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HAPPY NEW YEAR HAPPY 40TH BIRTHDAY MVCC



New Member Dennis Aguirre sent in a picture of his really nice Jeep. Welcome aboard Dennis!
"I have had this Jeep for 48 Years. I'm a retired first sergeant of 40 Years in the Army. Only 746 miles on engine and drive train". Dennis Aguirre, Gonzales Calif. Thanks For the picture Dennis. Editor.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Welcome to 2017! Its our wish that EVERYONE in the MVCC has a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR! A Fresh new year to start something new? Or finish something, that could be considered new! 2017 starts with a strong and healthy Military Vehicle Collectors of California Club. Our members keep coming back and we keep getting new members, there is something about being part of a group of people who share the same interest as you do. Strength in numbers we say.

This year we CELLEBRATE the 40th Anniversary of the MVCC! That’s OUTSTANDING! The MVCC hits 40! Remember when you hit 40????! Lol. Its TIME for a party at CAMP PETALUMA??! I think so. We do have a 40th Anniversary T-shirt in the works as we speak!! It will be a celebration of the 40th Anniversary and the move to CAMP PETALUMA! So far the rough drafts look pretty AWESOME but then again I might be bias. Both Don Gomes and myself are working on the NEW 2017 40th Anniversary T-shirt. The MVCC wouldn’t be turning 40 without its founding members, or its officers/board members, or its sponsors/donators, or most importantly its members.

Again, HAPPY 2017 from your MVCC Secretary & Treasurer!
 Johnny & Christina

**“KEEPING EM ROLLING, FLOATING
 AND FLYING FOR 40 YEARS”**

AT THE FRONT



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Hello Everyone, Happy New Year!

Hard to believe 2017 is here, and its already the 40th Anniversary of the MVCC. Welcome to a new year. It is a good time of the year to start planning for the events you are thinking of attending and to set some goals for your vehicle projects. One of those goals is to get those events and dates sent into the newsletter editor in order to get the word out to others while they are planning their year out. You might get that event onto someone's list you have not seen in awhile. 2017 promises to be an exciting year.

With that in mind, Camp Petaluma is just around the corner, and by now everyone that plans on attending and needs a campsite should have put down their deposit with **KOA (707) 763-1492**. After mid-February, HQ is going to start offering the remaining sites to those who did not have a site at Tower Park. **Put your deposit on your spot now.**

Speaking of Tower Park, the management of Jellystone has cleared the way for the MVCC to have our Fall swapmeet there this year. It will be held as always the third week in September 19-24. It is in the event section. Please don't start calling Yogi or Boo Boo until you get the ok from the HQ MVCC. Jellystone Park is still working out the site layouts to incorporate the park changes they will have in place by Fall. Once HQ MVCC knows where and how many sites have been blocked for the Fall swapmeet, we will pass that on to you the members.

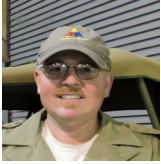
This year is the MVCC's 40th Anniversary and in honor of that I have recreated the earliest front cover page used for our newsletter. The earliest newsletters I have are from 1979. Back in those days, the newsletter was put out quarterly, winter, spring, summer and fall and the printed size was 14"x8.5" folded into a booklet format to approx. 7"x8" The Editor and Treasurer was John S. Anderson. Dues was \$8 a year. There were 51 members. The President of the MVCC or actually the CCCMVCC as we were known back then was Roy Hamilton. There were several regional swapmeets back in those days Coalinga, Pismo Beach (now Oceano Dunes) Visalia, Briones Park, and of course, Patterson. That year the national club we now know as the MVPA then known as the MVCC held their annual convention in Chicago.

One highlight of that show was Al Kropff's WC-56 Command Car, which was restored by Roy Hamilton, winning three awards or as it was called the grand slam. The awards Al was presented with were Best in Class, Best in Show and Longest Trailered (Thousand Oaks to Chicago). The show was covered by Tom Phair for our newsletter.

As we move forward as is customary the past President has stepped down and is now retired. I would like to personally thank Kurt lesser for all his many years of service to the MVCC and its members. Kurt held the office of President of the board for many years taking over from Jack Anderson in 1996. Through these many years, the club has evolved into one of the largest in the country. Our events have grown with our Spring swapmeet becoming the largest west of the Mississippi, along with two very successful conventions. Thanks Kurt!

Dave

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Hello Members!

We just had the Los Banos Veterans Day Parade, it was an outstanding event with lots of people there to support the local Veterans! We had 12 military vehicles in attendance which is great for a small town. Thank you to everyone (Da Eagle Field Group) that brought their vehicles out to LB.

There are many things coming up that don't involve getting your military vehicle out, like preparing for the April MVCC April Meet at the KOA in Petaluma! A BIG "Thank you" to JoAnn Lesser for taking the "bull by the horns" and getting everyone a spot at this new location. Her job is not an easy one, its important to remember that she can not turn water into wine, which means she is doing the best she can.

