

CAMP PLYMOUTH

FALL MILITARY VEHICLE SHOW & SWAP MEET



September 11 through 14*, 2024
49er Village & Amador County Fairgrounds
Plymouth, CA

BASIC TRAINING

effective 7/19/2024



*Event is through Saturday evening. Sunday is not a show day. See the Daily Briefing document on our website for the schedule, which might be updated

INTRODUCTION

The Military Vehicle Collectors of California has been the promoter of a large, ex-military vehicle (MV) show and swap meet in April since the late 1970s, and another one since the late 1980s in the Fall. The location since 2019 has been Plymouth, CA on State Highway 49 in the historic "Gold Country." The Spring meet has always been the largest annual MV event in the western half of North America. The Fall meet is smaller. These events have always been camping oriented at RV campgrounds and in the case of Camp Plymouth, a tent campground and event parking lot is at Amador County Fairgrounds and the RVs and cabins are across the fence at 49er Village.

The MVCC is a non-profit, IRC 501(c)(7) corporation of members dedicated to the acquisition, preservation, restoration, safe operation, and public education of historical military transport and related equipment. It is the largest regional MV club in North America, with members in 22 states and Canada as of 2023. Events are in Northern and Central California. MV ownership is not required for membership. A large, printed monthly newsletter covers past and future events. Members can place free classified ads. The newsletter is also available electronically in color. Members who elect that pay lower dues.

The address of the MVCC is the address of our secretary:

MVCC c/o Johnny Verissimo
850 Elm Street
Gustine, CA 95322

These events are **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**. No membership to any club is required.

PLYMOUTH VENUE OVERVIEW

This venue has two sides, separated by a fence, with a campground in each. The show and swap meet are on both sides with most activity taking place at peoples' campsites and cabins:

49er Village is at 18265 Highway 49, Plymouth, CA 95669. Rental cabins, RV and travel trailer camping

Amador County Fairgrounds is adjacent to the 49er, our gate is approximately at 18343 Empire Street. Tent Sector camping village (some water/electric utilities but most of this area is dry camping), display arena, free visitor and trailer parking.

CAMPSITES AND CABINS

1. Annually the MVCC negotiates a discount for a block of sites at the 49er. Our rates are valid 3 days before and 3 days after the event on a space available basis.
2. No tent camping is allowed at the 49er per their policy. It is for RVs, travel trailers, and rental cabins only.
3. All 49er RV sites have water, electric, and dump hookups, with paved parking pads generally 40 feet long, some up to 70 feet. Pad width is 12 to 15 or more feet. There is lawn next to it and usually at least one shade tree.
4. Roads are paved.
5. Pull-through sites are at the south end only.
6. The 49er facility map is here: [49er-village-site-plan-23.jpg \(5100x3300\) \(sunoutdoors.com\)](#)
7. Tent or truck camping is available at the adjacent fairgrounds. We call this campground the Tent Sector. RVs or travel trailers not allowed unless there is no space at 49er.
8. Fairgrounds sites are mostly dry with a limited number having water and power available. A few have shade. In 2023 this area has been covered with packed, ground asphalt to minimize dust and eliminate mud. Tent pins can pierce this material.

9. 4-night minimum reservation at the 49er (may be waived by 49er management).
10. No minimum reservation for sites at the fairgrounds.
11. All reservations for cabins and RV sites in our discount block at the 49er, and reservations for tent sites at the fairgrounds, will be coordinated by the MVCC's Jennifer Tanis at email mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com.
12. A campsite reservation form is available on the event page on www.MVCCNews.net. Send it to Jennifer.
13. For 49er sites and cabins in our discounted block, she assigns names then gives the camper list to the 49er office staff for input into their system. She instructs campers to contact the 49er office to pay for their reservation.
14. For fairgrounds sites, payment in full must be made payable to "MVCC" at the time of reservation. It is expected there will be a new credit card payment option for renting fairgrounds sites.
15. People who booked sites for the September 2023 event are on her list for that same site or cabin number. Please confirm you want that site or cabin for September 2024, by the deadline published on the form and elsewhere. If this is not received, the site or cabin will become available to others. A different site or cabin can be requested if available. The Spring and Fall events at Camp Plymouth are separate. A site rented in April is not "saved" for the September event and vice versa.
16. If the 49er removes any sites from our old block, Jennifer will assist the affected person in choosing another site.
17. The MVCC staff might mark the Tent Sector sites and roads differently this year, so some sites will not be in the exact place they were last year. MVCC management believes the new layout will be superior to the old one.
18. Campfires are permitted in above-ground fire pits at the 49er and at the fairgrounds. Wood and rental pits are available from the 49er office for use there.
19. The 49er and the Fairgrounds are pet friendly. Dogs must be kept on a leash in public areas.

