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Hello MVCC!

Wow, it is great to be back home. Fire season is winding down and Fall is in the air! 2022 is looking to be a great year for the MVCC, the April Camp Plymouth is growing, COVID cases are dropping, and the club is starting its 45th year!

We're already working on a great Spring event and need your help. So, as part of the club's 45th anniversary, we need copies of your old photos of MVCC events and gatherings. Pre-Patterson, Patterson, Big Bear, Corning/Wooden Bridge, Casa da Fruta, Tower, etc. We're making a video for Camp Plymouth and a pared-down video for the club website. If you can't scan them, please let me know and we'll make arrangements to scan them for you. Please send photos to moparacer@sbcglobal.net

One of the Showcases for April is Barn and Field Finds which is to honor the 45th years of MVCC members saving military vehicles. We need unrestored MVs saved from the scrapper's torch. Running or not! Drive it in, tow it or drag it. If you have a "I'll get to it someday" project this is great time to bring it into the light for others to see. I'm going to work on my M5A4 HST for this showcase, what can you bring?

In other big news for April—through donations from a MVCC member and a major MV vendor (both who wish to remain nameless) we're having a club dinner/ birthday party at Camp Plymouth. Each member and one guest can have a free pasta dinner, and the rumor mill says we may have a special run of MVCC at 45 wine.

Most of my local Veterans Day parades are still canceled, but it looks like the SS Jeremiah O'Brien will host some MVs for the Pearl Harbor 80th anniversary on the weekend of December 4 & 5. If you are interested, just let me know by email as we finalize the plans. As of right now, the plan is to display WWII vehicles from 9am to 4pm pier side of the O'Brien.



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HAPPY THANKSGIVING! What's going on in the MVCC? Veterans Day Parades. Find one and join in on the festivi-

ties in your area. Pretty much every town has a VFW or similar club that will be doing something in memorial of the the fallen or past Veterans. I had a call today from our Gustine VFW to ask if we could c ome to the parade again this year and how our support with our military vehicles and as always I said yes we will be there and that we always look forward to it.

<u>I want to thank Bob Turley and Corey Firman</u> for sending in articles this month, thank you gentlemen. If there is something going on in your area please feel free to do a write up about it and send it in to myself along with photos if there are some.

The MVCC April/Spring Meet Registration ss in this newsletter! Check it out. Get your spot while is available. If the covid thing should subside between now and the beginning of next year we should have a busy fun packed SPING MEET next year! There are plans in the works to take over more of the fairgrounds so we can ad more venders and have more space for camping.

<u>The MVCC election</u> has kept all officers except for the retiring Jack Valenti. Charles Tope h as taken over at the Central Coast Vice President in charge of everything MVCC in that area. And Congrats to Charles on his new (to him) purchase of a GTB Cargo that he will be restoring.

Spring Meet Showcases: There will be a Ford GTB Showcase and Ford Mutt M151 Showcase! If you got one bring it.

Photos below: Jim Berto invited us to attend the 4th Annual Gathering of the Warbirds Show. Thank you Jim! In the photo in the far corner are L-R: Joe Davis, Brian Alexander, Jim Berto, Chris Thomas, Christina Verissimo and Johnny Verissimo(myself).

Johnny Verissimo...









MVCC APRIL MEET 2022 SHOWCASE

Presents

FORD MUTT M151 Showcase

If you have a M151, M151A1, M151A2 or any Mutt Variant please bring them to the Showcase! Wanted in any condition. Restored, non restored or in the process of being restored. Showcase is from 1-4 on Friday April 29, 2022. Awards will be given. We hope to have a huge amount of M151's ever at a MVCC meet so please spread the word! POC is still to be determined, if your interested send me an email or call.. Johnny



Photos taken by Johnny Verissimo at Tower Park Meets in Lodi, California













MILITARY VEHICLE COLLECTORS OF CALIFORNA'S 2022 APRIL SHOW AND SWAPMEET



PRESENTS



THE FORD GTB BOMB AND CARGO TRUCK SHOWCASE



APRIL 29, 2022 10AM TO 1PM

AMADOR COUNTY FAIRGOUNDS IN PLYMOUTH CALIFORNIA IN THE SHOWCASE ARENA

Wanted, ALL GTB's in any condition, to be displayed in the arena. Awards will be given. Your GTB need not be restored or can be restored. We are trying to get as many Ford GTBS together as possible. This will be a great opportunity to see, learn, ask questions, take photos, make contacts and of course make new friends. The two GTB's on this flyer will be at the Show as well as others Don is working on having there.

