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APRIL 9th Meeting!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Club Meeting: Sunday, April 9, 2006, 1300 at Ft. Meade. Meet at the Ft. Meade visitor's center at Reece Road, off of Rt.175.

You must RSVP to Don Rollette, Sr. at: 410-859-3555, if you are planning to attend.

Light refreshments will be available.

Sad News....

We are saddened to hear of the passing of Emily Shawn, Bob Shawn's wife of 59 years.

Emily was born in Wigan, England and raised in Blackpool, England. Bob will return her ashes to England in April.

Our deepest sympathies go to Bob Shawn and his family.

Memorial contributions may be made to: WETA Public Television, 2775 S. Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22206.

President's Message:

First, a big thank you to the dedicated efforts of the officers, volunteers, and club members for all their work in keeping this club one of the most active in the United States. We are hosting the 33rd Annual East Coast Military Vehicle Rally and it was basically sold out by February. Tony Norton and Tom B have been working for months with help from Anja Taylor, Sandy Lutes, and Scott Johnson. The vehicle judging is off to a great start headed up by Bill Wilson and George Mele. "Rally Boss" Tim Clark has been working the food and Porta Potties as well as continuing our rapport with the officials at Ripken Stadium. Recently they met with Ripken officials to finalize our parking and access. Great job to all!!

You will hear more about the Rally at the next club meeting, where Don Rolette has arranged for us to visit a potential future rally

site at Fort Meade. Although we are in good shape at Ripken, development may reduce our operating space. Therefore, it's a good idea to have an alternate site scoped out.

In addition, we continue to participate in numerous local parades, trail rides, and various shows around the region. Late spring also stays busy with Edinburg, Va. living history, Memorial Day parades, Reading Air Show, and Allan Cors' open house. This year, many members will travel to the Annual Convention in Dayton. Hopefully, Tim Clark and Bob Buker can help organize a convoy to Dayton. How else will Doc get there??

Don't forget Pete Lee's picnic in mid June. He has a new venue for trail riding, and we can all swap stories about the Rally and other events. With lots of air shows and meets throughout the summer, we all enjoy the welcome back at the fall picnic at Wilson's in late September.

The club has remained strong due to the wonderful participation and generosity of its membership. One example of how far we have come--the first recorded club rally at Oxford, PA, in 1974 attracted 5 vendors and about 20 vehicles, resulting in a net loss of about \$80, but all had a great time. I don't know who could have foreseen that 33 years later, despite the passage of time, and changes in membership and location, we have donated well over \$30,000 to the Ordnance Museum for its preservation activities. A roughly equal amount, spread out over numerous Veterans, Scouts, and Medical Research Foundations, has also been raised. This is truly amazing!

I am not alone in saying that the club has been key to new friendships in my life, and its participation in benevolent causes has been a source of personal pride.

Lastly, our organization will continue to stay strong with active membership. Keep in mind that elections are coming up at our fall picnic, so strongly consider running for a position or actively supporting another candidate. The job of being a club officer is fun, and diversity over the years has kept the club strong.

I look forward to seeing you at Ft. Meade on Sun, 9 April!!

George Rich
President

Message from the Editor:

Another newsletter under my belt. I wanted to thank everyone for their kind words about my first newsletter.

On another note, I need volunteers to help at the Rally. Believe it or not I am looking for members that are not just the club officers to help me!

If you can spare a couple of hours, please call or e-mail me.

Anja Taylor

Minutes of the Meeting **January 6, 2006**

Those in attendance were:

Robert Amos, Tom, Rose & Angela Buonaugurio, Fred Lutes, Sandy Lutes, Terry Smith, Bill Wilson, Sr., George Mele, John Dell, Richard McCommack, Larry Voight, Bob Taylor, Anja Taylor, Clive Rowley, Garrick Smith, Lanny Moore, Scott Johnson, Tony Norton, Denis Mengele, Tim Ketchum, Doc Morthimer, Don Rollette, Sr., & Bob Shawn.
(Those not listed did not sign in).

Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports:

President: George Rich:

George welcomed everyone to the meeting. Thanked the NRA for hosting our meeting.

Vice President: Garrick Smith:

Nothing to report.

Treasurer: Sandy Lutes:

Produced a chart of the club expenses and gave a final figure as \$15,848.23 as of December 31, 2006.

Secretary: Anja Taylor

Reported that we had approximately 180 members, and that there were a lot that had not paid their 2006 dues. In March, Anja will send a postcard to those members who have not paid their 2006 dues.

Newsletter Editor: Anja Taylor

Anja thanked everyone for their help and support in doing her first newsletter. The next newsletter to be mailed in April.

Events Coordinator: Tim Ketchum

Tim reviewed upcoming events (A schedule will be in the April newsletter).

Old and New Business:

1. Next club meeting to be in April. Place of the club meeting TBA.
2. The June club meeting to be held at Peter Lee's farm on June 10, 2006. Details to follow.
3. Dues: Club members can pay dues annually or pay \$60.00 for three years. Voted and unanimously approved.
4. The club voted and unanimously approved Bob Shawn and Bill Wilson, Sr. as Life Members.
5. Insurance: Sandy said that we might be able to get club insurance with the MVPA. Group rate would be \$837 annually; another \$800 additional insurance for the Rally.
6. Don Rollette discussed an area that the club could possibly purchase that is located at Ft. Meade. There area is on the post; however, it has no guard or security check-in. There is a building located on/near the lot that is as big as a football field that the club may be able to rent. Some club members will go with Don to check it out.

Rally:

1. As of the meeting, there are 60% spaces booked, with 30% paid. Tony reviewed sections that are sold.
2. One (1) space will be reimbursed to those members who volunteered at the Rally. Anja will distribute the list to Sandy for reimbursement.
3. The club voted, and unanimously approved Tim Clark as the Rally Chairman.
4. Tim Clark will handle security at the Rally.
5. There will be no EMTs at the Rally this year.
6. Possibility of using off duty police at the Rally. Tom will check into this.

7. Tim Clark will be in charge of getting the porta pots and their locations.

8. Peter Lee has golf carts that the club can use at the Rally. One cart will be for Anja at the Registration building.

9. The Boy Scouts will be in charge of the food (set up & take down too). There will be a hospitality tent.

10. Tony questioned the vendors that arrive early and drop their trailers off at the parking/vendor space areas. Since there are some club members that arrive early, maybe they can possibly watch for this.

11. George Mele was give approval to spend \$600-\$700 for dash plaques and vehicle awards.

12. Discussion of having no traffic driving through the Rally.

13. Set up is Tuesday with the time to be announced.

14. We will be cutting back on the amount of t-shirts to purchase this year. Tom and Denis to purchase the t-shirts.

Adjourned

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Calling for volunteers to work the gate & registration. (Please note that if you sign up you could be helping at the registration building, gate, or checking trash cans, etc. You will be assigned wherever you are needed).

Call Anja Taylor at h-301-345-5350, c-301-356-6959, w-301-953-1955, Ext.24, or e-mail at abtaylor2@verizon.net to let her know of the times.

Tuesday, May 9th - Set up- Beginning 9am. Please contact Anja Taylor if you are helping with set up.

Thursday, May 11th and Friday, May 12th
- Collect for the auction – need people & vehicles.

Friday, May 12th - Collect for the auction – need people & vehicles

Friday, May 12th - Auction - 3pm - Volunteers needed to help at the auction, and keep an eye on the Registration building during the auction.

Registration Building/Gate, etc.: Wednesday, May 10th, Thursday, May 11th, Friday, May 12th, Saturday, May 13th (Saturday will close depending upon the amount of public coming in, etc. After closing, take down will begin).

