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Field Trip To Jimmy Strauss Jeep Restorations



Check out our trip to Jimmy Strauss Restorations on Page 27

Early Slat Grill Jeep at Jimmy's Shop, photo by Johnny Verissimo

MVCC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Chris Thomas, MVCC President

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If you're a **member** and want to see the **Newsletter in COLOR** you can do so on the **MVCCNEWS.NET** website. Simply log in with your password and view ALL MVCC newsletters in **full color**.

Hello MVCC!

I've been MIA lately because of storm damage repair, so I have over 150 emails I have to go through, so be patient if you emailed me.

I hope you're all safe and dry after the month of rains we had. It was bad but nothing like the Flood of 1862! I know of one large MV collection down in Santa Paula that flood waters caught and several more in Merced County. As of now, I haven't heard from members on the coast, but the flooding and landslides were very bad in the Santa Cruz and Monterey areas, south of Elk Grove was flooded as well.

I saw a M900 series 6x6 with historical plates rescuing people near Wilton the other day, if you're a club member I want to say thank you for helping people in need and showing the public that private former military vehicles can and do help when others can't.

Now on to better news! Camp Plymouth is now just a couple of months away. 2022 was great from start to finish and 2023 is looking to be better. Gas is currently cheaper than a year ago and we're have a great set of showcases for the meet. The club bylaws are soon to be posted on the club website, if you can't print them from the website, hard copy can be picked up at Camp Plymouth, just let me know so we can have a count to print.

See the registration form in the newsletter to reserve your spot now, JoAnn needs the registration forms in ASAP before we must turn in our unbooked sites to the 49'er. If you're too slow, you'll be out in The Swamp with me and the rest of the Swampies, and you better like our banjo music.

As always, we need people to help out at the club HQ an hour or two during the meet, so if you have the time, we have the jobs!

One last thing, Bette Perry -

Thank You...

Chris Thomas



Chris Thomas, Scott Tanis and me, Road Trip to Diamond Springs, photos by Johnny Verissimo

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Giving a gift of MVCC membership is the gift that keeps giving 12 months of the year, can't get much better than that, its like Cousin Eddie says, "it's the gift that keeps on giving all year round," only in this case its not Jell-O, it's a years membership of the MVCC, lol. Please think about giving someone who might be a friend, a family member or some one who's helped you out, the gift of an MVCC membership.

Thank you to Sean Fraley for his article on his restoration projects and his cool museum, thank you to Mark Tombleson for sending in a great photo of Tower Parks Past. Thank you to Charles Tope for sending in an article and photos of his trip to Belgium. And thank you to everyone who participate in the MVCC in one way or another. :)

Tiss the Season to be getting ready for the Spring Meet or as we call it the Military Vehicle Collectors of California Camp Plymouth Showcase and Swap Meet in Plymouth California. Personally, Christina and I will be there from Tuesday to Saturday. I expect there will be tons of locals on Saturday of the event because that is when most people are off. So if you're a vender get ready for Saturday. I know last year when I was leaving there was lots of cars with families coming in.

Friday at the April Event-Its commonly known that Friday is the busiest day of the event. Its funny when you think about it because you would think that Saturday would be the busiest day with all the locals coming in. Its kinda sorta backwards, lol. Once the MVCC Board figures out a way to make Saturday the busiest day you will really see Saturday take off.

Venders, just a heads up, I'm saving all my Christmas money for you so bring out the goodies in April. I'm into WW2 stuff, GTB stuff, inert stuff etc. For a lot of my friends it ranges from WW1 to Desert Storm to today's stuff. If its military related or military vehicle related it might be there.

Whether or not you're a member of the MVCC please come to the MVCC General Membership Meeting on Saturday at 10AM at the Club House. Everyone's welcome.

Volunteers. Don Gomes is in need of volunteers for the MVCC HQ Booth for Camp Plymouth. Pretty please sign up for a 2 hour shift.


One thing that I really like getting is MVCC members emailing me photos of their military vehicles in any condition with information about it. I love seeing whats out there and what people are working on. So, if you have a military vehicle, please feel free to send in photos and info. Any kind of phots and any kind of information and I might just use it.

Its an MVCC Election YEAR! Are you ready to be a Board Member? Are you ready to volunteer your time and expertise to work on the MVCC Board? If your ready to commit to a 2 year team then email istan-bull@sbcglobal.net

Mailed Membership Increase-We have had overwhelming support for the actions the MVCC had to take to increase mailed memberships due to the high costs of postage, paper and printing. Thank you for your support. Board members are members first, board members 2nd, they would not do it if there was no other way. The online membership remains the same at \$30 a year.

Big Thank You- I want to give a big thank you to long time MVCC member Betty Perry of Crows Landing, California, for a \$100 donation to the MVCC, to offset costs of the newsletter. Thank you Betty, you're a big sweetheart.

Talk again soon, Johnny Verissimo



**3rd Annual
Veterans Appreciation
Military Vehicle Convoy &
Picnic**

**Thursday 17 Aug 2023
10 A.M.**

Pacific Grove CA

Come join us for the 2023 Monterey Convoy during Monterey CA Car week to honor our veterans and military vehicles!

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- **Concludes with a vehicle display and a luncheon.**

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Vehicle Model:

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April 19th to the 22nd of 2023

