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Dodge Boy Tim Coolbaugh in his Dodge M37 in Lake Tahoe California playing in the snow.

Lake Tahoe California in January 2022

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# MVCC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Hello MVCC!

Tick, tick, tick...time is running out for getting things done for Camp Plymouth. We are now just weeks away and I think everyone is really ready for it. Last April was our club's biggest meet ever, that's over the last 45 years and even several national conventions as well. As we take this time to both look back at where we started and look to the bright future ahead, I can say that the club has probably never had as diverse membership as it has now. We have members from their early 20's to 90's in age. We are not just a central/northern California club either; we have members in 18 states and a hand full in Canada. And our ladies are active in supporting the club/hobby, with more than a few who can wrench on the OD beasts and drive with the best of them. I am proud of the club and the members in it because you- the membership – keep this club rolling.

Till Next Time.

Chris Thomas

## MVCC Secretary Johnny Verissimo on EAGLE FIELD AAF

**Eagle Field AAF work weekend.** Eagle Field AAF is a non profit that is actually restoring the Eagle Field Barracks. Most of you know the history of Eagle Field but if you don't it's a World War 2 Air Field in Dos Palos California that from 1942 to 1945 trained and graduated 5,000 pilots of which only half survived the war. Everyone involved is a volunteer and only interested in preserving a part of USA WW2 History for generations to come. If your interested in volunteering your skills or labor please let myself know or Christ Thomas President of Eagle Field AAF.

This is an opportunity to becomes part of a community that wants to preserve WW2 history as best we can and give everyone a place to come and experience a small part of it. When you're here your family. Join Eagle Field AFF!

Johnny Verissimo



left to right are Tino, Chris, Paul, myself, Christina, Jennifer, Scott, EF AAF Fire Chief Mark Jones, Dale and Don

Eagle Field AAF volunteers



Working outside the barracks

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**Good Morning! Welcome to the MVCC newsletter and What's Happening in the MVCC?**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Christina Verissimo's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday is March 20. Not is Christina our club treasurer she is also my partner in crime who shares in my love for WW2 era history and preserving it. Thank you Thank you Thank you Christina and happy birthday.

**Military Vehicle Preservation Association Convention** on the West Coast? Both Christina and I are MVPA members and its kinda a bummer there hasn't been one on the West Coast since 2016, it's a bummer because I believe we have a lot of MVPA members on the West Coast that would love to attend. I always thought that the Sacramento area would be a decent place to host one. Sacramento has everything including 2 main HWY's and its centrally located and accessible to everyone. Below is a list of the MVPA convention locations since 2004. I hope we can attend one in the West in the near future. :)

- 2004 **Mobile, AL**, Dixie Division Military Vehicle Club
- 2005 **Duluth, MN**, Red Bull Historic Military Vehicle Association
- 2006 **Dayton, OH**, Ohio Motorpool
- 2007 **Little Rock, AR**, Arkansas MVPA - MV Travelers
- 2008 **Portland, OR**, Military Vehicle Collectors Club of Oregon
- 2009 **Evansville, IN**, Indiana Military Vehicle Preservation Association
- 2010 **Topeka, KS**, Rolling Thunder
- 2011 **Dayton, OH**, Ohio Motorpool
- 2012 **Huntsville, AL**, Dixie Division MVC
- 2013 **Portland, OR**, MVCC of Oregon
- 2014 **Louisville, KY**, Kilroy Chapter, Indiana/Kentucky
- 2015 **Topeka, KS**, Rolling Thunder Living History Foundation
- 2016 **Pleasanton, CA**, Military Vehicle Collectors of California
- 2017 **Cleveland, OH**, Ohio Motorpool
- 2018 **Louisville, KY**, Kilroy Chapter, Indiana/Kentucky
- 2019 **York, PA**, MVPA Board of Directors
- 2020 **Findlay, MVPA** Board of Directors and the Findlay Military Association
- 2021 **South Bend, IN**, MVPA Board of Directors
- 2022 **South Bend, IN**, MVPA Board of Directors
- 2023 ???



L to R, Jennifer and Christina working at EF AAF



Paul Lubker with his 1942 Ford Tractor at EF AAF

**The MVCC 2022 April Meet is FAST UPON US! April 24<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> 2022!** It's the LARGEST MV EVENT on the WESTCOAST thanks to MVCC Members from all over the USA, non members, spectators, MV Clubs from all over the West, Venders, Sponsors and lastly MVCC Board members who love the hobby as much as you do.

**"Thank you" John Tedesco** for donating \$249.52 to the MVCC. The MVCC is a huge fan of donations and sponsorships. We are very fortunate to not have to charge anything to spectators or venders to attend our two events every year due to the sponsorships & donations provided by companies and individuals.

**Charles Tope's Employnet company** donated \$500.00 to Sponsor the MVCC's April 2022 Showcase Events Awards. Huge "thank you" to Charles.

