



**1944 M29 Weasel, OrdSerial # 8325MFRS, Serial # 8325
Hull markings: 3BCT3 HQ 568GP2IE C52**

Here is a little story of how we obtained this historic vehicle. Phil Movish was contacted by Bill Monroe of Delta Petroleum Corporation Denver, Colorado on January 3rd who found the MVCC by an internet search. He indicated that they had a tracked military vehicle that they wanted to dispose of. From Phil's follow up phone call it was learned that Delta had acquired the mystery vehicle along with purchase of a piece of land near the Utah border and they had no idea what it was. However, they wanted it to go to a worth home. Phil emailed them with pictures of various tracked military vehicles to determine what they had. Mr. Monroe responded that the picture of the M29 looked like that's what it is. After two more phone calls and getting Delta's formal approval, Phil turned the operation over to the MVCC's retrieval team: John Hoffmeier, Randy Barnes and Mike Meier. The M29 had previously belonged to a doctor who purchased the Weasel from an unknown source in the early '70s, and intended to restore it. It was part of his estate until purchased by Delta Petroleum. The M29 was located on the East end of Vega Reservoir, Mesa County, Colorado, about 45 miles North East of Grand Junction. The MVCC recovery crew used Jonathan's 1 ton Dodge Cummins, Randy's 18' tandem axle vehicle trailer, and some rigging equipment to haul it to Lew Ladwig's place. Bill Monroe and Kent Hill of Delta Petroleum, assisted in the recovery, with Kent helping to drag the weasel out of the barn and down the hill with his front-end loader. The recovery mission took place Saturday 2/12/11 and Sunday 2/13/11. Weather conditions had prohibited the recovery the weekend before.

A special thanks needs to go out to Lew Ladwig his Venturing Crew 42. Crew 42 is sponsored by the CMHG's 9th ID reenactment group. Lew and Crew 42 have jumped in to the cleanup of the M29 which is very good condition but full of mice droppings and other 20 or so year old junk material. The boys are looking for ways to participate in the reenactment world. They also are looking for uniforms and gear of the ETO infantry soldier. Crew 42 guys Carl Ladwig, Jared Schroeder, Joe Douglas and Erik Wilk have already spent many hours assisting in the cleanup and soon to be disassembly of the Weasel. Big thanks are due them so if you see them make sure you acknowledge their efforts. And make sure you thank Lew also for providing a shop, his time and technical expertise for our work on this vehicle. I have provided a separate link for a diary our restoration progress. Be sure to check that out.