th and the Warhawk Air Museum's Warbird Roundup on the 24th and 25th.

Your participation in these events make them a success. I realize with tight summer schedules and vacations it's hard to make a lot of these events but it is greatly appreciated when you can show up.

The Aaron Butler Purple Heart Run was in its first year but it was a very well planned event and went off without

**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**

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**Treasurer: position is open**

**Quartermaster: position is open**

**Secretary: position is open**

**Social Media Director: Benjamin Sterling**

**Website Editor, Newsletter Editor: Ron Powell**

#### Spotted!

The IMVPA was at the Warbird Roundup, the state's largest display of WW2 aircraft.



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a hitch.

The Warhawk Air Museum's Warbird Roundup has been going on for several years but this is the first year we have been included. There were a few glitches and a few problems but that's to be expected. Now we know what is going on and we can insert some help to make next year's event a bit better.

Summer isn't over and we have five or six events in September that will be discussed at the meeting on September 3rd the first Tuesday of the month. See you there.

-Bruce Gates  
President, IMVPA

### **It was in the news...**

- We received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Boise Veteran's Day Parade Committee Executive Chairman, thanking us for our participation in 2018, and of course they invited us back this year.

-Benjamin recommends the site [steelsoldiers.com](http://steelsoldiers.com) which talks about all types of military vehicles and includes a discussion forum.

-Have you seen our website? Go to [www.idahomvpa.org](http://www.idahomvpa.org)

### **His glass is half empty...**

I've got a pain in my ass. Not a physical pain mind you, although now that I'm over 50 I can't wait for that annual exam that we all look forward to like a trip to the dental office. No I'm talking my restoration, a 77 year old WW2 Jeep that was must have been abused by the Germans and Japanese

both. Bubba was much harder on this thing though than our former enemies.

It must have been used to teach every kid in Idaho not only how to drive, but how to drink and drive. I hope Bubba survived that crash off the bridge (or whatever it was) that twisted the frame, broke the springs, and cracked the cross members. Actually am I a jerk for hoping Bubba did not survive the crash? I suppose so.

Try torching, cutting and welding in 110 degree heat with pants, boots, gloves, and hat on. Still the sparks somehow made it down the crack of my...well you know. Reminds me of the months I spent in the Army in the Middle East. Only that was far more pleasant.

The T84 transmission? Empty and rusty like my outlook on life. The front axle Rezeppa joint? Busted and broken, like my bad knee. The tie rod ends, frozen. And not like the cartoon unicorn and rainbow musical movie of the same name. No this is stuck and bent, and even the Incredible Hunk would complain about it.

One of my good pals has been over to help. I hate to say his name in case he reads this newsletter. Ah well I know that no one does. Anyway we wasted 16 hours and twice as many saw mill dollars on this thing and made very little progress. Restoring it is probably like digging in the dirt for gold with your bare hands, and wondering if the pay off will ever come.

I'm tired! I guess I'll go have half a glass of warm bud light and sit and rest. Oww it still hurts to sit! ❖

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

# My 'New Jeep'!

by John Downs

My new Jeep! Finally after losing my first Army Jeep in a wildfire (thanks a lot PG&E) I was finally able to track down a replacement thanks to a lead by Alex Gordon of Idaho Motorpool! The Jeep in question is a Willy's-Overland M38A1 born September of 1952. I purchased her off of a Korean War Veteran who had served with the 187th Airborne. She has no bad rust, only the occasional surface issue near where paint chipped off. I figure she is about 80% original having been converted to 12v. The engine is a military replacement. She did run but I managed to break a spark plug wire when pulling the battery that was 25 years old... I already have parts on order to get her running again. I plan on changing all the fluids, grease all applicable points, and replace the plugs and wires. After that we will see what we have got going on.

My plan is not to do a full restore anytime soon, mostly I want her to run and be reliable. A fair amount of the original paint is still there and I figure she is a decent representation of a military Jeep as found. So long as I own her she will not be some dented up rock crawler, but instead I have plans for the occasional parade and trip to the in-laws. Let's see how much trouble I can get into now.



Editor's note: John moved up from California where he tragically lost his home (and previous M38A1) in a wildfire. Look for that story in the next newsletter.



# Warbird Roundup 2019 - by Ron

The Warbird Roundup is an annual event and this was the first year we were invited. It's the state's largest gathering of historic warplanes. There were guest speakers, food, static displays, and I some folks dressed like the 1940s. Roy brought his M151 and a large number of automatic and vintage weapons. ❖



**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Check [Idahomvpa.org](http://Idahomvpa.org) as this will be updated after the meeting on Tuesday.

## The Inaugural SSG Aaron Butler Memorial Purple Heart Run.

-By Ron

SSG Aaron Butler died on August 16<sup>th</sup> 2017 in Nangahar Province, Afghanistan from injuries sustained from an improvised explosive device while clearing a booby trapped building. His memory and sacrifice was honored by the people of Boise who created a purple heart run. Hundreds of runners, walkers and road marchers converged for a patriotic tribute that was well organized and supported.

Attendees included US military members, fire and police forces, the VFW, the American Legion, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and many others. All of the proceeds for the event went to the Military Order of the Purple Heart, a 501C3 non profit.

The IMVPA supported with a 5 ton, a deuce and half, M37 and M38 jeep. The vehicles were a big hit and an ideal tribute to the spirit of the event. I found the opening ceremony to be quite an emotional experience, as there was so much excitement, energy and patriotism present. ❖



## MEETING MINUTES.

There were 14 members present, Bruce gave the treasurers report and it was noted that the CCKW wasn't paid for yet. It's noted that we still need someone to help with the banners as we only have two on hand. Events in the month of August were discussed and members were informed on what they were and where to attend. September events such as Chrome at the Home and Touch a Truck were mentioned but more specifics were needed. Programmed events included a museum static display Sept 7<sup>th</sup>, a Cloverdale Car Craze show 9-4PM at the same day, and some discussion about Harvest Festival. (editors note, all upcoming events will be posted on the website.) ❖

## 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)

**For Sale:** WW2 Converto Airborne trailer, ½ ton dump, fairly complete, has original data plate. Asking 795\$; also available GPW axles, frame pieces, tub, hood, fenders; also available, 1941 Dodge ½ ton rolling frame/chassis with title; email ron at [rondoin\\_98@hotmail.com](mailto:rondoin_98@hotmail.com)

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

**For Sale:** IMVPA T-shirts, \$5.00: lots of small sizes and some 3XL.

**Wanted:** tail lights and black out lights for 1943 GPW. Contact Michael at [michaelsantinik@gmail.com](mailto:michaelsantinik@gmail.com)

**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) ❖

# 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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