The MVCC takes over the Camp 49er RV Resort and Amador County Fairgrounds for a huge military vehicle meet. There will be a huge swap meet and many military vehicles or all sorts and all era's.

Person of Contact (POC) is Don Gomes, if you have any questions, concerns or comments please call (209)765-1273 for more information of go to www.mvccnews.net

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PARKER, AZ MV CAMPOUT SWAP MEET & GUNSHOW

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WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR

LOCATION: LA PAZ COUNTY PARK - This year we have reserved the same group camp area as last year as well as a couple dozen river front cabana sites.

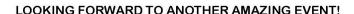
NEW ADDITION: A gun show will be held in the Pavilion building on Saturday and Sunday. This will be great for drawing more folks to the park and help us showcase our vehicles!

PRICING AND REGISTRATION: We will be sending out an Event Info and Registration form as soon as we have more details confirmed.



EVENT SUPPORTERS: This years' event is supported by both the Southern California Military Vehicle Collectors Club (SCMVCC) and the Arizona Military Vehicles Collectors Club (AMVCC).











We were having our annual block party and I thought the kids might like to ride in the Mule. But first I had to move my HMMWV out and the kids came shooting over and wanted to sit in the HMMWV and honk the horn, etc. When that died down, I backed the Mule out and the kids all jumped on it (they were wearing their helmets from riding their bikes). I drove it up and down the street and a couple of kids at the end of the block came running out of their house when they heard it and wanted a ride. The adults were of course very curious and I gave them a tour.

I think I'm the modern version of the Pied Piper, but with a Mule. :)
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Hello MVCC'ers!

It's been a bit crazy for me and I apologize for missing last month's article. Nikole's family has been dealing with some health issues, and it's been a bit chaotic around here.

But the show must go on as they say, so last weekend I attended the 1st annual Genoa Car show with Ron McKimmy and Damon Viola. Genoa is a patriotic and historic small town South of Carson City and sits right at the base of the Sierra Nevada mountains. It's also home to the oldest bar in the state of Nevada. We brought 3 vehicles, Damon's '43 GPW jeep, Ron's '65 M151A1 MUTT, and my M1038 HMMWV.

After we got set up at the show, we realized that we had inadvertently created a physical history of the jeep display with each of our vehicles being nearly 20 years apart ('43, '65, '85) from the one next to it. Even though being among a sea of shiny, high-horsepower works of automotive art, our vehicles were well received. We had a lot of folks coming by and thanking us for bringing our vehicles out, a good number of veterans telling us stories of their time in service with one of our vehicles, and kids getting their picture taken with a helmet and flak jacket on. The weather was perfect, and we had a fantastic day.

Back in September, Nikole and I were scheduled to bring the HMMWV out to support the University of Nevada Veteran Services

Office Welcome Barbeque. Unfortunately, they postponed it due to heavy smoke from all the wildfires in CA. But in 2 weeks, it's back on, and we'll be there to support the UNR veteran community.

After that, we're looking forward to the Virginia City Veterans Day Parade. The City of Reno decided to make their parade "virtual", so we said the heck with that, and got our application in up the hill.

I hope this note finds you well, in good spirits, and looking forward to a Veterans Day parade in your area. Take care, and I wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving!

-Sean







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Hi 510/925 MV'ers,

Here at Camp Diaper Change there's not too much to report. The M37 has made some regular appearances at school and the kids really enjoy it, but can't believe it's driven on the road. I guess the lack of a digital screen, a manual transmission, a choke and manual windows leaves them a bit confused. Unfortunately Maya happily called it "Cute!". Her grade has been summarily reduced.