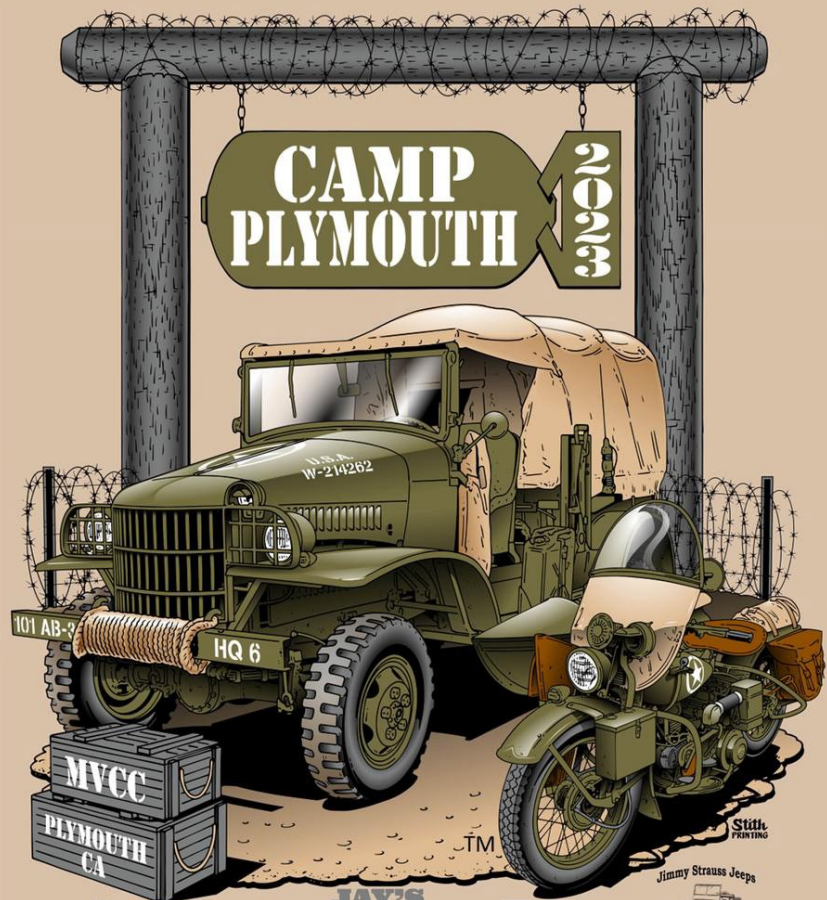
CAMP PLYMOUTH MILITARY VEHICLE SHOW & SWAP MEET

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- ❖ RAFFLE Friday night
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Camping coordinator is Jo-Ann at www.MVCCCampmistress@yahoo.com or 408-238-8277



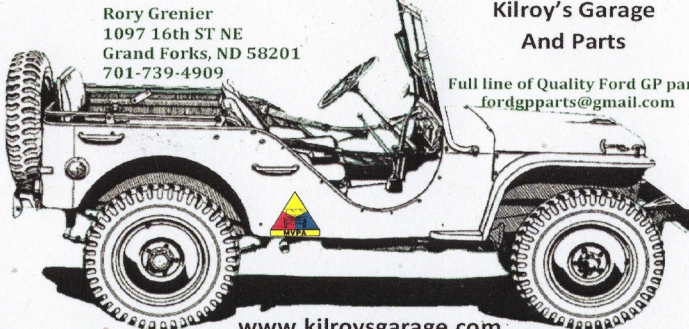
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CAMP PLYMOUTH- April 19 Thru April 22, by Jo-Ann Lesser

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It's that time of year to start planning for our April Campout and show at the 49'er RV Resort and the Amador County Fairgrounds in Plymouth, California. The official dates for this event are April 19 thru April 22, 2023. Of course early birds are always welcome starting Sunday, April 16, 2023. Many of our members know of the registration process however, for those that are newcomers the first thing that you should do is fill out the registration for found in this issue of the NEWS. If you are a returning participant and know your site number please fill it in. If you are new leave the assigned site square blank and I will assign you a site. Please remember to fill in the length of your rig so that I can assign the appropriate site, I will then contact you via email. At this time there are no cabins available. If you do not have an RV and want to tent or car camp you will be at the Amador County Fairgrounds right next door to the RV Resort. Please fill out the Fairgrounds portion of the form. If you know your site number please fill it in. If you are new to this event leave the site number block blank and I will assign you a site. At this time there are no water/electric site open.

Important information -Registration forms will be accepted any time after publication in the NEWS. Non members will need to go to www.mvccnews.net after January 1, 2023 to get the form.

RV site deposits must be made to the 49'er RV Resort prior to March 16, 2023. At that time the 49'er takes back any sites without deposits. Folks staying at the Fairgrounds must include payment with their registration form and should reach me no later than April 01, 2023



Andy Shyers (East Bay VP) Divisions 510, 925, 341

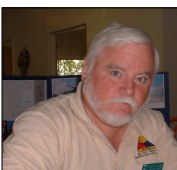
510-832-4322 mvcc510925@gmail.com

Hello out there MV'ers!

Happy New Year and I hope the weather is not treating you too badly. Here in the East Bay it's been an adventure, but we're still staying dry and the house has not slid into the creek, though the street may. I wish the M37 was finished because the winch and 4wd could have been helpful dealing with downed trees. In regard to local events it's been quiet, but if you're aware of any on the horizon please contact me so I can post them.

At the Shop the kids and I are buried in piles of parts from various projects, including the M37's. We may be embarking on a 230 flathead rebuild depending on what we uncover this week inside Pete's old motor. I scuffed the cylinder walls in mine last year so it's done for now. We did get a opportunity to check out Pete's gearbox and it looks great. I suspect it was replaced somewhere along the line since it's red oxide primer instead of the factory silver. Fortunately, it was unscathed by the fire. If we embark on an engine rebuild I need some suggestions from you guys. Over the past few years it's become harder and harder to find a good machine shop in the East Bay. S&S is around the corner, but they are not terribly interested in touching an old flathead. The other shops I've used have closed. If you have any recommendations, please get in touch. If we do dive into another rebuild I plan on doing a few things differently since our last 230 to further improve the performance. Mind you, we're talking about a max RPM of 3000 so the details matter. We had good luck with the prior motor (until I wounded it...) so we'll see what happens. If I find a machine shop that's willing to work with us, maybe we'll even build up a spare and you'd get to suffer through a series of articles on a rebuild :) ! Hope your winter projects are going well and are ready to roll by April!