Times needed:

8am - 10am
10 am - noon
12pm - 2pm
2pm - 4pm
4pm until everything quiets down

A big thank you!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Anja

Memories
Article by Clive Rowley

On Monday after our convoy through Northern Frederick County, Mrs. Elizabeth Hildebrand of Frederick City called me to tell me about the memories our convoy brought back to her.

As a young teenager living in downtown Frederick, she witnessed Army convoys coming through town and the young soldiers placed at intersections to direct the units in the proper direction.

She also remembered the times she and her friends would bring drinks out to the young soldiers and would be bombarded with questions where did they live and did they have older sisters.

All in all, she was quite thrilled with the article in the Fredericksburg Post, and she hoped to see more exploits of the club in future issues.

(See article in back of newsletter)

Arizona Memorial
Submitted by Lanny Moore

Recently I took my bride of 40 years to HI and we visited the Arizona Memorial. The Memorial itself looks well maintained, but the rest of the facilities need a lot of work and look bad. The US Park Service has not done a good job -- and supposedly cannot get any funding to improve

matters. Over 1,250,000 visit the memorial each year. Warehouses are full of items vets, etc. have donated that were there on 12-7, thousands of items cannot be displayed because there is no room. The existing museum is grossly inadequate; sad state of affairs. I got very upset with fellow visitors who were on their cell phones talking about dinner, houses, etc etc. and I ask in a strong voice that a guy move on quickly - he did. No cell phones are allowed on the AZ Memorial, but are everywhere else -- what a mess and disrespect societies have become. Oh well, Maui was great and my wife is happy.

Repro Tubs
Submitted by Lanny Moore

As you are aware, I am working on a 1944 MB. I purchased a repro tub from D&L Bensinger in PA. I am very pleased with the tub and Daryl's assistance. I had help mounting the tub on my restored frame and marked the mounting holes with a black pen from the bottom, took the tub off, drilled the various holes, painted the tub, and remounted it on the frame. I am using my old tub to locate and drill other holes for the top bows and handles. All in all it is going very well and therefore I would recommend a repro tub if you are not a great body man.

Submitted by Tom Buonaugurio:

1. Dr. Cureton attended the Feb Ordnance meeting, he is Chief of Military Museums at Fort Monroe, and he explained that this BRAC is historic in the scale and scope of School and Museum moves. The Air Defense School and museum have always been located at Ft. Bliss, TX, and will move to Ft. Sill, OK. The Air Defense Museum has about 60 weapon systems in its collection. The Armor School and museum have always been located at Ft. Knox, KY, and will move to Ft. Benning, GA. The Armor Museum has some 200 tanks, many of which are duplicates, which may support leaving the duplicates behind at Ft. Knox. The Ordnance School and museum have always been at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, and the most likely move will see select artifacts go to Ft. Lee, VA. The Ordnance Museum has some 200 large artifacts, which are very rare, and unique, one of a kind, many of which are very large.

2. Plans are in the works to build a museum complex at Ft. Lee, VA, which includes a new 175K sq. ft. building for the Ordnance Museum. This museum complex includes the Quartermaster Museum, the Women's Army Museum (both currently at Ft. Lee), the Ordnance Museum (from APG), and the Transportation Leaders Museum (from Ft. Eustis, VA). This will create the largest collection of artifacts of its kind on the east coast outside of the Mall in DC. The state of VA has also indicated that they are willing to move the highway at Ft. Lee to create unrestricted access by the public for this museum complex. Dr. Cureton pointed out that location is key to the success of any museum and gave international examples of museums that are successful or not depending upon their location. Unrestricted access (unlike APG) off a key transportation corridor is an attractive option at Ft. Lee. More importantly, the Ordnance Museum's collection will be displayed in covered storage, for the first time allowing the entire collection to be on display, protected from the elements, which are destroying them at APG. The large artifacts can not only be rendered environmentally safe, renovated and restored to their original condition and colors, but can also be displayed in a secure environment allowing them to be outfitted with their appropriate ancillary artifacts and weapons. The Ordnance Museum would possibly be renamed as the Aberdeen Museum and house the remaining artifacts inside.

