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Mike Herbertson smiles proudly while displaying his M816 Wrecker

FROM THE COMMAND POST



I'm sitting in my office today reflecting on the club's accomplishments during 2015. After digging through the voluminous emails I've sent out, I've determined that through the year the club has participated in eight parades and twenty display events from the northern Front Range to Pueblo. That's a significant accomplishment! The logistics of coordinating our events can be significant (and many times a royal "PIA") given the vagaries of event organizers! In this regard, I'd like to thank all of our members who have stepped up to be the Point of Contact for parades and displays. We couldn't do it without their commitment to the club!

The club is healthy, as our membership continued to grow throughout 2015, and our finances are in good shape! However, I continue to be at a loss as to why we generally only see the same members and vehicles at almost every event. This is a small pool of members which nowhere near represents the range of vehicles in the club. We collect and restore military vehicles to preserve rolling military history, educate the public, and to support veterans and patriotic causes and events. That entails showing them off! It's my sincere hope that that see more of our MIA members at 2016 events! The greater the diversity of vehicles we present, the better we look! During December, I'll be sending out a questionnaire to members to determine what members like/dislike, what we should be doing differently as a club, and ideas for new and different events. Your opinions are important to the Officers and will aid us in continuing to develop the club. The clubs election of Officers for 2016 will be accomplished via Internet voting again this year. A call for nominations will be sent via email in early December.

I wish all of our members a joyous holiday season and look forward to seeing you at future events!

Phil

p.s. Don't forget the MVCC Holiday Party/Dinner/Auction on December 5th. Hope to see you there!



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VICE PRESIDENT'S DISPATCH



As we enter the holiday season and our display and parade season winds down it is a good time to reflect on the multiple reasons we participate in the MVCC and related events. Besides the camaraderie with your fellow members there multiple reasons we all share. First and foremost is a love of OD Iron. These are unique vehicles with more history and special considerations than most vehicle lines have in total. Our iron is flat out cool and has a lots of details and functionality that the majority of the public has never given any thought. Second is the support we provide to our armed forces. Whether indirect support at some of our events (like the St. Patrick's Day Parade) or direct at events such as fund raising for military support groups and/or Memorial and Veterans Day Parades. Third may be minor, but is still the fun of showing off and interacting with the public. Club participation waxes and wanes over the years as do the number of events to which we are invited. But through it all I believe we have a shared pride, fun and brotherhood. As we give thanks for what we have lets include thanks for being able to enjoy these vehicles and share them with others.

Brendan



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EDITOR'S SITREP

A few key members, the other Club officers and I have had several conversations in the past months regarding the lack of Club member participation. Phil Movish has even mentioned this subject at several of our Club meetings. It's the same old story, we are always told there is nothing wrong, everybody's happy and they like the way the Club is being run. However, the participation figures make me think otherwise. We don't expect everyone to show up at every event, but an increase in participation sure would certainly be desirable. I know for a fact, some events I have personally set up, had no club member interest whatsoever. The Club buys lunch for the bigger parade events, and we usually have coffee and donuts for both parades and display attendees. And since we are a family oriented organization, you don't have to leave your spouse home alone with the kids. Diesel prices have been fairly stable and low, holding way under three dollars a gallon since January, so we don't think fuel prices are a factor...we are definitely baffled. We have started to move the meetings to different locations, and will continue to do so, hoping that will spur more attendance. Some members we haven't seen since they attended their first meeting and paid their dues. Most events have the same Club members showing up time after time, not that we mind that, but we sure would like to see some new faces attending. This is YOUR Club, we work for YOU. If you have any suggestions on how to improve our stagnant attendance, please let us know.

Jonathan

PERSONAL 201 FILE: FRANK SCHOLER

I live in Franktown where we moved after leaving Southern California due to a job change. I had the choice of going to either Houston or Denver and I am certainly glad I made the choice to move to Colorado. I worked for a series of companies in the design and construction of electric power plants. My last employer was URS Corporation, with offices in the Denver Tech Center. I was involved in a large number of large and small power generation projects as a Project Engineering Manager on projects located domestically and overseas. My extracurricular activities have included scuba diving (I was the head of a dive club in Southern California), sport aviation (I earned my private pilot's license), international travel (I've been to Germany a number of times) and sports cars. I currently own a matching numbers 1969 Corvette which I just reupholstered in black leather. I'm waiting for dry roads to take it out.

