

MOTOR POOL MESSENGER

Military Transport Association of North Jersey

December 2000

David H. Ahl, Editor

Minutes:

Minutes of the November 13, 2000 Meeting of the Military Transport Association of North Jersey.

In the side room of Godfather's Pizza Restaurant, President John Sobotka attempted twice to call the meeting to order (he needed a sledgehammer rather than a gavel). With a 120-decibel rap, he finally achieved success on his third attempt at 8:06 p.m. We then observed a minute of silence (Godfather pizza background music notwithstanding) in honor of our veterans who died in the service of our country.

A total of 37 members and guests were in attendance:

Dave Ahl	Tom Fisher	Wendy Scarpari
Len Amberger	Neil Frei	Mike Solomon
Brian Bancale	Rick Frei	Dennis Spence
Pete Berendsen	Mark Jezewski	Dave Steinert
Joe Botto	Dan Lacey	John Sobotka
Tony Bradley	Jim Moore	Dave Steinert
Al Burghardt	Ed Pavlick	Art Swain
Mark Burghardt	Bill Peaslee	Jim Utter
Don Covart	Jack Pellington	George Wagner
David Coward	John Peterson	Tom Weaver
John Dwyer	Harold Ratzburg	Jack White
Frank Eichenlaub	Catherine Riley	David Young
Randy Emr	Bob Rooke	

Mr. Sobotka introduced a recent member who was attending his first meeting, Col. John Dwyer, the Army public affairs officer for New Jersey. Col. Dwyer has driven his hard top M151 in several parades with us and has helped the club in many ways over the past year.

An alert member suggested that the minutes as printed in the newsletter be amended to include mention of the excellent presentation by Keith Adams about his faux military bicycle.

The treasurer's report was presented by Mr. Frei. It indicated an opening balance of \$5,643.32, deposits of \$494.00 from the American Truck Historical Society show (parking assistance), new members, and that thing we can't mention, disbursements of \$1,288.87 for the breakfast and pumpkin picking event, leaving a new balance of \$4,848,45.

Committee Reports

Mr. Sobotka, deeply involved in a private meeting with Mr. Bancale lost track and control of the meeting, and can thank his lucky stars that he was not in the Alaska club where he would have been fined at least \$1 for the infraction.

Toys for Tots

Hit the stores NOW and bring your donations to the December 11 meeting.

Standing in for Mr. Axelrad of the parade committee, Mr. Eichenlaub volunteered that Mr. Burghardt would give a report of the Clifton pre-Veteran's Day parade. He reported that 16

members drove their vehicles (see honor role elsewhere). Several new vehicles appeared including George Wagner in his new CJ2A and Keith Adams on his bicycle.

The Fort Hancock event was canceled (due to lack of interest?), the town of Passaic wants the club to participate in their Memorial Day parade, and seven Jeeps and one lone M37 participated at the Denville School event.

Old & New Business

Mr. Bancale brought in nine huge bags of toys for the Toys for Tots campaign. Mr. Sobotka reminded members that the last chance to bring in toys would be the next (Dec. 11) meeting.

Dues Are Due

\$0 if you participated in 5 or more parades \$5 if you joined after September 2000 \$10 for everybody else

Mr. Ratzburg, as the only member of the nominations committee present, admitted that the committee had not met but if they had he was confident that they would have nominated the same officers now serving, so that's what he did. The meeting again went astray as Mr. Sobotka and Mr. Bancale held another private meeting which culminated in a proposal to create another elected position of Sergeant of Arms. This position would have the responsibility of keeping order at meetings (much needed), taking attendance at meetings and parades, and coordinating the order of vehicles at parades. A motion to created such a position was made, seconded, and carried. Mr. Coward nominated Mr. Jezewski for the position.

Elections will take place at the next (December 11) meeting for five positions (President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant of Arms). Nominations from the floor are welcome. The election will be by a show of hands (no dimpled chad), each member gets only one vote, and there will be no recounts.