On the Radar we have the San Francisco Mayor's Salute to Veterans Parade on November 7th. It's a great event and they have really appreciated our participation for the last few years. The parade is being held in memory of Wallace Levin, who worked hard to organize the event every year and has been a Veterans advocate for many years in San Francisco. He was a Veteran himself and worked for the OSS during Korea. I feel fortunate that I had the opportunity to get to know him and will miss him. I've spoken with Mark B. and it looks like he and the Memorial Squadron will be making some passes this year too. At the last parade Mark and the crew were able to do this and it made Wally's day. I'm glad to hear they will be participating this year. We're hoping to make this Henry's first parade and hope to see you there! (Please contact me if you plan to attend.)

Enjoy the beautiful Fall weather,

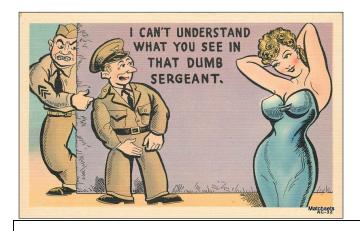
Andy Shyers 510/925 Area VP

San Francisco Mayor's Salute Veterans Parade Parade Date: - Sunday, November 7,

Parade Start Time: 11:00 am

Location: Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco, California In Memory of Wallace I. Levin, Executive Parade Coordinator

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is again honored to organize the 101ST San Francisco Mayor's Salute to Veterans Parade. The first was held in 1919 to honor the San Franciscans of the 363rd Infantry Regiment of the 91st Division when they returned from France after the end of World War One. We invite you to be part of the parade or to support this event in any way that you can. And after the parade, you can enjoy all of the great things to do at Fisherman's Wharf.







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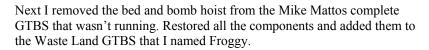
Happy Fall to all MVCC Club members,

Not much going on in the Central Valley except for our Veterans Day Parade coming up so please support all of them across the country. I'll be at my local Gustine Ca Veterans Parade starting at 10am sharp!

Here's my GTB Story: it all starts with a trip to long time member of the Mvcc Mike Mattos Estate in Patterson Ca in 2015. Johnny

Verissimo talked me into going to see two 1943 Ford GTB's. Johnny had been watching these GTB's for over 25 years and Mike had never put them up for sale because he would never sell any of his military vehicles. So after Mikes passing his whole Estate was for sale except for the land. So Johnny V, Fred B and I went to Patterson and struck a deal with Karen the caretaker of the Estate on the two 1943 GTB's Bomb trucks.

I was getting ready to start the restoration on the GTBS (the S in GTBS means this GTB is a single rear wheels vehicle, does not have dual rear wheels) that was more complete and was looking for rear fenders which are very rare to find. Next I got an email from Chris Thomas that there was a GTB on Craigslist for sale in Nevada City Ca. So that evening I texted the owner Robert W of the GTB and asked if he would sell the fenders off the truck only because the truck was setup as a Mad Max Creation for the 2015 Wasteland Weekend in the Mohave Desert. So long story short I bought the whole running GTB and Robert delivered it too.



One day I went to Castle Air Museum for an outing with the guys and happened to meet the volunteers that restore the planes and vehicles for the museum displays. We started talking and they said we have an old Bomb truck in the old holding yard that we might sell if the price is right. So we took a look and it was another 1943 Ford GTBS with the bomb hoist and other rare parts I needed to finish Froggy so I bought it. ... continued on page 7.









