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Bob and Josie Fetters at the Highlands Ranch 4th of July Parade

FROM THE COMMAND POST



As I sit here on this Spring morning, I am reflecting on the completion some of those winter maintenance and restoration projects on my trucks so that I would be ready to roll. 2011 was a great year for the club, with many new and different events and absolutely awesome MVCC participation in the Rocky Mountain Airshow. We've run out of thermonuclear weapons to put on display, so we'll have to come up with some other unique item for this summer's event.

As a reminder to all members, the club maintains liability insurance through the MVPA which covers all club members for commercial general liability and property damage when someone is operating a vehicle at a club event including meetings, displays, dances, banquets, shows and parades. It is important

to note that this is secondary insurance, and coverage becomes effective after a member's primary insurance is exhausted. All members must maintain personal liability and property damage coverage on their vehicles to participate in club events! Coverage for participation in combat reenactments and mock battles is not covered.

The MVCC continues to grow and our finances are in good shape. Likewise, our 2012 calendar already is filling up with new and different events in addition to the old standby's to provide something for everyone. I hope that we have great turnout this year.

In 2011 we embarked on new adventures...the donation of a M29 Weasel and a very unusual CONG missile electronics trailer which was formerly on loan to the Venezuelan Air Force. In addition, the MVCC took possession of a M792 Gama Goat ambulance, an M886 Dodge ambulance and OH-58A Kiowa helicopter from CONG for restoration and club use at events. These are ongoing projects under a very unique arrangement. To date only a very few members have participated in our work. Help from more people would be greatly appreciated as these are "Club" projects. I hope that more members step up to the plate and help the work along this year! If you're interested talk to any club officer at a monthly meeting. Other restoration projects are coming in the near future so stay tuned.

2012 is going to be a great year for the MVCC! Let the adventure begin and let's have FUN!

Phil

VICE PRESIDENT'S DISPATCH



VP Column Spring '12

First of all Happy Spring to all the members of the MVCC and their families. My holidays were special since Kurt was able to make it home from DLI for two weeks. He arrived December 16 and went back on New Year's Day. It was an early morning flight from Colorado Springs so our New Year celebration ended early. While he was here we got to do a lot together and visited with a few friends. Kurt was lucky to find a nice 1903 Springfield rifle for sale at a gun show and we found time to shoot it at the Cherry Creek range. It is in great shape and shoots very nicely.

At the first meeting of the year I was re-elected your VP by unanimous consent along with the other current officers, I demanded a recount but was ignored. At the same meeting we discussed a few of the items currently on the calendar for 2012 and it looks like another busy year for the MVCC.

The MVCC recently obtained a Kiowa helicopter and as part of our search for instrument panel gauges, Ron LiButti, Phil Curry and I plan a trip to the Pueblo museum to see if we can turn up any items there.

For my own projects, I've ordered the cab canvas for my M37 as a Christmas present to myself and expect to receive it soon. I also need the seat brackets for the bed seats and will fabricate the seat rails as soon as I get the brackets ready. My M109 project has made progress with the DMV finally issuing my Certificate of Title, insurance obtained and the beginnings of an interior in the van. Ron LiButti helped me diagnose the electrical circuits and get all the lighting (24VDC and 120VAC) in order. I worked on replacing some blanking plates on the outside, painting them to match the camouflage scheme. I also got some painting done on the inside and installed some cabinets and countertop in the front of the van. Next step is to fabricate some seating to complete the mobile conference/drinking room. It should be complete by early summer.

Frank



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EDITOR'S SITREP

Here is another long awaited issue of the OD News. I sit here trying to come up something different and appealing for the Club Members every quarter, and it's not easy. At the last Club Meeting I made a plea to the Members to give me a hand, share your talent, and donate some articles. I think I have this edition pretty well covered, but next quarter's edition is a different story. New articles this quarter are our expanded Classifieds section, and the Personal 201 File. This Personal File will highlight a Member with their biography, a good way to get to know a little more about our great Members. I saddled Matt Shepardson with the first bio, and I have Bob Fetter's bio on the drawing board for next quarter. I might even submit my bio, not very interesting, but guaranteed to be humorous. Please remember this is your Newsletter, if you have something to sell, trade, or give away to a good home, I will put it our Classified Section. If you have a want ad, I will include them also. Photos and a price work well to help sell items, send the photos and information to: mvccsecretary@yahoo.com. The Classified Section is free to all Members, don't hesitate to use it.

