

# O.D. NEWS



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**VERERANS' DAY 2017**



## VICE PRESIDENT'S DISPATCH

Lew Ladwig has set Feb. 3rd 2018 for his Annual MVCC and Colorado Flat Fender Club BBQ. Bring your own beer and MV to Lew's Erie shop—1109 Telleen Ave., Erie. Chow starts serving at 1100 hours.



Lou is also proposing a joint MVCC and CFFC charity Boulder Poker Run early spring; details and planning at the BBQ,  
“I have a rough idea of how it is done, I would think the club could swing for a prize or two. Funds raised should go to a military type charity.”

## CHAIN OF COMMAND AND TREASURER'S REPORT

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Once again the Chain of Command remains unchanged.  
All of last year's officers were re elected/unopposed.

Phil Curry reminds all  
MVCC members that it  
is dues time again.

The Treasurers report for  
the end of 2017 is  
\$5900, which is the  
highest balance to date  
we have had going into  
the new year.

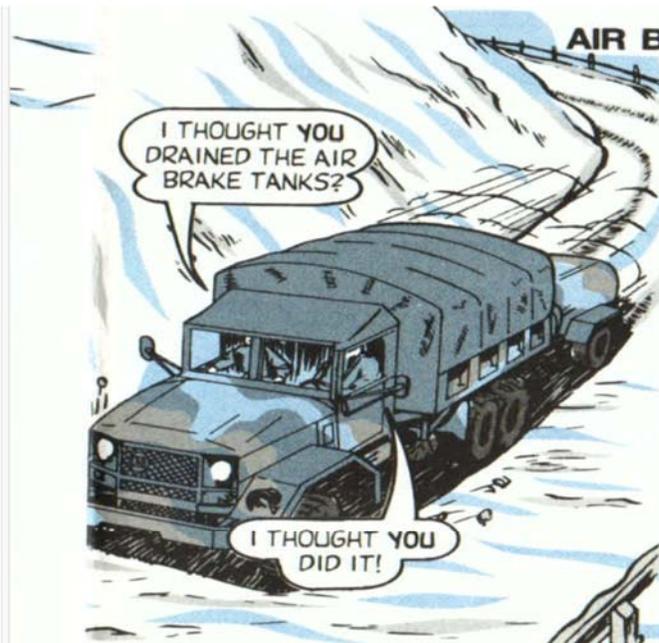
Phil Curry circa 1976, Solo Flight,  
.. NAS Whiting Field



## FROM THE EDITOR:

My first year at the helm is closing and I am still optimistic that I/we can produce a timely, accurate, informative “OD News”. Well the newsletter and the MVCC are what we put into them. My real agenda, besides all the news I can scrounge, is to increase our participation in established events and ferret out new venues. The Broomfield Air Show was a great focus for both vehicle owners and re-enactors. In this issue of the “News” I visited Russ Morgan as one of our “Far Flung MVCC Members”. A couple of years ago Russ staged an event in Loveland that brought together WWII, Allied and Axis forces, MVs, swing dancers, a parade, and a bivouac for all you bug eaters. I did not know that “40s on 4th St” had even happened until I read about it in the MVPA magazine.

This issue of the “News” begins 2018 with the resolution that there will be more “How I did it” type articles. I anticipate a Phil Curry “how to” article and one from Peter Czarnowski on the Charge of Beersheba (WWI). I continue to be surprised by the doings of individual MVCC members. Please keep me in the loop - “I am doing or we did...” a telephone call or email and some pictures is enough to make a story.



### AIR BRAKES

Water accumulates in an air brake system even in fair weather, but during low winter temperatures it accumulates like mad.

Let the pressure drop before draining the tanks.

Drain the compressed air reservoirs daily, or even twice a day when on long runs. The best time to open the petcocks is after the day's operation.

And never move out until the air has built up to the right pressure. On equipment that's equipped with a buzzer, don't move until it stops buzzing.

If you're towing a trailer with an air line filter, make sure you keep the water drained out of that filter—or you'll suddenly find yourself without trailer brakes.

If your vehicle's air brake system is equipped with an alcohol evaporator, make sure it's operating and the jar is filled with alcohol.

The air compressor's unloader valve shouldn't be frozen or stuck. To check it out, build the air pressure to its rated maximum, apply the brakes and hold 'em, then stop the engine. The pressure should hold for at least a minute.