At the moment I am looking into transportation of my Burma Jeep to the KOA in Petaluma. I will see what I can come up with. We will all be looking at logistical needs. I would like to have my Burma there restored because Paul Lubker (Patterson, Ca) says he will have his Burma Cargo there completed! So we should have 2 Burma's there!

Next year will be the 40th Anniversary of the Military Vehicle Collectors of California! We are working on a T-shirt design that will incorporate this special occasion. We are looking forward to celebrating the 40 years that the MVCC has been around providing us with events and new friends.

Congrats to Lee Smith from Turlock California on his purchase of a M151A2 and M416 trailer! Last I heard he was very happy!

Keep the Turkeys ALLIVE, EAT BEEF! Happy Thanksgiving! If you have any questions or concerns you may email or text or call me.

Keeping History Alive!
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Well another year has clicked by and Donna and I are still around. Looking at the calendar for the next couple of months it looks rather quite. That is if you discount Valentine's Day on Feb 14th. Donna and I will be in Hawaii from Feb 3rd until the 23rd. so will celebrate Valentine's Day there.

I don't see anything on the Military Vehicle calendar until our local Pacific Grove "Good Old Days" Parade on Sat. April 8th – Start time is 10:00 AM. If you're interested in attending let me know. I will be able to attend this year, last year my son took the jeep and I believe Marc Goldman was the only other to attend.

Looks like Damon Viola will be leaving the local area and moving to Silver City, so we won't be able to count on him for local events.

After that is our meet in Petaluma after the Easter weekend. At this time I'm not sure if I will make that event, although I have reserved both a space for the vehicles and a lodge, I have tentatively been invited to bring the LRDG vehicles to the New Zealand Consulate General office in Los Angeles for their celebration of ANZAC weekend of April 22nd/23rd. We are working on details and nothing is cast in stone at this time.

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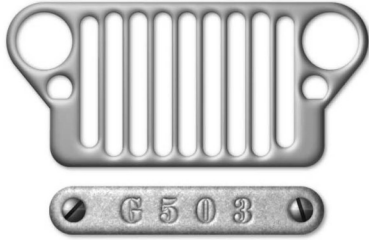


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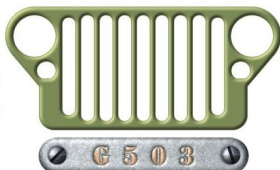
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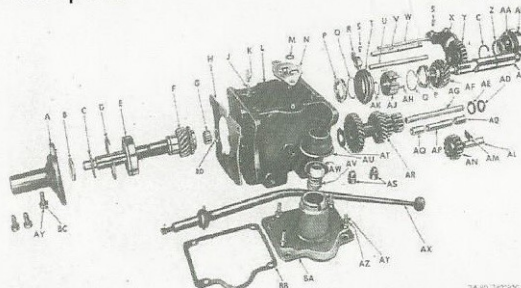
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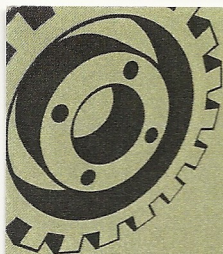
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January 2017

Hello North Bay West,

I wanted to report on another successful Veterans' Day parade in Petaluma! We had about 30 military vehicles in the parade. All of the usual suspects were there. We did have PBR 210 with her newly acquired military boat trailer and Glen Ghilotti brought out his armor and debuted his 1918 Autocar 4wd military truck!

This is a premiere parade and I encourage anyone who hasn't participated in it to come on out and fall in next year!

I also want to extend an invite to our members to join member Ryan Shelly at his family property up in Somerset (just up from Diamond Springs) on February 9-13. This is a winter trail trip and camp out (hotels are available in town). This is a fun opportunity to bring your rig out in the winter and give it a lil' exercise in the snow with a bunch of vintage jeeps and other 4WD vehicles (pre 1975). This is a camp out and trail ride on snow covered logging roads. We do about 20-50 miles a day. Bring your unfinished civilian, military vehicles, dogs and guns with you!

Lastly I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! 2016 was a great year for the club and 2017 looks like it will be filled with new experiences and memories. Remember pay your dues!

Happy New Year,
Scott Rohrs
North Bay West VP

Greetings from the North!

We're just back from the trip to Oahu for the 75th Anniversary of the December 7th attack on Pearl Harbor. We had a great trip despite some rainy days, and got to visit many of the historical sites associated with the attack and the WWII military presence on the island, including the USS Arizona Memorial, Pearl Harbor Visitor's Center, Ford Island and the Pacific Aviation Museum, Wheeler Field, the USS Missouri, the submarine Bowfin, the Veterans parade in Waikiki and a few others. We talked to a few Pearl Harbor survivors, including Commander John Matiuse who was on Ford Island at the seaplane base during the attack. John lives in Mountain View, California and is still spry 75 years later.

