



## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

December 2017

### The President's Corner

December 1<sup>st</sup> is our annual holiday party. Karen and Bob have put in a lot of time to make this party a success. As of right now over 20 members and their families have signed up to attend and bring a dish (potluck). I'm asking IMVPA members to support this, so please come on out and bring your family. The gift exchange is fun, but this year there is a couple of rules; keep it reasonable (about 20\$ and no arctic cold weather inserts as gifts! This is a reference to Al and Bonnie who got dozens of these surplus liners last year! It was hilarious but I can see the wheels turning in people's minds because Al frantically gave away as many as he could!

January is the time of year for IMVPA elections and to recap the events of the year. There is no planned meeting in February and we will start up again in March, planning the annual military show. So if anyone wants to volunteer for any position, then we encourage

December (meeting) is our annual IMVPA holiday dinner and social. It is December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Best Western, 908 Specht Avenue in Caldwell. Start time is 6:30PM.

### Officers:

**President: Ron Powell**

**Vice President: Bob Schoonderwood**

**Treasurer: Bruce Gates**

**Secretary and Social Media Director: Benjamin Sterling**

**Website Editor: open**

**Newsletter Editor: open**

**Quartermaster: Mike Pierce**

**Spotted: the IMVPA supported the Golden Corral event in Boise with four vehicles.**



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you to do so.

We have created a new officer position, and it's called the "Quartermaster". Ok I admit I borrowed this idea from the Utah Military Vehicle Club UMVC. Mike P, who graciously volunteered for this, will keep track of our shirts, supplies, and orders and assist us with making those items available to members on a more routine basis.

Finally, let me address the IMVPAs Fire Truck. This was donated to the IMVPA by our WW2 member Dick B, and we have done nothing with it for several years I'm told. I believe it's time for a decision (and disposition) on this. The decision will be made this Spring, and any members who care to weigh in on the process will have time to do so. At the November meeting we covered the options. They are: 1. Preserve it and display it for the IMVPA; 2. Part it out; 3. Sell it as is; 4. Donate it.

Right now we are concerned with what to do with it and how to value it. Anyone who wants **input** into this **decision making process** must contact me or attend the meeting. The decision point is far enough away that members who are involved in the IMVPA can and will get their voices heard.

-Ron



## Meetings:

**December Holiday Party:** This is December 1<sup>st</sup>, Friday night at the Best Western, 908 Specht Avenue Caldwell. Arrive at 6:30, Dinner at 7:00PM. Bring the family. Dinner is potluck so bring a dish. Sign up is with Karen. Bring a gift to participate in the gift exchange.

**January Meeting:** Bruce Gates Towing in Nampa. We will be discussing the Annual Military Show, fire truck, and having elections!

**February: no meeting but your annual dues are uh, well they are due.**

**March Military Show Planning:** Bruce Gates Towing in Nampa. Agenda is to discuss the Annual Military Show and fire truck.

## It was in the news

- **Well its official.** Per the letter signed by the Idaho DMV, **military vehicles newer than 1967 will not receive a title even with a form 97.** If you already have a title then you are okay.

-The USMC celebrated its 242<sup>nd</sup> birthday in November.

-In 1777 General George Washington defeated the British, led by General Lord Charles Cornwallis. (I wonder how many of our members were there?.-ed)

- **Wanted:** your newsletter articles, pictures, or editorials. Send them to Ron.

- Benjamin S has created a postcard which will be mailed out to members as a reminder to pay your annual dues. Thanks Ben!

- The IMVPA is alive and well on Facebook! Go check it out and like the page.

## - American Legion Food Convoy Nov18th.

Mike P and Ron P led the food convoy from the Red Lion in Boise to the State Veterans home with their M38s. Each year volunteers donate and unload food there, and the home responds with a nice brunch. There were dozens of volunteers there to help, and the energy and excitement of the event was great!

## About the Golden Corral event.

This year we changed things up a bit and added the Golden Corral in Boise to our lineup. Four members attended and we had a great time at the Boise Location. Vets and their families lined up around the block to get in. I lost count of the vets who came by to visit with us and tell us their war stories. Members who attended in Boise were Mike P with the M38, Ron with the M38A1, Don W with Karen's GPW, and Ben S with the HMMWV.

In Nampa Bruce and Roy attended that event.

**Saturday morning Breakfast is December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Caldwell airport 9AM.** If weather is nice then members plan to bring their vehicles. RSVP with Bruce so we get a big table. 6 members signed up to go so far!



## Gowen Thunder Air Show 2017 by Ron P



**Up to 65000** people converged on Gowen Field for the Gowen Thunder Air Show. Its been a few years since they had one and this one was magnificent! The weather was beautiful and the IMVPA had a great display front and center of the action. Members brought over a dozen vehicles and pieces of equipment. We could not have asked for better exposure for the IMVPA.



# Garry's Automotive Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 2017 by Don W



The Garry's Auto Event was held in the rain this year. We had 5 vehicles there and yes we got soaked! They serviced 60 vehicles (for free) and served lots of food. Ron's dog got the wet award. He bravely stayed in the back of Ron's Jeep the whole time. We rotated through the warm serving and dining area. We arrived about 2pm and stayed until 7:15. A good/wet time was had by all!



