



MONTANA MILITARY VEHICLE CLUB

April 2011 MMVC MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 2005hrs 15 April 2011.

In Attendance:

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

Members: Al Dellacroce, Bill Otto, Jim Bratsky, Pat Baciou, Dana Baciou, Duane Carlton, Tobe Dempsey & Steve Opp.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

\$3,628.72 balance in Sterling Bank.

\$3,216.41 in 2 year CD (beginning May 2010).

The Colt 1911A1 raffle has made \$1359.00 to date. We made \$658.00 at the Bozeman Gun Show in March.

Checks Paid: VVA Donation \$100.00, MT Military Museum donation \$100.00, Big Horn County Museum donation \$100.00.

MEMBERSHIP/ RENEWALS:

33 active members. Re-up: Jeff Bisson, Steve Atwood & Kin Mees.

OLD BUSINESS:

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 2011. If you have questions on this issue please contact Steve Mayville. No change, issue working.

M43 Ambulance ("the Money Pit") update.

Compression test revealed a dead cylinder. Head pulled and it was discovered to be a stuck valve. Steve Opp and Rich Morris cleaned the carbon from the valve. Head was warped and was milled (\$114). Sandblasting is being coordinated. Jeff Bisson has stated that he will blast this spring. Mike Atwood has set a goal to have the MP running by spring. No Change, issue working.

The second annual Bruce Garbe Memorial Shoot is scheduled for 16 July 2011 at the Park County Rod and Gun Club. We will put the dates on the 2011

calendar. We need to purchase some targets for the event. Rich Morris and Rich Galli are working the target issue with Steve Garbe and Mike Venturino. Membership agreed that there will be no sight in allowed at the event to allow weed and grass mowing.

Issue working.

Bozeman Gun Show in 8-10 July. Bozeman Trails is allowing the MMVC to set up outside between the buildings with a limited number of vehicles and our netting/tables. Issue working.

Memorial Day Parade in Bozeman. The parade will be on Monday 30th of May. There will be a 0930hrs start. Bozeman High School parking lot is the start and the pick-up site for our veterans. MMVC will be allowed to take veterans into Sunset Memorial Cemetery. Hank Adams has been tasked to collect veteran riders' names. Rich Morris will have his Jeep in the downtown "Pavilion" to advertize the event starting 16 May. Duane Carlton will coordinate for the MSU ROTC Howitzer Field Piece to start the parade. The MMVC has been tasked to transport the parade Grand Marshall. We will stop, dismount (drivers only) and render a salute to the Gold Star Families during the parade. Steve Mayville will organize the order of march and formation. Next meeting for the event is 2 May at 1200hrs at American Legion Post 14 (upstairs). Issue working.

Projected Vehicles for Memorial Parade:

WWII

WLA (Jeno)
GPW (Atwood)
GPW (Mayville)
GPW (Venturino)
GPW (Smart)
GPW (Baciu)
MB (Morris)
MB (Adams)

Korea

M38 (Galli)
M38 (Swingle)

Cold War, Korea & Vietnam

M38A1 (Mayville)
M38A1 (Carlton)
M38A1 (Opp, needs paint)
M151A2 (Church)
M151A2 (Mayville)
M37 (Mayville)

Deuces

2 1/2Ton (Otto, needs brakes)

M35 (Morris/Armstrong)

M35 (Mayville)

Hank ordered 12 T-Shirts (OD in color, 8XL, 2XXL, 2L). T-shirts have arrived. Issue complete.

Veteran's Stand Down at the Bozeman Fairgrounds 16-17 June is the set up. The 18th is execution and break down. The VVA is asking for our help for set-up, execution and breakdown. They would like two M35's for assistance in transporting excess items after breakdown and cardboard recycling on hand from 17-18. Issue working.

VVA Fundraiser/Breakfast at the Bozeman Senior center on 2 April went well. Issue complete.

Steve Mayville proposed that the MMVC enter in the downtown Bozeman Car show and sell raffle tickets. Membership agreed that we attend the car show. Steve will get dates. Issue working.

NEW BUSINESS:

Stan Melesneck a WWII Battle of Bulge veteran has been awarded the Army Distinguished Service Cross for his actions during the battle. He will be awarded the citation at a ceremony at the Belgrade Armed Forces Reserve Center on July 21st (tentative). Stan has asked our clubs assistance in finding a Uniform for the event. He is looking for a size 42-44 Regular Ike jacket, Khaki trousers 32-30 and a khaki shirt. Hank and Rich Galli are working this issue.

Upcoming Calendar Issues:

VVA Veterans Breakfast Saturday, 2 April 8-1100hrs at the Bozeman Senior Center.

Events:

Xmas; New Years Eve; Cuanza; Festivus Party at LTC Duane Carlton's Home.

Adopt-a-Sox MASH themed event; 27 February in Bozeman, MT.

The Bozeman Gun Show, 11-13 March 2011, in Bozeman, MT

VVA Veterans Breakfast 2 April 8-1100hrs at the Bozeman Senior Center.

Memorial Day, 30 May, Parade down Main Street in Bozeman

Veteran's stand down, set-up 16-17 June; execution 18 June, Bozeman, MT

Hardin Days, 25-26 June 2011, Hardin MT

4th of July Parade in Butte, MT

The Bozeman Gun Show, 8-10 July 2011, outside vehicle and weapons display in Bozeman, MT

1st Annual Bruce Garbe Memorial Shoot, 16 July 2011, at the Park County Rifle Range in Livingston, MT

Manhattan Potato Festival TBC August.

Trail Ride TBC August

Belgrade Fall Festival, TBC September in Belgrade, MT

Townsend Fall Festival, TBC September.

Yellowstone Trail Ride TBC October

Veterans Day, 11 November.

Bozeman Gun Show, TBC Dec.

New Year's Party, TBC.

Announcements:

The next meeting will be at 1900hrs at Steve Mayville's shop on Friday the 20th May.

Meeting adjourned @ 2155hrs

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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