



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION



FROM THE TOP

From the President

February 4th will be our first meeting of the year at 7:00 PM at Gates & Associates 604 N. 36th St. Nampa. We will be electing officers so be prepared to throw your hat in the ring or get behind your favorite candidate.

DUES ARE DUE FOR 2025. Mail in your dues or take them to the meeting. It's only \$20 for the entire year – such a deal.

We're hoping to do more events this year such as trail rides or road trips. If you have an idea for a good one let's hear it. We haven't been to

IMVPA CLUB OFFICERS

President: Bruce Gates
Vice President: John Downs
Treasurer: please volunteer
Quartermaster: Erik Kunkel
Secretary: Bob Schoenderwoerd
Social Media Director: Benjamin Sterling and John Downs.
Website, Newsletter Editor: Ron Powell

Spotted: meet Vivian. Read more about her in this episode of "wow that project took long enough".



From the Top. –Cont

Silver City in a few years so that might be a good one for this year.

There are also a lot of car shows, which are fun. You get a chance to show off your military vehicle to the public and it helps to get new members interested in the hobby so don't hesitate to take that vehicle to a show. It's pretty fun when you can show up some expensive hot rods. People like something different. We also have our standard set of parades this year and I will try to stay current on the upcoming events in email.

We've had several people say they aren't getting emails. You can contact Bruce Gates or Alex Gordon. We may have just a misspelled address that can be easily repaired.

We'll prepare for our show in June this year as last years was quite a success and we hope to improve on it for this year.

-President Gates

It was in the news

Tuesday, Feb 4th 7PM is the first IMVPA meeting of the year! There will be elections!

February 14th is Valentines Day. Vice Pres John Downs likes the candy hearts with love messages on them.

The IMVPA social roster was updated last month. If you're not receiving emails let us know and we'll update it some more and more after that.

Nice article in the MVPA magazine, read it at savethemvpa.org. It's alleges the MVPA is about to fail due to weak decision making and financial mismanagement. If you wish to participate in the drama, um I mean in resolving the issues, go to the website.

Newsletters come out around the first of every month and are emailed and posted on the IMVPA website. Sometimes they have spelling errors, and often do not come out on the same day. Misinformation is also a problem, along with shoddy journalism. Perhaps you should volunteer as the newsletter editor! Fixed it!

IMVPA MEETINGS: Usually the 1st Tues of the Month at 7PM at Gates & Associates at 604 N. 36th St. Nampa, ID

Upcoming Events –

April 16th-19th; Camp Plymouth Military Vehicle Show and Swap Meet in Plymouth California.

June: Date TBP. Annual IMVPA military show

Editors note: it's a bit early in the year to publish upcoming events but know that any member can promote and suggest an event, so what's yours?

***His Glass is Half Empty* by anonymous**

This space is reserved for any IMVPA member. This month's article is by 'anonymous.'

There's a stain on the carpet of my military vehicle that kinda looks like almond milk. But that's the least of my problems.

At the IMVPA CHRISTMAS party I heard some complainin' about my white elephant gift. Some of the key words were "dollar store cheap", "sexually inappropriate" and "intellectually lazy". I don't even know what that last word means.

In my defense I thought the gift I brought was purdy cool, and I bet someone is still using it right now. In fact, as it's actually useful! Far better than the whiskey I traded it for, which didn't even last the evening.

Fact is I don't have a lot of money like all the rich people in the IMVPA. Between the high price of gas, the IRS and the ex wife I'm too poor to even pay attention. I don't know much about finance but I do know that after buying another junker military vehicle every month I don't have much money left. And math is hard! All I know is one unemployment check will fill four shopping carts full of beer.

I'm jealous of everyone who has a great house, great career, and beautiful wife. I got none of that. Hell even my ex wife has a beautiful new wife. All I got is my personality and that was something my doctor said he couldn't fix. I got kicked out of Wallgreens 'cause my blind and deaf girlfriend sent me there for almond milk. How do ya milk an almond? Anyway I couldn't remember the name and called it nut juice. Permanent ban from that place it seems.

