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Bop Turley and his 1943 Ford GTBC Bomb Service Truck in Oceanside's 4th of July Parade. This was the GTBC's Shakedown Cruise. The Parade was approximately 2 miles down the Main Drag, but about a 40 mile round trip to support the parade. Not a bad shakedown cruise.  
Bob Turley

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## WAGON MISTRESS REPORT

**The cut off date for MVCC group rates and deposits on reserved sites is August 17**

September Camp Delta is not too far away and now is the time to get your deposits in.

Jellystone is requiring a 50% down payment as a deposit. The remaining 50% is due at check-in.

Dave has been working hard with the park and has informed me that there will be NO charge for day visitors and NO charge for parking on the levee.

If you are coming for the day please pay attention to where you park as parking by the boat sheds is for boat owners and will be a tow-away zone for us.

As of this writing there are only a few cabins and sites available.

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Hi Everyone...

I hope the heat has not been stifling where you live, it's been a real warm summer so far and it's just the end of July. Lots going on with lots of events asking for our vehicles to support them.

Jellystone park is all set for us in September and Jo-Ann has informed me that the cut off date for the MVCC discount for sites will end August 17, so give Joann a call if you plan on attending the fall meet.

I know this newsletter is late but like all of you the Editor has a life and projects and once in a while the defecation hits the rotating oscillator. A while back the newsletters went to a numbered system rather than a month system this issue is number 7 it came after 6 and is before number 8. :-)

With that said we are still looking for one of you that would like to be the editor for your club.

The MVCC is one of very few clubs that mail out hard copies it would save the club a lot of money and time if more of you would consider getting your newsletter in color on our website. It is simple for you to print.

Please contact your club secretary John his info is below if you would like to change to the online newsletter. I hope everyone is having a great summer and hope to see you in a few weeks at Camp Delta / Jellystone.

Stay Safe, Keep em, Rolling, Floating and Flying.

Dave Ball

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HI Fellow MVCC Members!

We are helping out on a GREAT event for November 10th at the Turlock Golf & Country Club in Turlock, Ca. This is a pretty Awesome fundraiser for the Turlock Veterans Charitable Trust (formerly known as Wounded Warriors).

A little about this event in its 6th year; It was started by fellow MVCC member Lee Smith, owner of Smith Chevrolet, 6 years ago to help raise money for wounded US Military Service men and women. Lee Smith served in the US Army, last time I was at his office he showed me a picture of himself on a jeep in Korea in 1971. Lee is proud to have served his country and is even more proud to help raise funds that help military organizations that help our service members.

This will be my first year to the Turlock Veterans event. Our local MVCC VP has been going to it and says it's an excellent event for an excellent cause. Please check out the enclosed flyer.

**WE NEED MILITARY VEHICLES** to be displayed on the golf course!!! Yes, on the Golf Course! We will be displayed so that the people spending their money playing golf get a chance to see actual military vehicles and maybe make them open their pockets up a bit. POC is Don Gomes, your Central Valley VP

(209)765-1273. There will be vendors serving food and drinks of all kinds throughout the tournament. The event is from 8AM-3PM. Of course if you get there late it will not be a problem, we will put you in somewhere. I did ask Don if he or his jeep got hit with any golf balls last year and he said no, he said that the way they set your vehicle it will be fine. If you have any questions or can come please give Don a heads up.

Christina and I will definitely be there with our MV! There will be parking for trucks and trailers in their turf yard. Regards, Johnny Verissimo

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **April 24-29, 2018 Spring Meet Petaluma KOA.**

No vendor fee except camping fee.

Contact: MVCC Wagon Master

Jo-Ann Lesser; (408) 238- 8277

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**August 26, 2017** at the Nut Tree Airport in Vacaville. EAA Chapter 1230 is hosting our first annual Aviation Flea market on Saturday.