Stay dry and safe,.. Andy



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No report submitted

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MVCC April 16 to 22, 2023 Camp Plymouth Registration
Spring MEET

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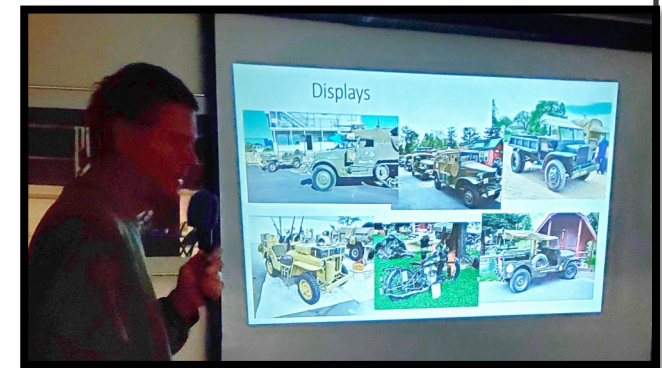


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Greetings from the rain – soaked North,

Hope you and your MV's survived the wet. Despite the rain, on January 11th I attended the American Legion Post 84 meeting in Auburn, California, along with Auburn residents Doug and Lotte O'Neil and my wife, Nancy. I was asked to give a talk on the MVCC at their January meeting, after one of their Vice Presidents saw our jeeps and MVCC entry description in the Auburn Veterans Day Parade. He also looked up our website and liked what he saw! One thing leads to another, I guess. So I put together a PowerPoint slide show on the MVCC with several photos of our vehicles at some of our meets and activities, including some of my own vehicle restoration projects. Doug and Nancy added their insights to my talk and we were well received. Several of the Legion members asked questions about our club and vehicles, and about our twice-annual swap meet and shows. The concluding slide was the current Camp Plymouth flier. I wouldn't be too surprised to see a few of them at Camp Plymouth in April



Keep 'em rollin' and see you in April! ... Dave~

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UPCOMING EVENTS



February 23-26, 2023 Parker Arizona MV Campout Swap Meet. Location-LA PAZ County Park. More information to come.

February 25, 2023 - The Great Los Angeles Air Raid 1942. At Fort MacArthur . San Pedro, California. More information in this in this newsletter on page 8. 3-8PM. Tickets available.

April 19 to 22 2023 - The MVCC April Spring Meet in Plymouth, California! Showcases, vender, sellers, buyers, military vehicles, parts, military memorabilia, Look for ad in this newsletter. Also get more info on the www.mvccnews.net Chris Thomas (559)871-6507. This is the biggest military vehicle meet on the West coast. All are welcome!

May 20, 2023-Chowcilla Armed Forces Day Parade-POC Chris Thomas -(559)-871-6507 moparacer@sbcglobal.net

June 3, 2023-Eagle Field Dinner and Dance. In Dos Palos, Ca. Pull in on the 2nd have fun on the 3rd, leave on the 4th if you like. Free Dry Camping. POS is Don Gomes-(209)765-1273 All military vehicles wanted. BBQ for MVerS on Friday Night.

August 12, 2023- Spirit of 45 in San Jose at History Park. POC is Robert Corpus (Executive Director) www.spiritof45.org 408-887-3311. Anything WW2 related is wanted for this event especially WW2 vehicles and people dressed in WW2 ear attire including but not limited to uniforms. There is food and a Big Band plays at night under the stars.

August 17, 2023-3rd Annual Veterans Appreciation Military Vehicle Convoy and Picnic, Pacific Grove California. 10AM. Its free to attend but vehicle registration is required. Flyer on page 3. Victoria Cambell (818)324-8174 info@montereyconvoy.com

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CAMP PLYMOUTH MILITARY VEHICLE SHOW & SWAP MEET

April 19 to 23*, 2023

DAILY BRIEFING AS OF 12/17/2022

See the Basic Training document at www.MVCCNews.net for general information about this event. *Sunday is a pull-out day, not a show day

ALL WEEK – Swap Meet is open at the 49er Village RV Resort and the adjacent Amador County Fairgrounds! Amateur and professional vendors. Anyone with a rented campsite is welcome to set out military-related items for sale.

Tuesday, April 18

1700 – EARLY BIRD GATHERING- tentative. 49er patio behind café. No potluck as of this writing. Bring your dinner or just come to socialize

Wednesday, April 19

Swap Meet Happening!

Golf cart pickup starts. Pre-reserved only. See Golf Cart Program information on www.MVCCNews.net

Thursday, April 20

Swap Meet Continues!!

0700 until coffee's gone - EARLY MORNING COFFEE. Fairgrounds Tent Village

1000 – 1600 – MVCC HQ/STORE open at site #189 near the 49er office. JOIN OR RENEW, meet MVCC officers,

see who is camping where, buy great MVCC and event commemorative memorabilia. Support Camp Plymouth! Do you know the MVCC is the largest MV club in North America and has members in 22 states and Canada?

** Drop off your raffle donations here for the awesome Friday night raffle, open to all!

1000 MILITARY VEHICLE EXCURSION to Jimmy Strauss Jeeps in Diamond Springs, 6401 Capitol Ave., Diamond Springs. Line up at fairgrounds arena. Scott Tanis is POC.

1000—1400— OPEN HOUSE AT JIMMY STRAUSS JEEPS. Specialist in repair and restoration of mainly WWII prototype and production jeeps.

Usually, 20 or more projects happening. Finger food, beverages.

1000 – 1100 – Club President @ MVCC HQ. Meet Chris Thomas

1500 – WOMEN'S SOCIAL. 49er Patio behind café. Time tentative. Snack sharing not planned, bring your own beverage. POC is Nancy Porter, 530-391-5650

1600 – MVCC BOARD MEETING – time and place tentative

Friday, April 21

Swap Meet Continues!!

0700 until coffee's gone - EARLY MORNING COFFEE. Fairgrounds Tent Sector

0900-1200 – MILITARY DODGE SHOWCASE. Fairgrounds arena. POCs are Tim Coolbaugh and John Duckett. People's Choice Contest

1000 – 1600 – MILITARY MOTORCYCLE, SCOOTER, BICYCLE SHOWCASE. 49er location TBD. POC is John Neuenburg in_garage@hotmail.com. People's Choice Contest.

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1100 to 1500 – WOMEN'S OFFSITE LUNCH AND SHOPPING EXPEDITION. POC is Nancy Porter, 530-391-5650. Meet at 49er driveway

1300 – MVCC BOARD MEETING, location TBA

1300-1600 – WW2 JEEP SHOWCASE. Fairgrounds arena.