Now I heard I'm probably gonna get kicked out of the IMVPA too. Which I think is bull\$(* because I'm the only one who pays the \$25 a year dues on time. (*editors note: it's only \$20*). I think they're gonna vote me off the island because my military vehicle ain't up to their uppity up standards. It's got 12v, an electric fuel pump, throttle body injection, twin traction beam suspension, seats from a corvette and it smells kinda like a volkswagon beetle bug; a combination of wet cat piss on the carpet, nicotine, stale beer and vomit.

So I'M SORRY, EXCUSE ME VERY MUCH that I can't afford a cool MV like you! Um, and everyone else. I'm gonna take my passive aggressive out on my girl but first I have to stop at Walmart for some almond milk.

Winter Project is done...almost – R Powell

Meet Vivian, she's my 1942 GPW made by Ford. I named her after my best pal's grandma who built liberty ships in WW2...a real life Rosie the Riveter! She was thrilled by the idea of a jeep named after her.

I started this project probably over 6 years ago but she's running and driving now. Life drama often stretches out a project sometimes. What's fun is every MV military vehicle comes with a story. Here's this one:

Her data plates and frame serial number indicate 23955 with a delivery date of May 1942. The engine had no serial number. The hood number was estimated and since I knew of someone in N Calif with a May GPW I just stenciled this one number higher!

I purchased the GPW from an IMVPA member in Caldwell and she looked like a basketcase. Al Mizner stopped by though and he got her started long enough to drive it up on my car hauler trailer :)

It had trashed frame horns –of course. I'd like to thank Don Wadley for loaning me one of his intact frames and using that as a point of reference. I welded in new frame horns and got the bumper repro front brackets on within "close enough" specs.

IMVPA member Brian rebuilt the tranny. I won't use his full name because I think he doesn't want more work as he's enjoying retirement ha! IMVPA member Benjamin S and Roy C helped with the front axle and kingpins.

This was a frame off, nut and bolt full restoration and it was a PITA! This is my second jeep so it's a little better than the first but it's definitely not over restored. I didn't fix dents and dings nor did I fill all the extra holes or use bondo. I like my MV to look like it's being used in the war and love for kids to crawl all over it.

Most of my parts are from RFJP.com out of Grants Pass Oregon. Mods? Yeah, I added an alternator, changed it to 12v, added LED brake lights at the rear and did a disk brake conversion. Haters gonna hate lol. The disks are from a GEO tracker and a nice fit but require spacers to fit the reproduction MD Juan combat wheels. It stops really good and cost about the same as rebuilding all of the old drums. There's always more to the story but let's end by thanking all of the IMVPA folks who turned wrenches, gave me advice and mentorship! THANKS!!



2024 IMVPA Holiday Dinner – by Secretary Bob S

The theme this year was the 80th anniversary of D-Day, June 6th, 1944. First I'd like to thank everyone who attended and participated in the white elephant gift exchange. We were blessed with good weather and a great potluck dinner, and it was very impressive in the number of side dishes on hand.

Having our annual event at the Warhawk Museum is such an honor. Jon and Sue Paul and their staff helped us immensely with setup, clean up and allowing us to see all of the wonderful displays.

The gift exchange was a lot of fun, with a quite a few gifts traded and stolen back. We also had several new members attend and I felt other members made them feel welcome in our organization.

-Bob S



Editors note: we all thank Bob for his leadership on this event. Without him it simply wouldn't have happened! Well done.

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Idaho Military Vehicle Preservation Association Membership Application

Since 1993, our Idaho Organization has been dedicated to the preservation of old and historic military vehicles. The IMVPA encourages the acquisition, preservation, restoration, and the public education of historic military vehicles. The Idaho club encourages and supports museums as well as national and community events.

Ownership of a military vehicle is not a requirement for membership!

Membership Fees: \$20.00 per year

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Please mail this membership application to:

Bruce Gates
PO Box 592
Nampa, ID 83652

Monthly meetings are held on the **first Tuesday of the month** at 7:00 PM
Please call **(208) 890-2249** for more information