ADMISSION, DAY USE, PARKING, REGISTRATION, DRIVING

20. **No admission fees** for this event. **The public is welcome. No parking fees. No vendor fees** but all sellers must rent a campsite or cabin.
21. **No MV registration fee or registration required.** All MVs are welcome in any condition and country of former service. If themed MV showcases are planned, we ask participants for their name and vehicle information for post-event newsletter, national magazine, and social media articles.
22. Visitor parking and trailer storage is at the fairgrounds. The parking lot is just inside the Empire Street entrance, with a display arena and the Tent Sector beyond it. There is very little visitor parking in the 49er Village. To visit the 49er by foot from the fairgrounds, go out to Empire Street and walk on the shoulder south to the 49er entrance. Vice versa for those staying at the 49er. There is an opening in the fairgrounds fence by the baseball field which shortens the walk. The venue is large. Jeeps, Mechanical Mules, or golf carts come in handy. See the golf cart rental information elsewhere.
23. Visitors parking at the fairgrounds should not forget to visit the 49er to see more MVs and vendors!
24. Driving on roads at both sides of the event is authorized. Five mile per hour maximum in campgrounds. No steel grousers or worn tracks that will scrape pavement. All roads in the 49er are paved. Most of our fairgrounds areas are not.
25. Vehicle insurance is required per California DMV requirements.
26. Driving without a driver's license is not allowed at the event.
27. No parking on roads in the 49er or you may be towed. Park in YOUR campsite only, or temporarily in someone's site with their permission.
28. No parking in vacant campsites because they will not be vacant for long.
29. No vehicle parking on lawn areas at the 49er due to the presence of sprinklers and underground pipes.
30. No parking on Empire Street between our fairgrounds gate and the 49er entrance. This will be used by golf carts and pedestrians.

SWAP MEET and DISPLAYS

31. Swap meet is event-wide at 49er and fairgrounds campsites. Anyone who reserves a site or cabin may put out sales goods or displays.
32. No vendor fee but all sellers must rent a campsite.
33. Pop up canopies are allowed at the 49er but camping in them is not, per 49er regulations. Rules say no tent pins.
34. Military-themed displays are encouraged at campsites or authorized display-only spaces, not in common areas.
35. Displays deemed by the MVCC Board to be excessively controversial or disruptive might be prohibited, such as the vertical display of SS or Gestapo uniforms with Nazi arm bands, including wearing them, and Nazi flags. However, these items may be offered for sale if displayed flat on tables or the ground. Further, display of other items such as shirts,

- hats, flags, posters, etc. with symbols and/or verbiage that are commonly deemed offensive in this country is not allowed. Common sense and due regard for the feelings and experiences of others is expected of all event attendees.
36. Other than the exclusion mentioned above, the wearing of obsolete military uniforms and vintage clothing is welcome.
 37. Special displays will be accommodated free of charge at the fairgrounds, at designated places, if space is available. Ask our camping coordinator Jen at MVCCCampmistress@yahoo.com.
 38. A normal campsite rental fee is required if sleeping or vending in a fairgrounds display.

THEMED VEHICLE SHOWCASES AND OTHER DISPLAYS

39. As of 7/21/24 there are no scheduled, themed displays planned for the Fall 2024 event. Check the MVCC newsletter or website www.MVCCNews.net for any updates.
40. There is a practice rodeo arena next to the Tent Sector that may be used for photo opportunities. It offers a fairly uncluttered background. This is usually the location for themed vehicle showcases if any.
41. MVs driven by commuters from home or hotel who have not secured a parking spot at someone's rented campsite, can normally be accommodated at a fairgrounds display location. This will be at no charge. Ask our camping coordinator about a location and for what type of MV.

LIVING HISTORY MILITARY OR HOME FRONT REENACTOR DISPLAYS or ENCAMPMENTS

42. For the April 2024 event we offered free camping and display space for military reenactors and living historians at the practice rodeo arena next to the Tent Sector. This offer is good for the September event. No camping fee required. Equipment and vehicles that are not to the theme of a display will not be allowed to be in view. This includes modern vehicles, pop up tents, civilian ice coolers, etc. The goal is to have a "period" look in the area for photographers. Modern conveniences will be allowed inside closed tents.
43. The surface of the arena is primarily decomposed granite that drains well. It is normally not dusty.
44. Neither demonstration battles nor the firing of blanks will be allowed at the event.
45. See detailed information elsewhere, and firearms rules in the next section.
46. Those wanting to take advantage of this should contact MVCC Secretary and Newsletter Editor Johnny Verissimo at istanbull@sbcglobal.net or 209-918-0388.
47. Military reenactors and living historians are also very welcome to set up displays at paid campsites.

