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Mike Meier's 5 Ton Gasser and Randy Barnes' M35A2 at the Colorado Sport International Air Show and Rocky Mountain and Regional Fly-In



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## From the Command Post

To begin, I'd like to thank John and Carol Hoffmeier for taking on the task to restart production of our newsletter, the OD News! OD News is Your newsletter and the editors can't do it without your support. Please consider writing an article on something related to our hobby. Articles can be technical, can cover past events, scheduled events, restoration projects, or be general military themed. Let's all try to get published in 2010! 2009 was a great year for the club, with a very busy event schedule, and new and different opportunities.

The MVCC continues to grow with new members joining every month! Thanks to all for their ongoing recruiting efforts. Also our efforts in 2009 to get the Military Vehicle License Plate Bill enacted by the Colorado Legislature are moving forward quite nicely. I'll brief everyone on the details of the bill in the next OD News.

2010 is already stacking up to be a great year with a number of new events planned in addition to our old standbys. Sadly the Cripple Creek event has gone away, but the air show weekend in August looks to be big one for the club. Our growing relationship with the Colorado National Guard (CONG) has also presented us with some new and unique display opportunities (more to come on these events soon). FYI, we will be transporting 20 – 30 CONG soldiers who have just returned from being deployed in Iraq/Afghanistan in the Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade (March 13). It's my hope that we roll another big green line this year for this event! Bring your vehicles, families, and/or just ride along!

I'd like to formally welcome Frank Scholer as our new VP. Frank will be taking responsibility for coordinating our events with associated reenactor units. For the air show, we envision major military encampments and militaria displays in addition to our vehicles. I'd also like to thank Carol Hoffmeier for taking the reins of our newly established Women's Auxiliary. This will be a great opportunity to get our significant others involved in our events.

Let's all work to make 2010 a super year for the club and let's have fun!

...Phil Movish

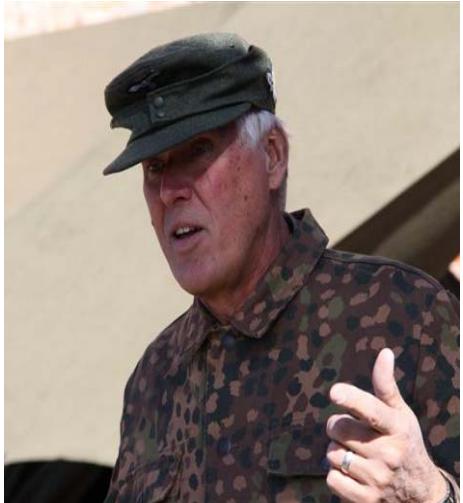


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## VP DISPATCH



This is my first column as your new Vice President and I hope my musing will be informative, interesting and occasionally humorous. The hard part may be telling which is which. In case some of you may not know me very well, I've been a member of the MVCC for a few years now, after meeting Fred and his amphibious Jeep at a street fair. I was already involved in World War II reenactments and this seemed a natural addition to that hobby. Having recently gotten out of sports car racing and being a lifelong auto enthusiast I needed an auto-related hobby. My first vehicle was a replica German motorcycle and sidecar which I have used in parades (I even completed a few!) and reenactment events. I also purchased a 1951 Dodge M-37 which is currently undergoing a frame-off restoration. I am also a unit commander in my new reenactment group, the Colorado Military Historical Group (CMHG) and act as liaison between the MVCC and the reenactment community, particularly the Rocky Mountain Re-enactors Forum (RMRF).

I have been involved in planning the 2010 calendar for the RMRF. This year's calendar of events is very crowded and there seems to be an event virtually every weekend. One of my goals for this year is to increase the participation of MVCC members in various RMRF events and visa versa. I feel there is a natural connection between our groups and hobbies.