**MVCC membership appreciation/anniversary dinner's** food will be Rigatoni & meat sauce, Salad, french bread, wine, etc. Please have your membership card with you! J Dinner as you know will be Friday night of the event.

**MVCC Quartermaster Don Gomes** is taking special orders on hoodies or zip up sweaters with the event artwork till March 2<sup>nd</sup>. You can get ahold of him at (209)765-1273 or contact myself (Johnny, your Secretary/Editor). Personally I love the sweaters and am ordering 2 for myself. If you have any recommendations for the Quartermaster hit him up via email or cell. Don is also looking for help manning the MVCC Booth. Please give a hand by doing a 2 hour shift at the booth. Those who do a 2 hour shift are entered to win a \$50 gift certificate to spend at the MVCC Booth.

Continued from the editor -

Long time MVCC member and MVCC newsletter editor Al Steifel has passed away. Our deepest condolences to his family.

From Mike Mendes—Last Spring show there was a Mac Tools utility cart on raffle and it had a broken wheel. I have the replacement wheel to fix it but I don't know who won the cart. If anyone knows who has the cart Please contact me for arranging a meet or I can ship it out. Thanks, Mike Mendes 650-333-8564

More photos of the work detail at Eagle Field AAF.

Photo to the right is the inside barracks  
Below photo is outside the barracks



I bought a trailer! I bought a old generator trailer on valentines day. It was love at first sight. I really wanted it so I could pull it behind my GTB but did I really need it? Long story short was I NEEDED it. I was bitten by the Olive Drab bug in 1990 and they haven't found a vaccine for it yet. It's a 1.5 ton generator trailer with a MB452417 jeep engine in it. Thank you Don Gomes for towing it it home for me at 50 MPH. lol.

Photo to the left is me realizing the engine to the rear is heavier than I thought, DAM!

See you all next month!  
Johnny Verissimo



My new trailer I bought in Modesto California



## PRELIMINARY ACTIVITIES (as of 30 Jan 2022)

**Camp Plymouth – 27 Apr to 30 Apr 2022**

**Covid Guidelines per current Amador County requirements**

**ALL WEEK – Swap Meet is open!** Please check campsites through the 49'er RV Campground AND the Tent Sector at the Fairgrounds next door for an amazing selection of items. Vendors MUST be in rented campsites, cabins or official tent spaces.

### Tuesday, April 26

**1800 – EARLY BIRD GATHERING.** Pool Area Patio. No potluck this year. Bring your dinner or just come to chat. Masks requested.  
POC – Jo-Ann Lesser

### Wednesday, April 27

**Swap Meet Happening!!**

### Thursday, April 28

**Swap Meet Continues!!**

**0700 until coffee's gone** - Early Morning Coffee. Location: Fairgrounds Tent Sector near the power/water sites.

**0900 – POKER RALLY.** Register 0900 - 0930 in the Wolin Arena in the Fairgrounds Tent Sector. First vehicle departs @ 0930.

\$5/poker hand. Maximum of 2 hands/person. POC: Dave/Nancy Porter (530-391-5650 or 530-391-8006)

**1000 – 1600 – MVCC HQ/Store Open at Sites #188 & 189,** near the Rec Hall at the 49'er. JOIN OR RENEW, meet MVCC officers, see who is camping where, buy the GREAT MVCC Commemorative memorabilia. **Support the MVCC!**

**\*\* Drop off your Raffle Donations @ MVCC Headquarters for the awesome Friday night raffle**

**1000 – 1100 – Club President @ MVCC HQ.** Come by to say Hi or vent.

**1300 – 1600 – SHOWCASE OF UNRESTORED BARN FINDS.** Wolin Arena in the Fairgrounds Tent Sector. POC: Chris Thomas (559-871-6507; The Swamp)

**1400 – WOMEN OF THE MVCC GATHERING (Onsite).** Pool Patio, under the awning. Due to Covid concerns, we won't be sharing food as has been done in the past. But come to visit - bring your own beverage.

**1600 – MVCC Board Meeting** – Ampitheater (west side of the 49'er – between the inner and outer camping circles) Bring your own chair (BYOC). Rec Hall if rain

### Friday, April 29

**Swap Meet Continues!!**

**0700 until coffee's gone** - Early Morning Coffee. Location: Fairgrounds Tent Sector near the power/water sites.

**0900-1200 – GTB SHOWCASE.** Wolin Arena in the Tent Sector @ the Fairgrounds. POC: Don Gomes (MVCC Headquarters)

**1030-1130 - Willard Repro 6 Volt Battery Display & Discussion Group - arena next to the GTB truck showcase.** Replica "tar-top" shells that are designed to conceal a 6v Optima. Meet the creator Robert Lenz who will be visiting from Florida. We are looking for MVs that carry these. POC: John Neuenburg 415-847-2801 or [in\\_garage@hotmail.com](mailto:in_garage@hotmail.com)

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**1100 to 1500 – WOMEN'S LUNCH AND SHOPPING EXPEDITION.** Leave @ 11:00 from the front entrance of the 49'er. We go to lunch, then have time for some boutique and antique shopping. May need masks for store and restaurant entry. POC: Claire Werner (707-291-2992)

