

MOTOR POOL MESSENGER

Military Transport Association of North Jersey

Nov. 1999

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Minutes:

Minutes of the October 11, 1999 (Columbus Day) meeting of the Military Transport Association of North Jersey.

At 8:10 p.m. in the rearranged back room of Gionna's Restaurant, President John Sobotka called the meeting to order. Present were 20 members.

As Mr. Ahl's computer had gone south on vacation at the time it should have been available for producing the minutes of the September meeting for this newsletter, Mr. Sobotka asked for a reading of the minutes. Unfortunately, Mr. Ahl had left them at home so Mr. Sobotka kindly dispensed with them by going on to ask for the Treasurer's report.

The treasurer's report submitted by Rick Frei indicated an opening balance of \$4,640.60, deposits of \$10.00 from a new member and disbursements of \$535.96 for the newsletter, the pumpkin picking event, and P.O. box rent. All of which left a closing balance of \$4,144.67.

Since Mr. Sliazis was again absent, there was still no word on the hats and patches.

Events—Past and Future

Mr. Axelrad reported that the club would participate in two Veteran's Day events, the last events of the season: a parade in Clifton and a display at a school in Denville. He did not have any of the details of when or where, but asked that people sign up to participate and he would call them later with details. A sign-up sheet was duly passed around.

Participation in the Sizzler-to-Ort's-Farm trailride was excellent with 29 adults and 9 children riding in a wide variety of vintage vehicles. The breakfast was good, the trail ride went smoothly, and the pumpkin picking netted 300 pounds of pumpkins to the pickers.

On the other hand, participation in the Whippany Railroad Museum "Fabulous Fiftys" event on the weekend of Sept. 18-19 was poor with only John Sobotka reporting for duty.

Participation in the Power Wagon Rally at the Stirling Hotel on Saturday, October 2 was even worse—absolutely zero.

A note of commendation was raised to Mr. Axelrad for diligently pursuing parade payments. [This is really important: I spoke to a past president of the Long Island club who noted that ten years ago they were driving in eight parades for which they were being paid. Someone dropped the ball and now they drive in two or three parades and don't get paid for any of them. Their club dues are \$20 and that doesn't pay for T-shirts or anything else. So Al really deserves our thanks and applause.]

The people from the AHS called again expressed their appreciation for our help at the event at Adam Metal Products and expressed interest in our helping them with the spring show

Automatic Switch. A related note: new member Tom Markert won first place at the fall AHS show with his Dodge M42 Command Truck.

Another new member, George Wagner of Flanders, was introduced. George confessed that he doesn't have an MV at present, but is "shopping."

As Mr. Nasto was absent, there was no further word on the proposed USS Ling joint event with our club.

It was noted that since Mr. Nasto took our nifty new club sign home after the West Caldwell July 4th parade, it has not been seen again. The club spent a great deal of time, effort, and money getting an updated sign to use in parades and mark our location at events like the AHS Show at Adam Metal and Denville School display. Several members expressed dismay that it's been out of service for so long. Mr. Headley has offered to store the sign in his shop in Flanders, a more central and accessible location, but it was not at all clear how it was going to get from Union to Flanders.

Bring Toys to Next Meeting

Mr. Sobotka mentioned again that the club is supporting the Marines Corps Toys for Tots program and that members should bring in a couple of toys to the next meeting. Hey, guys, stop at Toys R Us or Bradlees or Costco or Odd Job, think about what you would have liked as a kid, and blow 5 or 10 bucks to make a disadvantaged kid happy.

Mr. Sobotka passed out copies of the newsletter from the National Guard Militia Museum in Sea Girt and noted that the museum is asking for volunteers for painting, sandblasting, weapons cleaning, and more. He suggested that maybe the club could have an event in which we went down to Sea Girt for a day and helped out. More to come.