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After the restoration of Froggy I've been buying GTB's all over California making them more complete with the part that I have bought through the years for Froggy restoration and selling them all over the world. A couple years ago My friend Paul L asked me to come by and make a deal on the 3 GTB's and parts so we struck a deal and bought all 3. One of the trucks was a GTBA cargo that was rough and needed a lot of work so I put it on FB market place and sold it to Ross H in the United Kindom and is being restored for a museum. The next GTBs was the parts truck for Froggy and was sold on EBay and never picked up so I resold it to Dave P to add to his collection. The GTB was the C cab flat bed bought from Paul L. I removed the bed and added the correct cargo bed and sold it to Ross H in the United Kingdom. One day Johnny got a call from Fred K in Manteca and he wanted to sell all his MV's so Johnny told me and our friend Denny and we went take a look. I ended up striking a deal with Fred and bought 3 more GTB's. One we called the Virgin because it was still in its original OD paint with markings and side seat and it was sold to Remko in the Netherlands. The second GTB from Fred was a 1943 GTBA with full troop seats but rusted out everywhere and it was sold to Robert in Florida and is now being restored for a museum. The third GTB was GTBA that looked the worst but had an engine, trans and transfer all in working order and a good radiator. I'm keeping that one as a backup parts truck for Froggy. Next couple trucks I found on FB market place in Victor-

ville Ca a GTBA and a GTBC bomb truck with crane hoist. I ended up making a deal and had them shipped to Newman. The Bomb truck was sold to Brian in Winchester Ca. I did a trade for a 1943 Depth Charge and cash. The other GTB was parted out.

One day I was on market place and found a little photo of a white GTB in Lone Pine Ca owned by a little 84 year young lady that was selling it after her husband's deat. It took me two weeks and finally sealed the deal and had it shipped home. The GTBA was the nicest truck I had ever bought, very rust free and hadn't ran in ten years but I put a fuel pump, water pump and battery and she started right up and shifted through all the gears and brakes worked. I ended up selling it on Johnny's GTB Facebook page. The Lanzendorfova family in the Czech Republic was looking for a running Cargo so I contacted them via email and 2 months later it has been shipped to the other side of the world.



I have truly enjoyed finding new homes for all these GTB's. That's been the best part of doing what I have done. Its never been about making money, God knows there is no money in what we do as a hobby, it's about saving these military vehicles. Together with

friends we have saved all the above vehicles, many of which will end up in museums for everyone to see. Love a FORD GTB.













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Greetings from the South Bay area and welcome to winter, it's arrived! I'd like to thank all of the men and women working tirelessly to keep out state going despite the natural and political disasters it's suffered in this pandemic period. Will we ever get back to "normal", and exactly what is that "normal" going to look like?

Regarding the South Bay. I finally received an email from the Santa Clara Veterans Council about the Veterans Day Parade this year, Unfortunately the email was send out on October 6th and their deadline for signing up was listed as October 1st but I went ahead and filled out the application and send it in. I've received a follow up email that out group has been accepted but there hasn't been any additional information about where and when. We normally line up on Autumn Street which is now called Barack Obama Boulevard around 10 Am in preparation for the parade kick off at noon. Please stay posted to the website for further information. I'll do my best to get it there as soon as I have it.

Kurt Lesser



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ATTENTION!!

The dates for our April 2022 event have been finalized. The week of **April 25 thru April 30** has been set! Our group has been given the whole week with a 4 day minimum stay beginning Wednesday, April 27 thru Saturday, April 30. The registration form can be found in this issue of the MVCCNEWS or on line at mvccnews.net. I will begin accepting registrations **December 1, 2021** and the **49'er RV Resort (209.245.6981)** will be accepting payment or deposit beginning **January 2, 2022.** Payment or deposit must reach the 49'er no later than **March 24, 2022.** At that time the 49'er takes back from the club any sites with no deposit or payment. The rates for this year include all fees and or taxes.

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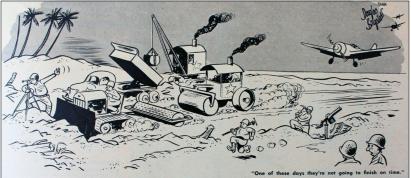
If you have a question as to what type site you are in or if you are a new member and have not been assigned a site, please don't hesitate to email me at mycccampmistress@yahoo.com

Camping at the Amador County Fairgrounds? The cutoff date for registration and payment is April 15, 2022.