**1300-1600 – M151 SHOWCASE.** Wolin Arena in the Tent Sector @ Amador Fairgrounds. POC: Mike Fedyk (916-809-2969)

**1700 – 45<sup>th</sup> MVCC ANNIVERSARY MEMBER DINNER @ the Fairgrounds. RAFFLE DRAWING @ 1900 (lots of great stuff!)**

### Saturday, April 30

**Swap Meet Continues!! Time for those last-minute finds!**

**0700 until coffee's gone** - Early Morning Coffee. Location: Fairgrounds Tent Sector – near the power/water sites

**1000 – MVCC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.** Open Ampitheater on the west side of the 49'er Resort. BYOC (bring your own chair). Rain contingency: Held at Rec Hall at the 49'er.

**After General Meeting to 1600 – MVCC HQ/Store Open at Sites #188 & 189,** near the Rec Hall. JOIN OR RENEW, meet MVCC officers, buy the GREAT MVCC Commemorative memorabilia. **Support the MVCC!** -

**1230 – CONVOY & TOUR** (Details to be released soon. Actual tour time will be 1300-1500. POC: Dave Porter (530-391-8006)



Military Vehicle Collectors of California  
**CAMP PLYMOUTH**

Swap Meet and Military Vehicle Show

**LARGEST ANNUAL MV EVENT IN THE WEST!**

**Vehicles, Parts,  
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**M151 MUTT Showcase**  
 Fri. 1-4  
**Ford GTB Showcase**  
 Fri. 9-12  
**Barn & Field Finds Showcase**  
 Your Unrestored Projects! Thurs. 1-4



Also remember  
**FALL Camp Plymouth**  
 Sept. 14-17  
 2022

**MVCC CAMP PLYMOUTH**  
 2022



**APRIL 27-30, 2022**  
**Plymouth, California, USA**  
 49er RV Village, 182+6 State Hwy 49 / Amador Co. Fairgrounds, Plymouth CA 95669  
 Park at 18343 Empire Street

**45th Anniversary of the BIG SPRING MEET!**

*Visit Dozens of Nearby Wineries and Historic Gold Rush Towns*

*Tuesday is a set up day - Sunday is not a show day*

- All MVs welcome, any condition
- NO vehicle registration fee
- NO seller fee for pros or amateurs, just your campsite or cabin rental
- FREE visitor admission & parking
- Military Vehicle Poker Rally
- Military Vehicle Excursion
- Women's Activities
- Raffle Friday Night
- RV & travel trailer camping only, cabins, at 49er RV Village-Group Discounts
- Inexpensive tent camping at the Tent Sector at adjacent fairgrounds

Contact Jo-Ann for all campsites 408-238-8277 or MVCCcampmistress@yahoo.com  
 Camping Reservation Form on website



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Hello 510/925 MV'ers,

Hope all is well with you and you're getting ready for Plymouth!  
 Henry, Hilde and myself are laying out our plans now. Henry and I will be busy preparing and loading since I'm on paternity leave while Mom's workin'. We may even manage to get things ready by April! At least we don't have to pack the camping equipment since I was informed that we would not be camping this year, we're going to be in the Cabins at the 49er. I'm kind of bummed, I enjoy camping, but what I'm really going to miss is our neighbors over in the SE corner of the fairgrounds. I guess Henry and I will have to cruise over in the M37 to visit our buddies over there. Wonder if it's possible to teach him how to drive before he can walk. Low in the transfer case and 1<sup>st</sup> gear would be about the right speed... hmmm!

As far as events, it's been quiet in the East Bay, but I suspect things will ramp up soon. If you hear of anything, please tell me so I can get the word out. I look forward to seeing everyone at Plymouth!  
 Andy



**Don Gomes, (Central Valley VP) MVCC Quartermaster, Divisions 209,559,661,760, 442**  
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Hello to all Mvcc members !

I hope all is well with you and your families. It's getting closer to our spring meet Camp Plymouth and I will need help at the MVCC booth. I will need volunteers for the 3 days that the booth is open. Thursday April 27th 10Am to 4pm Friday 28th 10Am to 4pm and Saturday 10Am to 1pm all volunteers will work 2 hour shifts. All volunteers will be entered in a \$50 club merchandise contest. I'm asking for just 2 hrs of your time to make this year's meet fun and productive for all. So please support your quartermaster! Please call , text or email me at 209-765-1273 / [caddymanwestside@yahoo.com](mailto:caddymanwestside@yahoo.com) and I'll put you on my list . Don't forget the Ford GTB Showcase and others.