1800 - RAFFLE and SOCIAL. 49er Clubhouse. All welcome! Camp Plymouth fundraiser. Donate and be recognized! Raffle POC is Jen Tanis at 209-304-2592 or my_little_tonka@hotmail.com

Saturday, April 22

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

0700 until coffee's gone - EARLY MORNING COFFEE. Fairgrounds Tent Sector

1000 – 1100—MVCC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. 49er Clubhouse is tentative. MVCC election nominations. Fall 2023 event news. 2024 showcase and activities suggestions

After Meeting to 1600 – MVCC HQ/STORE open at site #189 near 49er office. JOIN OR RENEW, meet MVCC

officers, see who is camping where, buy great MVCC and event commemorative merchandise. Support Camp Plymouth

1230 – POKER RALLY. Register fairgrounds arena, depart 1300. \$5 per poker hand. Maximum of 2 hands/person. POC: Dave/Nancy Porter 530-391-5650

Sunday April 23

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

415-259-8177 recon3rdid@yahoo.com

Hello North Bay West and beyond,

Hope the membership has their water wings on! Get the amphibians out! Good for those that have heated and waterproof shops! You are the only guys that are getting to work on their projects in this kind of weather! Anyway.... I'm not one to complain about the rain...believe me!

One of my earliest memories of the Ol' Jeep was in the great flood of '82 in Novato. Dad picked me and the neighbor kid up from school. This might have been so impressionable because I never got a surprise day out of school especially in the middle of the morning! Dad had the canvas top on the jeep (which was a rare occasion) and a long tow chain on the front bumper. The neighbor kid and I sat in the back of the jeep the rest of the day as dad used the Jeep to pull out stalled vehicles that were dying due to high speeds in deep water. Remember in '82 the vehicles were almost all still carbureted. He yelled at cars to slow down as they continue to not heed his warning and became stranded in the rising waters. That was a long cold day with untold number of vehicles pulled from the rising waters of Novato Creek. The Ol' Jeep coming though in another stressful situation! Great memory.

Reminder: PM (Preventative Maintenance) time of year. That includes but not limited to: oil changes, air filters, diffs, transmission oil changes, lube zerts, Service steering box, rotate tires, check breaks & wheel cylinders, points & condenser, rotor, and change the plugs. Refer to your TM's for proper services for specific types and models.

In sad news we lost another beloved member of the club at the end of December. Chuck Lutz passed away on December 28th, 2022, after a long battle with cancer. Chuck was a great guy and will be sorely miss by all, but especially the crew in the North Bay West. I always enjoyed my visits with Chuck. Whether it was at a parade or over at Mike's shop I always had a laugh with my buddy the "Lutzer"! My thanks goes out to member Dave Aro and John Nuenburg who stepped up and shared words and pictures of our beloved buddy that is included in this newsletter.

Keep Your Powder Dry... Scott Rohrs



**Military Vehicle
Display / Swap
Meet Participant
Registration Form**

Thursday to Sunday, February 23-26, 2023

Parker MV Campout & Swap Meet
La Paz County Park
7350 Riverside Drive
Parker, AZ 85344

Event Coordinator - Mike Colgan - colgan7@cox.net - 714-269-0502

Name _____ Company/Club _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Address _____

Type of swap meet merchandise _____

Military Vehicle(s) being displayed (no fee) _____

of Nights in Group Camp site (includes vendor space) _____ @ \$40 each = _____

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of Vendor Only spaces (no camping) _____ @ \$30 ea. (fee for entire event) = _____

Combined total for all fees \$ _____

Site Number(s) Requested _____ Assigned Site Number will be confirmed prior to event

Send payment (check, cash or money order) along with a copy of this form to:

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Payments must be received by February 1, 2023 to secure your spot

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Mike Fedyk, (North Bay VP East, Divisions), 707, 415, 628 916-809-2969

bigmike405@hotmail.com

Howdy MVers,

Happy new year to everyone. I've taken advantage of the much-needed wet weather and spent some quality time working on the big green iron. I've been soaking the bolts on the HEMTT crane cylinder in preparation for removal. I finally hit them with the impact wrench and have them broken loose with no damage. Now I'll be able to start pounding out those 2.5" diameter pins that hold in the cylinder. That's a workout in itself. Expect to see some pictures next month.

I've also been fighting with "Rusty" the M16 halftrack. Apparently, it doesn't want to let go of all those frozen armored bolts and nuts. They are all so rusted and stuck. I pulled out the 36" breaker bar...now I really mean business...I wrestled with the truck for several hours. After removing several items under the hood, I was able to get to the worst of the rusted nuts and was able to cut them off. I got the windshield removed. I'm now almost down to the firewall. YEEHAA! A few more pieces and I'll be ready to pull the radiator, motor and tranny.

I pulled one of the original gauges from the rusted dashboard. Do you think I can rebuild this one?

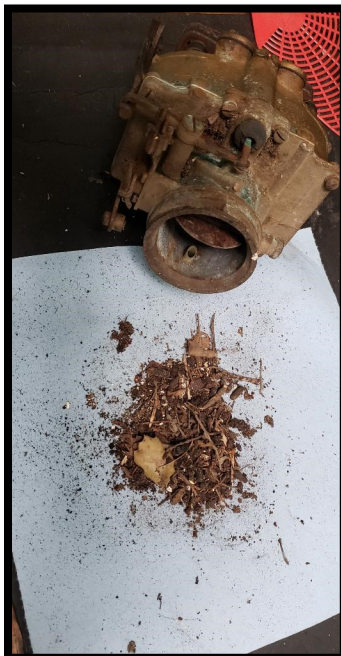
Maybe some bondo will do the trick?
I removed the carburetor from the engine. I'd say it's been sitting in the weather for almost as long as that gauge. I turned the carburetor over and this stuff poured out the top.

Looks like some critter was storing some winter supplies in there. Other than the little treats inside, the carb looks like a good candidate for a rebuild. I'll add that to the growing list of projects for this halftrack.

Next month I'll be preparing the 1941 Indian 741B for the spring rally and motorcycle showcase so stay tuned. April is coming quickly so be sure to get your reservations in for camping and RV spots at Camp Plymouth. As always, please share with me your projects, pictures etc. so that I can share them in our newsletter. Stay safe and dry.