Jonathan

PERSONAL 201 FILE



Jon Hoffmeier told me about a new article he's putting into the OD News that profiles club members—and then asked me to be the first one to write a personal bio—I'm very honored, to say the least.

Anyway, here's by background/bio, for those who don't already know me in the MVCC. Here's what I would want someone who is first introduced to me to know about me...I am a practicing Catholic, I'm married to Cindy, a wonderful person for the last 17 years (and also a member of the MVCC Women's Auxiliary.) We have two kids, Na-

than and Zachary, who both love the two trucks we own—and have sold many MVCC members a lot of Cub Scout popcorn over the last 3 years, for which we are grateful. I am also blessed to have a bunch of great friends, many of whom are in the MVCC.

I've owned a 1972 Pinzgauer for the last 12 years and a 1967 Kaiser-Jeep M35A2C for the last 3 years. I am currently a Pilot-First Officer (that's "Second Seat" to Jon!!!) for United Airlines, flying the A319/A320 Airbus out of Denver. Prior to UAL, I flew at Atlantic Southeast Airlines in Atlanta; ValuJet, also in Atlanta; and Trans World Airlines, TWA, out of St. Louis. Prior to the airlines, I flew B-52's out of Wurtsmith AFB, Michigan from 1988-1992. I attended Air Force Pilot Training in Columbus, MS after graduating from a small, military institutional school on the north end of Colorado Springs—where I earned a degree in Military History—focusing on the American Civil War and Unconventional Warfare. While flying the B-52, I employed/deployed from Wurtsmith to King Abdul Aziz Air Base, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia during the first days of Desert Storm in 1991. Our crew carried a full load (30) of CBU-87s from Michigan to drop on the Republican Guard on a 17.5 hour intercontinental bombing strike, after which we landed in Jeddah and flew sorties almost daily. When the cease fire was called, I had flown 25 missions and dropped a total of 947,000 pounds of gravity weapons on targets in Iraq and Kuwait. I decided that I did not want to continue on in the Air Force and got out in April of 1992.

Although I have a great amount of respect for Veterans of every war/conflict, I owe a debt of gratitude to the Vietnam Veterans, because when I returned from

Desert Storm in 1991, it was the Vietnam Vets that took me aside and made sure that I was properly welcomed home and took me “under their wing.” Thanks, guys!! And as most who have been in a war zone know, the experiences are always there. There probably isn’t a single day in 21 years that Desert Storm hasn’t come to mind.

As far as our vehicles go, both the kids want to learn how to drive in the trucks. I would imagine taking a driver’s license driving test in the deuce would be interesting—especially parallel parking!! The trucks have become an integral part of our family. Nathan was born 2 days after Cindy took a 4 wheel test drive in the Pinzgauer, the week we bought it. The trucks have been used for Cub Scout camping; transporting Veterans in Parades (which is a great way to teach the kids about honoring our veterans ;) February cold weather camping; air shows/car shows; Home Depot, King Soopers (and as of Feb, 2012, with the Deuce, IKEA) runs; hauling machinery/topsoil/gravel/downed trees/pine beetle kill—and a ton of other exciting uses.

What I enjoy the most about the MVCC is the camaraderie. It is a great group of people that I’m very fortunate to be a part of. The members have made it a great family oriented club and my kids learn about being good citizens from the club members. If I have a question, there is expertise here to assist, just as I know that I have a part to play in the group to do my part.