Keeping The GTB History Alive! ..  
 Don Gomes

*(From Johnny (your editor), if you really want to get the full experience of what the MVCC April Meet has to offer then volunteer and you will make new friends that will last a lifetime. It wasn't until I became MVCC Secretary and co quartermaster that I got to meet everyone. The MVCC has a lot to offer in more ways than one. So give Don a heads up that your willing to give your club some of your time so others can enjoy it too. If you're a mvcc member you are the MVCC. Thanks! Johnny...)*



# MEMORIAL DAY



MAY

28|29  
2022

*“Never Forgotten”*

## THE MEMORIAL WEEKEND

**Saturday & Sunday  
May 28 & 29, 2022**

Woodward Park  
710 E. Woodward Ave.  
Manteca, California

### **SATURDAY, MAY 28 EVENT**

★ Evangelist, Mario Murillo

### **SUNDAY, MAY 29 EVENTS**

- ★ 5K Run
- ★ Classic Car Show
- ★ 7,200 Crosses
- ★ Korean War Memorial
- ★ National Remember Our Fallen Tribute
- ★ First Responders Tribute
- ★ Helicopter landings
- ★ Fireworks display to celebrate Veterans safe return!

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# SAVE ★ THE ★ DATE





**Scott Rohrs, (North. Bay VP) West Divisions 707, 415, 628**

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Hello North Bay West and beyond,

! hope the membership is enjoying this bonus dry weather to get some unexpected work done on those MV projects.

I have an M38 update. I finally received my new reproduction fuel tank. Nice heavy gauge tank. It is slightly larger than the original. So..... now I have to raise the driver's seat so the seat isn't rubbing on the fuel line. It is always something! I also replaced the master cylinder. Things are moving forward on the project. Still have hopes of having it up at Plymouth with me.

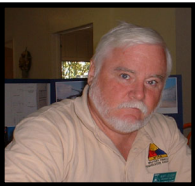
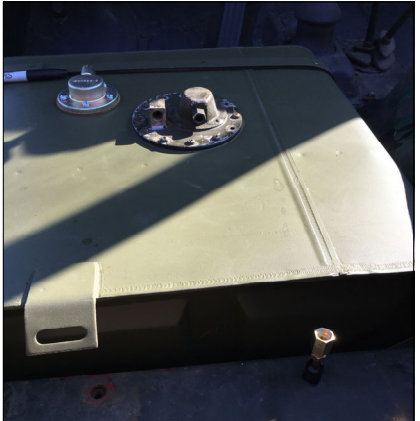
I was able to attend the Turlock Swap Meet for the first time in 2 years! If you haven't been to this swap meet you are missing out! This is the mother of all car swap meets! I always feel overwhelmed once I pass through gates. I was able to get through the whole meet in 4 hrs. Packing 6 ammo cans, 2 CJ-7 soft doors, a WWII Jeep jack, and a 1944 folding shovel. I also ran into some members that had a Plymouth flyer they had posted at their sales table. I thanked them for spreading the word about the spring meet. I would love it if our swap reached the level of Turlock! I recommend that any of our members can make it to next years meet to do so. There is always some MV parts to be had at this meet.

If you are interested, I have a GP Medium tent 16' X 32' for sale. Tent is in good serviceable shape. Comes with wood poles (2 center poles) and all the wall poles. I am asking \$500 for the tent and poles. No stakes.

I also am offering a Willys Flathead 6 Cylinder Motor. Take out motor that was running when pulled. Comes complete minus air cleaner. Check out the classifieds with for more details.

Get you swap parts together for the meet! Under 2 months away!

Watch your six, Scott Rohrs



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*No report submitted*



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*No report submitted*



# UPCOMING EVENTS



**March 9-13 2022:** Military Vehicle Camp Out and Show in La Paz County Park in Arizona. Ad on page 21

**March 19th 2022** Eagle Field AAF work day. Volunteer in the restoration of Eagle Field Barracks. Volunteers meet at EF and help restore the barracks building. For more information contact Chris Thomas at (559)871-6507 or moparracer@sbcglobal.net

**April 25th to 30th 2022:** 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](mailto:mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com) . For questions, concerns or comments contact Chris Thomas. (559)-871-6507 [moparracer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:moparracer@sbcglobal.net)

**May 21st 2022** 5th Annual Gathering of Warbirds Reunion and Classic Car Show, Madera Airport, 7AM-3PM. P51 & B17 Rides [www.warbirdsreunion.org](http://www.warbirdsreunion.org). Check this newsletter for flyer.

**May 22, 2022:** Ron Fitzpatrick Jeep Parts open house in Central Point Oregon. Military Vehicle Show and Swap Meet. Free Lunch RSVP (541)830-3030 10AM to 4PM.

**May 29th**—Never Forgotten—**The Memorial Weekend**, Woodland Park, 710 E. Woodland Ave. Manteca, California. Visit the [memorialweekend.com](http://memorialweekend.com) (209)404-9298 Classic Car Show, National Remember Our Fallen Tribute, Helicopter landings, fireworks.

**June 4th 2022** - Eagle Field Dinner Dance and Fly In/Military Vehicle Event. POC is Chris Thomas (559)871-6507 Friday night there will be a free BBQ to everyone that brings a military vehicle and to members of the MVCC. Saturday all day will be explore Eagle Field, Food venders, MV games. Parade, Big Band, Dinner etc etc This is the 80th Anniversary of EF!!!

