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Bob Conrad at the Marine Corps Museum – April WAC/B&G MVT Meeting

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NEXT CLUB MEETING...

14 June, Sat: WAC/BG club meeting. Time: 11:00AM.

Place: Peter Lee's, 10519 Marriottsville Road, Randallstown, MD 21131

Please RSVP to Peter Lee at 443-540-1813.

You must RSVP in order to be served food.

President's Message:

Hello, fellow MV enthusiasts! The 41st East Coast Military Vehicle Rally is now behind us, and I would like to thank all who helped make it a success. We had an ample crowd on hand Tuesday for set up and space marking; registration went well despite the fact that the Ripken Stadium Parking Lot was sporting a new coat of Asphalt, and was re-stripped only slightly differently than it had been before; we had a great turnout of vehicles that were judged for the show; we made over \$1000 on our annual auction; and the torrential rains didn't arrive until Saturday afternoon, which stymied our efforts to get all the club tentage broken down and stowed. Tom B did an admirable job of getting a crew together on Sunday to finish the job. You would never have thought Tom was in the process of changing residences; he was on top of all setup arrangements, he was our liaison with Ripken stadium and managed to work in some eBay sales while moving and selling surplus at the rally; I think he is the epitome of multi-tasking! I am pretty sure Dean Hansen, last year's best in show winner for his Unimog, bought the majority of the T-shirts that showed his vehicle. Dean did a great job as Chief Judge, ably assisted by Bob Taylor, Bob Amos, and others. Anja Taylor once again did an outstanding job as Commander In Chief of Registration. Tim and Kay Ketchum were always pitching in; Vince Lutes did his usual fine job as auctioneer, and the vendors were especially generous in their donations. Overall, I think the Rally was a big success.

Speaking of that success, we also need to take an objective look at where we could improve. We should have had more judges, we should have had a dedicated teardown team for Sunday, and we should have donation forms available to the vendors, some of who went above and beyond the call in their generosity. Our announcing system was a bit anemic. I sure there are other issues worth discussing, so please come prepared to discuss them at our next meeting at Peter Lee's on 14 June. See you there!

Scott

Keeping them Rolling: At the last meeting I mentioned I would compose an article about my experiences in conducting field repairs on my WWII jeep, "Rattler". I had a flat tire on my way to the Manassas St. Patrick's Day parade. Fellow WWII jeep owner Bob Conrad stopped to help me change the tire; fortunately, I had my trusty WWII jack and

lug wrench and, in short order, I was back on the road. About a year earlier, again on my way to Manassas, my accelerator linkage stopped working; I managed to limp on down the road using the throttle control until it jammed up. It turned out that I had forgotten to install the linkage cotter pin and it had simply come apart. Using a wire loop from a keyring and some needle nosed pliers I was able to fabricate a makeshift cotter pin which solved that problem. For both of these problems, I was able to keep going with only a few minutes of delay.

Over the 27 years I have owned the jeep, sometimes things have happened where I had to call for assistance. I had an overheating problem in 1993 because the radiator cap didn't fit right. One time my coil went bad within sight of my destination, Allan Cors' tank farm. Another time the clutch cable pulled out of the clutch fork *in view of a jeep dealership*, but they of course had no parts that would fit a 1944 Willys. A line blew off of the oil filter once, spraying about three quarts all over the engine compartment.

As these show stoppers occurred, I resolved to be prepared next time. My jeep has several ammunition boxes on it, and in those boxes are spare parts. I carry a spare coil, points, distributor cap, gasket material, iron wire, primary wire, electrical tape, duck tape, a timing light, dwell meter, clutch fork, brake fluid, a quart of oil, spare hoses, a fan belt, etc. I hope I won't ever need them. There are also a few things that you can carry as a "get home" solution. For example, if your vehicle has a bypass hose and it fails, there are plastic bypass caps that will fit your water pump; pipe plugs will keep blown oil lines from hemorrhaging . You might not need gasket material, but you may be able to help someone that does. And always carry a wheel chock; you never know when you might need it. And yes, carry some spare cotter pins. If your vehicle is outfitted with the correct tools there will be a manual tire pump. You can also buy a small battery powered compressor and hide it in one of your ammo boxes.

How far should you go with being prepared? My answer is, as far as you feel comfortable with. You can reach the point where it is impractical. I don't carry a spare radiator, but I do have an extra fuel pump, as it fits in one of the ammo boxes. The stuff I choose to carry is relatively light in weight compared to the tool bag that I store under the front passenger seat.