Legends of Flight Pancake Breakfast held from 8am till 11am. Our Flea market will be held from 10am till 3pm, and is offering aviation items only. We would like to have Military vehicles on display at the Flea Market. If you should be interested in displaying your vehicle let me know Please contact Larry Smigla Event Planner 707 689-4848

**September 9-10, 2017** California Capital Airshow Sacramento County's Mather Airport 10425 Norden Avenue Mather, CA 95655

<http://CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com>

**September 12-17, 2017:** Camp Gridley Butte County Fairgrounds, Hosted by the NRG [www.northernrecongroup.org](http://www.northernrecongroup.org)

**Sept 23 & 24th 9:30am -4:00pm** Northern California Veterans Historical Association presents 2nd Annual Military History & Combat Vehicle Show Redding Calif. Highway 273 at Old Sky Ranch Airport Overnight camping and RV onsite Vendors and Collectors welcomed.....all participating entrants free

Contact: Jerry 530 739-2562 or [mountainmilitary@icloud.com](mailto:mountainmilitary@icloud.com)

## **September 19-24, 2017 Fall Camp Delta**

Second largest annual Military Vehicle gathering and swap meet in the West. Location Tower Park resort Jelly Stone Park For reservations please call Joann lesser 408-238-8277

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**September 23, 2017** Gustine Fly in, Gustine Airport 8am to 4pm call Don Gomes - 209-765-1273

**September 30, 2017** – 9am to 4pm The Central Valley Aviation Association “Remember When” 3rd Annual Classic Fly-In and Classic Car Show Fresno Chandler Executive Airport (KFCH) 510 W. Kearney Blvd., Fresno, CA 93706 Classic Car Admission \$20 pre-registration, \$25 day of event Dash plaques for the first 60 cars Call Arnie for more information (559) 816-8461

## **October 2-9, 2017 Fleet Week San Francisco.**

Three day Air show with Blue Angels and Canadian Snow Birds plus several other aircraft military and civilian. Also Tour the USS San Diego LPD 22 Friday the 6th has the parade of ships 10am to noon with the airshow following. Marina Green is the center stage.

<https://fleetweeksf.org/>

Contact Kim Sievert he may have a contact at Fort Mason for vehicle display.

**November 10, 2017** 9am to 4pm Turlock Veterans Charitable Trust. Turlock Golf Course please bring MV's for static displays around course free food and drink for participants !! Call Lee Smith 209-988-8832

**November 11, 2017** Gustine Veterans Parade downtown Gustine line up 9am. call Don Gomes -209-765-1273

**November 11, 2017 Saturday San Jose Veterans day parade** starts at noon. San Jose United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County.

<http://www.uvcsc.org/VetParadeInfo.htm>

**November 11, 2017** Petaluma Veterans Day Parade. This Annual North Bay Parade, begins at 1 p.m., starting point at Walnut Park at "D" Street, For info: Scott Rohrs 415-259-8177 [recon3rdid@yahoo.com](mailto:recon3rdid@yahoo.com)

If you have any questions or have information regarding a meet or activity in your area, contact your regional vice president or any of the officers to let them know. Be sure to visit our website for any last minute activities or changes to activities/events. Please submit information regarding upcoming activities to the newsletter editor at least two months before the scheduled event. All articles must be submitted to the newsletter editor by the 15th of each month. **MVCC News Editor Dave Ball** [vought@msn.com](mailto:vought@msn.com) [www.mvccnews.net](http://www.mvccnews.net)



We had a great day and spectacular turn out this year for the 4th of July parade in Lincoln, CA. We had 8 WW2 jeeps and one WW2 Half-track filled with Vets from all branches. This year's special honored Vet, Navy Commander Dick Shafer Ret.  
Pictures Ben Hovis, FVJG/MVCC

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Hello to every one in the MVCC. A lot of events are just now coming in. Please read all the info below I am looking forward to seeing a lot of you at these events.