**July 4th 2022:** Gustine 4th of July Parade. POC is Don Gomes. (209)765-1273. Meet at 850 Elm Ave at 9AM.

**September 11 thru Saturday September 17, 2022** MVCC Fall Meet in Plymouth California. As usual 4 night minimum stay beginning Wednesday, September 17, 2022



Charles Tope (Central Coast VP ) (408)857-5218

Divisions 831, 805, 820 ,408 South. [ctope@employnet.com](mailto:ctope@employnet.com)

*No report submitted*

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 14th of each month. **MVCC News Editor Johnny Verissimo, (209) 918-0488 [istanbull@sbcglobal.net](mailto:istanbull@sbcglobal.net) or [www.mvccnews.net](http://www.mvccnews.net)**

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## Celebrating the 80th Anniversary of Eagle Field

# Eagle Field

## Dinner Dance Fly-In • June 4th & 5th, 2022

18 piece Live Big Band, Dancing,  
WWII Aircraft and Military Vehicles

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or call 925-383-3916 • E-mail: [michelle.knobbe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:michelle.knobbe@sbcglobal.net)  
Find Eagle Field Dinner Dance and Fly In on Facebook 



### **Dinner dance Fly-In** **Saturday, June 4th & 5th, 2022** **Tickets available after March 1st**

#### **Saturday June 4th**

2:00 PM Aircraft Arrivals Begin  
3:00 PM Bar opens for water, sodas and drinks  
5:00 PM People arrive for pre-dinner activities  
and Collectibles Silent Auction Opens for Bids  
5:30 PM Military Vehicle Parade  
6:30 to 7:00 PM Dinner Begins  
8:00 PM Music Begins  
9:00 PM Coffee and Donut Break  
11:00 PM Hangar Doors Close

#### **Sunday June 5th**

8:00 – 10:00 AM Pancake Breakfast  
11:00 AM Aircraft Depart

#### **Prices**

\$75 Steak Dinner  
\$65 Half a Chicken Dinner  
\$50 Veggie Lasagna Dinner  
\$15 Sunday's Pancake Breakfast

**Los Banos Hotels (21 miles north):** Travelodge (209) 710-0593  
Maple Inn (209) 827-4600, Economy Inn (209)826-0682  
Red Roof Inn (209)826-9690), Sun Star Inn(209)826-3805  
La Quinta (209) 827-4677, Best Western (209)827-0954  
Los Banos Motel (209)826-2700 Hotel on I-5 South (17 miles):  
Apricot Inn (559) 659-1444.

Saturday dinner includes: mashed potatoes, special green beans, a salad, a dinner roll and a wonderful chocolate éclair for dessert. Donuts and coffee are served at approximately 9:30 PM.

Buy tickets @ [www.eaglefield.net](http://www.eaglefield.net) • or call 925-383-3916  
E-mail: [michelle.knobbe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:michelle.knobbe@sbcglobal.net)

Celebrating the 80th Anniversary of Eagle Field

Eagle Field AAF base was opened in 1942 specifically to train pilots for World War II. From April 1942 to the winter of 1944 about five thousand pilots were trained in Ryan PT-22 and Boeing Stearman PT-17 aircraft. Purchased in 1980 by Joe Davis, Eagle Field is a link back to a very important and pivotal time in America's history. Having been saved, hopefully in the years to come it will be fully restored. We need your support.

This, our 33rd Warbird Fly-In and Dinner Dance promises to be a very entertaining historical event. Past aircraft have included PT-17 and PT-22 trainers, B-25 and PV-2 bombers, P-40, P-51, Corsair, Bearcat and Wildcat fighters, an ME-108, L-Birds and even a veteran C-53 transport that dropped paratroopers on D-Day.

In the past, military vehicles have included Jeeps, Half-Tracks, Weasels, Command Cars, Tanks, Cleatracks, APCs, Cargo Trucks, Weapons Carriers, Staff Cars and Artillery/Anti-Aircraft pieces.

Many will dress in World War II period attire. Espana's of Los Banos will cater our Saturday night dinner and you will sit at a beautifully decorated table. Knight Sounds, a classy 1940's big band from Modesto, will provide live big band music. There is always an exciting swing dance contest. Our veterans will be given special recognition.

Military Vehicles Only: Arrive Friday/Saturday (For MV info contact: Don Gomes at 209 765-1273). Vehicle folks can camp out through Sunday. Showers will be available. There will be a BBQ and camp fire on Friday night. Saturday activities include: A filming for YouTube, and a military parade at 5:30. Bring period military clothing for the video. Breakfast and lunch will be available at the cantina on Saturday.