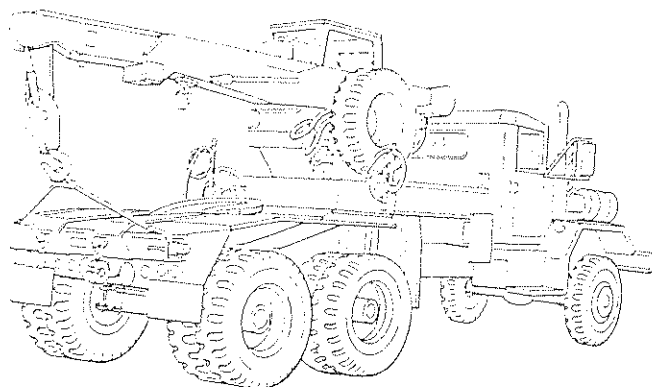
Live Entertainment!

Starting next meeting, we should have somewhat less business to deal with, so we will return to offering entertainment after the business meeting. We have several terrific videos and some other surprises, so make an effort to get to those fall and winter meetings. You'll be glad you did.

A nominating committee consisting of Mr. Berendsen and Mr. Ratzburg (who, in his absence, was volunteered by Mr. Berendsen) was approved. Nominations for year 2000 officers will be presented at the November meeting and voting will take place at the December meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

—respectfully submitted, Dave Ahl, Secretary



Officers for 1999:

President John Sobotka, 37 Mountain Trail, Hopatcong, NJ 07843, 973-398-3692
Vice President Brian Bancale, 56 Newton Ave., Sussex, NJ 07461, 973-875-6985
Secretary Dave Ahl, 12 Indian Head Road, Morristown, NJ 07960, 973-285-0716
Treasurer Rick Frei, P.O. Box 628, Blairstown, NJ 07825, 908-362-5045

Member Services:

Landscaping, Retaining Walls, Brickwork, Patios, Walks ... Don Covart, Fox Hollow Landscaping, 973-263-8106, 335-4367
Tree Services John Boyle, Boyle Tree Services, 908-964-9358
Welding, Sheet Metal Work, Machine Work Brian Bancale, Brian's Custom Fabricating & Repair, 973-209-0454
Used Cars & Trucks—Buy or Sell Dan Lacey, Empire Auto Sales, 800-94EMPIRE, 201-440-3323
Home Improvement Jerry Miller, Avemco Remodeling Group, 973-398-7749
Vehicle Repairs & Restoration Joe Detauda, 570-686-3121

Calendar:

Monday, Nov. 8 ... MTA Monthly Meeting, ** → ① TOYS for TOTS ② Door Prizes (maybe)* Gionna's Restaurant, RX Plaza, Rt. 10, East Hanover (7:00 dinner, 8:00 meeting)
Veteran's Day, Nov. 11 ... ~~Clifton Parade~~ and Denville School display. For date, time, and place call Al Axelrad, 973-884-0051
Monday, Dec. 13 ... MTA Monthly Meeting, Gionna's Restaurant, RX Plaza, Rt. 10, East Hanover (7:00 dinner, 8:00 meeting)

Note that the tentative parade in Clifton did not materialize.

11/10/99 - Lakeview School, 44 Cooper Rd., Denville, 10 am. Wear uniform. As above -
Call Al for up-to-date details.

Nominations are to be presented at the next meeting. If you wish to vote or to become
an officer, come to the meeting and make your wishes known.

Note address changes: Gary Schultz, 75 Dogwood Dr., Andover, NJ 07821, 908-852-4520.

Don Swanson, 145 Christian Hill Rd., Milford PA 18337.

John Purpuro, P. O. Box 730, East Helena, MT 59635-0730, 406-227-6727.

Address for New Member Gary Kuipers, Sr., 100 East Baldwin St., Hackettstown, NJ
07840, 908-813-0090. (Editors note: Gary shares the same first and last names as long
time member Gary Kuyper, spelling differs).

Phone number for Tom Markart is 973-442-0060

*IN NOV MEETING WITH
HAVE SPECIAL DOOR PRIZES!*

For Sale:

FREE! FREE! Five 9.00x16 NDT Tires with good tread, for M37, including flaps and
good tubes. You must take all. First to come for them takes them home. Call Pete
Berendsen 973-966-1862.

Ollie Kenen has a number of neat items for sale. See his list in the following pages.

WANTED:

Double pulley for MB or GPW Jeep engine. 3/4" x 5 1/4 Dia. Call Dave Young at 908-852-3430.

Top bows for M38 Jeep. Call Joe Botto at 973-278-6850.

Wanted: Toy (tinplate, die cast, plastic) military vehicles and towtrucks. Dave Ahl, 973-285-0716.

