



MONTANA MILITARY VEHICLE CLUB

February 2009 MMVC MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 1958hrs 13 February 2009.

In Attendance:

Officers: Steve Mayville, Mike Atwood, Rich Morris, Rich Galli and Hank Adams.
Members: Al Dellacroce, Len Thomas, Jess Tode, Steve Opp, Pat Baci, Dana Baci, Bruce Garbe, Bill Otto, Mike Venturino and Doug Schlepp.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

\$2,472.54 balance in Sterling Bank.

Checks paid: Livingston Gun Show

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

The Thompson raffle made \$495.00 at the Livingston Gun Show (\$1,320.00 to date).

MEMBERSHIP/ RENEWALS:

38 active members.

Re-up 2009: (February) Len Thomas and Doug Schlepp.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Painting. Currently, Al (M37), 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 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 is still working.

Antique aircraft posters. Bill Otto has framed 2, 2 remain to be framed. They will be available at the next gun show. Len Thomas will look into selling on E-Bay. Issue still working.

Members discussed assembling a MMVC Club BBQ Grill out of Jeep Parts. Good project for winter. Mike and Steve said they would get grill parts; Rich Galli said he would donate fenders. Parts are being assembled. Issue still 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 still 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). Steve Opp couldn't find an air cleaner for the "Pit". 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!). Issue still working.

The Bozeman Gun Show is 13-15 March. Hank and Rich Galli arraigned for a table for the club.

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 is working.

Membership voted to give Steve Mayville \$100 for heat and lights for meetings held at his barn. (Issue completed).

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 6:30 PM THEN FIREWORKS)

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS (JULY 4TH - PARADE STARTS AT 11:00AM)

KALISPELL (JULY 4TH)

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. Issue unresolved.

Rich Galli has arraigned to get a downtown 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tobe Dempsey is getting married on 14 February at 1600hrs.

Len Thomas is considering a Military Show in Livingston, MT on June 21st. Len will confirm shortly.

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.

Club needs to confirm site requirements for the Bozeman Gun Show in July (outside) Hank and Rich will talk to the new coordinator at the March Gun Show. Bill Otto has purchased Poles and Spreaders and Rich Galli has camouflage nets for the show.

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

Military Show, 21 June 2009, in Livingston, MT (TBC)

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

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

Belgrade Fall Festival, 19 September in Belgrade, MT

Announcements:

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

Meeting adjourned @ 2123hrs

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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