The August 12 event is in conjunction with the Rosie Rally which takes place at the Rosie the Riveter/Home-front Museum on the other side of the channel from The Red Oak Victory. The event will also have a WW II/Home-front theme. There will be a shuttle between the museum and the ship for those who don't want to drive and it is an easy 5-7 minute drive for those who want to. We welcome any and all Military Vehicles at the ship on that day.

The next R.O.V special event after that is September 2 and this will have a Korean War/50s theme. Following that, the Fleet Week event on October 7 will have a Vietnam/60s theme. I am not quite sure of all the activities on that day but I really encourage Vietnam vets from all branches to come to the ship that day and they will be acknowledged in some manner.

Again, all questions about R.O.V. events should come to [fred@redoakvictory.us](mailto:fred@redoakvictory.us), 510-701-4411 and/or to Johannes Hoech at [Johannes@redoakvictory.us](mailto:Johannes@redoakvictory.us), 650-868-0097.

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Greetings from the North,

It's been a busy season so far. MVCC members in the Northern area participated in several parades and events including 4th of July parades in Auburn, Lincoln, Carmichael and elsewhere. I had a jeep on display at the Lincoln Air Fest this year, which featured non-stop airshow performances and a swearing-in ceremony for new Air Force Cadets.

Local celebrity and WWII Ace Bud Anderson was there to shake the Cadet's hands after they completed the ceremony.

Three of our vehicles were selected to participated in the "Honor Parade", driving around the airport with Bud and other Vets riding in the jeeps.

Coming up on September 9-10 is the Capital Airshow at Mather Airport in Sacramento. If you are interested in participating in our Military Vehicle display, contact me at [dnporter56@comcast.net](mailto:dnporter56@comcast.net). It's a great way to see the show for free and display your vehicle. Hot on the heels of the airshow is Camp Gridley, to be held September 12-17 at the Butte County Fairgrounds in Gridley. There's a rumor going around that there might be a couple of DUKWs and a floater Weasel there for Operation Water Fest. Then it's back to Tower Park on September 19-24 for the MVCC Fall Meet. Be sure to say hi to Yogi Bear as you cruise around in your MV at Jellystone Park Resort, which is the new venue at Tower. Sounds like I need to take the whole month of September off this year...

how am I going to get any work done on my projects???

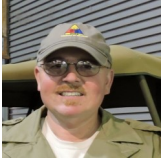
(Pictures on page are from the Lincoln Air Fest, June 10, 2017.)

Keep 'em Rolling,  
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Hello MVCC members long time no see. I hope all is well with you. Well all I can say is this heat wave has took a toll on everyone. I can't wait till it cools down and I hope it cools down for Tower Park fall meet. For those of you that didn't buy a Camp Petaluma T-shirt or patch in April we will have them there on Friday for sale so please find our MVCC club trailer and spend your money !! Don Gomes MVCC CENTRAL VALLEY V.P. Keeping History Alive !



Phil Tracey's WC-1 Command car at the 2017 Power wagon Rally in Hollister Hills

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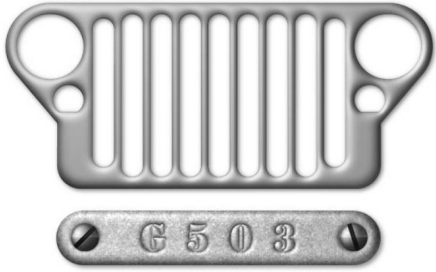


Here's some info on our participation in the Cayucos Annual July 4th Parade. This parade is one of the 2 largest in the county. It's only our second year in this parade. We had 8 or 9 MV's with 6 veterans. The crowds were so enthusiastic in regards to the vets that the parade officials are planning to have vets all through the parade next year. The pics are as follows: TL Ted Green, US Navy, WW2 and Korea, 1944-53 TR Vic Dostalek, US Army, Allied Occupied Germany, 1949-52 ML Don Gullickson, US Navy, WW2 Pacific, 1943-46 MR "Frosty", US Navy, WW2 Pacific, 1942-46 BR Martin McGuire, US Navy, Korea, 1952-54 BR Parade Crowd Submitted by Frank Simon