"1942: Into the Battle". Here is the second sheet of WWII commemorative stamps. We
see a B25 and carrier aircraft. Vehicles? Landing craft and tank. Can some of you with
sharp eyes and knowledge of armor identify them?

Military Transport Association—Vehicles Owned by Members

Name	Phone	Vehicle(s)
David Ahl	973-285-0716	1942 1½-ton Chevy wrecker, 1971 M151A2, 1987 HMMWV, M416 trailer
Al Axelrad	973-884-0051	GPA, WC12, M35
Brian Bancale	973-875-6985	M8 Armored Car, GTB
Pete Berendsen	973-966-1862	1944 MB, 1945 MB, M38A1, M37
Joe Botto	973-278-6850	1952 M38
John Boyle	908-964-9358	
Al Burghardt	973-256-0462	GPW, CJ2A
Donald Covart	973-335-4367	1953 M37, 1968 M35A2, M101 trailer
David Coward	973-226-0472	1947 CJ2A, 1948 CJ2A, 1952 M37
Frank Eichenlaub	908-276-3412	1945 MB
Tom Fisher	908-647-7240	1942 MB
Bob Foley	973-228-2614	1943 MB
Rick Frei	908-362-5045	CJ2A, M37, Mighty Mite, ½-ton Command Car, CCKW, Ben Hur trailer, M416 trailer
John Headley	973-697-3576	GP, M151A2, WC12, M43, Scout Car, M16 Half-Track
Dick Ivory	908-686-0449	WWII Navy Jeep
Mark Jezewski	973-228-7086	1952 M37
Dan Lacey	973-764-1316	1942 GPW, M151A1
Pasquale Lombardi	908-647-8180	M114, M422, M422A1, Triumph 500
Tom Markert	973-442-0060	Dodge M42 Command Truck
Jude Meehan	732-528-5422	1972 M109A3 w/winch, M35A2
Frank Nasto, Jr.	908-687-9644	GPW, M151A2, 2 trailers
Ed Pavlick	973-691-1262	1952 M37, 1954 M211, M101 trailer
Bill Peaslee	732-928-5029	1944 WC51, 1953 M37, 1967 M35A2
Jack Pellington	973-838-1904	3 M37s, 1968 M151A1, 4 M101A1 trailers, 3/4-ton gen trailer
Harold Ratzburg	973-887-2574	GPW
Lou Sliazis	732-761-9317	1942 Chevy Staff Car, 1942 Gaz 67B (Russian Jeep)
Dave Smith	908-813-0924	1961 M151, 1997 Humvee, M416 trailer
John Sobotka	973-398-3692	1954 M37, 1968 M416 trailer
Dave Steinert	973-347-9091	1942 WC54 Ambulance
Doug Stober	973-543-9355	M35A2, M37 fire truck, M37, M101, M416, M104 1½ ton, Clark Airborne Dozer
Tom Weaver	973-627-9448	MB, M38, M37
Jack White	908-647-3367	1952 M38A1, 1941 Dodge Command Car
Dave Young	908-852-3430	MB
Marc Ziegler	973-263-1923	MB, GTB, GTBS, M725, M416B1

If you're not on this list, please send info to Dave Ahl. Also, if you're on the list but have corrections or additions, send them to Dave Ahl, 12 Indian Head Road, Morristown, NJ 07960. Or tell me at the next meeting.



B-29s take off to raid Tokyo April 18, 1942



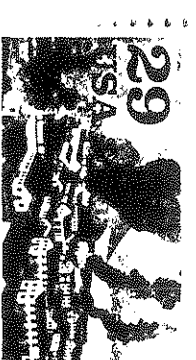
Food and other commodities rationed, 1942



