



MONTANA MILITARY VEHICLE CLUB

October 2008 MMVC MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 2030hrs 17 October 2008.

In Attendance:

Officers: Rich Morris, Rich Galli and Hank Adams.

Members: Al Delecrose, Bill Otto, Steve Opp, Rick Blackwood, Tobe Dempsey and Bruce Garbe

FINANCIAL REPORT:

\$1,304.02 balance in Sterling Bank.

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

\$989.00 spent for Thompson 1927A1 (2009 Raffle weapon).

The M1 Carbine raffle has made \$211.00 at the Belgrade Fall Festival (\$2397.00 to date).

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS:

37 active members.

OLD BUSINESS:

Al Dellacroce has donated 2 M1 Carbine magazine pouches for the raffle carbine. Rich Morris and Bruce Garbe have provided an Oiler and shoulder strap. Issue is still working.

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. 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 and should be delivered shortly. 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 sent the engine in to be repaired. It is not known how much the repairs will cost. At a minimum new gasket sets will be required. 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

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. AI 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 including a carburetor rebuild kit; 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!). Membership discussed what to do next and decided that the fuel system should be checked and cleaned prior to buying batteries making battery cables. Rich M. also recommended that we change the Oil and Filter ASAP.

Issue still working (and will be for many years).

Belgrade Fall Festival on went well. Hank, Bruce and Donna, Steve Mayville, Bill and David Otto and Rich Morris attended. Hank failed to perform PMCS and had to drain his fuel filter prior to the parade. Steve Mayville's Ford had some

electrical problems but made "LD". The American Legion and Highgate Senior Living had several veteran riders. Additionally, the club made \$211.00 with the M1 carbine at AL Club 30 following the parade. Rich M. actively recruited nurses for the Ambulance while other members watched in amazement.

Townsend Fall festival was successful. Rich Morris, Bruce, Steve Mayville and Bill Otto attended. Attendee's agreed that weather was great and so were the "bratwursts".

NEW BUSINESS:

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 30-06 Cal ammo. Anyone interested please contact Rich or Steve Mayville. Issue still working.

The American Legion has asked for our assistance on 7 November. They are conducting an event at the Belgrade Senior Center at 1100hrs and would like some Military Vehicles for the Veterans. If you would like to attend contact Hank Adams (388-2477).

Veterans Day. At 0800hrs members will meet at the Bozeman American Legion for their annual breakfast. The Veterans Day ceremony will be at Sunset Memorial Cemetery at 1100hrs. Coordination is ongoing with Highgate Senior Living. We are tentatively scheduled to go to Highgate at 1430hrs. The final event will be our raffle drawing at 1900hrs at the Belgrade American Legion Club 30. Members should plan on arriving at 1800-1830hrs.

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.

Announcements:

The next meeting will be at 1900hrs at Steve Mayville's shop on Friday the 21st November.

Meeting adjourned @ 2135hrs (damn!!!)

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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