I had been involved in sports car racing for many years starting in the late 60's in California. I started racing with the Sports Car Club of America in the San Francisco Region and went thru driver's school at Sears Point Raceway. I prepared a 1965 Alfa Romeo Veloce Spider. Over the years I raced at courses in the west and east, including Laguna Seca, Riverside, Bridgehampton, Watkins Glen, Lime Rock Park and Bryer, NH. After moving to Colorado in 1999 I started vintage racing in a Datsun 510 and joined Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing, the local vintage racing organization. I took refresher driver's schools at the Jim Hall School in California and in Pueblo.

For the past 8 years I have been involved in World War II reenacting, leading the Colorado Military Historical Group for the past 4 years. The CMHG has grown to be the largest and most active group in the Colorado region. We participate in parades, Veteran's benefits, air shows, movie productions and private tactical events. Last August a number of us went to France to participate in a recreation of the US 2nd Armored liberation of the Somme area of France in 1944.

I joined the MVCC a number of years ago after meeting Fred at a street fair, where he had set up a display of his amphibious jeep and 37mm gun. I was looking for a new hobby and always had an interest in vehicles of many types. I recently served as Vice President of the MVCC. My stable of vehicles includes a 1951 M37, a 1968 M101A1 trailer, a 1971 M109A3 van truck and a half interest in a 1942 Chevrolet G506 truck. Fellow MVCC member Ron LiButti and I did a full restoration of the G506 over the period of about one year and it has been to a number of events such as the B17 Fly In at Centennial Airport, the summer 1940's Ball at Boulder Airport, last year's War Bird Air Show and Veteran's Day Parade at Colorado Springs. Submitted by Frank Scholer



COLORADO VETERANS PROJECT

NEW MEMBERS

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MILITARY HUMOR

Air Force personnel have a reputation within the other branches of the military of leading a rather soft life. Here is a sample of their slang:

Restroom

Navy/Marines - Head

Army - Latrine

Air Force - Powder Room

Jail

Navy/Marines - Brig

Army - Stockade

Air Force - Grounded

Coffee

Navy/Marines - Mud

Army - Cup of Joe

Air Force - Vanilla Latte



Commandos

Navy/Marines - SEALs/Force Recon

Army - Rangers

Air Force - Librarian

Bed

Navy/Marines - Rack

Army - Bunk

Air Force - Single with Ruffle and Duvet



MEMBER RESTORATIONS

Jay Bennett brought his beautifully restored M37 to May's Club meeting at The Retired Enlistedman's Association Club in Colorado Springs. Jay has been a great asset by organizing events down in the Colorado Springs area. He organized the May meeting and the 2014 and 2015 Veterans Day Parades.



MEMBER COLLECTIONS



On April 4, Ron LiButti and I left Monument at 5AM to drive to Orem, Utah to pick up my recently purchased Dodge WC52 truck. I had bought it from a guy that used it in a movie he made in the area around Alpine, Utah. This is the same place where we had made the Saints and Soldiers movie a few years ago.

We arrived in Orem at about 3PM and found the storage facility where the truck was located. The truck looked pretty good and we noticed that it has four brand new NDCC tires. I got in and tried to start it but the battery was very low (it had been stored since last November) and the engine only made about two revolutions before it quit. Fortunately we had brought along a 6V battery charger, an extension cord, starting ether and a supply of fresh gasoline. We put the charger on and spent some time preparing the truck for transport by removing the canvas and generally unloading it of everything. After that we took off the air cleaner and proceeded to spray ether in the carb while cranking. We also put in about 2 gallons of fresh gasoline in the tank and also had a spray bottle with gas to prime the carb. After about 15 minutes of spraying and cranking, the engine started to run and pumped fuel to the carburetor, after which it settled down to a nice smooth idle. Shortly after, we loaded it on the trailer and chained it down for the long ride back to home. From the time we arrived to the time we were ready to leave it took about 90 minutes.

By this time it was almost 5PM and we drove to our motel a few miles away. The next morning we were on the road again at 5AM. We elected to come back via I-80 thru Wyoming to avoid the high passes in Colorado along I-70. It was uneventful most of the way with just two stops for fuel and breakfast. We had planned a stop near Ft Collins for lunch but that didn't work out and then we hit heavy traffic north of Denver. We arrived back home at 5PM and unloaded the WC52 and took it for a short ride around the neighborhood. Everything works well and I will spend some time going over the truck and checking all the vital fluids, etc.

I have to thank Ron for providing the truck and trailer I needed to go get this and helping out in many ways. Before I even started the process I asked if he would be willing to go get it. Submitted by Frank Scholer

MEMBER COLLECTIONS

Just got back from a Colorado Springs-Los Angeles round trip. Convinced the wife to go with me to see my potential purchase by teasing her with dreams of Palm Springs resort spas and 5 days in our big 5th wheel camper. It was just the two of us and she loves camping in our RV. The vehicle was purchased, and is another addition to the CMHG and MVCC motorpool. It's December '42 dated, all original and correct, including the impossible to find wood bed. Carrie has already declared that she will personally blueprint and rebuild the bed with new wood using the original planks as numbered templates. We will make the drawings available to others who wish to have a template if they want to rebuild their bed floors.