## Meeting Minutes, Nov 7, 2017 by Benjamin Sterling, Secretary/Social Media Director.

The regular meeting of the IMVPA was called to order at 1908hrs on November 7, 2017 at Gates Towing by Ron Powell. Present: Bob Schoonderwood- VP, Bruce Gates- Treasurer, Benjamin Sterling- Secretary, and members. The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Past Events were discussed, sustains, and improves: Veterans Day Parade, Gowen Thunder air show, Toys for tots kick off.

New Business: Motion was voted and approved for 4 new banners for IMVPA to display during parade's. Don W. Is going to see if he can get them made for minimum to no cost through HP. If not funds not to exceed \$400 was voted and approved. Garry's Automotive static is next event.

Nov. 10th POC Don W. //Golden Corral Nov. 13th in Nampa and Boise 3-6pm //December Christmas Party December 1st, Potluck style, at Best Western in Caldwell.

Discussion on what to do with the donated fire truck. A course of action list was distributed. There was discussion and another COA was added by Don W.

Agenda for Next Meeting: January events, Election. The next general meeting will be at 1900hrs on January 2, 2018, in Nampa at Gates Towing. Minutes submitted by: Benjamin Sterling  
Approved by the President.

## UPCOMING EVENTS [Idahomvpa.org](http://Idahomvpa.org)

**IMVPA Holiday Party. December 1<sup>st</sup>.** 6:30PM gathering time, Potluck dinner at 7PM. Location is at the Best Western Hotel, 908 Specht Avenue in Caldwell. This is the same location as last year. Karen W is the POC so let her know what dish you are bringing. RSVP to [confessor31@yahoo.com](mailto:confessor31@yahoo.com). Keeping food allergies in mind, please label your dish and avoid shellfish, peanuts, etc. We will have a white elephant gift exchange. Please keep it military and limit it to 20\$ or less.

## LOCAL CLASSIFIED ADS

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

**Wanted:** M100 Pintle ring for trailer. Interested in what you have. Call Mike 208-891-2108.

**Wanted:** M38A1 top bows and antennae mount. For Sale or parting out; M38A1C parts rig, picked pretty clean, asking \$550. Ron at [rondoin\\_98@hotmail.com](mailto:rondoin_98@hotmail.com)

**For Sale:** extensive list of MB, M38 and M38A1 parts. Randy at [rdrake@cableone.net](mailto:rdrake@cableone.net)

**For Sale:** nice M101a ¾ ton cargo trailer, new bows, nicely appointed for camping in but looks original. Has a top and spare tire. In storage in Hailey Idaho. Asking 1250. Contact [julsdallago@gmail.com](mailto:julsdallago@gmail.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.



**For Sale:** 90% restored, driving first contract GP. All matching numbers #9709 with a 4-2-41 date of delivery. Asking 55K OBO. Also has a M38A1 not assembled but very complete, a 1943 MB with title, not fully assembled but very complete with rebuilt rebuilt axles and steering, a 43 donor jeep rusted out without title, and a 59 Willys Wagon daily driver, restorable, complete, asking \$8000. Contact Les at 915-494-8365. These are located in New Mexico.

### **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) ❖



Wet professional guard/lap dog at Garry's Automotive

## **Editorial: Road Trip to Montana** By Ron

Ooh, I see something olive drab on Craigslist! It looks like a real gem. Kind of far away though. Is Boise to Missoula too far to pick up a derelict parts rig? I took the shortcut drive to Montana to pick up a spare 1952 M38A1. I had a mental list of about over a dozen little things my M38A1 still needed. Plus a friend of mine said he'd take the rest of the vehicle and anything I didn't want. This was going to be a win.

The seller said this was a "a barn stored original owner original paint" gem and it even had its military markings. It belonged to an elderly vet who couldn't drive it anymore and it was traded to the neighbor for some hay. Good story! So after 7 hours of winding Idaho roads I get to the farm. In pictures it looked like a museum quality still in the crate factory fresh example with zero miles. In person it looked like it'd been raised from the bottom of a lake after being blasted by the Chinese in the Korean War. The seller "didn't have time" to get the title, had the drive train out, engine apart, tire off, and nothing ready to load. Instead of being sensitive to the fact that I have a 15 hour driving day, he wants to tell me all about his hot rod car. This is going to be a painful Craigslist experience.

"it's still going to be a good find" I remind myself, as I go through the mental checklist of everything I need to complete my own M38A1. I needed top bows (but these are civilian); rear seat (this one is from a M151; antennae mount (hand crafted by bubba); and wheels (not original). The drive train has an M151 engine with a T90 trans (ok) and a transfer case with a very early Borg Warner (Rancho) overdrive. The so called "original" paint looked like it was done in a sandstorm with a toothbrush by a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader. At least the previous owner was enough of a military fan to put its original numbers back on it.

Was it a total loss? At least it had some things I need like pintle, tow shackles, blackout lights, spare tire mount, reflectors, tail lights, and bumper. The body is actually rust free but farmer bubba cut the engine bay to fit his M151 engine transplant. The coolest thing about this jeep though is this is a M38A1C model which originally came with a huge 105mm recoilless rifle cannon on it. Oh but naturally, that's missing too. To add insult to injury my pal changes his mind and no longer wants the Jeep because he has "too many projects". As of now I've parted enough of it out to more than make up for the initial investment. But when I left to go get this I told the wife, "don't worry, this jeep will be going away as soon as I get it home". Instead it sits outside right by the kitchen table and the wife sees it every morning and every night.

Ooh, is that WW2 Converto Airborne Trailer on Craigslist? Next month, road trip to pick up a WW2 Airborne Trailer. "Squirrel!"