One of the unexpected highlights of the trip was watching the aircraft carrier USS John C Stennis depart Pearl Harbor, pushing away from the fueling dock with tugs, spinning 180 degrees and sailing off, right in front of us while we were on the deck of the USS Missouri. It was a special treat from me (and wife, Nancy) since I served on the USS Midway and the USS Constellation, back in the early '70's.

Hope you all are taking advantage of the down time to work on your military vehicles, or maybe find that special part to add to your vehicle. I still have too many projects and probably always will. April and Petaluma will be here before we know it!

Keep 'em Rollin'
Dave

Look for Dave's trip pictures next month! Ed.

Letter from the Central Valley VP Don Gomes, to all members:

HELLO AWESOME PEOPLE!

Greetings fellow military vehicle restorers and historians and everyone in the MVCC.

A HAPPY 2017 to You and Yours.

I don't know about you but I'm really looking forward to Camp Petaluma in April. Its kind of exciting to visit a new place in a new town. I've been to Petaluma many years ago to visit the Military Antique Store, all I can say is I highly recommend it. And Petaluma has a bunch of antique stores and great places to eat. Its looks like Camp Petaluma is a beautiful place.

As of now I have placed a deposit on the lodge at Camp Petaluma. If you were given a spot at Camp Petaluma I strongly remind you to put a deposit down asap, no point in taking chances that someone else could end up with your spot. Sites will be released eventually if they don't have a deposit to give someone else a chance. The only way the MVCC was able to get a good price on lodging was to assure KOA that we will have deposits down on every site available to us. I know our secretary and treasurer have put deposits down and I believe most board members have as well. You need to secure your spot.

As we speak I am looking to secure transportation from my military vehicle to Camp Petaluma. The Burma Jeep is way to heavy for a regular car trailer. AND, I am still working the Burma Jeep to get it more complete. Paul Lubker is restoring his Burma Jeep Cargo and hopes to have it done and at Camp Petaluma as well.

Keeping History Alive!
Don Gomes...



Paul Lubker's M38 Jeep. Beautifully restored. Paul has it for sale in the classifieds.

Don Gomes



2016 Petaluma Veterans Day parade. Top: Team Ghilotti Armor and 1918 Autocar

Bottom Left: Halftracks, Scout Car and Command Car

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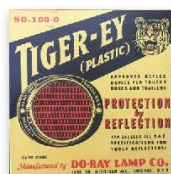
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The KOA Campground at Tower Park Resort has been sold and is being remodeled for larger RVs, and with a water park, shrinking the number of sites. Our Spring event will no longer fit. After an extensive search for a large enough location, the MVCC is happy to announce the event will take place at the San Francisco North/Petaluma KOA, 20 Rainsville Road, Petaluma, CA 94952. This beautiful campground in the Sonoma County dairy and wine country offers some great improvements including excellent options for driving your MVs!

See www.MVCCNews.net for details and updates. Contact Jo-Ann Lesser for cabin, lodge, and camping reservations. KOA will not accept them direct. mamalesser@yahoo.com or 408-238-8277. We are planning to return to Tower Park for the FALL Camp Delta, September 19-24. Reservations will be accepted when we receive the new layout map.



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Well, they're still out there. I recently purchased another WWII jeep, a 1943 GPW. I think it's jeep number 10 but who's counting... this is the Military Vehicle Collector's club, right? I've been telling people that I no longer have to look for military vehicle stuff – it finds me. Here's the story of how this particular jeep found its way to my house:

Back in October I was contacted by a gentleman in my area about how to price a jeep he wanted to sell. He said the jeep had been in his family since his dad bought it from the first civilian owner in 1952, technically making it a two-owner jeep, and that it had always been stored inside. He claimed it was 90% original (and I was skeptical, having seen many "original" jeeps for sale). I asked for pictures and posted it in various military vehicle club newsletters, hoping someone would take a look at it and give him a reasonable price range. Weeks passed and nobody went to look at it. I had already told him in an email what I thought it might be worth based on what I could see in the photos. so when he let me know he was still waiting to hear from anybody I decided to make an offer. He countered with a "split the difference" price and I decided I had to go take a look at it.

The jeep turned out to be a beautiful rust free example of an April, 1943 GPW with only a few bolt-on pieces missing, but nothing modified or "bubbafied". Even the original Ford front bumper was still there (although slightly bent). Serial numbers matched on the frame and data plate. The engine serial number was only partially visible but looked like it matched too. He even had a photo of the original hood number taken before he applied a coat of OD paint, along with receipts for work and parts dating back to 1947. The jeep hadn't run in 6 or 7 years, but it looked like it had a fresh tune up with new wires, plugs, points and coil.

Long story short, we agreed on the price, made the deal and GPW 110398 was mine -saved another one! When I got it home, I bought and installed a new 6V battery, hooked up a temporary fuel tank (since it needs fuel lines), checked the oil (clean and fresh) and fired it up on the first crank. When I cleaned off the engine serial number I verified it is indeed a numbers matching jeep. Yep, they're still out there! (No, it's not for sale... this one's a keeper). I'll bring it to Petaluma in April, but you have to promise not to drool on it.

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