



MONTANA MILITARY VEHICLE CLUB

April 2009 MMVC MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 2025hrs 20 April 2009.

In Attendance:

Officers: Mike Atwood, Rich Morris, Rich Galli & Hank Adams.

Members: Al Dellacroce, Pat Baciu, Dana Baciu, Jess Tode, Steve Opp, Bruce Garbe, Tobe Dempsey & Bill Otto.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

\$2914.70 balance in Sterling Bank.

Checks paid: Seals for the Money Pit (\$90.00)

\$3000.00 in 2 year CD (beginning May 2008).

The Thompson raffle made \$1,895.00 to date.

MEMBERSHIP/ RENEWALS:

20 active members.

Re-up 2009: (April) None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Baseball caps issue. Pat has digitized the MMVC patch. Steve will purchase some caps and have the design embroidered. Issue working.

Painting. Currently, Al (M37), Rich Galli (M38 touchup) 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 spring (or when available). Members need to have their vehicles prepared to paint by spring 2009. If you have questions on this issue please contact Steve Mayville. Issue working.

Antique aircraft posters. Bill Otto has framed them and they are great. We will take them to the Helena Air Show. Len Thomas will look into selling on E-Bay. Issue working.

Members discussed assembling a MMVC Club BBQ Grill out of Jeep Parts. Good project for winter. Parts are being assembled. Issue working.

Members discussed going to the “running of the sheep” in Reedpoint, MT. Al has made calls and is still waiting for someone to return his calls. Issue working.

M43 Ambulance (“the Money Pit”) update.

Members voted to paint the vehicle OD (Membership approved). Bruce has ordered and received the new wheel cylinders.

Membership discussed what to do next and decided to purchase Battery cables and batteries (Dana is pricing them at NAPA). May need some new brake lines. Members discussed bringing fuel tank to Billings for cleaning/repair. Len Thomas donated a spare tire mount, paint, camouflage netting, straps and rims (thanks Len!). Bruce has ordered/received the axle seals. Membership considering relocating to Tobe’s. Issue working.

Bruce and Rich M are coordinating a rifle shoot in Livingston, MT. Bruce states that the Match is on July 18 at the Park Co. rifle range. It will be a military and muzzle-loader match. We will shoot U.S. military rifles in the morning starting at 9A.M. and will shoot TRADITIONAL muzzle loaders in the afternoon. The course of fire for the cartridge guns will be 8 shots at 100 yds from the prone, sitting, and standing at paper targets and scored as an aggregate. The muzzle-loaders will shoot at 75 and 100 yds? Details of that to have to be worked out. Bruce wanted to get this out early enough as the range changed the date for calendar info but didn’t tell anyone so the match will not appear on their printed calendar. If you have any questions please e-mail or call Bruce Garbe at 522-0392 or Rich Morris at 586-2255. Bruce and Rich will charge \$5 per match with 50% to go for range use and the rest to be paid as prizes. Issue working.

Mike Atwood proposed several new parade sites in Montana. Membership agreed that a new site would be interesting. Site and dates are as follows:

Lewistown (July 4th)

Ennis (July 4th)

Livingston (July 2nd)

West Yellowstone (Parade starts at 1830hrs then fireworks)

White Sulphur Springs (July 4th – parade starts at 1100hrs)

Kalispell (July 4th)

Clyde Park (????)

Issue working.

Rich Morris says that there is a Quonset hut which is being offered for free to the club in Kelley Canyon. The Hut could be used as a club house. Land is needed to move the hut. Bill Otto is looking into land issue. Issue unresolved.

Rich Galli has arraigned to get the First Security Bank to let the Club set up a display in there window. He is working on dates. Perhaps the US Army's birthday on the 14th of June. Issue working.

Helena Air Show and Military Open House are scheduled for 27-28 June in Helena, Mt. The organizers have invited the MMVC. The Club would be allowed on the runway to escort pilots to there aircraft and transport VIP and veterans/wounded warriors. Hank is working to see if camping space is available at Fort Harrison's military campground and secure site for set-up within the wire at the military airfield. Issue working.

Bozeman Gun Show 10-12 July (outside) Hank and Rich coordinated the site. Club will need to get there early for set up on Friday the 10th. Bill Otto has purchased Poles and Spreaders and Rich Galli has camouflage nets for the show. We will need 5 tables. Members will need to get to site early (0800hrs) on Friday to secure the site. Issue working.

Membership approved sending \$100 to the Bighorn County Historical Museum and the Montana Military Museum in Helena. Hank will prepare letters for the Presidents signature. We received a nice thank you letter from Bighorn County Historical Museum. Action complete.

Membership approved honoring member Jerry Bell with Life Membership. Hank will prepare letter for the Presidents signature. Action complete.

Flathead Pass Trail Ride (August date TBD). Action Rich Galli.

Hardin/Custer Days (date TBD). Action Rich Morris.

NEW BUSINESS:

Membership unanimously voted to send the Bozeman American Legion \$150.00 to help replace the American Flags destroyed in the explosion. Action Hank.

Bruce presented Tobe with a gift certificate for dinner at the Oasis in Manhattan from club members. Action complete.

Events:

New Years Eve party at Rich Morris's house on 31 December at 1900hrs. Rich's address is 1312 Holly Drive, Bozeman, MT (phone 586-2255)

The Livingston Gun Show, 6-8 February 2009, in Livingston, MT

The Bozeman Gun Show, 13-15 March 2009, in Bozeman, MT

Memorial Day, 25 May, activities TBC

Hardin Days, TBC June 2009, Hardin MT

Helena Air Show, 27-28 June 2009, Helena Regional Airport (Military Flight Line)
Helena, MT

The Bozeman Gun Show, 10-12 July 2009, outside vehicle and weapons display
in Bozeman, MT

Weapons Shoot, 18 July 2009, at the Park County Rifle Range in Livingston, MT

Flathead Pass Trail Ride (TBD August)

Manhattan Potato Festival (TBD August)

Belgrade Fall Festival, 19 September in Belgrade, MT

Townsend Fall Festival, (TBD September)

Veterans Day, 11 November, activities TBC

Announcements:

The next meeting will be at 1900hrs at Steve Mayville's shop on Friday the 15th
May.

Meeting adjourned @ 2112hrs

MEMBERS: PLEASE VISIT OUR WEB SITE: www.mmvc.org Contact our
Webmaster, Jess Tode if you have ideas or suggestions on how to make the site
better:

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