As the MVCC representative, I recently attended a planning meeting with the City of Akron, CO for the National Radial Engine Exhibition, held every September at the Akron Airport. This event includes a military encampment, vehicle display and battle and attracts upwards of 8,000 people. This is a great opportunity to show our vehicles and also to participate in the battle. The photo on the cover of this edition was taken at one of the Akron events and shows the German lines and Mk III Panzer being attacked by a P-51 aircraft. Yours truly is silhouetted in front of the fireball. This is typical of the action the public sees at the event in addition to getting up close to the vehicles, camp and other displays which are part of the show. There is a video of the 2009 event at [www.vimeo.com/8904100](http://www.vimeo.com/8904100). You can see additional videos and still photos of the past events at the National Radial Engine Exhibition web site. Just type in NREE for a Google search. I hope that some of our members are interested in participating in the 2010 event, scheduled for September 11-12.

Frank Scholer—Vice President

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## EDITOR'S SITREP

Here I sit on a Saturday afternoon with the weather too crummy to go outside and play with my OD Green toys. Perfect time to assemble the Club's newsletter. Now, please bear with me, as this is my first newsletter, ever. I always read them and say, gee, what a nice job that editor did on that newsletter. Well, It isn't done by just one guy, a newsletter is a combination of talents and efforts of a lot of different people. Case in point, I just got off the phone with Phil Movish, who gave me the confidence to create this quarter's newsletter. I will be calling Phil again, and again, to restore my confidence in future publishings. Phil Curry and I have been on the phone, several times, and he has spent most of his afternoon and evening, emailing me photos to select and publish. My dear Wife and I are testing the strength of our commitment to each other, by her attempting to teach me Microsoft Publisher in one afternoon. So far, so good. Please help me out by sending me photos, tech articles, road trip stories, etc. I have a truckload of photos to go through, and tomorrow I'm going to attempt to produce something you guys will enjoy. I hope you like it.

Jonathan— Your Secretary/Newsletter Editor

## NEW MVCC MEMBERS

Brendan Johnson, Denver, M35A2

Mike Jannsen, Centennial

Gordon Calahan, Lakewood

Tom Alcorn, Co. Springs, 1976 Chang Jiang Motorcycle, 1978 Iltis 183 CDN Jeep

David Ellis, Ft. Lupton

Kurt Brown, Denver

Amy Barnes, Commerce City

Carol Hoffmeier, Strasburg

Janet Rinaldi, Denver, Air Force Ambulance



## G.I. HUMOR

### Daddy is Going to War - True Story

During the Persian Gulf War, I was assigned to go to Saudi Arabia. As I was saying good-bye to my family, my three-year-old son, Christopher, was holding on to my leg and pleading with me not to leave. "No, Daddy, please don't go!" he kept repeating.

We were beginning to make a scene when my wife, desperate to calm him, said, "Let Daddy go and I'll take you to get a pizza."

Immediately, Christopher loosened his death grip, stepped back and in a calm voice said, "Bye, Daddy."

### Very Important Colonel

Having just moved into his new office, a pompous, new Colonel was sitting at his desk when a PFC knocked on the door.

Conscious of his new position, the Colonel quickly picked up the phone, told the PFC to enter, then said into the phone, "Yes, General, I'll be seeing him this afternoon and I'll pass along your message. In the meantime, thank you for your good wishes, sir."

Feeling as though he had sufficiently impressed the young enlisted man, he asked, "What do you want?"

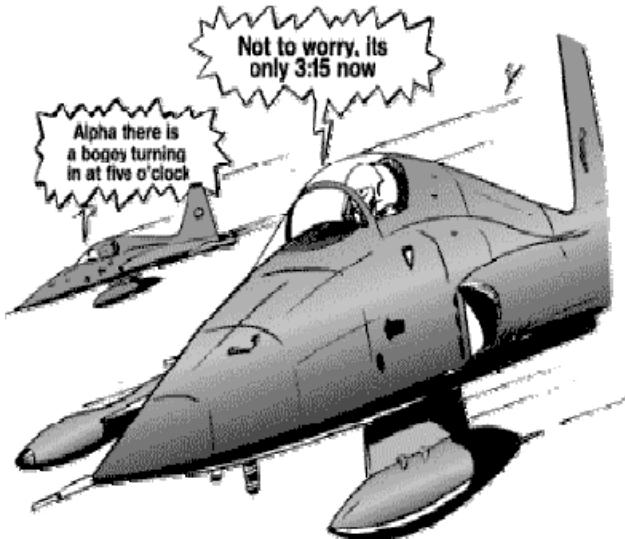
"Nothing important, sir," the PFC replied, "I'm just here to hook up your telephone."