There is an excellent manual available from Portrayal Press called "Vehicle Recovery and Field Expedients"; I highly recommend it; it is chock full of practical ideas for getting out of a bad situation and back on the road.

If your transmission get stuck in third gear, or one of your connecting rods fails, locking up the engine (both of which I have experienced!) you probably will need backup. That is why I consider that you should always carry a reliable cell phone when you take your historic military vehicle out for a ride! Scott

Scott Johnson, President

BLUE & GRAY VEHICLE TRUST
TOP SHOW AWARDS
EAST COAST RALLY 2014

BEST OF SHOW

1945 M29C Studerbaker
BROCK JOLLIFFE

CHIEF JUDGE CHOICE

1944 G116 WARD LAFRANCE
JOHN GOTT

PRESIDENTS CHOICE

1943 DODGE WC62
HAROLD FRAZEE

MOTORCYCLES

FIRST PLACE

MOTOR POOL CLASS
1940 HARLEY DAVIDSON WA
DENNIS FOSTER

SECOND PLACE

MOTOR POOL CLASS
1966 KAZ 750, DNEPR
DENNIS FOSTER

THIRD PLACE

MOTOR POOL CLASS
1944 CUSHMAN SCOOTER
WILLIAM WARD

¼ TON

FIRST PLACE

MOTOR POOL CLASS
1942 ¼ TON GPW
ROB GIUNTY

SECOND PLACE

MOTOR POOL CLASS
1944 ¼ TON GPW
GREG DRENNING

THIRD PLACE

MOTOR POOL CLASS
1960 CJ3B WILLIES

ANDY TALLY

AMPHIBIAN CLASS

FIRST PLACE
FACTORY CLASS
1945 M29C STUDERBAKER
BROCK JOLLIFFE

U.S. ARMOR

FIRST PLACE
FACTORY CLASS
1943 M3-M3A1 HALFTRACK
PETER LEE

WHEELED ARMOR

FIRST PLACE
FACTORY CLASS
1951 DAIMLER FERRET
GEORGE HOPKINS

½ TON TRUCK

FIRST PLACE
MOTOR POOL CLASS
1941 DODGE WC4
ERNIE BAALS

1 ½ TON TRUCK

FIRST PLACE
FACTORY CLASS
1943 DODGE WC62
HAROLD FRAZEE

FIRST PLACE
MOTOR POOL CLASS
1973 M883 TRUCK
WILLIAM MAX

SECOND PLACE
MOTOR POOL CLASS
1985 M1008 TRUCK
DUDLEY TAYLOR

2 ½ TON TRUCK

FIRST PLACE
FACTORY CLASS
1961 M49A1 REO
KAREN WILHELM

SECOND PLACE
FACTORY CLASS
1972 M109A3 AM GENERAL
JESSE GLACKIN

FIRST PLACE
MOTOR POOL CLASS
1954 M35A2 REO
ROBERT DITTERT

3 TON+ TRUCK

FIRST PLACE
FACTORY CLASS
1944 G116 WARD LAFRANCE
JOHN GOTT

SECOND PLACE
FACTORY CLASS
1984 M925 AM GENERAL
BERNIE MATYNIAR

FIRST PLACE
MOTOR POOL CLASS
1971 M817 AM GENERAL
THOMAS STONE

ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT

FIRST PLACE
MOTOR POOL CLASS
1989 M916 TRACTOR
BART GLOWZENSKI

TRAILERS

FIRST PLACE
FACTORY CLASS
1972 M105A2 TRAILER
JESSE GLACKIN

FIRST PLACE
MOTOR POOL CLASS
1953 M102 TRAILER
ROBERT DITTERT

SECOND PLACE
MOTOR POOL CLASS
1972 M105A1 TRAILER
DAVID WILHELM

From Tim Ketchum:

After Action Report
George Washington Birthday Parade
Alexandria, VA 17 Feb 2013

The George Washington Birthday Parade was held in Old Town Alexandria on Saturday 17 Feb 2014. WAC/BGMVT has been participating in this parade for over 25 years.

This year was no exception with a turnout of 4 vehicles. This was the beginning of many parades for the 2014 year.

There were 4 vehicles in the parade. The club was in Division 2 close to the front of the parade. The weather was sunny but cold; but that did not dampen the enthusiasm of the crowd. We look forward to next year's parade.

Participants this year were:

Bob Conrad and daughter Christina with his 1943 GPW

Rick Skipper with his M998 HUMVEE

Walt Roberts with his M35

Tim & Kay Ketchum with their 1976 M151A2

After Action Report
St Patrick Day Parade
Alexandria, VA 1 March 2014

The Ballyshaners St Patrick's Day Parade was held in Old Town Alexandria on Saturday 1 March 2014. WAC/BGMVT has been participating in this parade for several years.