Regards,

BigMike



Military Vehicle Collectors of California Merchandise 2022



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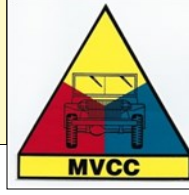
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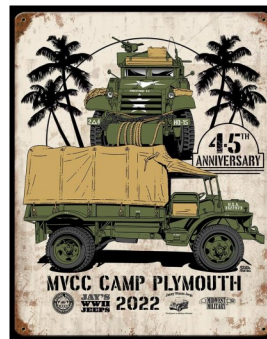
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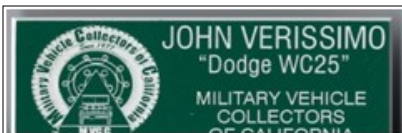
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For Sale: GPW Engine, Serial Number 144723, no manifolds. GPW block and parts, Serial Number 18971. CJ-2A complete frame with front and rear differentials with 15" Jeep wheels. Contact Alvin Rentsch (707)972-8726

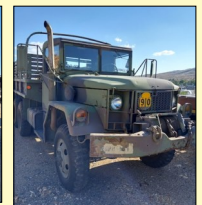
Wanted : shock mount for my PE-55 and my BC223 radio. I have been missing these for years and would love to finally find them. Johnny Verissimo (209)918-0488 istanbull@sbcglobal.net

For Sale: M151A1 which has been stored in a garage and is licensed in the state of California. It was last driven about three years ago and everything was in excellent condition. Uncut. There is no rust. Completely original. Asking \$15,000. Call Don Thomas at 310-418-9344. Vehicle is located in St. Helena, California (Napa Valley).

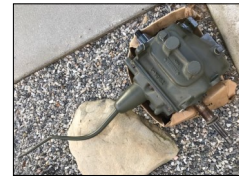


For Sale- Ford Jeep Engine Runs #271-256 (no bolt on's) \$1,400. Ford Jeep Engine, Runs, #133-810 (no bolt on's) \$1,000. Willys CJ Jeep Engine, runs (no bolt on's) \$1,000. Harold Tufenkjian -(559)266-7520 Fresno, Ca.

For Sale -1968 M35A2, 465 Hercules Turbo Multifuel winch Hard Cab., Contact Gill (775) 826-1719.



For Sale: T90A-1 transmission, Spicer 18 transfer, bell housing and flywheel (for Hurricane F-Head engine). Call for more information and photos if interested. I'm located in Goleta, CA. Call Brad at 805-708-3963. Asking \$900 for the lot.



For Sale: 1943 International M-2-4-233 nick named "Bluto". Currently registered and titled as an antique vehicle. Has new tires, new Navy Battleship Grey paint, troop seats, canvas top for cargo area, extra transmission with PTO for Baden Winch, radio antenna (For newer M series vehicles), and runs. Both transmissions rebuilt with new gears and bearings.

Asking \$8,000. Willing to trade for a Military Ambulance or M38A1 in like condition.

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For Sale: 1942 Dodge WC-51 Weapons Carrier. Early Model w/Small Fuel Filler.

I bought it from the original owner in 2011, who bought it as Surplus in the early 1950's, used it on his farm, and stored it in his shop when not in use. Very clean, complete and straight original truck. Unrestored. Engine has a Rebuild tag from the 1970's, with very few miles since.

Runs, but has not been driven since 2015. It will need some attention to drive, including Brakes, Carburetor & Fuel system. Comes with 7 Combat wheels, 5 good tires, 5 new tubes. Parts included, but not installed: NOS Windshield frame, Restored Fuel Tank, Rebuilt Carburetor, Rebuilt Original Fuel Pump. Calif Titled. \$8500 OBO Matt (408) 398-0036 msira36@aol.com



Wanted: Halftrack. My son, Anthony, and I are looking for a restorable halftrack. Preferable an M3 or M16 with a good solid frame, any condition considered if it is priced right. Anthony has one that he has been working on, but the frame has been extended. So, he would like to get one with a good frame...

John Souza, souzaj3@yahoo.com, 559-313-4480

For Sale: 1943 Ford GTB Burma Jeep Cargo Truck with Winch and Hydraulic Dump Bed, which runs off the PTO for the Winch. Correct Original motor. Not running, but Engine turns over as normal. Last ran in 2017. \$3500 OBO Matt (408) 398-0036 msira36@aol.com



For Sale ½ ton WWII Dodge truck parts. New wood floorboards and dash map board \$60.00. Transfer case \$100.00. Transmission \$ 100.00. Transmission with PTO \$150.00. PTO \$50.00. Rims \$20.00. Complete re-built MU winch. has been sand blasted and primed. \$1000.00. (2) Command car safety strap body eye. New MU shift fork \$200.00. Rims \$30.00 ea.. ¾ ton Dodge truck parts. 2 speed transfer case for WC 62 and 63 \$300.00. M37 complete front axle \$200.00. M37 complete rear axle \$ 200.00. MU2 winch with cable guide \$800.00. WWII ben hur One ton trailer complete metal bracket set for wood sides \$230.00 203-4674 motor that has been re-built with transmission \$800.00. n auger for Chevy K44. Includes 4 different bits \$400.00 or best offer. Radio box CH-74A fits Jeeps, Dodge and ½ tracks \$50.00. WWII ben hur One ton trailer complete metal bracket set for wood sides \$230.00

CONTACT GREG LAMPMAN CELL (805) 550-5838 OR E-MAIL glampman@calpoly.edu

For Sale: WW2 37mm Anti Aircraft Gun Carriage for sale. Located in Los Banos California. Contact Jess Soriano (209)769-4058

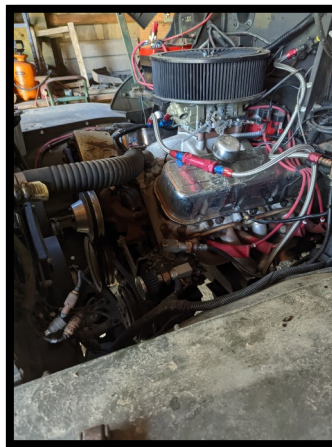


For Sale: a M211 truck
It has a 505 GM Crate engine,

different 4 speed,
changed to 12 volt

Chester Berrlow

<chesterb777@yahoo.com>



Articles! Articles! Articles! from your neck of the woods. If you have something you would like to see in the newsletter just email it to me and I'll see about getting it in the newsletter, If you're a member in any state and have something you think is interesting please email it to me: Johnny istanbull@sbcglobal.net :) If you want more info on the MVCC check out the web page and we are on facebook in two areas, look us up.