### Shave and a haircut

A Navy Chief and an Admiral were sitting in the barbershop. They were both just getting finished with their shaves, when the barbers reached for some after-shave to slap on their faces.

The admiral shouted, "Hey, don't put that stuff on me! My wife will think I've been in a whorehouse!"

The chief turned to his barber and said, "Go ahead and put it on. My wife doesn't know what the inside of a whorehouse smells like."



# THE YEAR IN REVIEW

A Compilation of Photos From Club Activities in 2009



Falcon fans had a good time tailgating with some rather large vehicles.

Final score: Falcons 26, San Diego State 14



Mike Herbertson's beautifully restored M561 Gamma Goat at the Marine Children's Education Fundraiser in Castle Pines.



Phil Curry's spotless M818 Tractor and M105 A2 Trailer, at the Marine Children's Fundraiser in Castle Pines.

We might not be the Pride but with out Us,  
The Pride don't ride

Anonymous



The Colorado Springs Veteran's Day Parade brings together big trucks, small trucks, rare trucks, and pretty Nurses.



Hugh Priebe's Parade ready M715

Shepardson's truck on Herbertson's hook, Elizabeth Car Sow.



Memorial Day in Commerce City brought a lot of Club Members together to celebrate and honor the Day.



A small gathering of vehicles on display for the Vets at Veteran's Hospital Denver.

Lew and Frankie Ludwig, with their Driver Mike Meier, at the Highlands Ranch 4th of July Parade.

Meetings are held on the 1st Friday of the Month at  
Dino Fabrication 5389 Plum Ave., Sedalia, CO.  
7PM Bring a folding chair

## CLASSIFIEDS



For Sale. 1954 M37. \$3750.00 In good shape. New tires. Located in Gypsum, CO. Tom at [tstone@pobox.com](mailto:tstone@pobox.com) or 970-471-1830

I have a Pintle Hook for a CCKW, Half Track, Sherman or DUKW. It is very big and very heavy with a huge spring ,shaft and nut. I would like to get \$250. out of it or trade it for something I need or make an offer. Thanks Floyd Merenkov  
Home (303) 814-2756 Cell (303) 229-0117



I have a Pre-WWII Quartermaster two wheel trailer and was looking for info on it. It's headed for the scrap yard if I can't find a buyer. [joshuabo@atumtel.net](mailto:joshuabo@atumtel.net)  
903-658-2831 Thanks Joshua

Submit Classifieds Ads to the OD News Editor  
[gr8alarmguy@yahoo.com](mailto:gr8alarmguy@yahoo.com)  
Military type wants, trades, sales, free to good home stuff



Ron and Steve Libutti, Highlands Ranch 4th of July Parade



Staging Area for the Highlands Ranch 4th of July Parade



Natalio Banchero and Dan Davidson, Highlands Ranch 4th of July Parade



The MVCC convoy is in fine form at the Highlands Ranch 4th of July Parade.



Mike Meier, Kurt and Frank Scholer discuss the day's events at the Club's 4th of July Picnic.



Enjoying the camaraderie after lunch at the 4th of July Picnic



John Hoffmeier's M35A2, State Veteran's Home, Denver.