This year the MVCC is celebration our 45th Anniversary. The board has decided to provide members with an anniversary dinner on Friday, April 29, 2022. You will see a line on the registration from asking how many members you are registering for. This will provide the board with an approximate dinner count. Please keep an eye out for updated information as we plan the anniversary party.





UPCOMING EVENTS



November 7, 2021: San Francisco Mayor's Salute Veterans Parade. Parade Start Time: 11:00 am Location: Fisherman's Wharf. San Francisco. California

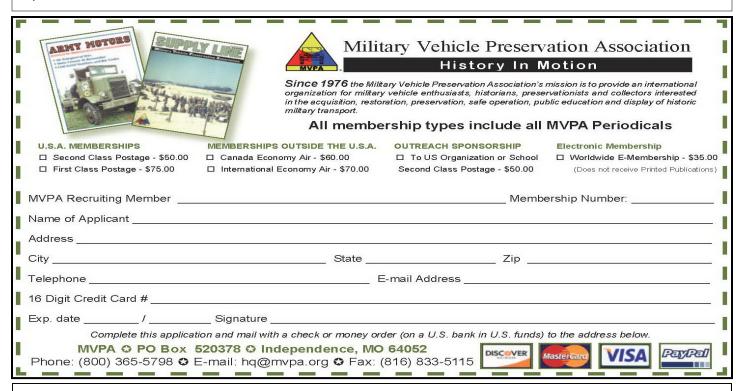
November 11th 2021: Veterans Charitable Trust Golf Tournament .. At Turlock Golf Course Nov 11th please bring your MV's for display 10Am food and drink provided . POC Lee Smith 209-988-8832 . In Turlock California. Display your military vehicle on the golf course. This is a fundraiser for Veterans Charitable Trust.

November 11th 2021: Petaluma Veteran's Day Parade. Largest Veteran's Day parade north of the Golden Gate Bridge. Theme is "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans." All welcome, no entry cost. Bring a vet!

November 11th 2021 Gustine Veterans Day Parade, POC is Don Gomes (209)765-1273. This is a small parade. The local veterans really appreciate the military vehicles. Check for your local Veterans day parades.

<u>April 25th to 30th 2022:</u> The MVCC Spring April Meet and Showcase in Plymouth California. The biggest Military Vehicle Show and Swap Meet on the West Coast. For reservations contact JoAnn Lesser mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com. For questions, concerns or comments contact Chris Thomas. (559)-871-6507 moparacer@sbcglobal.net

<u>September 11 thru Saturday September 17, 2022</u> As usual 4 night minimum stay beginning Wednesday, September 17, 2022



GTB Road Trip by MVCC member Bob Turley San Diego, California

On 10 Sept. '21, I drove my Ford GTBC Bomb Service Truck with two Mark II Bomb Trailers in tow, each mounting 1,000 Lb. GP Bombs (Replicas) to participate in the Escondido, CA prestigious "Cruisin Grand" event as a display (50 Mile Rd Trip). Attendees and Event Management showed a lot of interest and appreciation by awarding the display and my efforts with one of four Event Sponsor Recognition Awards. That made the 25 mph "fish-tailing" tow of the bomb trailers on dark two lane country roads on the return trip a little less anxious !!!

Previous photo is on the way to "Cruisin Grand" and joined by a Bud with his WC54 Ambulance. This photo was the Display on the closed roadway.

I allowed some kids to mount bombs for a photo.

Later in the Event, I walked to the front of the GTBC and saw this posted on the GTBC to my surprise !!!

1943 Ford GTBC, Bomb Service Truck With Two Mark II Bomb Trailers Loaded With 1,000 Lb. GP Bombs (Replicas).

The Display. The Navy Bomb is fused and the Marine Bomb isn't, intentionally done that way for folks to see the difference.

Tripping to "Cruisin Grand" and being joined by a Bud with his WC54 Ambulance... SF, Bob













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Greetings from the North!