3. Key to the success of this plan is funding of the new building, anticipated to cost around \$24 million. Transportation and movement of the artifacts can be accomplished with Army assets over time. The approval and funding process has just begun and Dr. Cureton has agreed to return and update the Foundation if we so desire.

***A couple of thoughts about Vacuum Wipers
Submitted by Bob Taylor***

Some of us are fortunate enough to have vehicles equipped with vacuum windshield wipers, as opposed to the even more primitive manual type. Not long ago, maintenance and preservation of these vacuum motors was relatively unimportant, since new old stock motors were fairly cheap and readily available. Of course this is no longer the case.

I have seen WD-40 recommended for the lubrication/preservation of the internal "paddle" on these motors. The use of a petroleum-based lubricant on this rubber-edged part seems like a bad idea. Spray silicone lubricant ought to be more appropriate. Getting any type of lubricant into the motor is not quite as simple as it seems. Spraying it into the vacuum connection will not cause it to enter the motor. If you operate the motor manually from side to side, air is pushed out through the vacuum connection line constantly as the motor is operated, so nothing can be drawn into the motor this way, either. Here is a good way to get lubricant into the motor. Manually move the lever 2/3 to 3/4 of the way in any direction and stop. Then move the motor back in the opposite direction while you apply silicone spray to the vacuum outlet. The spray will then be sucked into the interior of the motor. This can be repeated a couple of times. Operate the lever by hand or by manifold vacuum power if desired, through a few cycles of operation to remove the volatile portion of the spray from the interior of the motor.

Another tip which I've found works well relates to shelf storage of these motors. The paddle can become stuck to one side when the motor sits for an extended period of time. But, if the motor is stored with the handle in the center position, it is far easier to loosen it by "wiggling" it from side to side than if it were stored with the handle/paddle at one end of a stroke.



Classifieds

For Sale

1950 M38 frame off restoration. Engine, transmission and transfer, etc were rebuilt by D & L Bensinger. Most items are NOS, and I have many spare NOS parts. I would like to expand that ad to say for sale or possible trade for weapons carrier. The M38 needs the wiring harness completed, and it is ready to roll. I have a deep water kit for it I want to sell and many parts as well as some M 38A1 items. \$12,000. Call Lanny Moore 703-860-1527 before 9pm.

M38A1 – Many M38A1 parts (mostly NOS), carbs, brakes, and others (slowly cleaning top of garage out). Call Lanny Moore at 703-860-1527 with needs.

Many 151A1 parts, deep water kit, new carb, wires, battery items, gas tank items, etc. etc. for sale or trade. Call Lanny Moore at 703-860-1527.

1944 MB tub, hood, and several GPW items. All for \$1000 or ????. Call Lanny Moore at 703-860-1527.

M100 trailer – good condition, complete, no title, will consider trades. \$800 OBO. Call Lanny Moore at 703-860-1527.

1954 Willys CJ2/3 for parts. Will fit M38 and etc...Motor, drive train, wheels and tires are good as well as seat frames. No title and will deliver within reasonable distance. Bob Dowling, Fredericksburg, VA 540-972-7127.
apdd058@earthlink.net

Needed!

Fixing your vehicle, just purchased a new vehicle, attended an event (and have pictures), just purchased a military item at a bargain, and would like to brag about it, or just know of a good military vehicle story for the O.D.News. Please contact Anja Taylor at 301-345-5350 or abtaylor2@verizon.net.

(Next newsletter scheduled for August 2006)

Friends Across the Pond

We were fortunate to have guests from Britain last month. Nick and Carol Cowles, members of the Invicta Military-Vehicle Preservation Society, joined several of our club members for lunch at the 94th Aero Squadron (pictures are in this issue).