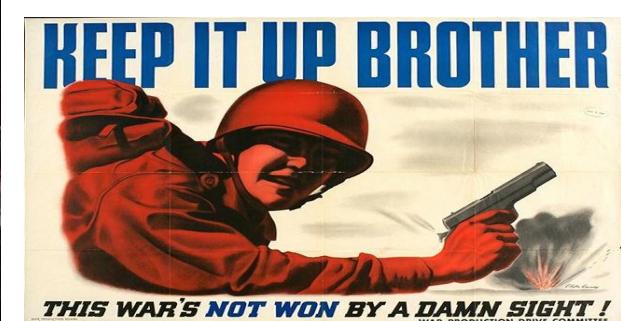
Matt Shepardson's M35A2, and Phil Movish's 1975 Volvo Swedish Army Radio Truck, State Veteran's Home



Jim Bailey, John and Carol Hoffmeier, Phil Movish, State Veteran's Home



The Shepardson Family chowing down at the Club Christmas Party



Lots of friends to enjoy the Holiday at Brooklyn's



## M151A2 Restoration Project By Phil Movish

In November, 2008, the MVCC was contacted by Capt. Adam Morgan and MSG David Schmidt of the Colorado National Guard ("CONG") requesting help in performing a restoration of a M151A2 Jeep. When in active service, CONG's M151A2 was assigned to a Military Police unit and was used for rescue and security patrols after the Big Thompson Flood in 1976. Forgotten for many years, this Jeep collected dust in a dark corner of a warehouse at CONG's CSMS maintenance facility in Longmont. Since the M151A2 has been retired and out of the system for many years, the CONG had no parts or TMs to restore it, and didn't know of any supply sources for needed parts.



In response to CONG's request, the MVCC offered to provide parts, our technical knowledge and labor assistance to bring the derelict back into respectable condition.

The MVCC restoration included Phil Movish, Mike Meier, Jim Bailey, and Phil Curry. Upon initial inspection, it was clear that this Jeep would require a frame-up level of effort. Through the first half of 2009, the MVCC restoration team spent many weekends moving the project along.

On July 1st the project was completed and the M151A2 now looking like it did when it rolled out of the factory was moved to its new permanent home on display in the lobby of CONG's Joint Force Headquarters building in Centennial. Unfortunately it won't be rolling again soon, as CONG bolted it to the floor. The M151A2 is correct in every detail; except for one....they opted to mount a rubber reproduction M60 machine gun....with a droopy barrel. Stepping up to plate again...the MVCC recommended the M60 be given a dose of Viagra! CONG is taking our advice under consideration at the highest levels...The MVCC has received tremendous thanks for its assistance to CONG, and we overwhelmed CONG's command with our knowledge, support and what we were able to achieve for them. As a result of our efforts, CONG has requested the MVCC help in tackling several other restorations of vintage CONG equipment.





Janet gets surprised by Phil with Christmas gift of a 1954 M43 Air Force Ambulance, at Wings Over the Rockies Air Museum.



Dave and Runie Powers, Boulder Hanger Dance

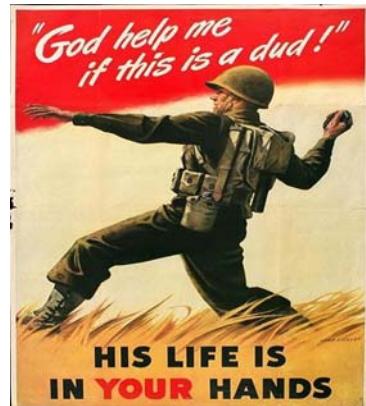
Phil and Janet Movish, Boulder Hanger Dance



Dave Dantzler and Ben Ben-David Boulder Hanger Dance

Lew and Frankie Ladwig, Boulder Hanger Dance

# Cripple Creek Honors America's Armed Forces Parade



## Re-enactors at Cripple Creek



# Rocky Mountain Air Show



Lew Ladwig, Natalio Banchero, Phil Movish, John Hoffmeier



A young Air Show Guest enjoying one of the trucks on display



Curry's new-found friends. A Crew from the VAW-125, Norfolk, VA.



The Crew's Airplane, a Navy E-2C Hawkeye



Our bivouac site



Dusk at the bivouac site