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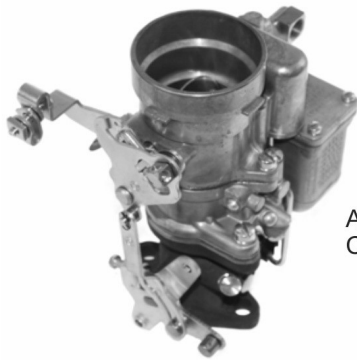
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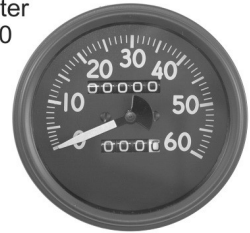


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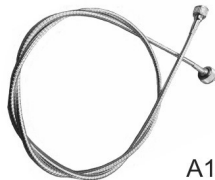


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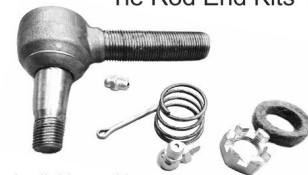


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Foothills Vintage Jeep Group, and MVCC members featured on June 10, 2017 in the Airfest Airshow, Lincoln, CA Airfest featured an Airport Parade, honoring many very special Vets

Pictures 1 and 2, honoring Col. Bud Anderson WW2 Double USAAF Ace with Randy Payne driver/owner in his 1945 MB

Picture 3 Tim Buescher in his 1945 GPW and Dave Porter in his (“new” matching numbers, 1943 GPW) with 4 honored Vets in airport parade.

Pictures 4 this page and 5 opposite page show the display with FVJG and MVCC WW2 restored vehicles. Picture 6 opposite page shows a B-25 and P-51 on display. The Airshow was huge this year and our vehicles were very popular for this show.

Members displaying were: Tim Buescher, Curt Covington, Tom Gunther, Doug O’Neil, Randy Payne, Dave Porter, Rich Horvath, Ben Hovis and Pat Walker.

Respectfully submitted by Ben Hovis and photos by Dave Porter



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Scrunch Valley Patrol, FMC LVT(4) Shown during the Los Banos Raid, Philippines. 23 February 1945, which was executed by a combined U.S. Army Airborne and Filipino guerrilla task force, resulting in the liberation of 2,147 Allied civilian and military internees from an agricultural school campus turned Japanese internment camp. Coordinated Air, Land and Sea troops to include 54 LVT(4) tracked amphibious assault vehicles such as the one pictured of the 672nd Amphibian Tractor Battalion commanded by Lt. Col. Joseph W. Gibbs slipped into Laguna de Bay and headed for Mayondon Point, near San Antonio, The fifty four Amtracs of the 672nd Amphibious Battalion came ashore in nine columns of six vehicles after green smoke grenades were popped on San Antonio beach, the Amtracs reached the camp, knocking out a pillbox and crashed through the camp gate. To this day one of the most successful rescue missions. USA / Editor

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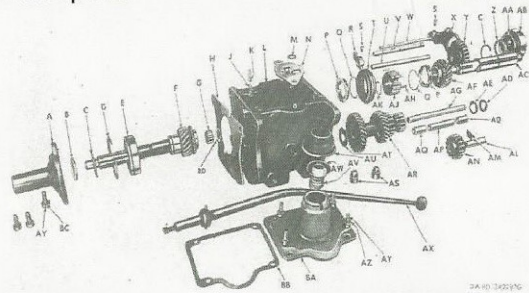
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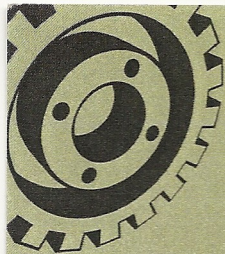
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We had 10 vehicles in Alameda's 4th of July Parade This year. Including B.J. and Carole Parma's Jeeps, Kevin and Teresa Karvonen Jeep and Blazer. John Fornbacher and Fred Klink from the Red Oak Victory, Sea Bee Group. Vehicles included 1/4 ton Jeeps , 1/2 ton Command Car, 3/4 ton Weapons Car. Navy Staff Car as a Taxi and in the rear position a 5 ton. After Parade we all returned to the Alameda Naval Air Museum for an All American Lunch, Hot Dogs, Chili, Potato Salad, Beer, etc. Thank You All who Participated in our Parade.

