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The President's Corner

Farewell for now.

As a uniformed member of the Army Reserve, I am always ready to go on active duty, and I have been given the call. As you know the world is a dangerous place. Is it Korea? Afghanistan? Actually I have orders for South Carolina for 12 months where I'll be stationed at Shaw Air Force Base. There is a golf course, swimming pool, and bar. It will be rough duty but someone has to do it. ☺

Elections are in January, and someone simply must step up to steer the ship. I fully intend to stay involved in the IMVPA and can maintain the newsletter and website by remote control. But the leader needs to get everyone to the right place at the right time and in the right uniform. That really is the hard part. Once I return from this duty I'll be happy to step back in and work in any capacity that is needed.

The Annual IMVPA military show is now

IMVPA MEETINGS: 1st Tues of the Month. Social hour 6, meeting at 7.

January meeting is at Gates Towing, 604 N 36th St, Nampa. social hour at 6, meeting at 7. Grill is available but food is not provided.

Officers:

President: Ron Powell

Vice President: Bob Schoonderwood

Treasurer: Bruce Gates

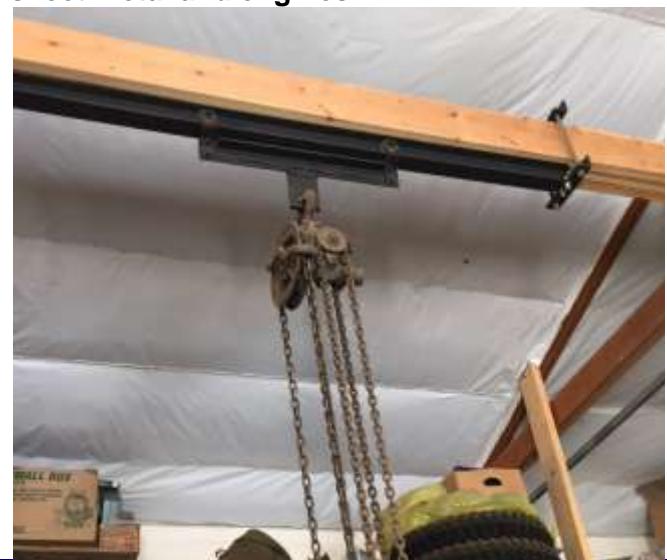
Secretary and Social Media Director: Benjamin Sterling

Website Editor: open

Newsletter Editor: open

Quartermaster: Mike Pierce

Spotted: at Bob's place he built this clever pulley system in his garage. Ideal for pulling sheet metal and engines.



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locked in for 23-24 June 2018. These dates will soon appear on the MVPA website and in their Magazine. The Harley Davidson Dealership will host the event again this year and it will be a lot of fun. I hope some of you will volunteer to help plan the event as the committee needs to form now.

If you check your email you surely saw the letter from the Idaho DMV which stated **military vehicles newer than 1967 will not receive a title even with a form 97**. In response I sent a Letter from the IMVPA to State Representative Holtzclaw and it will soon be shared with our State Senators. The fact that Idaho will no longer title a military vehicle is a grave injustice to our hobby and all of you should be outraged. I suspect the impact will be felt in the years ahead as it will prohibit the younger generation from obtaining modern equipment. We will be monitoring this issue and let everyone know new information as we get it.

Finally, let me close this by thanking everyone publicly for all the support you've given me this year. Mostly I'm grateful for the friendships that were forged since moving to Idaho. The IMVPA welcomed me into their family and I was immediately made to feel at home. **THANK YOU!**

I know 2018 will be amazing! Stay safe!

-Ron



Meetings:

January Meeting: At Bruce Gates Towing in Nampa: Elections, pay annual dues, discuss the military show.

February: No meeting.

March Meeting: Bruce Gates Towing in Nampa: Agenda is to plan the Annual Military Show and discuss the disposition of the fire truck.

