



MONTANA MILITARY VEHICLE CLUB

February 2008 MMVC MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 20:05 hrs 15 February 2008.

In Attendance: Officers: Steve Mayville, Craig Miller, Mike Atwood, Hank Adams, Rich Galli and Rich Morris.

Members: Bruce Garby, Jess Tode, Steve Opp, Al Dellacroce, Lyn Thomas, Bill Otto & Toby Dempsy.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

\$832.01 balance in "new" Sterling Bank.

\$2,105.34 balance in cashiers check from closing out Valley Bank Account (this will be deposited into the Sterling Bank).

\$61.30 in petty cash (this will be deposited into the Sterling Bank).

The M1 Carbine raffle has made \$295.00 in January (\$650.00 to date).

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS:

19 active members. One renewal (Rich Galli).

Several Members volunteered to call members and remind them to renew their membership.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rich Morris brought in a patrol cap to show the club as requested. Membership did not want to commit to purchasing patrol caps. Steve suggested that we might consider a baseball type cap with an embroidered emblem as an alternative. Membership considered providing a "ball cap" and a T-Shirt. Steve and Craig agreed to look into the costs and details.

Sand blaster, Bead Blaster, parts washer discussion. Membership discussed the merits and a cost of purchasing a club sand blaster verses a bead blaster. Members discussed how often the club would use these devises and was it cost effective. Members discussed the requirement to purchase a large compressor in order to effectively operate either of the blasters. Membership felt that this might cost too much. Mike suggested that the membership consider purchasing tools or

replacement parts for the club "tool box". Steve asked the members to write down ideas for the next meeting.

Ammo, Steve purchased 30-06 Cal ammo for many club members. The ammo was present and distributed to the members that reserved ammo. Please note that following the meeting Steve discovered that the ammo cost more than he charged. Members should contact Steve to see if they owe any additional funds.

The Livingston Gun Show (8-10 February) was successful. Rich Morris and Bruce purchased a table for the club. Thanks to the many members that assisted in selling tickets. The club made \$295.00 with our new M1 Carbine Raffle during the show.

NEW BUSINESS:

Steve discussed Larry Torske's and Bob Schoen's M24 Chaffee Tank project. Larry and Bob would like to have a meeting in Hardin, MT at their shop. Following the meeting members could work on the M24 tank parts. Larry told Rich Morris that there was plenty of work for those that could come. Larry and Bob would be able to provide some guest rooms for up to 6 members. Rich Morris is coordinating with Larry and Bob for a date in March or April.

The Club has secured a table for the 7-9 March 2008 Bozeman Gun Show.

Rich Morris reported on talking with Mike Venterino (a gun writer and friend of Rich and Bruce). Mike would like the clubs support (sometime in May/June) on a book he is currently writing on WWII infantry weapons. Rich will continue to coordinate with Mike on his requirements and dates

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. Members need to have their vehicles prepared to paint ASAP.

Flag Purchase. Mike discussed purchasing small flags to hand out at parades. He will look into purchasing small American made flags and get back with the membership on costs.

Events:

Bozeman Gun Show, Bozeman Montana, 7-9 March 2008.

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

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

Big Horn Days, Hardin Montana 21-22 June 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:

Motion for membership to attend the MVPA Convention. Members interested in attending the convention should contact Rich Morris at 586-2255. He will coordinate rooms and travel plans.

Membership informed that Lyn and Barb Thomas will not be holding their Militaria show this year due to family issues.

Trail Ride. Mike agreed to coordinate local trail ride(s) for the club this summer. Bill Otto will assist Mike in locating several trails.

The Helena Air Show in July is cancelled. A reduced local show is in the works. Steve is in contact with Roger Hagen and will keep the membership informed.

The next meeting will be TBD. It may be in Hardin at Larry Torske's shop. Rich Morris and Steve will keep the membership informed.

Meeting adjourned @ 2143hrs.

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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