Matt



Randy Barnes & John Fetter, Denver St Patrick's Day Parade

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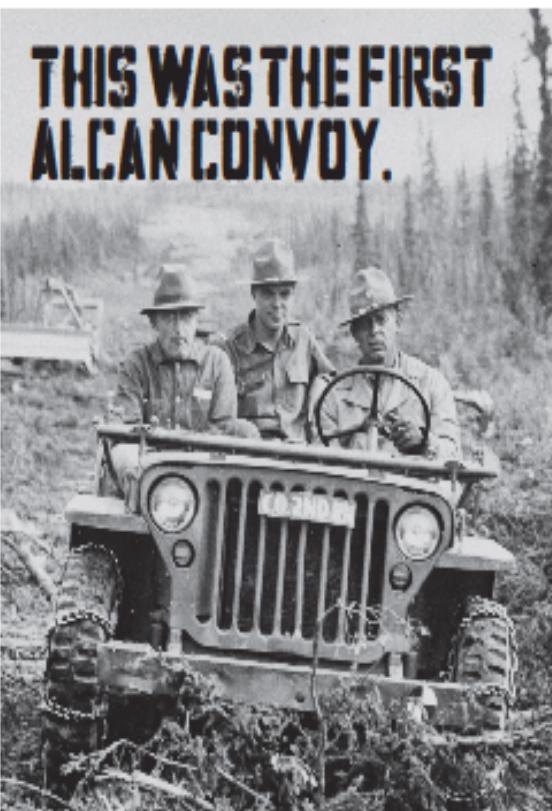
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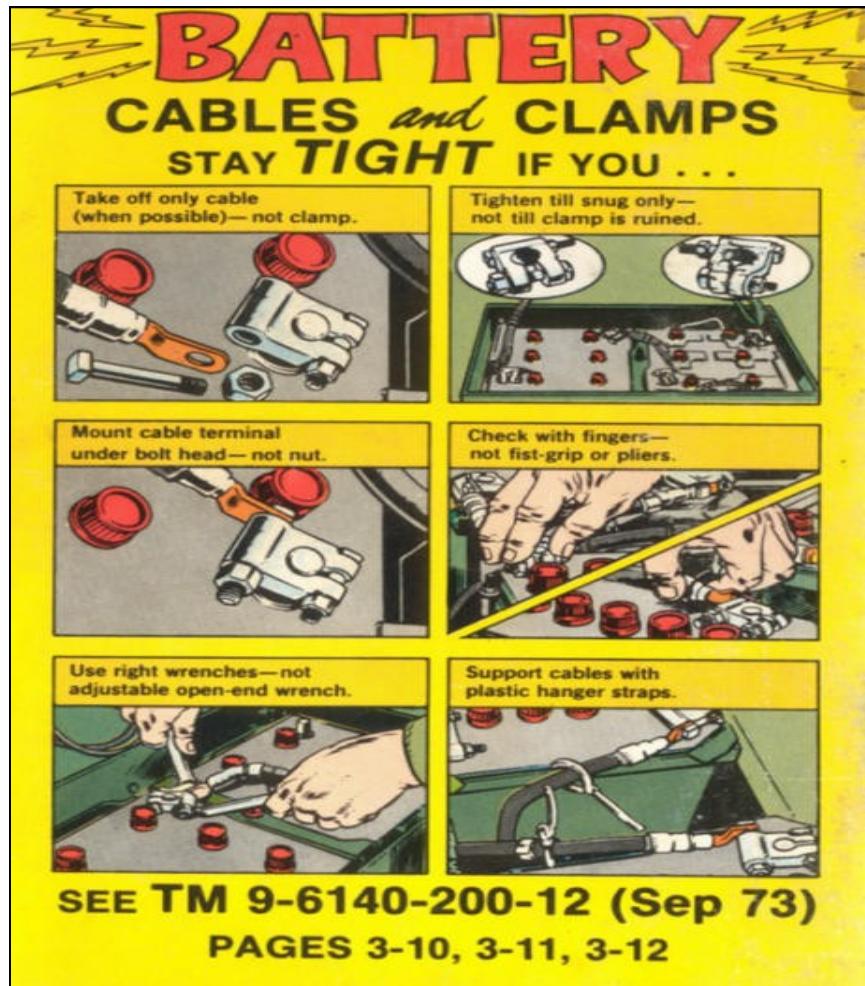
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SITREP FROM SISTER UNITS

“There’s No Business Like Show Business”

Early Wednesday morning, August 31, three members of the MVCC, Dave Dantzler, Ron LiButti and Frank Scholer took off for a trip to Alpine, Utah to participate in the filming of a new World War II movies set in southern France after Operation Dragoon. The film, titled “Saints and Soldiers – Airborne Creed”, is scheduled to come out in early 2012 and is being produced by Go Films, the same company that produced the original “Saints and Soldiers”. It stars Corbin Allred who played the character Deacon in Saints and Soldiers.