Their organization is responsible for the fabulous Beltring show each year, featuring, for example, 1000 plus MV's. Several hours were spent with these folks from overseas, discussing the differences and similarities of our groups in the old-world atmosphere of the 94th.

Club Vehicle Schedule

9 April, Sunday: Club meeting. 1300 hours. Meet at the visitor's center at Ft. Meade.

11-13 May, Thur-Sat: Annual East Coast Rally, Ripken Stadium, Aberdeen, MD. <http://www.wacbgmvt.org/>

20-21 May, at-Sun: WW2 Remembrance Weekend, Edinburg, VA. See their website: <http://www.wwiiremembrance.org> to register yourself.

29 May, Monday: National Memorial Day Parade, Washington, DC. Line up starts at 0900. Parade starts at 1000 on 3rd Street and proceeds on Independence to 12th St. Club is registered.

29 May, Monday: Memorial Day Parade, Warrenton, VA. Annual Memorial Day Parade in Warrenton, Va. Line up on Main Street at 1000. Parade starts at 1030. Parade ends in local cemetery for a memorial service. Lunch provided at the American Legion Post 72 near horse show grounds on Route 29.

2-4 Jun, Fri-Sun: WW 2 Weekend, Reading, Pa. Air show and ground displays, large flea market. <http://www.maam.org/maamwvii.html>

3 June, Saturday: Virginia Museum of Military Vehicles open house. Aden Road, Nokesville, VA. Military vehicles should be in place by 1100. We invite Living History persons to join us in our presentation of vehicles and armor to the public. See their website at: <http://www.vmmv.org/>.

10 June, Saturday: Club meeting at Peter Lee's north of Baltimore. More info to follow.

18 June, Sun: Chantilly, VA. Sully Antique Car Show. 1000-1530 hours. Individual registration. Bill Benedict, 703-430-2441.

22-24 June, Thru-Sat: MVPA Convention in Dayton, Ohio, <http://www.mvpa.org>

24 June, Sat: John Brown Day cruise. <http://www.liberty-ship.com/>

4 July, Tues: Dale City, VA 4th of July Parade. Line up between 0930 and 1000 along Dale Blvd. Parade starts at 1000. Location in parade to be announced later. Just drive down the parade line up until you hit OD paint. I will line up at the right spot at 0900. Please email me back if you are going so I can get enough room for line up. TimK.43mb@comcast.net

4 July, Tues: Leesburg Independence Day Parade. Assembly at Ida Lee Park at 0900.

4 July, Tues: Parade, Hereford, MD. More details to follow.

July 22 – Saturday: D-Day Memorial Family Day, 1000 – 1700 Hours, Bedford, VA. See their website for information: www.dday.org. WWII vehicles only. Possibility of vehicle display Friday evening in Lynchburg. POC: Billy Bolton bbolton@valleyblox.com; 540-437-7703 (weekdays) 434-296-3892 (evenings)

29 July, Sat: Club military vehicle convoy. Details to follow.

2 September, Sat: John Brown Day cruise. <http://www.liberty-ship.com/>

30 September, Sat: Warren ton/Fauquier Heritage Festival is sponsoring a Heritage Day Parade and display in Warren ton, VA 30 September 2006 (Saturday) 1400 hrs. Would like military vehicles, antique cars trucks etc. Meet at American Legion Building...in Warren ton....CONTACT Mrs. Johnson 540 341 7019

7 October, Sat: John Brown Day cruise. <http://www.liberty-ship.com/>



Tim Ketchum
EVENT COORDINATOR

**Send \$20.00 (annual dues), payable to
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**WAC/B&G MVT Membership Application
(abbreviated version)**

First Name _____
Last Name _____
Street _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone# Evening _____
Day _____ Cell _____
E-mail _____
Address _____

Your Military Vehicles – (MV ownership is not
required for Club membership)

Year, Make, Model, Restored, etc...