Looks like there are multiple parades and gatherings for Veterans Day, but they'll probably be already in the past by the time you read this. I'll be attending the parade in Auburn with a jeep as well as an Honor Flight display in Roseville. Should be fun! I've been making progress on the '45 MB from UC Davis. Lots of body work – makes me wonder what those Aggies did with it. More wrinkles than I've ever seen except for maybe a Marine Corps jeep, "used hard and put away wet" as the saying goes. This one has a base coat of OD then two coats of gray (Navy?) in two different shades under a coat of orange and a coat of red, all under a partial coat of red primer. I finished painting the seat frames today and plan on sand blasting and painting the combat wheels soon. I've been telling people about the trouble I had with the fuel gauge on this jeep. It's been converted to 12V, so the first thing I did was buy a 12V-6V reducer.

I evidently bought the wrong one because it didn't reduce the voltage to 6V and the replacement 6V gauge just pegged on full even though the fuel tank was almost empty. Next thing I did was buy a 12V fuel gauge on EBay, bypassing the reducer/resistor thing. The sending unit works with either voltage, so it wasn't a problem except for having to bend the float arm to clear the lip inside the fuel tank (a common problem with a many aftermarket sending units). When I hooked up the new gauge it didn't even twitch, but soon a red-hot piece of metal spring fell on the floor. The melted spring was part of the grounding spring from the bracket on the back of the gauge. OOPS! Something was shorted out! You get what you pay for, especially if it's made in China, or maybe India...

Just for grins, I decided to remove the gauge face to see if I could figure out what was shorted out. What I found was a metal "cup" enclosing the armature inside the gauge housing that was shorted, as in "in direct contact with", the two terminals used to connect the

gauge. Someone had used some white paint in an attempt to insulate the metal cup, but it didn't work. I took apart the gauge, including those two tiny little screws on the face, and tried to grind clearance holes in the metal cup. No dice. It flew out of my hands and disappeared somewhere in the mess of stuff under the work bench. So I went to "Plan B" and decided to replace the cup with a couple of small washers, to keep the spacing on the gauge face without making contact across the terminals. Long story short, I put it all back together, installed it and it worked! Lucky break... The jeep now has all new gauges except for the speedometer, which actually works as is.

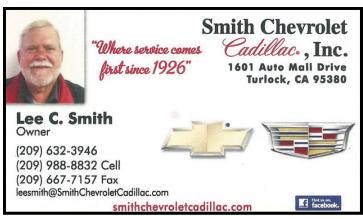
See ya at the next event! Dave

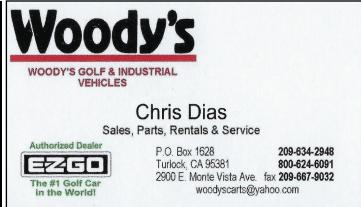








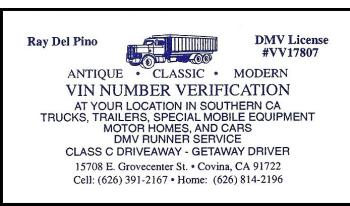


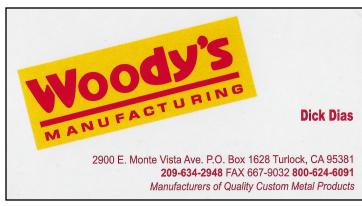


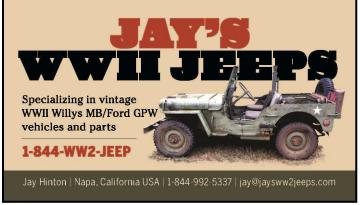
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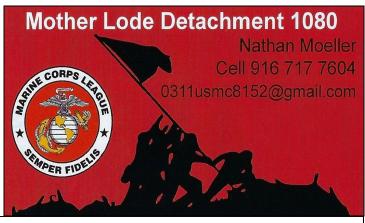
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Mike Fedyk, (North Bay VP East, Divisions), 707, 415, 628 (916)809-2969 bigmike405@hotmail.com

Howdy MVers,

These past few weekends have been filled with car and motorcycle shows so I was able to stretch the legs on several MVs. I brought the HEMTT to a local car show fund raiser for autism. Lots of interest in the truck and I even had a few veterans climb in for pictures and engine startups. The weather was hot but there was ample shade. Not a big turnout in regards to total vehicles but a good sized crowd. I was pleasantly surprised to win 3rd place in the car show. Yea for the HEMTT.