The truck has spent it's entire life in Nevada and the Southern California desert. Other than minor surface dusting, there is no rust restoration that I can see. As far as the chassis and engine goes, it needs a brake job, a tune-up, some wire replacement and attention to some relatively minor things. The tires have good tread and are the rather rare "herringbone" style. It's actually in pretty darned decent condition and I should have most of it done between my TDYs this summer and with the good graces of other members, by the next Veteran's Day parade. This is going to look GREAT with Frank Scholer and Ron LiButti's G506! Submitted by Ron "Beetle" Bailey



Editor's note: Ron Bailey is one of our newest Members and is off to an excellent start for a nice collection

MEMBER COLLECTIONS



A Stewart-Stevenson M1078A1 (top) and a M1088A1 (bottom) with very nice Brett Williams' paint jobs



PARADES, DISPLAYS, ETC.



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Carol Hoffmeier Memorial Day 2015



Cathy Raasch Memorial Day 2015



Commerce City Memorial Day 2015



Jennifer Movish Memorial Day 2015



Touch-A-Truck Colorado Springs



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CURRENT EVENTS

Sunday, August 23 at 0930, a guy in a vintage Cessna 140 while landing on his grass strip on the north side of neighborhood, caught in a gust of wind and flipped upside down. He was fine but dinged up the airplane pretty good. Heard it had happened and offered the wrecker to right the plane. The guy said bring it out so after the NTSB and the FAA cleared the site, I had it ready to go but we ended up using a high lift forklift. Righted it with no problem and the guy towed it off to his barn. Shouldn't have been flying that tail dragger in the winds we had. The "wrecker operator" is Phil's wife Jane. Submitted by Phil Curry.



MILITARY HUMOR

A good battle plan that you act on today can be better than a perfect one tomorrow.
- Gen George S. Patton

Bravery is being the only one who knows you're afraid.
- David Hackworth

Coffee tastes better if the latrines are dug downstream from an encampment.
- US Army Field Regulations, 1861

Never trust a private with a loaded weapon, or an officer with a map.
- Various Enlisted Men

You, you, and you: Panic. The rest of you, come with me.
- US Marine Corp Gunnery Sargent



IN MEMORIAM

This is for my father, Bob Waldrep, who passed away on June 26th, 2015 at the age of 91. I had forgotten I had this one. He was a quiet, loving man who lived his Christian values and never thought one time about his own problems, as he was always thinking of helping others. He will be missed by many, especially his wife and children. If I live to be half the man you were, I will consider my life a success. I love you Dad and think of you every day.

Jim Waldrep

A Soldier Passed Today

*He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion, telling stories of the past.*

*Of a war that he once fought in and the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies; they were heroes, every one.*

*And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors his tales became a joke,
All his buddies listened quietly for they knew where of he spoke.*

*But we'll hear his tales no longer, For ol' Bob has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer for a soldier died today.*

*He won't be mourned by many, just his children and his wife.
For he lived an ordinary, very quiet sort of life.*

*He held a job and raised a family, going quietly on his way;
And the world won't note his passing, 'tho a soldier died today.*

*When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing, and proclaim that they were great.*

*Papers tell of their life stories from the time that they were young
But the passing of a soldier goes unnoticed, and unsung.*

*Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our land,
Some jerk who breaks his promise and cons his fellow man?*

*Or the ordinary fellow who in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his country and offers up his life?*

*The politician's stipend and the style in which he lives,
Are often disproportionate, to the service that he gives.*

IN MEMORIAM

*While the ordinary soldier, who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal and perhaps a pension, small.*

It is not the politicians with their compromise and ploys,

Who won for us the freedom that our country now enjoys.

*Should you find yourself in danger, With your enemies at hand,
Would you really want some cop-out, With his ever waffling stand?*

*Or would you want a soldier his home, his country, his kin,
Just a common soldier, who would fight until the end.*

*He was just a common soldier, and his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us we may need his likes again.*

*For when countries are in conflict, we find the soldier's part
Is to clean up all the troubles that the politicians start.*

*If we cannot do him honor while he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage at the ending of his days.*

*Perhaps just a simple headline in the paper that might say:
"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING, A SOLDIER DIED TODAY."*



PARTS WANTED

The Fetters Clan recently recovered some Dodge 741 (M37 et.al.) vehicles. A '53 and '54 M37 along with a '54 M56 M2B crash/rescue truck. It turns out, the crash truck was one of 130 produced and they all went to the U.S. Navy. They are looking for the proper transmission/PTO which was part of the transmission top cover and the PTO drive line went above the floor of the cab to power a water pump for the foam system.