Pilots: The Eagle Field identifier is CL01. Use a RIGHT HAND PATTERN and announce arrival on 122.9. A shuttle for PILOTS ONLY goes to both the La Quinta (209) 827-4677 and Best Western (209) 827-0954 in Los Banos. One afternoon shuttle at 2:45, returning at 5:45, and one every hour 9:00 until 11:00PM, returning on Sunday AM.



# MVCC WAGON MISTRESS JOANN LESSER

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## CAMP PLYMOUTH 2022

By Jo-Ann Lesser

**The time is now, folks!** I need to receive your Camp Plymouth registration form for the upcoming show in April. Everyone that is planning on attending with a site needs to fill out a registration form and get it to me. The forms let me know who is coming and how to reach them in times of crisis. Think back to 2020. The 49'er does not inform me as to who has paid a deposit on sites. The only information I have is when I receive a registration form. If you have already made a deposit on your site and have not sent in the registration form, please do so now. The **cut off** for registration and deposits to the 49'er RV Resort is **March 24, 2022**. If a deposit has not been received by the 49'er by that date the site returns to the 49'er which then leaves me out of the registration/reservation process. Do not call or email me about needing a site after the above date. I will not be able to help. Reservations after this time will go through the 49'er office and the MVCC special rate will not apply. If you are planning on a site at the Amador County Fairgrounds there is a little more leeway but, please don't wait until the last minute. I would like to have all registrations and payment on Fairground sites received by March 24, 2022. I can accept **late comers** but, only until **April 10, 2022**. Please don't call or email me the week of the event. I will already be there and probably will not be able to help.

The MVCC Board has decided to celebrate our 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a special dinner for our members. Please fill out the line on the registration form with the number of members plus 1 guest per member for this dinner. It is my understanding the dinner and raffle will be held Friday, April 29, 2022 at the Pokerville Hall Patio area at the Amador County Fairgrounds.

Safe travels to all and we will see you there!





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One of the Showcases this April will be “Barn Find / Unrestored” vehicles. As most of you know, I have several of those including a couple or three GTBs, four or five jeeps, some G506 Chevy trucks, etc.

In anticipation of the upcoming Barn Find / Unrestored Showcase, here’s the story of one of my jeep projects, a 1945 GPW I picked up near Dayton, Nevada a few years ago. This jeep, Ford GPW 275928, is one of the last GPWs assembled, most likely around July 16, 1945 (data plates are missing). GPW production ended with serial number 277898 in July (or maybe August), 1945. My ’45 GPW is missing it’s engine, but the rest of the running gear is still there. It came with an early Slat Grill hood (which got sold at one of the Tower Park swap meets) and pair of original “F”-marked seats. Brackets and mounting holes on the frame indicate it was equipped with “deep mudder” exhaust, with the muffler mounted under the rear floor. The tub shows evidence that it may have been a “Follow-Me” jeep (yellow paint under the existing mostly-white paint job and holes in the rear inner fender wells that might be there to carry a follow-me sign). It might have been used to guide aircraft at one of the local stateside airbases during or after WWII. Perhaps it served at Stead Airfield north of Reno or Fallon Naval Air Station – who knows! As with most jeep projects, it’s difficult to determine exactly where they served, but I think most didn’t stray far from where they served when they were surplused. Plans for restoration have been on the back burner for a while, but once I finish the ’45 MB, the GPW is next in line. Maybe I will find a suitable engine at Plymouth!



Dave



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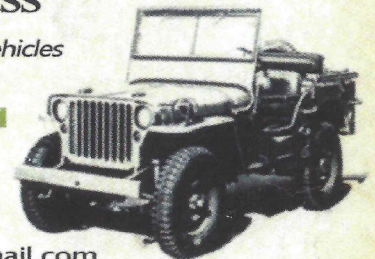
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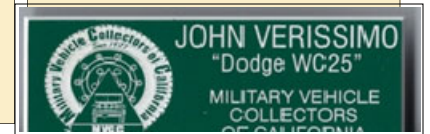


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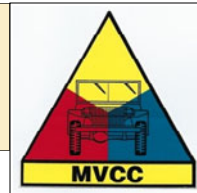
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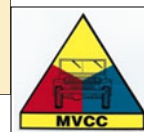
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**FOR SALE:** 1941 WC-3 1/2 TON 4X4 DODGE OPEN CAB, Engine turns, carb missing, all original parts Restorable or parts vehicle \$1500 OBO more pictures available

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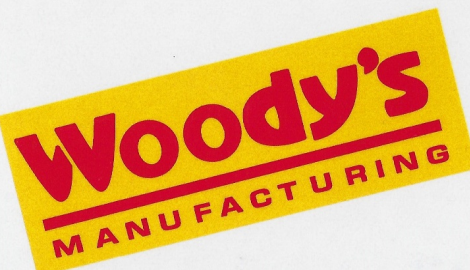
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### **For Sale** ½ ton WWII Dodge truck parts

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### **¾ ton Dodge truck parts**

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MU2 winch with cable guide \$800.00