Larry Pirack Alameda Naval Air Museum Some pictures from Larry above.

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**For Sale:** DODGE 1 1/2 TON WC63. 6x6 Parade ready Older restoration, original 230 ci 6-cylinder engine. Good breaks and tires, full canvas top and cargo covers. Fully functioning front PTO winch. Winner of multiple locale military shows. Includes correct WWII 1 ton Ben Hur trailer. Located in Gilbert. \$18000 Matt Walker 602-377-1043 or matthewj.walker@icloud.com 7-17

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# A Military Vehicle “Crawling” Out of The Past.

James E. Bundgaard CW4 (USA Retired)

While participating in the “Best of The West” Show in Santa Margarita, I spotted a unique WWI tractor used by the Allied Forces starting in 1916. “The War to End All Wars” was a transitional war moving from the horse drawn to motorized wheel vehicles. The battle field had advanced as well with many and larger Field Artillery pieces that out burdened the horse drawn teams and the period wheeled vehicles capability. The solution came from the United States agricultural industry a 9,200 pound “caterpillar” track layer supplied by HOLT Tractor Company.

The HOLT G-002, M-1917 Artillery Tractor (aka. Gun Tractor), 5 Ton, exceeded expectations with a 4 cylinder gas engine developing 56 H.P at 1200 R.P.M. and weighing 10,500 pounds when fully equipped with armor plating etc. Though it was heavy, the 9 inch and 11 inch grouser plate tracks displaced 5.6 and 4.5 pounds per square inch respectively. This “crawler” tractor had a 3-speed transmission: 1<sup>st</sup> at 1.41 M.P.H. for pulling heavy loads, 2<sup>nd</sup> (direct drive) at 3.92 MPH, and 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.37 MPH for traveling. These crawlers were used predominately behind the line moving heavy ordinance equipment, pulling wagon supply trains, and accessing off-road locations with soft soil and uneven ground locations that period self powered wheel vehicles could not travel. What it could not do in speed, at 5'-3" wide it made up for in tight maneuvering with an outside turning diameter of 176" (14"-8"), inside diameter 48" (4 feet)! Not obvious at first, there seemed to be more concern about protecting the engine and ten gallon reserve gas tank than the operator, for there is no armor plating around the driver, only the seat back and two 12 gallon tanks on either side. As it had no battery, the “ARM”-strong starter crank rolled over the engine and magneto to get it going, and the driving lights were lit with kerosene. With its introduction into WWI, not only did it influence the development of the British, French, and later German tanks, it was also credited as a major factor in winning the war. HOLT licensed the production of many of its 5 and 10 ton tractors to MAXWELL Motor Company, Inc. and REO Motor Car Company as is this 1918 tractor. Between WWI and WWII Holt merged with C. L. Best Tractor and eventually became CATERPILLAR TRACTOR. Thomas Madden resides in Paso Robles and is the owner of this specimen as well as four other WWI track vehicles including a 10 ton Military version under restoration as part of his collection.



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Lunga Point on the northern coast of Guadalcanal. Supplies and equipment including several International 1 1/2 ton Cargo trucks M-3H-4 on the beach USMC picture No. 3-20 Bob Turley



Picture to the left is of John Bodnar , Julie Antonelli and Mike. Standing behind John's 1943 Ford GPW Jeep. Camp Petaluma, April, 2017

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