FIREARMS, PYROTECHNICS, EXPLOSIVES, ORDNANCE

48. Live guns are not permitted at this event. Parts that are not considered by the Federal government to be firearms plus fake, dummy, dawat, demilled, airsoft, and similar non-guns or ordnance, may be offered for sale and be displayed.
49. Live ammunition, pyrotechnics, explosive devices which can injure people or property are not permitted.
50. Discharging blanks is not permitted. This includes firing "gas guns."

EVENT MERCHANDISE, MEETINGS, WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES, OFF-SITE EXCURSIONS

51. The Military Vehicle Collectors of California (MVCC) is the promoter and normally will have an event headquarters with merchandise sales in operation. This is where souvenir T-shirts and other merchandise can be purchased and MVCC memberships can be purchased or renewed. Please support this event. Location, days, and hours will be published in the Daily Briefing document on the Camp Plymouth event page on the website and in the MVCC newsletter.
52. A MVCC Board meeting and a MVCC General Membership Meeting will be held at locations shown on the Daily Briefing published elsewhere. All are welcome to the Membership Meeting including non-members.
53. Information about scheduled military vehicle road runs, if any, will appear on the Daily Briefing.
54. Ditto for the Women's Social on Thursday and the Women's Lunch and Shopping Excursion on Friday.

GOLF CART RENTALS AND GETTING AROUND THE VENUE

55. A golf cart rental program will return for the Fall 2024 event. Gipson Golf Carts in Rancho Murieta is the preferred vendor and the MVCC has negotiated a discounted rate. Rentals must be pre-booked directly with this company. There will be no delivery/pickup fee. They will deliver carts to the event mid-week and pick up on the weekend. A cart corral is usually by the 49er Village office. The keys are in the office. See details elsewhere on www.MVCCNews.net and the MVCC newsletter.
56. This two-sided venue is quite large. Driving MVs around is encouraged but parking outside of the site where it comes from, like when shopping or socializing, can be difficult. In the Parking section we stated there are very few parking spaces inside the 49er Village. Parking is not allowed in a vacant campsite or along the roads because they are fire

lanes, per their 49er rule. Large RVs and trailers need maneuvering space. It is a similar challenge on the fairgrounds side. But it is common for a camper to allow the temporary parking of a small vehicle like a golf cart or jeep at their site. At the 49er this should be done on the paved pad, not on the road or grass. Please ask permission before parking on a camper's campsite..

RV RENTAL OPTIONS

57. Renting a RV or travel trailer is a way to stay at the 49er Village. There are commercial rental vendors and private owners who will deliver, set up, and pick up a travel trailer. This allows bringing a MV or load of sales items. Unlike renting a cabin, using a RV site means it is possible to camp in other areas of the 49er such as near friends.
58. The websites www.RVShare.com and www.Outdoorsy.com are brokers for private owners and these can be searched by area, such as near Plymouth, and if the owner will deliver and pick up.
59. Advantage Caravans in Sacramento is offering a 20% discount on their daily rental rate for Camp Plymouth attendees. They will deliver, set up, and pick up a unit for a reasonable fee, this year only \$150. See www.AdvantageRVRentals.com or call Alex at 916-832-8824.
60. Details about RV and travel trailer renting may be found on the event page at www.MVCCNews.net.

AMENITIES AT THE 49er AND IN THE AREA

61. Amenities at the 49er include swimming pool, hot tub, volleyball, shuffleboard, horseshoes, playground, Rec Hall with kitchen, amphitheater, terrace, small café, store, restrooms with showers, laundry, propane, firewood, very limited temporary parking.
62. Fairgrounds amenities include restroom with showers, portable toilets, parking lot, limited water and power sites.
63. The large Pokerville Market has a deli and is a short walk away. Hotels, restaurants, grocery, hardware, and antique stores, Indian casino-hotel, wineries, historic Gold Rush towns and sites and other attractions are in the region.
64. Onsite food options besides the café, if any, will be mentioned in the Daily Briefing document.
65. Amador County is home for over 40 wineries. Those in the Shenandoah Valley Viticultural Area are near Plymouth.

HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS

66. Lists may appear on the event page at www.MVCCNews.net and in the MVCC newsletter.
67. Marlene & Glen's Diner is close, at the traffic circle in downtown Plymouth. They are offering a 10% meal discount for those who identify themselves as Camp Plymouth participants. Also a discount on ice cream.
68. If you own clothing or hats that will identify you as a military vehicle or militaria hobbyist, such as a Camp Plymouth commemorative shirt, consider wearing them when shopping, dining, or visiting wineries in the area. We want local businesses to know we are in town and are injecting revenue into the towns and Amador County.

NEAREST AIRPORTS

69. Sacramento International Airport is 52 miles from Plymouth. Those flying in and wanting to stay at the 49er Village might consider renting a discounted RV at Advantage Caravans in Sacramento and booking a RV site. A taxi or Uber ride to and from the rental location is inexpensive.
70. Closest small airports are Westover Field in Jackson, then Rancho Murieta Airport in Rancho Murieta.

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