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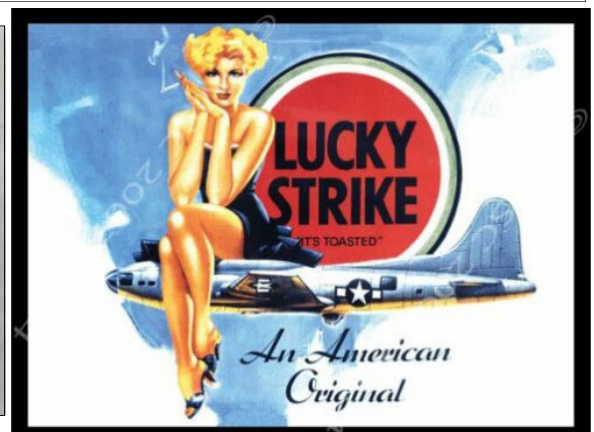
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# Snow in Lake Tahoe

By Tim Coolbaugh

Hello from Lake Tahoe. Some of you know that I have one of the 1/2 ton command cars at the Camp Plymouth Dodge Boys camp, but when it's all tucked away for the winter, it's my 1951 M37 that gets me around when the snow gets deep. I learned about 30 years ago to have the truck ready for winter. Fueled up, oil changed, hubs locked, chains on. Since the M37 lives outside, it is a lot easier to chain up when it's dry, before the storms. My wife says I scare off the storms by being ready, but this year I proved her wrong. The late December series of storms brought 100" of heavy, wet Sierra Cement here, at 6300' lake level. This brought trees down around the Basin, power went off, and plows were few and far between. This caught a lot of Tahoe newcomers off guard, as the average Prius or Tesla does quite poorly in deep snow. In fact there are still some auto-lumps scattered around the neighborhood that will be either rediscovered in spring, or will be shot into the woods by the big rotary blower when it comes around to widen the street back to 2 lanes. So, wood stove and generator running, driveway plowed, and no tracks in the street, I fire up the M37 to head into town to retrieve my son from his place for Christmas. As soon as I pulled into the street, I knew that I made the right choice of vehicles today, I am pretty sure my 3/4 ton 4x4 pickup would be stuck immediately. The M37 was working hard, and low range was needed, but I was moving, and I slowly made my way the 1/4 mile to Pioneer Trail, a main route. Along the way I had driven into a hole made by a tracked skid steer that does driveway snow removal. Snow came over the hood, and that was fun, because I couldn't see anything, but wanted to keep moving. I wrestled open the ventilating windshield and cleared the snow off the hood enough to see. On the 2 mile trip into town, I dodged buried and stuck cars, trucks, tourists walking in the middle of the road, snowmobiles, and intersections with no power. (you go, no-you go). With the deep pack on the streets, the chains made almost no noise, and at one point I even stopped to make sure they were still there. All was good, and on the return into my neighborhood, I took a different route to my house because there were now vehicles stuck crossways in my track, those that had tried to follow. This route was deeper, and uphill for the last 50 yards, which required several back ups once forward progress stopped. But we made it without winching, always a plus. I have gone out several more times, helped a few neighbors get unstuck, ran a few errands, and all I can say is this 70 year old truck, that I have owned since I was 25, still gets it done when the going gets deep, and has been the most reliable vehicle I have ever owned. And yes, I did get a lot of thumbs up, as well as dumbfounded looks along the way.

See you at Camp Plymouth...



Photos by  
Tim Coolbaugh

Lake Tahoe  
California



## Restaurant Possibilities near Camp Plymouth

By MVCC Travel Expert Nancy Porter

If you don't want to eat all your meals at camp, there are several possibilities for food nearby. Here are some of the places you might want to check out.

**Deli at the 49'er**. Check on the door at the 49'er location for dates and times. Breakfast sandwiches, lunch items, ice cream, coffee, local beer and wine, and more.

### **Deli at Pokerville Market**

18170 State Highway 49, Plymouth - across the street from the 49'er and ¼ mile to the south. Hours should be 8 am to 8 pm every day except Sunday. Sunday hours are 9 am to 7 pm. A great place for Sandwiches, Pizza, Desserts, etc. and a wide variety of local beer and wine.

### **Marlene & Glen's**

18726 State Highway 49, Plymouth - At the Roundabout at Hwy 49 and Shenandoah Road. Open for Breakfast and Lunch – 7 am to 2:30 pm on Wed - Sun.

### **Amador Vintage Market**

9414 Main Street, Plymouth. Run by local caterer Beth Sogaard so excellent food. (It's the place with the red outdoor umbrellas on Main Street). Open Fri – Sun, Noon to 5 pm.