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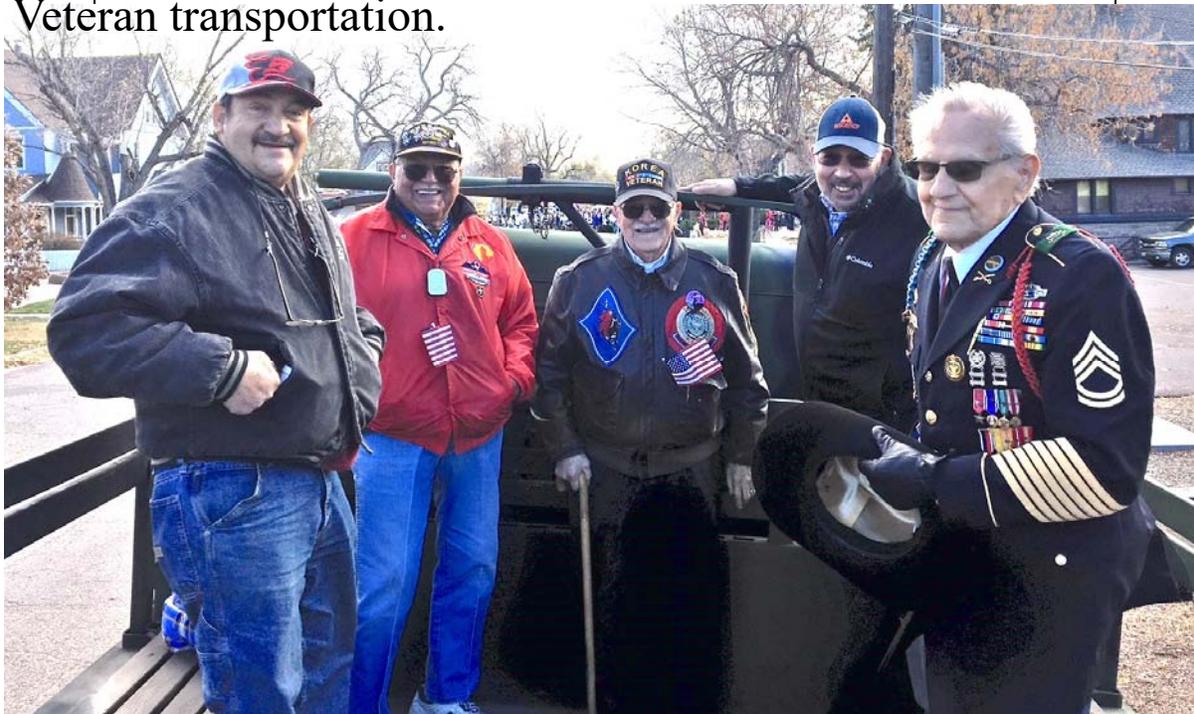
**VETERAN'S DAY 2017 COLORADO SPRINGS & DENVER**



WWII Veteran Lloyd Wade and Col, Ken Chavez at the head of the Denver Parade



As in Colorado Springs parades past, MVCC is the official Veteran transportation.





L to R: Michael Herbertson, Phil Curry, Lloyd Wade, Ken Chavez, unidentified GI and Phil Movish



David & Patty Lorenz and their USMC deuce



Jay Bennett and Friend with his "new" WWII jeep



We MVCC celebrated Veterans Day on two dates at two locations. Jay Bennett and friends participated in the Colorado Springs Parade, truly the Big Kahuna of Veteran Day Parades. I am a veteran of every military action from Vietnam to the War on Terrorism and I never felt the support of the American people until I was in a Colorado Springs Veterans Day Parade.

Through the efforts of the Colorado Veterans Project and their 40 volunteers Denver had a Veterans Day Parade. According to Denver Police estimates 40,000 people attended the parade, this is good. My first Denver Veteran's Day Parade had more people in the parade than watching it. The 2017 Parade was impressive, beside the twelve plus MVs the MVCC contributed, there were Junior ROTC formations from every Denver High School and some MV participation from Ft. Carson; total participation by 60 Veteran organizations. The parade lasted 1.5 hours.

Ken Chavez brought two WWII relics - his 1942 Willys MB and his neighbor WWII Army veteran Lloyd Wade. Lloyd served with the 11th Airborne in the Pacific War: New Guinea, Leyte Beach Philippines, Luzon, then Okinawa staging for Operation Olympic, the invasion of Japan. The 11th liberated the Los Banos Internment Camp, Philippines, in an airborne operation (see "Rescue at Dawn"). Lloyd served two very intense, historic two years 1943-1945 including 27 combat jumps; his final duty station was occupied Japan. Thanks Ken for bringing some dignity to our mob.

## CLASSIFIEDS

Russ Morgan is selling “Big Barbie” - Running 1943 FORD M4A3 Sherman Tank with correct, all aluminum GAA V8, 1100 cubic inches, dual overhead camshafts, twin magnetos. For sale for \$350K. [morganru@oneimage.com](mailto:morganru@oneimage.com)





## CLASSIFIEDS

Ernie Covington has for sale – NOS Heater Kit for M151 MUTT - this kit can be adapted to the M37- \$250. see picture of M37 installed heater MUTT Windshield, used, complete glass \$40. NOS Gas Heater for M43 ambulance West Bend – this is the compartment heater \$125. 303 777 5096 [egalecov2@q.com](mailto:egalecov2@q.com)



Next MVCC Meeting is February 9th @ Fred's  
—St Patrick's Day Parade is our next event—

## **FAR FLUNG MVCC MEMBERS—INTERVIEW WITH RUSS MORGAN**

Russ Morgan has a new M4 Sherman tank.