Military tribute ride draws vintage vehicles

By JASON FRALEY
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WALKERSVILLE — Usually Heritage Farm Park welcomes minivans carrying kids to baseball and soccer practice. On Saturday it welcomed 2,300-pound military vehicles.

About a dozen vintage World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War vehicles rolled out of the park at 9 a.m., embarking on a convoy from Walkersville to Emmitsburg to Gettysburg, Pa., and back.

A Washington Area Collectors/Blue and Gray Military Vehicle Trusts event, the convoy rolled in the Frederick area for the first time in 10 years. The revitalized convoy was the work of member Bob Buker.

Mr. Buker had participated in convoys before moving to Florida in 1996. He returned a few years ago to find the convoy tradition dead in this area and decided to give it another try.

"I had always been particular to

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World War II veteran Julius Tauber drove his Jeep in the convoy Saturday.

Military

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the Frederick area. There are so many things to see and do," Mr. Buker said. "I knew of one covered bridge, and when I found out there were three between Walkersville and Emmitsburg I said, 'Why don't we try to find a route through there?'"

Mr. Buker located Utica Bridge on Utica Road, Loys Station Park on Old Frederick Road and Roddy Creek above Thurmont. But then he thought, "Why stop at the bridges?" and began planning stops at antique shops and the Gettysburg National Battlefield Museum.

"It just kept building up," he said.

All in all, the finalized route covered approximately 80 miles, and the date was set for Saturday, rain or shine. Members and non-members of the WAC/BGMVT turned out for the convoy, some dressed in authentic or replica outfits from the period.

"A lot of members participate

in car shows, parades, rallies — these are fairly static events. This event was designed to get your vehicle out and drive it, and to just enjoy our companionship with fellow members," Mr. Buker said.

One example of that companionship is the friendship of Clive Rowley of Thurmont and Marvin Morthimer of Temple Hills. Before departing Saturday, the two stood beside Mr. Morthimer's 1942 Ford GPW, a vehicle that last year was inducted into the Military Vehicle Preservation Association Hall of Fame.

"Thirty years ago I found it in a farmer's field and bought it for \$125," said Mr. Morthimer, a World War II veteran of the 15th Air Force Division. "It's the only one that rides around with mud on it. Sometimes the rain washes it off, and I have to mix (the mud) up in a bucket."

It was this mud-covered antique that first introduced Mr. Rowley to Mr. Morthimer.

ON THE WEB

For details on military vehicle preservation contact:

www.wacbgmvt.org or
www.mvpa.org.

"I found him when I was riding the roads one day," Mr. Rowley said. "I saw the Jeep in his driveway and I thought, 'I gotta stop and see who this is.'"

The two have been friends ever since and became pioneers of military vehicle preservation in the area.

"He, I, and a couple others started the local chapter, the WAC club," Mr. Rowley said. "Then in the early '80s, we joined with the Blue and the Gray."

The WAC/BGMVT, an affiliate of the MVP, now has around 250 members. "Owning a vehicle is not necessary" to become a member, Mr. Buker said, but rather "just having an interest in

antique military vehicles."

That interest is what hooked member Kevin Lancaster nine years ago.

"Growing up as a kid I liked the war Jeeps," Mr. Lancaster said. "And I had always liked World War II movies and I liked vehicles, so I kind of just happened into it."

Mr. Lancaster bought his first vehicle in 1996, a 1942 World War II Jeep used in the movie "Avalon." He now owns a three-quarter ton 1953 M-37 Dodge weapons carrier from the Korean War.

"We try to preserve the vehicles because they are living history of what came before now. It's the history behind it," Mr. Lancaster said.

"The neatest thing about having these Jeeps and vehicles is the stories that come out of it," said Rusty Dicks, who traveled two hours from Lancaster County, Pa., to join the convoy. "That's the stuff you don't see in the history books."