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For Sale— 1952 M38A-1 Restored. New canvas kit with side curtains & new doors. New wire harness. Runs great. All service manuals included. Will ship at buyers expense. Title in hand. Selling for a friend. \$16,800. Don Gomes (209)765-1273.



For Sale— Ford GTBs and parts as a Lot. Rebuilt transmission, cargo bed, etc. All GTBs to be sold together. 2 GTBs and 2 Parts GTBs \$5,000 or best offer John Azevedo (559)381-2656



For Sale— 2 M100 trailers. 1/2 Command Car, body cut behind front Seat. Fred Kennedy (209)639-9724



For Sale: Willys 6cyl Super Hurricane Motor. This motor was a running motor when pulled. Used in Willys P/U Trucks and Wagons from the 50's- the 60's. Will bolt up to T90 transmission. Motor is complete with Carb, Intake, Exhaust manifold, Generator, and Distributer. Black oil on the dip stick.. Asking \$800. Scott 415 259 8177

For Sale: Military Canvas Tents. 16' X 16' Squad tent w/poles \$250. Hexagon Mountain Tent complete. N.O.S. \$200. Scott 415 259 8177

For Sale: GPW Axle Housings (front and rear). Been sand blasted \$200 Scott 415 259 8177

For Sale: ¼ ton M416 Trailer bed with lunette. Bed not rotten/ dent in the from bulkhead (fixable). \$750 Firm

For Sale- 5-'41 Nash-Kelvinator 1 ton G518 trailer. Solid floor, stock taillight brackets, hand brake, tailgate, dated wheels, lunette all there. Tires hold air, wheel bearings recently serviced so it can be towed. Missing landing wheel, but has casting. Barely readable data plate included, which has the date of delivery, 5-41. \$900_Located in South Lake Tahoe_ Tim Coolbaugh_ 530-308 -8164_ timsresort @att.net



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For sale: 1962 REO M49 Deuce and half with extra oa331 motor and many extra parts, needs to be restored, no title. \$4000. Also 1942 Chevrolet CCKW with non-military boom, needs complete restoration. \$1500. Contact Gregory Hays at 530-677-2519



Wanted: WW 2 Era 8 foot officers wall tent. I live in Colorado but would like to take delivery at Plymouth 2023. I will take it at Plymouth and send it back with me. Cash, NO shipping Hassle. Please contact Russ Morgan 970-669-9099 morganru@oneimage.com



WANTED: M-37 winch bumper parts. Need both driver and passenger side front bumpers, extensions, winch to bumper angle brackets, pto, pto bracket with handle. Please contact John Sorensen (707)486-2882 or email rattlecanjohnny@gmail.com



If You Think You Want a Rental Golf Cart at Camp Plymouth Call ASAP

By John Neuenburg

Last month we mentioned the golf cart rental program we now have for Camp Plymouth. It also appears on the event page on our website. On January 13 Zach at Gipson Golf Carts called me to say he is getting some reservations from non-Camp Plymouth customers for our week, and he wanted to firm up what we will need. Carts are available first come, first served. If you think you want one, best to act now. As mentioned, you will contact Gipson directly to reserve one and do the rental agreement. The MVCC is not in the middle except we called several companies and found the best deal for you. They plan to deliver and pick up for free but I am not sure about that if the quantity is less than six. The location of the cart corral and procedure for getting your key will be published in an upcoming newsletter or Zach can tell you.

To summarize, Gipson Golf Carts in nearby Rancho Murieta is our supplier and they have offered us a discount on four passenger, electric, flip flatbed carts. It is \$55 per day if four-day rental. If fewer days, \$60. The few six passenger carts they have will be \$80.

To cancel a reservation, call them at least 48 hours before our event. You will receive a refund less a \$15 processing fee. Pretty friendly. So if you are "iffy" about coming or your budget, reserve one now and at worst you will be out \$15. That assumes you contact Gipson in time. They are at 916-806-0920.

I think all of us would prefer to see people who own military jeeps putt around and shop in those rather than leave the jeep home and rent a cart instead. Especially WW2 jeeps because we have that showcase on Friday afternoon. Also remember the MV excursion Thursday to the Jimmy Strauss Jeeps open house in Diamond Springs.



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Happy New Year from the central coast! I was very fortunate to visit Belgium, Luxembourg, and the tip of northern France the week prior to Christmas. The goal was to check off one of my bucket list items and explore the sites correlating to the Battle of the Bulge. Our Flight departed San Francisco on Dec. 16th and headed non-stop to Frankfurt and then a brief puddle jumps on to Luxembourg City. Our trip dates correlated almost perfectly to the events surrounding the battle of the bulge exactly 78 years earlier. We had a wonderful vacation rental situated just outside the city of Bastogne. Coincidentally this home served as the HQ for the 101st Airborne as the siege of Bastogne developed in the latter parts of December of 1944. In addition, the Chateau served as the site of the awards ceremony held in January 1945 for the 101st. We toured many of the villages

and towns involved in the offensive both in Belgium and Luxembourg. One of the big things that grabs your attention is the fact that the American Flag has been flying for the past 78 years side by side with the host country. It truly puts the historic role that the American serviceman has made in so many lives on foreign soil. The Bastogne War Museum is one the finest museums I have had an opportunity to tour. It does an excellent job portraying the precursors to World War II and of course a heavy emphasis on the battle of the bulge.

A wonderful day was spent driving south from Belgium into northern France where we had opportunity to visit the American Cemetery at Meuse Argonne. I thought this would be a valuable history lesson for my 9-year-old Hunter and his 11 year old brother Maxwell. This is the largest American cemetery on foreign soil and a very powerful place.

We made a brief stop at the Battle of Verdun visitor center which I highly recommend as well.

