



MONTANA MILITARY VEHICLE CLUB

April 2008 MMVC MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 2004hrs 18 April 2008.

In Attendance:

Officers: Steve Mayville, Mike Atwood, Hank Adams and Rich Morris.

Members: Steve Opp, Al Dellacroce, Lyn Thomas, Bill Otto & Rick Blackwood.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

\$4021.99 balance in Sterling Bank.

\$225.00 in memberships and Re-ups.

The M1 Carbine raffle has made \$586.00 in March at the Bozeman Gun Show (\$1236.00 to date).

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS:

28 active members. Six renewals and 3 new Members. All new members have their T-Shirts.

OLD BUSINESS:

Steve discussed the embroidered emblem baseball cap issue with. Steve will get with Craig Miller and investigate this issue further. Membership agreed that this issue is not critical at this time and that the club can afford to wait.

Sand blaster, Bead Blaster, parts washer issue is on hold.

Mike talked about the overnight and day trips. Mike will look into several routes for the overnight trip which will allow members to drive vehicles to the start point. Options include Fairy Lake and Elkhorns/Toston Pass. Mike will have a route for the overnight trip shortly. Additionally, the day trip to Flathead Pass was discussed. Tentative dates for the trips are:

Overnight trip 3rd week in July

Flathead Pass trip end of August-1st week in September

Mike discussed the club "tool box". Mike asked members to consider donating parts to the club tool box. So far the following Items have been donated:

Mike-MB type fuel pump
Steve- MB type Carburetor
Hank/Rich M.-MB type starter

Mike talked about purchasing some flexible type radiator hose. Members talked about bringing some electrical wire and bailing wire for the box.

Mike talked about the Torske tank disassembly trip to Hardin, MT. The group pulled the engine and final drive. Larry was pleased with the work accomplished. A lot of work/welding remains to be done. Rich Morris said that he learned a new trick when he was trying to remove shell impact damaged bolts (melted paraffin or candle wax into the bolt threads).

Mike thought it was a good team effort. Additionally, Mike said Larry's museum was great and the evening at Bob's was super. Larry has invited club members to stay at his farm during Big Horn Day's.

Larry and Hayes have discussed the possibility of our club sponsoring the MMVC National Convention in the future. Members discussed this issue and the consensus was that currently, this activity would be much too difficult and complex for our 28 active members.

Painting. Steve discussed vehicle painting. Currently, Al (M37), Rich Galli (M38 fenders), Craig (M38A1) and Steve Opp (M38A1) required post war paint. Bill (MB), Rich Morris (M100 trailer) and Rick Blackwood ((Power wagon) need early WWII paint. Steve will look for a windless 50 degree (plus) day in mid June to paint. Members need to have their vehicles prepared to paint by mid June.

Flag Purchase. Mike discussed purchasing small US flags to hand out at parades. He paid \$43.00 last year to purchase small American made flags (the club has reimbursed Mike for last years purchase). Mike proposed to purchase \$100.00 of small US flags for 2008 (membership approved).

NEW BUSINESS:

MMVC Library. Mike has put together a library for the club. It has several books on military vehicles and a CD on the Jeep (1940-present). Members are requested to sign out anything they would like to look at. Members are encouraged to donate books or manuals to the library. Please contact Mike Atwood for additional information or donations.

The Manhattan "Cruise-in" car show was discussed by Rich Morris. It is sponsored by the Manhattan American Legion Post 87. There is no entry fee and a trophy will be given to the best military vehicle (the MMVC provided the \$25 for the trophy). The "Cruise-in" will be on Sunday May 25th at 1200-1800hrs.

Certificate of Deposit (CD). Mike proposed purchasing a CD with \$3000 of club funds (membership approved). Hank was tasked to find the best rate locally.

Len talked about the 2009 Lincoln Highway trip. The leg from Cheyenne to Riverton is relatively near by. Members might consider this trip for next year.

Len discussed the Fruitland, Idaho Military Trade Show in June.

Steve talked about the Italian Column of Liberation 22-29 April. Steve will be attending with the WW!! Airborne Demonstration Team and will be writing an article about the experience.

Events:

Dedication of Vietnam Veterans Wall, Sunset Cemetery, Bozeman, Montana, 24 May 2008.

“Cruse-in” car show at American Legion Post 89 in Manhattan, Montana, 25 May 2008.

Memorial Day, Sunset Cemetery, Bozeman Montana, 26 May 2008.

Big Horn Days, Hardin Montana 28-29 June 2008 (note date has changed).

Bozeman Gun Show, Gallatin County Fairgrounds, 11-13 July 2008

Hayes Otoupalik Gun Show, Missoula Montana, 8-10 August 2008

Manhattan Potato Festival, Manhattan Montana, 16 August 2008.

MVPA National Convention, Portland Oregon, 16-18 August 2008.

Belgrade Fall Festival, Belgrade Montana 13 September 2008.

Townsend Military Appreciation and Fall Festival, Townsend Montana, 4 October 2008 (tentative).

Announcements:

The next meeting will be at Steve Mayville’s shop on Friday the 16th May (TBC).

Meeting adjourned @ 2140hrs

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