The following weekend Larry Ryland and his HMMWV accompanied me and the 1941 Indian to a Harley Davidson bike and car show. Hot weather again but this time no shade. Boy was it cooking on that asphalt parking lot. The HMMWV was a huge attention getter. Larry has his truck packed full of period correct equipment. The 50 cal. In the gun ring really drew in the people. Lots of questions and interest in the Indian as well. Every time I started it up, a crowd formed to see and here it roar to life.

This past weekend I used the HEMTT to install my welding tanks on the M543A2 wrecker. I painted these tanks at least a year ago and haven't been able to get them up on the truck. Frankly, I don't know how anyone could lift those in by hand. The HEMTT crane made the job easy.

As I'm setting the yellow tank onto the wrecker, I get sprayed with hydraulic oil. The HEMTT crane blew a hydraulic line.

I guess I know what I'm doing next weekend.

Let me know about any upcoming events so I share them with the rest of the MVCC members. As always, please share with me any stories, pictures etc. of your MV projects so I can put it in the newsletter for all of us to enjoy.

Regards, BigMike











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Way back in November, 2019, a fire ripped through my town of Paradise, Calif. My M151A1 M.U.T.T. Burned to the ground. Heart breaking, to say the lease. Now, it's 2021 and I'm now ready to rebuild another M151.

<u>Wanted: M151A1</u>. I would like one tilted or in non-op status. It doesn't need to run, and I can fix electrical issues. Hell, I'll take one that's been converted to 12 Volts. So if you an extra 151 in a field or barn or even in a mini storage, contact me.

Doug Vandegrift 530-521-9355 Spy_d@ymail.com

FOR SALE - COMPLETE and WORKING radio for Jeep.

Transceiver BC 659, 5 spare tubes, telescoping antenna, handset, earphones type 49456, battery BA-41, alignment tool, Spare front plate, manual. Power supply PE 117, including cable and case with 7 crystals (2) Battery boxes CS-79-N (no batteries) Anti-shock mounting FT-250-A plus legs. Jeep-mounted antenna (6 piece antenna in bag, antenna base, mounting bracket to Jeep). Junction box and under seat tube for connecting power supply to Jeep battery, interference suppressor (no cover)

\$1,400. George Cooper, gcooper@berkeley.edu

For Sale: GPW Engine, Serial Number 144723, no manifolds. GPW block and parts, Serial Number 18971. CJ-2A complete frame with front and rear differentials with 15" Jeep wheels. Contact Alvin Rentsch (707)972-8726

Want To Buy WWII Jeep and Dodge WC 62 parts: Looking to buy a "driver" WWII Jeep. Must look nice and be relatively correct. Not looking for a garage or 100% show queen. Also looking for running boards assemblies, spare tire bracket, and head light brush guards that will fit a 1943 WC 62/63. Lastly, looking for many usable 9:00x16 NDT tires. Thanks, Kalvin 1898kma@gmail.com. 0r 805-458-7291.

Wanted: M151A2 manuals, Brad Carrott Wanted: RT-524 and RT-442 Radio's set. For Sale: Small Siren 24volt for a military Jeep.\$450.00 For Sale: M151A2 NOS steering wheel. \$170.00 Contact Brad Carrott (831)345-0372

For Sale—M-37 Dodge, 1953, for sale. Santa Cruz, area. \$5800. Call 831-588-3866

Wanted - Looking for a rebuildable GPW Engine. Prefer early. Call Lee (707) 328-2316

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For Sale: 1945 Ford Military Jeep. Runs good. Jeep in good condition. \$8,000.00

For Sale: Ford military jeep engine mounted and running complete. \$4,500.00

For Sale: Ford military jeep engine mounted and running complete. \$3,200.00

For Sale: Willys civilian CJ Jeep engine mounted and running. \$3,200.00

For Sale: 1953 Strick military jeep trailer. \$1,100.00 Call Harold Tufenkjian, (559)266-7520. Located in Fresno, California

For Sale: 1954 M38A1 Jeep in excellent rust-free operation condition. Starts and runs well. All original-no damage, nothing missing. Low mileage. \$11,500 OBO. Pictures below. Call Allen for more info: (559) 659-2717.