*The **Meuse–Argonne offensive** was a major part of the final Allied offensive of World War I that stretched along the entire Western Front. It was fought from September 26, 1918, until the Armistice of November 11, 1918, a total of 47 days. The Meuse–Argonne offensive was the largest in United States military history, involving 1.2 million American soldiers. It is also the deadliest battle in the history of the United States Army, resulting in over 350,000 casualties, including 28,000 German lives, 26,277 American lives and an unknown number of French lives. American losses were worsened by the inexperience of many of the troops, the tactics used during the early phases of the operation and the widespread onset of the global influenza outbreak called the "Spanish flu".*

Photo to the right-Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial 14,246 American are not forgotten



Photo to the left-Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial

Photo to the right-McAuliffe Memorial Square
Photo below- Easy Company Memorial



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The **Battle of the Bulge** the last major German offensive campaign on the Western Front during World War II. The battle lasted from 16 December 1944 to 28 January 1945, towards the end of the war in Europe. It was launched through the densely forested Ardennes region between Belgium and Luxembourg. It overlapped with the Alsace Offensive and subsequently the Colmar Pocket, another series of battles launched by the Germans in support of the Ardennes thrust.

The primary military objectives were to deny further use of the Belgian port of Antwerp to the Allies and to split the Allied lines, which potentially could have allowed the Germans to encircle and destroy the four Allied forces. The Battle of the Bulge remains among the most important battles of the war, as it marked the last major offensive attempted by the Axis Powers on the Western front.

After their defeat, Germany would retreat for the remainder of the war.

The Germans achieved a total surprise attack on the morning of 16 December 1944, due to a combination of Allied overconfidence, preoccupation with Allied offensive plans, and poor aerial reconnaissance due to bad weather

Photo to the right-Nuts Castle, Our home away from home HQ for 101st at the later sages during the siege of Bastogne



American forces bore the brunt of the attack. The Germans attacked a weakly defended section of the Allied line, taking advantage of heavily overcast weather conditions that grounded the Allies' superior air forces. Fierce American resistance on the northern shoulder of the offensive, around Elsenborn Ridge, and in the south, around Bastogne, blocked German access to key roads to the northwest and west that they counted on for success.

The farthest west the offensive reached was the village of Foy-Nôtre-Dame, south east of Dinant, being stopped by the U.S. 2nd Armored Division on 24 December 1944.^[18] Improved weather conditions from around 24 December permitted air attacks on German forces and supply lines, which sealed the failure of the offensive. On 26 December the lead element of Patton's U.S. Third Army reached Bastogne from the south, ending the siege. Although the offensive was effectively broken by 27 December, when the trapped units of 2nd Panzer Division made two break-out attempts with only partial success, the battle continued for another month before the front line was effectively restored to its position prior to the attack. In the wake of the defeat, many experienced German units were out of men and equipment, and the survivors retreated to the Siegfried Line.

The Germans' initial attack involved 410,000 men; just over 1,400 tanks, tank destroyers, and assault guns; 2,600 artillery pieces; and over 1,000 combat aircraft, as well as large numbers of other armored fighting vehicles (AFVs).^[5] From among the Americans' peak strength of 610,000 troops, there were 89,000 casualties, including about 19,000 killed.^[19] The "Bulge" was the largest and bloodiest single battle fought by the United States in World War II^{[20][21]} and the third-deadliest campaign in American history.^[22]



Mardasson Memorial



General McAuliffe Memorial



WC-53 Latest Top Collection Addition

In Memorium: Chuck Lutz

Sadly, we share word of the passing of our good friend and MVCC member, Chuck Lutz. Chuck passed away on the 28th of December after a long battle with cancer.

Chuck was a constant attendee at the various meets from Tower Park to Petaluma and Plymouth. Chuck was also active in the annual Veterans Day Parades and other events in Petaluma where he would drive his 1942 Ford GPW to honor those who served. Chuck was a USNR fleet sailor and was stationed at Treasure Island in the late 1960's.



Chuck has been an MVCC member since the early 2000's and was an original member of the group of Jeep aficionados later known as the Odd Squad. Members were from many countries due to the increasing use of the new-fangled thing known as the World Wide Web and the internet. Since Chuck was one of those early subscribers of the new G503.com chat room, he would share his knowledge on this new medium worldwide. This original WWII Jeep chat room also provided many of his new friends a place to learn and promote the military vehicle scene. Those chats also led to constant meetings outside the MVCC with a group of Jeep builders led by Mike Stopforth at his Santa Rosa - Mikes Military Motors where Chuck was a regular. There he gained skills as a restorer and knowledge of parts and history of the Jeep.

Our condolences to Irene his wife and family as well as to the many friends of his that will never forget about his knowledge of WWII Jeeps, history of WWII battles and the wonderful database of WWII trailers that he shared with the hobbyists across the internet. His dedication to that subject made him one of the "go-to" guys for information related to the MBT trailers. He was always a friend to the guys in the Odd Squad and will surely be missed by us all.

Chuck: REST IN PEACE friend...may you have fair winds and following seas.



From Mark Tombleson, Group Photo, 4/22/2011, Tower Park

This photo was taken back where the Odd Squad camped every year and I will list the guys from left to right. **Back row:**

Jim May, Fred Coldwell, David Aro, Chuck Lutz, Mac McCluskey, Paul Fitzgerald, Joe Potter, Bill Campbell, Matt Parry, Bill Hollinger, Mark Tombleson, David Alaster Brass, Ernie Ongaro, Ron FitzPatrick, Mike Seymour, Ed Scott, Don Gleason.

Front row: Juan Corles, Mike Wright, Marc Open, Mitch Olson, Jon Schneider





Don Gomes, (Central Valley VP) MVCC Quartermaster, Divisions 209,559,661,760, 442
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Greetings to all MVCC members,

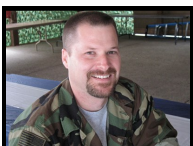
One day three weeks ago I received a call from Anthony Rocha, a guy from Tulare California, that said he bought a WW2 M2 Bomb trailer off Craigslist. I guess one of the perks about being an MVCC V.P. is people can google military vehicle clubs in California and my name comes up as a contact so I'm grateful for these great finds. So, Anthony asked if I knew anyone that could use a WW2 Bomb trailer and I said you called the right guy! All Anthony wanted was to trade it for a small trailer he could use to haul firewood around his Almond orchard. One week ago a couple friends and I drove to Madeira California, half way between Newman and Tulare, and met Anthony in a Walmart parking lot and did the trade. We traded my old 3 foot by 8 foot trailer for his Bomb trailer. Well the trade went off without a hitch, HaHa, no pun intended! I would like to give a big Thankyou to Betty Perry, a long time member and wife of the Late John Perry for paying her Dues and also making a donation to the club.