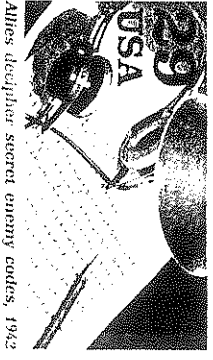
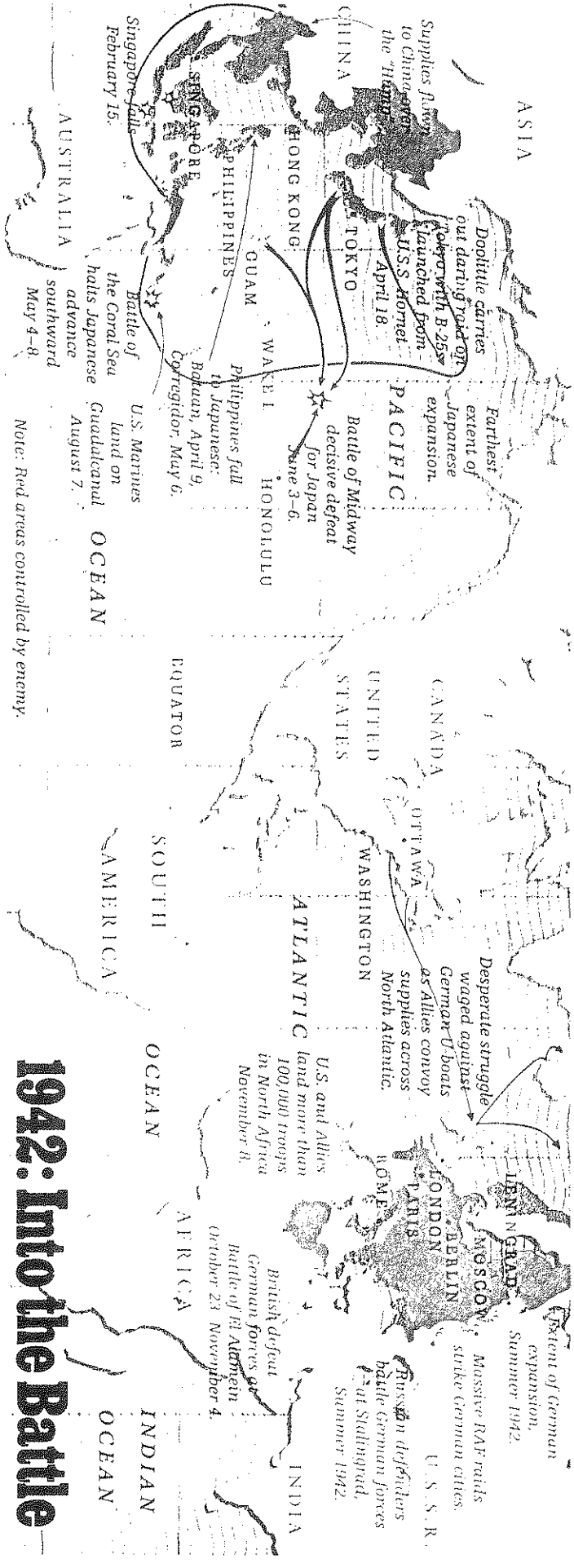
U.S. wins Battle of the Coral Sea May 1942



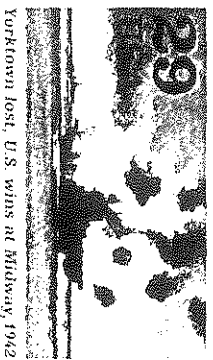
Guadalcanal falls to Japanese May 6, 1942



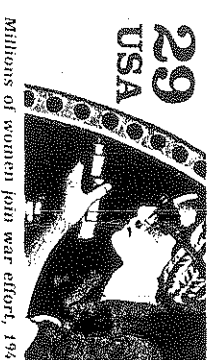
Japan invades Aleutian Islands June 1942



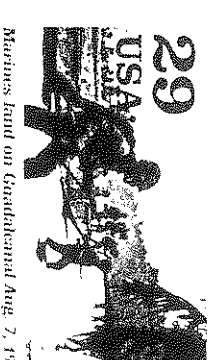
Allies decipher secret enemy codes, 1942



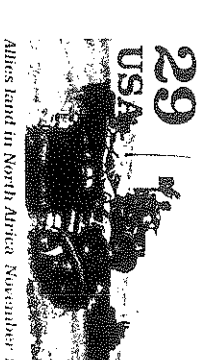
Yorktown lost, U.S. wins at Midway, 1942



Millions of women join war effort, 1942



Moroccoes hand on Guadalcanal Aug. 7, 1942



Allies hand in North Africa November 1942

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