This year was no exception with a turnout of 2 vehicles. This was the beginning of three St Patrick's Day parades for the 2014 year.

There were 2 vehicles in the parade. Bob Conrad and youngest son Daniel with his 1943 GPW. Tim & Kay Ketchum with their 1976 M151A2

The weather was sunny but cold; but the crowd was large and enthusiastic and liked to see our vehicles. Our green vehicles and uniforms blended well with all the green in the crowd.

After Action Report
Manassas St Patrick's Day Parade
15 March 2014

The club participated in this years Manassas St Patrick's Day parade on 15 March 2014. There were five jeeps and three 2 ½ ton trucks. The weather was perfect with lots of sun and not too cold. The parade went down the middle of Old Town Manassas. The street was lined with many people and lots of little kids wearing green. We blended right in with our own shades of green. This was the second of three St Patrick's Day parades in the DC area. Participants were:

Bob Conrad in his 1943 GPW.

Club president Scott Johnson in his 1944 MB

Pat Kerner with and sons in his M38

Tim and Kay Ketchum in their 43 MB with son-in-law Steve Walsh and grandsons Colin and Dylan

Bo Haering and family, Lisa, Sean, Luke and Sabrina in his 1970 M35A2

Walt Roberts with Shannon Sturgeon and friend in his 1973 M35A2

Ted Lawson with two grandkids in his M35A2

Wayne Miller in his 43 MB

Events Schedule:

MVPA events at <http://www.mvpa.org/home/mv-events/>

5 June, Thur: Wanted some vintage military vehicles for our upcoming Car/Truck/Bike Show. The show is part of a fundraiser we are doing for the Marine Corps Ball. The show is Thursday June 5th from 11:00am to 2:00pm in at 105 Tech Parkway, Stafford, VA (off Garrisonville RD 5 miles west of I95). Lou Peradotto lou.peradotto@usmc.mil P:703-432-9869, BB:703-501-8904

7 June, Sat: D-Day remembrance event, Old Town Alexandria, VA. WW2 vehicles, GI reenactors welcome. Contact Dean DeGood to participate and for more information at dean@doggywalker.com, phone 703 489 7717(cell).

7 June, Sat: Annual Veterans Appreciation Day. 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM
Izaak Walton League of America – Wildlife Achievement Chapter, 26430 Mullinix Mill Rd., Damascus (Mt. Airy), Md. 21771. Food provided. Military vehicles wanted for display. Contact Mike Gugulis: 301-947-2447 (eve) veterans.day@verizon.net

6-8 June, Fri-Sun: WW 2 Weekend, Reading, Pa. Airshow and ground displays, large flea market. Individual registration. <http://www.maam.org/maamwwii.html>

14 June, Sat: John Brown Day cruise. www.ssjohnwbrown.org

14 June, Sat: Run Amuck 4 mile and Mini Run Amuck 2 mile Mud Run on Quantico Marine Corps Base. Vehicles requested for display. Run starts at 0700 to 1300. Must setup between 0600 and 0630. Expecting 4000 runners. Dummy or airsoft weapons are OK. Near the main chapel on 3250 Catlin Ave. Contact Mark A Williams Operations and Security Coordinator-Marine Corps Marathon Cell 202-446-9272 or email mark.a.williams17@usmc.mil to participate.

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Please RSVP to Peter Lee at 443-540-1813.
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15 June, Sun: Fathers Day Carshow at Sully Historic Site.
<http://www.gwcmodela.org/events.asp>

20 June, Fri: WW2 vehicle wanted for display at a D-Day tribute dinner in Fredericksburg, VA. Contact Glenn Hyatt at fbmmm1@yahoo.com
540-371-0461.

22 June, Sun: Military Appreciation Night at Potomac Nationals Stadium, Woodbridge, VA. MVs there by 1630 (4:30 pm). Gates open at 1700, game starts at 1805. Four tickets per vehicle. Contact Andrew Stinson at (703) 590-2311 x 210 or e-mail at astinson@potomacnationals.com by 16 June if you want to go.

26-28 June, Thur-Sat: Annual MVPA Convention, Louisville, KY.
<http://www.mvpa.org/>

4 July, Fri: Dale City, VA 4th of July Parade. Parade starts at 1000. Lineup on Dale Blvd starts at 0915.

4 July, Fri: National Independence Day Parade, Wash DC. Lineup 1045, parade starts at 1145. From 7th St down Constitution Ave. Club is registered.