Please don't forget that I'm taking special orders for the April spring meet. I can order Dickies work shirts, sweat shirts, zip ups, pullovers and metal signs. Please call, text 209-765-1273 or email me at caddymanwestside@yahoo.com

Keeping The GTB History Alive!

Don Gomes-
Quartermaster



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Hello MVCC'ers!

Here it is already February, which means there's only a couple months to go before Spring Camp Plymouth! I hope you are having success in getting all your MVs and treasures ready for another fantastic Spring Meet.

Here in Northern Nevada, we've been getting lots of snow and rain and there have not been any events to bring our MVs out and share with the public. So, I decided (with strong encouragement from Nikole) to take advantage of the time and clean out my storage unit.

After getting it all home and shoved into my shop, it was clear that I needed to not only make sure I had all the pieces to complete my Navy crash truck, but also to sort out what else I have and decide if I really need all that stuff. And to no one's surprise, I did find a few forgotten about treasures, and more M151A2 parts I still had stashed away. I guess I'll have a few more items for my sale table at Plymouth.

Other than that, not much else to report from around here. I'm looking forward to Plymouth, and can't wait to see everyone and all the amazing vehicles we all work so hard on to preserve our Nation's history.

Keep 'em Rollin'!.. Sean~

Farley Family Vehicle Restorations in Durham, California, by Sean Farley

In March of 2005, I, at age 20, purchased his first Military Vehicle, a 1945 MB. With the help of another military vehicle enthusiast Bill Campbell of Durham. Who also happened to have a 1945 MB. I set out to restore my first vehicle, and with the help of Bill and other members of "the odd squad" at Tower Park, and many parts from Ron Fitzpatrick. The Jeep would be used at his wedding to leave the church for the reception in 2011. In 2015, I started a small business called Nor Cal Mobile Sandblasting and NOR CAL Powder Coating. As you can imagine owning your own sandblasting, painting and powder coating companies comes in handy!

Since then, at age 37, my son Nathan age 10, and father Rick Farley age 72, have increased our vehicle projects to include the following.

My 1945 Willys jeep, 1941 dodge WC-4, 1943 Diamond T halftrack, 1944 wc-51, and a 1942 Australian Bren Carrier, 1943 Ford GTB "Burma jeep"

Rick is the proud owner of his 1987 AM General 5-ton, 1966 Willys Mule, and 1963 Dodge M37B1, and a 1943 GTB "Burma Jeep" cargo.

I also operate a small museum out of my office in Durham containing local and Family history. My grandfather, Robert Farley WW2 1942-1945, my father Rick Vietnam 70-71 served 30 years active and National Guard retiring a First Sergeant. I also served in the Army deploying to Iraq in 2004-2005.

Many of our projects are still under restoration with the WC-4 and Halftrack on schedule to be finished in 2023.



Farley Museum, located in my office



1941 Dodge WC-4



Sean Farley and Family



About the Half Track;

Ever since as I watched the movie Kelly's Heroes I have always loved halftracks. I found two from different friends of mine in Nevada that I'm making into one solid halftrack. Like every new vehicle, I have had so much to learn, parts to find, and met some great people along the way.

My markings for the halftrack like all of my vehicles have a personal family connection. My mother was born in Holland and moved to the United States when she was 8. My grandparents lived in occupied Holland during the war and in May 1940, the 2nd Battalion, Irish Guards deployed to the Hook of Holland to cover the evacuation of the Dutch Royal Family and Government. The Irish Guards were then chosen to be part of the ground force of Operation Market Garden, one of the most ambitious operations of the entire war and designed to enable a swift advance into Germany by capturing vital bridges over the River Rhine. The 2nd Irish Guards led XXX Corps in their advance towards Arnhem. So my plan is to do my marking on my halftrack as the 2nd battalion Irish Guards in honor of them. Bringing that small connection to history with this vehicle.

Rick Farley and his 5 Ton



1942 Australian Bren Carrier



1943 Diamond T Half Track in progress of restoration

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Our Field Trip to Jimmy Strauss Jeep Restorations, by Johnny Verissimo

On the 16th of January Chris Thomas and I took a trip to see Scott Tanis at Jimmy Strauss Jeep Restorations in Diamond Springs, California, to make a delivery. This is only the 2nd time I've been there and a lot has changed over the years. The shop is bigger, there is a new paint booth, another shop in the back and everything looks outstanding.

When I walked through Jimmys door to his shop I felt like I was walking through heavens gates, angels sang and harps played. The first thing you see when you walk through the office door into the shop is wall to wall jeeps, everything from jeeps in their beginning stages of restoration, bare frames, to completely restored jeeps. www.jimmystraussjeeps.com

here were Ford GPW's, Willys MB's, 2 MA's, etc, everywhere in the process of blasting, welding, painting, assembly, final touches and lettering. Your one stop shop for complete restoration. I never seen so many jeep engines in one place. OMG, I want a WW2 so bad! Some day.

I know two of the guys that work there, Tylor Rizzuto and Scott Tanis, and I say I know they know their stuff something fierce.

I want to thank Jimmy for letting me check out the whole place and take photos, AND, I want to thank Jimmy for being this years 1 of 4 t-shirt artwork sponsors! :)

In case you don't know it yet, Jimmy's Shop is this years April Event Field Trip! Thursday, April 20th, meet at the fairgrounds parking lot. There will be a convoy of MV's going to Jimmy's Shop for an open house to all MVCC members and their guests. Lead vehicle will take off from the Fairgrounds at 10AM. This ia a totally recommended trip. You need not have a military vehicle to go.

Dude, if you can, I recommend this field trip, if you love the WW2 jeep then this is your dream field trip. Drinks and finger foods provided at this event.





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