<u>For Sale.</u> M715/725 Service Truck: In good running condition. Very original. Just replaced radiator, water pump oil pan and rocker cover gasket with fresh oil change.

Has a working winch all ptos work. Has a Hobart welder (not currently working but have the part it needs) has a compresser, manuals and welding cables. There is lots of room for all your tools. This is a fully functioning truck that has been garaged since I've owned it 15 years.

Asking \$12500.00

John 415 559 9042 paradise@coastside.net.







WANTED: Looking for M116 flatbed trailer with 10KW or larger funcional generator. Please email Brian at gmund-meister2@gmail.com or 530-368-6991

WANTED a pair of early ³/₄ WC seats contact info moparacer@sbcglobal.net Chris Thomas

Pioneer Days Parade in Paso Robles and a visit to the Estrella Warbird Museum

By Corey Firman

On 9 October, my son Caelan and I participated in the 89th annual Paso Robles' Pioneer Days parade. My son and I were very excited to finally attend an event since over the past two years I have been on intermittent deployments and COVID cancellations. It was our first time attending the parade, so we didn't really know what to expect; however, we were pleasantly surprised. As a side note, the parade occurs every year on the 2nd weekend in October and was started during the Great Depression as a way to entertain and feed the town. As part of this tradition, they still have a free bean feed in the city park immediately following the parade.

Our day started out from Naval Air Station Lemoore. My son and I were loaded-up and on the road by 6 am with plans to arrive in Paso Robles by 8 am. We arrived at the staging area at the Paso Robles Pioneer Museum and fair grounds. To my surprise, there was ample parking and room for large trailers. There were a large amount of farm tractors and dozers driving around and heading to the lineup area. Of note, armored vehicles would be a welcomed addition as they were driving dozers and other equipment through the streets. They even had steam powered tractors driving down the parade route.

After unloading our 1943 MB, my son and I met up with the Central Coast Convoy group and the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Central Coast Division. We were providing the transportation for the Sea Cadets through the parade. Vehicles present in our group included my MB, a Dodge WC, a GPW, a M38A1, and a M273 Mule. The Estrella Warbird Museum had a small contingent of military vehicles as well which included a White Halftrack and a couple of Dodge WCs.

The parade itself is not short at all. It all starts off with a fly over from some of the Warbird Museum's aircraft and the steam tractor leading the way. We drove probably 20 city blocks, and from start to finish, it took a little over two hours. Our group followed the Pioneer Museum's tractor club. If we had any armored vehicles present, they would have been a welcomed sight. I would highly recommend anyone

that does have an armored vehicle to attend. Bulldozers are nice, but a Steward or Sherman would defiantly set the crowd off.



Once the parade was completed, I gave Caelan the option of checking out the Pioneer Museum and their displays/tractor demonstrations, or to go to the Warbird Museum. Of course, his choice was the Warbird Museum. If you have never visited, the Estrella Museum has a very nice display of aircraft, vehicles, and equipment spanning every American conflict. Other displays of note include the automotive and race car display.







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From our trip there, I would say my son's favorite exhibits were the armored vehicles. Since they are open, he had a great time climbing inside two M113s. His most favorite was the M60 training turret. I think he spent almost 30 minutes alone inside acting as a gunner and tank commander. My personal favorite are the Navy vehicles which included a GPW, GTB, staff car and an aircraft tug.



And no visit to a museum would be complete without a stop at the gift shop. Caelan needed to add to his WWII aircraft model collection. He picked out a C-47 Sky Train just like the one sitting at the museum's flightline. All in all, it was a day long father and son outing which could not be beat. From all of the sunshine and excitement, my little guy crashed the entire way home!







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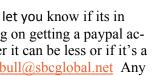


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