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The President's Corner

We've already had our second official event of the year; the Ride for 22 Suicide Awareness Rally. The purpose was to raise awareness in that our Military Veterans commit suicide at the rate of 22 each day. While the actual number may be in dispute, the human tragedy of it all is not. I personally knew two veterans who took their own lives recently. One was a private and one was a General Officer. Bruce brought his CCKW and Mike P brought the M38. It was a huge event at the Harley Davidson dealership, and it was for a good cause. Thanks you for going.

The Annual Military Show is coming up in less than 2 months. If you missed the meeting, then I'll remind you that we've asked each member to share at least 10 flyers. Bruce and I have hard copies so you don't have to spend your tax refund. We also already have 7 vendors/guests who will be setting up sites at our show. Will it be as big

CLUB MEETINGS: 1st Tues of the Month. Social hour 6, meeting at 7.

May meeting is at Gary Carrol's place, 2283 Elliot Street, Eagle

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as the Calif show? Er, probably not. Truth is we don't know how this change of venue and location will effect things. But we do know that change is critical as the alternative was to cancel the show. There are only a few members who carry the burden for this event. Do you want it to carry on? Then please be a volunteer. We need you. Contact me today!

We had quite a few members go down to Calif for the show in Petaluma. Would anyone care to do a write up on how it went?

The first quarter of the year is when we ask members to pay their dues. If you haven't, then please contact Bruce or Alex G now. For the price of 1 cup of coffee a month, you can maintain membership. Thank you to those who renewed. Your dues go back into supporting the organization.

Finally, everyone is wondering when the Dottie Mae is going to fly. I DO NOT recommend calling Vintage Air Frame and asking. He gets dozens of such calls and emails a week I'm told. Don't get punched through the phone. When it's ready, we will be told and you will be told. I know it's the moment we've all been waiting for. Seeing an old War Bird fly for the first time is probably rarer than the upcoming total solar eclipse in August. And more exciting!

-Ron



It was in the news.

- Send in your dues to Bruce now!
- Wanted: your newsletter articles, pictures, or editorials. Send them to Ron.
- The following interesting internet links are provided by Barry M.

<http://www.horsemenflight.com>

<http://www.doyletics.com/tidbits/militaryadvice.pdf> <http://www.doyletics.com/tidbits/militaryadvice.pdf>

- Benjamin S is our social media guru. He has merged the old facebook page into a new one. Please go out and share with friends.

Future Meetings:

May Meeting: Larry Carrol's place; 2283 Elliot street, Eagle ID.

June Meeting: VP Bob's House, 1003 Lannahan Place, Caldwell

July Meeting: no July meeting will be held due to the military show and 4th of July holiday!

Location for the Military Show:

This is Harley Davidson Dealership; 2310 East Cinema Drive, Meridian ID. We will be laying out the vendor set up area at the May meeting.



SPY PHOTO.



The 91st Division (Training) US Army Reserve has this unrestored halftrack that still sports its bumper numbers. Recently members started working on it and it started right up! It was pulled into a static display position in front of the Headquarters at Fort Hunter Liggett Calif.



You've seen the last of Bubba? By Ron

You've seen the last of Bubba. You knew Bubba was there when you restored your military vehicle. No doubt he was responsible for the faulty wiring, the sketchy body work, and the "bubbafications" to the drivetrain and suspension. You fixed all that nonsense, and he's gone now. Or is he?

With spring comes better weather and plenty of opportunities to get out there and enjoy your military vehicle. But that means interacting with the all knowing public, and Bubba will come around to tell you everything you didn't know about your vehicle. He is not only a master fabricator and restorer, but also historian and vehicle judge! Some of the comments i've gotten while displaying my WW2 Jeep from the well meaning public make your head swim! One fellow came by, pointed to my jeep and said he drove one of those in the Army in the 1980s. Uh, that's about 40 years after they were in service! Another time this guy said he had a 1947 WW2 Jeep that he restored once! Uh, the war ended in 1945. Public schools for ya!