A visit to Russ' pig barn was this issue's "Far Flung Member" expedition. Last time I was here it was with Natalio and they were pouring new treads for Russ' then new Sherman tank. Pouring new tread material used a highly volatile endothermic "product"; I only remember the back yard full of Weasels and a WWI Liberty truck in the driveway; between the Coors beer and the product fumes it was a fuzzy experience.

This time the Weasels were crowding the driveway on one side and the other side occupied by the M8 and M20 variants of the Greyhound armored car and a M39 Hell Cat that had been demoted to a prime mover. Russ had warned me that Friday was work day and I soon met "Morgan's Misfits": Daniel, Frank, Tom, Brian and Steve. Somewhere in that group was a retired WYANG general, an IUD disabled vet, a true repository of WWII radio lore; half the "Misfits" pre dated Russ.

The subject of the trip was sitting, standing (whatever a Sherman tank wants to do I guess) in the shade of Russ' other Sherman "Big Barb". I had not realized that to gain a Sherman with an operable main gun Russ had purchased someone else's unfinished restoration. Here was the hull, here is a big empty place for the engine, here is the engine, here is 17 pallets of pieces, here is the turret with another big empty space for the gun. I believe Russ said this was the second unfinished restoration on this beast.

Considering all the operational WWII vehicles occupying that barn I have faith that I will see the new Sherman resurrected. An inventory

## INTERVIEW WITH RUSS MORGAN

of Russ' barn - "The Little Red Hen" Stuart tank. During the filming of "Wind talker" three Stuarts were gutted to provide camera angles; Russ acquired the three interiors for his Stuart. Russ's daughter Callie shared the story of the name "The Little Red Hen"(Goggle this). Callie has a German Kubelwagen that Dad pick up at auction. Her brother Tom has a Halftrack. What is it like to grow up with WWII and tracked vehicles being the family norm - Callie remembers "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree" being the Morgan theme song. Visits to George Epcar's Denver scrape yard in the '60s were a major youthful adventure. Russ' first MV was a post college Weasel. "The Little Red Hen" has been with Russ for 35 years now and was his second Stuart tank. The rest of the inventory: the Halftrack, Callie's Kubelwagen, a WC carryall, the two M4 tanks, two MBs or GPWs, M5 prime mover, M4A1 prime mover, an Amphibian, a water Weasel and a dry Weasel, I think a Bren Gun Carrier, and the Stuart.

In 2015 Russ and Callie organized "40s on 4th St" in Loveland. This was written up in the MVPA's "Supply Line" and brought in a 6-7000 people to downtown Loveland. "Kelly's Heroes" played in the restored Rialto and the one block was crammed with about equal numbers of German and Allied WWII MVs. Two downsides to a great event - it needed two blocks not just one to display all the MVs and it cost money. I think this would be a great club focus event. With the Broomfield Air Show a gone event and the "1940's Ball and White Christmas" too restrictive for total club involvement a 2018 "40's on 4th St. is this editor's bid.

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M4A1 Prime Mover based on the M3 Stuart chassis



M8 variant of the Greyhound armored car





Callie Morgan's Kubelwagen



WC Carryall



Russ' new M4 Sherman tank



### “40s on 4th St.” Loveland, CO 2015

The WWII re-enactors bivouacked the night before; here they are coming in from the field to Loveland,



# CHRISTMAS AT BROOKLYN'S 2017



The Annual Christmas party again occupied the top floor of Brooklyn's - Brooklyn's, like us, is a relic that survived. Before Mile High Stadium (that football place) there was the west side Jewish commercial community on Colfax. Brooklyn's is the only survivor. I have a hazy recollection of three tables of mixed folk (like husbands wives and children) and two tables of MV curmudgeons and one table of abandoned military dependents. Pretty much our normal attendance. Phil Curry reports the auction made \$750. and I ridded myself of one low mileage MOLE pack system that my metal back could never endure. Thirty six MV folk claimed to be at the party including Clint Eastwood, Carrie Underwood and Linda Meier (see curmudgeons). Jay Bennet's family: Andrew, Mekeyla, Katie, & Chris I listed under military dependents because Jay Bennett spent the whole party with Steve Watson. Ruth Watson spent the party with Kyle Anne and myself to our mutual enjoyment. For MV curmudgeons see Frank Scholer, Michael Meier, Dan Emich, Russ Morgan, and Gordon Calahan. I will not try to attach names to photos - Annie & Marc England, Leanne & Mike Schick, Randy Barnes et al (four I think), Phil & Jean Curry & Michalle, Rob & Eniko Gahan, Phil & Jennifer Movish, Chris & Cathy Raasch. I find it much easier to recall these events when I invoke the spirits involved in the event - Bushmills works for me. Hope you all had a happy holiday.



The MV Curmudgeons: Dan, Russ & Gordon



The Bennett gang less Jay: Mekeyla, Katie, Andrew & Chris