



MONTANA MILITARY VEHICLE CLUB

November 2008 MMVC MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 2020hrs 21 November 2008.

In Attendance:

Officers: Steve Mayville, Mike Atwood, Rich Morris, Rich Galli and Hank Adams.
Members: Rick Blackwood, Tobe Dempsey Mike Venturino and Bruce Garbe

FINANCIAL REPORT:

\$1,515.12 balance in Sterling Bank.

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

The M1 Carbine raffle has made \$290.00 during the Veterans Day Drawing and from individuals (\$2687.00 to date).

MEMBERSHIP/ RENEWALS:

37 active members. 1 New Member Jerry Bell of West Glacier, MT. Jerry has a 1945 GPW and is a WWII veteran with the 7th Infantry Division.

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), 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 in spring (or when available). Members need to have their vehicles prepared to paint ASAP. If you have questions on this issue please contact Steve Mayville. Issue is still working.

New raffle weapon. A semi-automatic Thompson .45 Cal has been chosen. Weapon was purchased for \$989.00. Stocks have been replaced with American Black Walnut. The raffle ticket will be ready for the 1st Raffle at the Bozeman Gun Show on 12-14 December. 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. Issue still working.

T-Shirts. OD green T-shirts will be purchased by Hank. 10 XL shirts and 5 2XL shirts. Issue is still working.

Rich Galli's Jeep Engine has seized up. Tobe has received the new engine. It was \$328.00. A motion was put forward to support Tobe in these repairs (motion passed). Members decided to donate funds. To date the following donations have been made:

Hank \$20

Bill \$20

Bruce \$20

Rich M. \$20 (paid)

Rick Blackwood \$20 (paid \$10)

Steve Mayville \$20 (paid)

Mike Atwood \$20 (paid)

Al \$20

Steve Opp \$20

Rich Galli \$20

Members agreed that the club would pay the remainder \$128.00

Hank Adams will see Tobe on 11-24-2008 and pay the difference. 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. Members were requested to bring parts to next meeting.

Issue still working.

Members discussed going to the "running of the sheep" in Reedpoint, MT. Al will make some calls. Issue still working.

Carter Baines donated an M43 Ambulance to the Club. Members worked on the project and got the engine to "fire-up". Vehicle will require many parts batteries; paint etc...

Members voted to paint the vehicle OD (Membership approved). Rich M. purchased a carburetor repair kit for \$40 and donated it to the club (thanks Rich!). Tobe rebuilt the carburetor (thanks Tobe!). Rick Blackwood donated a Master Brake Cylinder (thanks Rick!). Len Thomas has donated a spare tire mount (thanks Len!). Rich M. and Bruce changed the Oil and Filter. Steve M has sprayed off more non military paint.

Membership discussed what to do next and decided to purchase wheel cylinders and rubber brake lines. Rich Galli will print off the manuals. Issue still working (and will be for many years).

Bill Otto discussed bringing his glass bead blasting cabinet to Tobe's. Tobe said he would have to clear out some stuff. Issue still working.

Rich Morris discussed picking up additional Lake City 30-06 Cal ammo. Anyone interested pay up front \$81. Please contact Rich or Steve Mayville. Issue still working.

The American Legion event at the Belgrade Senior Center on 7 November went very well. Hank, Bruce and Bill Otto attended. The veterans enjoyed the weapons and vehicles.

Veterans Day activities went very well. The Veterans Day ceremony will be at Sunset Memorial Cemetery was attended by Rich M, Hank and Bill Otto. Highgate Senior Living event was super. Bill Otto, Hank, Rich M, Al and Jess Tode attended. Veterans and their spouses were given a weapons demonstration and Jeep Rides. Veterans were given pins from the US Army Recruiters.

The raffle drawing at the Belgrade American Legion Club 30 was well attended. The Carbine was won by Nate Mayville (Steve Mayville's son).

NEW BUSINESS:

The Bozeman Gun Show is on 12-14 December. Rich M and Rich G have been trying to get us a table for several weeks. They will continue until they are successful.

The Livingston Gun Show in February. Rich M will work on getting us a table.

Events:

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

"Cruse-in" car show at American Legion Post 89 in Manhattan, Montana, 25 May 2008.

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

Big Horn Days, Hardin Montana 28-29 June 2008.

4th of July Parade in Ennis, Montana, 4 July 2008.

Bozeman Gun Show, Gallatin County Fairgrounds, 11-13 July 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.

Flathead Pass Trip 30 August 2008.

Belgrade Fall Festival, Belgrade Montana 20 September 2008.

Townsend Military Appreciation and Fall Festival, Townsend Montana, 4 October 2008.

Belgrade Senior Center, Belgrade Montana, 7 November 2008.

Veterans Day, Bozeman and Belgrade Montana, 11 November 2008.

Bozeman Gun Show, Bozeman Montana, 12-14 December 2008.

Announcements:

The next meeting will be at 1900hrs at Steve Mayville's shop on Friday the 19th December.

Meeting adjourned @ 2140hrs

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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