I was sitting at a traffic light one day, and Bubba pulls up. He yells, "were you in Vietnam?!" I said "No, I was 1 year old then!" Then he yells "have you read We Were Soldiers? I was there!" On a few occasions, fellahs would tell me about that Jeep in a Crate that you could buy for 50\$. One gentleman told me that when he was a little kid his relative got one! He sincerely said he remembered the grease, the wood, the cosmoline, and how it came out of the crate. There were no pictures, sadly. Ah another bigfoot sighting with no proof.

On more than one occasion guys would tell me Bantam made all the WW2 Jeeps, but Ford stole the idea. I've also been told that Willys made all Jeeps in WW2. Or that Ford made only a tiny fraction of them, so they are super rare! (Truth is Willys and Ford both held the contract to make them). About those F marked parts! Bubba said the F mark meant "FU" to Willys because Ford didn't like the competition. Truth is no one knows why Ford marked many of their parts.

The internet is also a treasure trove of genius, where there are folks lining up to tell you how your restoration is all wrong. For example I've been told the 1943 tub style tub on my jeep was wrong, because I have a 1944 year Jeep (it was made in January). Never occurred to them that they used up the stock on the assembly line I guess! This online "expert" said machine guns were not mounted on jeeps in WW2. The dozens of replies of period photos that subsequently poured in did little to change his mind.

So you see, once your vehicle is restored you may think you've seen the last of Bubba, having corrected all of the field mods he did. But the reality is he is still out there in the public, waiting to to talk to you!

Do you have a similar experience with Bubba?



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UPCOMING EVENTS Idahomvpa.org

"Parade America (Nampa Armed Forces Day)" Sat, May 20th; starts at 11AM. One of the largest and longest patriotic parades in Idaho. Depart from Gates Towing in Nampa at 9AM and convoy over. POC is Bruce.

Eagle Field of Honor May 20th. Band plays at noon, food available. Ceremony is at 4PM. This would be static display type event at Merrill Park, 637 E Shore Drive, Eagle. POC is Barry M

Idaho Veteran's Network Meridian Speedway Honor Lap! May 20th. Race starts at 6:30PM; vehicle line up is at 5:30. Vehicles will carry an active duty service member/flag to open the race!

Kohler Lawn Ceremony, Nampa; May 29th 10AM. members stage at 0915. This is a static display type of event with a ceremony. We will convoy from Gates Towing at 0830 AM. POC is Bruce.

Hillcrest Gardens Ceremony; May 29th 1PM. members stage NLT 1240 but are welcome to come early for free lunch. This is a static display type of event with a ceremony. There is a guest speaker from American Idol, a dance group, Flagraising and taps will play. We will convoy from Kohler Lawn to this event. POC is Bruce.

Idaho Chariots Car Show; June 17th 10AM-3PM. This is a free event. Proceeds go to the Idaho Veterans Assistant League. Location is Boise Outlets, 6806 S. Eisenman Road, Gowen Road and Freeway exit 57.

IMVPA Vintage Military Show, June 24th and 25th at the Harley Davidson Dealership in Meridian. Vendors, living history, American Legion, and of course motorcycles! Car wash and pancake breakfast is free. Set up is the Friday prior and the event runs through Sunday afternoon.

God and Country, June 29th in Meridian. Need a POC for this.



LOCAL CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED: Nick Wilson from England is looking for a headlight bracket for a GPA. If anyone knows of one, please get hold of Bruce Gates who will relay the information.

Wanted: USAF vehicle painted Strata Blue in good running condition and with a decent body. Prefer small to medium size, either purpose built military or Dodge crew cabs, etc, but open minded. Cash budget for this project is relatively modest; but also have items to trade if interested. Feel free to call Ivan Urnovitz in Spokane at (509) 710-0545.

Having trouble titling your HMMWV in your state? We may be able to help !! Please e mail as much information about your problem as possible and let us know is you will participate in a Class Action lawsuit (not required) if so e mail hmmwvowner@gmail.com

Editors Note. We've been sharing newsletters (and classifieds) from other clubs, so the transcribing their ads here is redundant. Of course if you want them back, volunteer as an editor! We always need help. ❖