The outbound trip was long but uneventful and they arrived in Alpine at about 1730 Wednesday evening. They contacted Randy Beard of the KGvR who brought his Mk III Panzer and his 251 halftrack and was the lead for the German reenactors. All were going there as Germans since the action sequences to be shot that week required just German forces. They met a number of people from the KGvR as well as some new faces from other reenacting groups in the West and Midwest. After arriving at the camp for the film group, they set up a tent and unloaded their gear. About this time Dave said “Do you have a rifle for me?” It was then Frank realized he was supposed to bring two K98ks, one for him and one for Dave. Fortunately there were others with plenty of extra gear, so all turned out well. No harm, no foul!

Everyone got up at 0630 Thursday morning and things got started at 0730 when the film crew showed up and began the process of getting everything organized for the day’s activities. Uniforms were issued, gear checked and people were assigned to roles. Ron and Frank were assigned as part of the halftrack crew and Dave was assigned to ride the panzer. Our little parade of armor and film vehicles proceeded out of camp along a dirt road, across a stream and up a hill to the site. Of course this took about two hours so we were well into the day without having accomplished much. The group paused by a grove of old apple trees and proceeded to pick apples while waiting for the crew to complete some scenes that didn’t involve the Germans. This scene would have been a nice addition to the movie as an authentic rest break for the troops.

The first action was to simulate a scheduled maintenance stop for the armored vehicles so Randy was directing some guys, including Ron, to look like they were working on the tank while some of us (Frank) were sent out as scouts to search for possible enemy forces. Some shots were taken from a long distance to show this activity. After this, everyone mounted up again and drove to the next area, appearing to search for the enemy as they went. Frank was stationed at the rear of the halftrack, Ron was on the right side and Dave continued to ride the tank, toasting his butt in the process. The temperatures were in the 90’s and it was very sunny, so the tank became a bit of a fry pan.

Later on they began to set up for the ambush attack against the tank and the halftrack. The tank led the halftrack and the halftrack was to be knocked out by a mine buried in the road, the explosion killing three people on the left side, including Frank. Ron had to bail out along with the remainder of the crew. The first dry run went OK so everyone backed up and practiced again. When they did it for real, with the explosion, the person ahead of Ron caught his heel on the exit and fell on his face immediately outside, whereupon Ron tripped over him, falling and injuring his shoulder. The director thought it was really great and wanted a few more takes. Poor Ron had to do 5 more takes so he was pretty beat up by the end. In true reenactor fashion, he received absolutely no sympathy. There were additional takes of the

bailout from the halftrack taken from different angles. There is no way to know bailout from the halftrack taken at different angles. There is no way to know which version will be used in the film.

The second day was much like the first with a continuation of the ambush scene around the tank. One of the original soldiers on the tank was not there so Frank got to fill in on the left side. The scene called for the soldiers to jump off the sides of the tank as the attack begins. He was a bit insulted that people were concerned that he might hurt himself doing the jump (concern for the old guy). It went off fine and he did a good job (jump, land, roll, get up and get shot), same as the younger guys. Dave was on the right side of the tank and actually got to fire some blanks later in the filming. Neither Ron nor Frank were issued ammo (bummer). Dave took part in the final attack scene where the tank is destroyed by the partisans but Ron and Frank had gone back to camp and did not see the action. They could hear the firing of the tank's main gun and rifle fire which was part of the action.

It was a great experience and almost everyone we met and worked with were friendly, particularly the principal actors. They always seemed to have time for a photo op or a short talk about reenacting. The only difficult thing, aside from the hot weather, was the long delays between action takes, but we were advised by those that had done "Saints and Soldiers" that this would be the case.



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