



## MONTANA MILITARY VEHICLE CLUB

### March 2008 MMVC MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 1900 hrs, 15th March February 2008. at Bob Schoen's Shop in Hardin. The tank mechanic crew was served an incredible dinner provided by the Torske and Schoen families.



We did not have a quorum therefore no official business decisions were made but we sure did have lots of fun! In Attendance: Officer: Mike Atwood, VP, Larry Torske, Eastern District Chairman, Rich Morris Newsletter Editor, Members: Bruce Garby, Jess Tode, Steve Opp, Bill Otto & Tob Dempsy, New Member Hank Wright (Shepard Mt), Mark Schoen.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

No financial report was given. Previous February 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:**

24 active members. 4 renewals: Larry Torske, Ray Jenö, Bob Schoen, New Members: Mark Schoen and Hank Wright.

Several Members volunteered to call members and remind them to renew their membership. Bill Otto has been especially diligent in this effort – must be his tactful smile.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

We reviewed our tentative event schedule with our Eastern District representatives who are retired and promised to try to attend some events and meetings. BIG HORN DAYS and Military Shoot is on! June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Larry and Bob have offered to help with accommodations and if we are good...a dip in the pool so bring your suits and sunscreen..

Items that need follow-up: Mike and Bill will plan day and overnight drive/camp options around Bozeman area. Mike and Bill to work on list for Club tools and spare parts list and start accumulating donations. Members feel free to start bringing in extra tools and spare parts to meetings to donate to the cause. New Ball cap design and purchase for new and existing members.

Larry Torske emphasized how much he uses his Bead Blaster Box for restoration projects. Maybe someday we can pull this off.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

New business centered around the business at hand and Club Participants dove in on the M24 Chaffee project and after a full day and a morning, several great meals, a few jokes, a lot of sweat, stories and some lies, the tank looked like a stripped out target hull on a firing range. Please visit the website for photo updates. One of the remaining flathead Cadillac engines was pulled, the drive line, main transmission, front transaxle, pilot and gunner seats, and lots of other smaller parts. Bob Schoen demonstrated how well the reconditioned flathead engines ran. Rich Morris and Bill Otto spent the entire day removing several sheered bolts in the side of the tank that hold the drive sprocket damaged by mortar fire – tough job! Members used lots of PB Blaster, leverage bars, Heat, and even paraffin wax to remove stubborn bolts. Larry was very pleased with the progress and we all decided to come back and help assemble when he's a little further along with suitable green iron.

The NW National Museum and Foundation, Inc (Larry, Hayes, Bob etc.) received their 501C3 status and the Museum at Larry's farm looks great!

Larry and Hayes are proposing the MMVC consider bidding for the National MVPA annual Meeting. The convention is in Portland this year. Possible venues: Billings Metra or Missoula Convention Center or Fort Missoula. We will continue to discuss this with the general membership to see what is involved.

**Events:**

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 28-29 June 2008.

Day/Evening Drive around Bozeman.

Overnight family camp-out with jeeps and trucks to local lake.

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:** All members should try to find time to visit Larry's shop, the NW Museum and Bob Schoen's shop where you will find many restored vehicles and projects in the works. Military, antique and classic's are there to see and lots of other cool stuff. Above all, you will find these folks to be the nicest, genuine Montana families we are fortunate to call our "club" .

Meeting adjourned @ 2100 hrs.

MEMBERS: PLEASE VISIT OUR WEB SITE: [www.mmvc.org](http://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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