4 July, Fri: Leesburg Independence Day Parade with VFW Post 1177, Loudoun County. POC Dennis Boykin, boykin.dennis@yahoo.com or Bob Shawn. Lineup is usually 09:30 at Ida Lee Park.

4-6 July, Fri-Sun: Liberty Ship John W Brown will be on display at Fell's Point in Baltimore. Military vehicles of any era wanted for display on the dock next to the ship. Secure trailer parking available ½ mile away. Come for one day or all 3. Be there by 0900. Can leave at any time. Restrooms available. Free lunch being worked on. Contact Denis Mengele at DodgeM37@aol.com ASAP or no later than 1 June or see him at the rally.

11 July, Fri: Parade Damascus, MD. Parade starts at 1900 (7pm), line up at 1800 at the Damascus High School. Contact Allan Rea for more info if you want to attend

at allanrea@hotmail.com Mobile 301-646-0002.

12-13 July, Sat-Sun: VA. WW2 Weekend at Sully Historic Site off route 28 near Dulles. Hours 1000 to 1600 Sat, 1000 to 1500 Sun. The same exit as the Air and Space Museum Annex. If any of you have a WW2 vehicle and would like to come out for the day or the weekend, that is great. Website is www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully/calendar.htm

17-20 July, Thur-Sun: HISTORICON at the Fredericksburg convention center. More info to follow.

16-17 Aug, Sat-Sun: WW2 Living History, Rose Hill Manor Park, Federick, MD. Individual registration. Website www.rosehillmuseum.com. I can email you a registration form if requested.

6 Sept, Sat: John Brown Day cruise. www.ssjohnwbrown.org

6-7 Sep, Sat-Sun: WW2 Weekend, Rippon Lodge, Woodbridge, VA.

20 Sep, Sat: All day event in Littlestown, PA, north of Westminster, MD, to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. Military vehicles requested. For more information contact Chris Tilghman chairman tmanride@hotmail.com or 443-605-8811

20 Sep, Sat: Ike's Convoy and New Oxford Liberation. A convoy of WWII vehicles will depart early in the morning to liberate the French town of Nouveau Oxford. German forces are in the area and might ambush the convoy. Our orders are to capture the town of Neauvou Oxford if occupied and secure it for Allied use. This event is in conjunction with WWII Living History Weekend at Eisenhower Farm. Please note the Park Service does require the use of original or reproduction WWII uniforms, gear, and vehicles. The convoy typically has 45-50 vehicles with about 125 troops including drivers. This year, we hope to increase the number of participants and vehicles and project to have 8 plus pieces of Allied armor versus 6-7 pieces of German armor. I've structured the convoy, ambush and liberation so that anyone who does not want to participate in the action parts can still be in the convoy and enjoy the ride. Please email me for more info. Bob Buker - arbuker@verizon.net

20-21 Sep, Sat-Sun: The National Park Service will sponsor a World War II living history weekend at the Eisenhower National Historic Site, Gettysburg, PA. An authentic recreation of both Allied and German army camps, complete with original World War II vehicles, will be set up on the site. Over 400 living history enthusiasts will portray military personnel from the European Theater in 1944. Dozens of World War II vehicles will be on display. If you want to display your WWII vehicle, please contact Park Ranger Rick Lemmers at richard_lemmers@nps.gov

21 Sep, Sun: Herndon car show. Military vehicles welcome. For more info contact Hayward Hull at hullh@aol.com

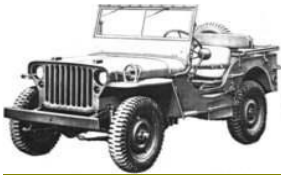
4 Oct, Sat: John Brown Day cruise. www.ssjohnwbrown.org

4-5 Oct, Sat-Sun: Americans in Wartime Museum open house. <http://www.nmaw.org/>

18 Oct, Sat: WW2 Event Fredericksburg, VA. The event will be at Historic Kenmore Plantation and Ferry Farm. We will have exhibits on WWII, and many other activities that tie into that time. We will have a designated space for reenactors and their camps or vehicles, and we can provide a tent if need be for shade. If any individuals wish to participate contact Alma Withers (witthers@gwffoundation.org) 540-370-0732.

18 Oct, Sat: Wings and Wheels carshow and military display at the Stafford, VA Airport. More to follow.

11 Nov, Tues: Veteran's Day Ceremony static display at Dodona Manor (George C. Marshall Home) in Leesburg. Showtime is usually 10 a.m.



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