### **Donut Street Café**

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**These places are outside Plymouth but reasonably close for a drive and meal:**

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**4 night minimum stay April 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> at 49er RV Resort– No tents at 49er RV Resort**

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check Out Date \_\_\_\_\_ **Payment in full paid to Camp 49er by 3-24-2022**

Assigned Site # / # of Nights /	Description of Site, Pick one	/ Per Night /	Total
	RV Standard (\$62.48) _____ RV Premium (\$72.16) _____ Premium Waterfront (\$81.84) _____ Studio Cabin (\$141.60) _____ 1-2 Bed Cabin (\$208.56) _____		

**Amador County Fairgrounds, 18621 Sherwood St. Plymouth, Ca. 95669**

**No minimum stay for dry sites, no RV's, 1 vehicle & 1 tent per site, 4 night stay for water/electric sites April 27 to 30<sup>th</sup> 2022**

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check Out Date \_\_\_\_\_ **Payment in full to MVCC , no refunds after 4/18/2022**

Assigned Site # / # of Nights /	Description of site, Pick one	/ Per Night /	Total
	(\$35) Dry Tent – Military _____ Civilian _____ (\$35) Dry Car – Pickup Camper _____ Utility Trailer _____  (\$45) Water/Electric – Tent _____ Military _____ Civilian _____ (4 night stay for Water/Electric)		

**No refunds after April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fairgrounds camping payment should be made to Military Vehicle Collectors of California, 2714 Peartree Lane, San Jose, Ca. 95121 C/O JoAnn Lesser .**

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**Howdy MV'ers,**

This month I kept working on the halftrack project. I received the impact screwdriver bit that I had mentioned in last month's newsletter. It's a hardy looking bit and fit the armored bolts nice and tight.

For the first test, I tried it on armored bolts that I had broken loose but could not hold on to them without it spinning. This worked great. I held onto the nut with a box wrench and used the impact to spin off the bolt. Piece of cake! The next test was to try to break loose a bolt without breaking the nut loose first. I hit it a couple times with the impact and "SNAP" the bit twisted and broke...CRUD. There goes my \$10.00 bit.



I still think the test was a success since now I know I need to break the nuts loose first then I can spin them off with the bit. I bought another bit and should be back on track in another week. Since my bit broke, I shifted my efforts to getting some of the old welds ground off the halftrack. It takes quite a bit of time and grinding wheel to get down to the armor but I'll get there. You'll notice in this picture you can see where the weld was. It's actually pitted in that area. There isn't much I can do in regards to the scar (no way I'm gonna use bondo on an MV) so I guess that'll just give her some character.



*Camp Plymouth is rapidly approaching* so be sure to get cracking on your MV PMs so you're ready to roll when the time comes. Remember, I'm the POC for the M151 showcase and I expect a great turnout. As always, please share with me any upcoming events as well as your projects so I can share them with everyone in our newsletter.



**Regards, BigMike**



# M3A4 Rock Island Arsenal Handcart

By Robin & Carol Bartel

M3A4 Rock Island Arsenal Handcart save. While a friend and I were driving home from a picnic he spotted this handcart next to a barn. He said "I just saw a handcart!" I said "are you sure?" and we turned around. Sure enough this poor relic was sitting neglected all by itself in the weeds. We found a neighbor who gave me the owner's telephone number and I made a deal. I'm still not sure how my buddy spotted it as it has so much extra stuff welded to it. Apparently it had been used to haul a welder as it had provisions for welding hoses. It even had a bracket bolted on with thirteen 3/8" bolts to the back to hold tail lights.

It was clearly going to be a big project. Step one; remove all of the extra "junk". After an evening of grinding and cutting, progress was getting made. I put the tools away for the evening and went in the house to get ready for bed. Soon after my wife called out that there was a fire in the backyard. My grinding had caught nearby barkdust on fire along with a small wood pile. Well, trying not to panic I grabbed the nearby garden hose and while my wife was turning on the water I was getting into position to fight the fire. Of course the hose was a victim of the fire and had been melted so water wouldn't come out. Now the panic is setting in! Another hose was exchanged for the useless one and the fire was put out without any more collateral damage.



The next day restoration started again with more careful planning. The plywood bed was removed and the steel body slats underneath it were in pretty good shape. The missing tow rings were reproduced and welded in place. Missing parts were ordered from Ed Snyder. Tires and tubes taken out of my stash of parts. Lots of unofficial holes welded shut. It was really taking shape.



Unfortunately the data plate had long been removed. But only Rock Island Arsenal made carts without any of the holes around the sides for the various brackets to get bolted on.





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April 28<sup>th</sup> 2022 Show and Swapmeet!

Thursday 1300 to 1600



POC is Chris Thomas (559)871-6507 moparacer@sbcglobal.net



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Friday, 1300 to 1600

POC is Big Mike Fedyk (707)372-1311



**PARKER, AZ  
MV CAMPOUT  
SWAP MEET  
& GUNSHOW**  
**WED - SUN  
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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)*.

Thanks a bunch to both clubs!



LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER AMAZING EVENT!

### MILITARY VEHICLE COLLECTORS OF CALIFORNIA'S 2022 APRIL SHOW AND SWAPMEET



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### THE FORD GTB BOMB AND CARGO TRUCK SHOWCASE



**APRIL 29, 2022 10AM TO 1PM**

### AMADOR COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 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](http://www.mvccnews.net)

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