April Meeting: Agenda is discuss upcoming events. Would anyone like to volunteer to host the meeting at their place?

It was in the news

- there were no meeting or minutes for December because that was our holiday social.

- DEC 7th marked the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

- **Wanted:** your newsletter articles, pictures, or editorials. Send them to Ron. I RARELY GET ANYTHING! SEND THEM TO ME. NO, REALLY!

- 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.

- **Saturday morning Breakfast December 2nd at the Caldwell Airport was attended by 7 members.** The weather was clear and cold. After breakfast members got a private tour of the Warhawk Museum hangar. These events are unofficial, so if you want to attend, just keep checking your email. You don't have to drive your MV unless you are HARD CORE!



Here is Bruce's CCKW at breakfast. Looks like it has the Holiday spirit!

Veterans Day Parade, Boise Idaho 2017 by VP Bob Schoenderwood



It was well attended by club members and all went well. The weather was a little chilly, but no rain and the sun came out. I don't think it could have been better, as everyone was happy. The crowd was very respectful, and I was glad to see so many young ones with flags and waving to us. Ben took pics of the club to post, and all had a good time.



Photos, above: Bruce Gates' CCKW carried the IMVPA banner. The Halftrack belongs to the Warhawk Museum, which was recently purchased from the Idaho Motor Pool. Over a dozen IMVPA members came out with their vehicles. The IMVPA carried a lot of VIPs. Al carries the family members of the late Al Jackson, and Mike carried the Idaho Army National Guard Assistant Adjutant General John Goodale.

Annual Toys for Tots, Meridian Idaho 2017 by Bruce Gates

The US Marine Corps kicked off the annual Toys for Tots at High Desert Harley Davidson, along with the POW MIA club. My M37 carried Santa Claus behind the color guard and ahead of the motorcycle parade to Quinn's Lounge on Vista.



Annual IMVPA Holiday Social by Ron P



The annual IMVPA holiday social was a great time. It was well attended and the Secret Santa gift exchange was hilarious! It was great that so many spouses attended. The dinner was potluck and there were some excellent dishes served. This event would not have been possible without the efforts and involvement of Karen and Bob, who did most of the hard work to make it happen. ♦

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: Road Trip to Oregon to pick up a Squirrel By Ron

Last month we talked about our trip to get a parts M38A1. Then we got sidetracked when we found a Converto Airborne Dump Trailer in Oregon while visiting family. Because we are easily enamored (and also easily distracted, ed) with anything from WW2, we've named the trailer "squirrel".

It was found on Craigslist. The owner needed cash to fix his daily driver. The trailer was supposed to be turned into an off road overlander kind of set up. Well one look at the WW2 Data Plate had me convinced it needed to be saved. I haven't seen anyone in the IMVPA with one (yet) which is reason enough to grab it. All of its hard to find parts were there except the landing leg and the pintle (of course). I towed it to my cousins place on the ball hitch that Bubba added. My cousin is a butcher and his outdoor chain lift easily picked up this trailer and it fit snugly in the back of my Nissan Titan short box for the drive back to Idaho.

Why is the converto so cool?! Well it's rare, and many people have never heard of it. It's fun to have something no one else has. It's also small and light, and meant to be air droppable. Parts are surprisingly easy to find. Some of the reproduction parts are made locally here in Idaho, and the Lunette is the same as the M100 trailer. Also these retail for 1-2 grand more restored than your average M100 so it's a good investment (until the wife finds out you have it, ed).

When the wife saw it she immediately went near ballistic, accusing me of traveling out to see family not for Thanksgiving Dinner, but to pick up WW2 junk. She wanted me to get rid of it ASAP. Since I'm cash poor and don't need another project, I weakly offered it to a couple of people. With no response (and no advertising) I let her know that no one (meaning like 2 people) wanted it. So it got tucked into a corner of the garage where its barely visible behind other derelict projects that may or may not ever get done. ♦



Mike opens his secret santa gift at the holiday party.