CLASSIFIEDS

Ted recently converted his M998 from a cargo/troop carrier to a four door. The wood and metal troop seats are taking up space. If anyone in the club wants them for free, they are available. Ted Stefani, 718-930-3285 Colorado Springs, CO

This is a parts list from a friend who has started to clean out his fathers storage area. The parts appear to be for/from M-151 family of vehicles. I have pictures available if you are interested. He will sell it all or as individual items. Let me know what you are interested in and what your offer is. Contact David Ellis at: gunnermk42@gmail.com

Air intake hose to carb #8754604
Fuel sender assembly (w/ brass float) #8376469 date 1959
Headlight, 24V Tung Sol #4863 with mil vehicle pigtails
Headlight GE 29 (marked no high beam) with mil vehicle pigtails
Headlight GE with mil vehicle pigtails (quantity 2)
Military Spark plugs Quantity 8.
Mechanical Fuel pump w/ filter, AC 6837 #5621890
Water pump (unused), Pump Assembly lea # 2930-678-1849 marked as for M-151A1
2 coils Ord # 8712400 Mfg. #200735 (D) Prestolite (one is broken – could be used for display.)
2 fan belts 3030-811-4990
Mirror, stamped Griffon 405
Hose, water, 1 1/2" ID, OPN-8754580
Hose, Water, 1 1/4"ID, OPN-8754015
Shift cover plate w/ boots.
Parts kit, solid state ignition, 2920-01-060-0956
2 Sets of 4 military plug wires, used
Master Cylinder, casting mark Wagner / Lockheed, FE-17930 7035410
Drive shaft, front? 7340691
Clutch with plate thrust bearing and ball bearing,
Bearing, Ball (in sealed can) 3110-00-142-0908
Bearing, Ball, Thrust, 3110-00-184-4521
Filter assembly, oil (in box in sealed bag) 2940-832-6054
Gasket Set (in sealed bag)2910-884-2172
Gasket set, carburetor, (for Zenith) in opened bag, #A5702219 2910-688-1859
Generator Regulator, 24VDC, 25 Amps, Spec MIL-R-10264, ORDN#86B9216, Mfg#VBC-4003UT
SN#\$T0038x Autolite (has unreadable overhaul tag.)
Generator Regulator, same as above but no markings.
Seal set, 2520-887-1347 (4 pieces) on sealed card
Seal set, 2520-887-1347 (4 pieces) missing small seal, on sealed card
2 seals, large, from same set, loose
Box – marked - "Distributor-Ignition 2920-065-7536"
Ignitor 24VDC, marked – F.11.No 678-1399II, ORDN# C-7044048, Mfg.# 1AU-4020UT, Serial T17229x
Ignitor 24VDC,same as above, data plate not readable.
Ignitor 24VDC, ORDN#12259526, Mfg.# 1DA-4404-UT, SN 3P-034x, painted black.

EVENT CALENDAR

The Club will once again be hosting the Holiday Dinner Party at Brooklyn's at Sports Authority Field, 2644 West Colfax Ave., Denver. Saturday, December 5th starting at 18:00. This is family event, and dinner is on the Club! Cash bar! We will also be holding our auction to raise money for the club, so please bring military vehicle parts, militaria, etc., or whatever you wish to donate to the auction.



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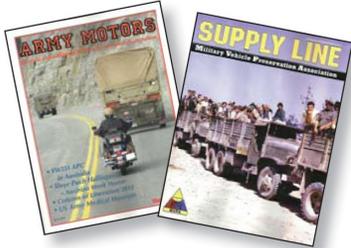
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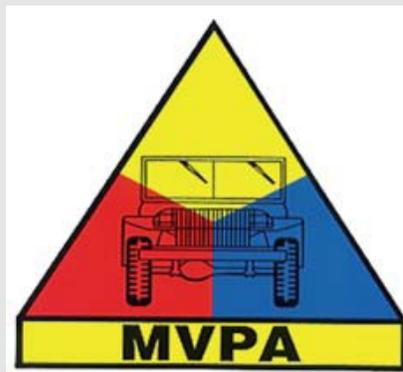
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Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

Other Information:

Signature: _____

Please mail your completed application with a check for \$30 made out to MVCC to:
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If you haven't submitted pictures of your vehicles for addition to the MVCC website, please send digital image files to president@mvcconline.org or pcoric@msn.com