The annual pizza party was put off to the January or February meeting.

New member Jim Utter and his lovely girlfriend, Catherine Riley, arrived late and were introduced. Mr. Utter has an M37.

Mr. Sobotka reported on the Governor's Review at Sea Girt on October 22 which he and Mr. Pavlick attended. The event boasted a flyover, 19-gun salute, and many MVs on display.

Mr. Sobotka noted that many of the vehicles in the museum was sorely in need of paint and cosmetic repair and suggested that the club "adopt" one or two vehicles. Col Dwyer explained that the vehicles will eventually be moved to Lawrenceville (south of Princeton) and that several vehicles have already been adopted by retired veterans. An adopted vehicle get a nice brass plaque noting the person or group taking responsibility for it. Col. Dwyer said that vehicles from M38s to M47 tanks were in need of loving care. Right now, the museum has two M38s that could be made into one nice vehicle, a good possibility for the club. Mr. Sobotka created a Restoration Committee and volun-

teered that he and Mr. Bancale would visit the museum to see what would be most suitable for the club to adopt.

Dover Armory December 2

Please bring your vehicle to the U.S. Army recruiting event 10am to 4pm, Saturday, Dec. 2

Mr. Sobotka reminded members that we agreed to display our vehicles at Dover Armory on Route 15 at a recruiting event on Saturday, December 2. The recruiters expect to have a full house with high school students, Boy Scouts and others and they want a wide assortment of vehicles that makes the Army look like a real fun place to spend a few years of your life.

For the Good of the Club

Mr. Sobotka highlighted the cover story by member Phil Francis in the Nov/Dec issue of *Military Vehicles Magazine* about driving a huge tank transporter. Nice job, Phil!

Tony Bradley said he needs some help working on his Jeep and if any members would be willing to give him a hand to please call him at 973-759-7901.

Via a memo, Mr. Headley noted that there would be a convoy going to the national MVPA Convention at Ft. Lee next July. Convoy to depart Monday, July 16 from Billy's Diner in Tannersville, PA (exit 44 off I-80 to Rt. 611 on left) at 9 a.m. Travel to Frank Buck's place in Gettysburg (178 miles) for overnight. Teusday, July 17 leave for Ft. Lee taking Rt. 15 south to 270 through Fredericksburg on I-95 to Ft. Lee (207 miles). Return Saturday, July 21. For more info, contact John Headley (973-300-5128 days, 973-697-3575 eves).

Mr. Sobotka reminded members that the club has a spot at the convention and will need people to man it for the three days of the convention. He also asked for and received permission from the club to make up a classy display board.

Mr. Sobotka and Mr. Bancale handed out nine certificates of recognition to club members for various services over the past season's events. Certificates were awarded to:

John Peterson George Wagner
John Dwyer Phil Francis
Steve Vidam Mike Laner
Gary Kuipers Jim & Ellen Moore

Mr. Ahl noted that he donated several additional videotapes to the club library that were now available for members to borrow. He also reminded members that a tape borrowed at one meeting should be returned at the next meeting.

Mr. Berendsen reported on an armor kit for a Jeep that he saw on the Internet.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

-respectfully submitted, David H. Ahl, Secretary

Classified Advertising

1946 Willys CJ2A. Restored as National Guard Tmp vehicle, 5 new tires, new summer top, new seats, engine rebuilt 1998, all gauges, lights, blackouts work. Garaged in Clinton, NJ. John Dwyer, 908-730-9629.

1977 Dodge M886 ambulance, 1¼-ton 4x4, 318 cid V-8, automatic, 42K miles, new batteries and exhaust. Drive it home for \$2800. Bill, 732-928-5029, Jackson, NJ.

Two flathead 4-cyl engines from 1950 Jeepster, 16K on one, both run good. Dave Young, 908-852-8430.

1934 Chevy drive train, \$300. Tom Weaver, 973-627-9448.

American flags on dowel, 11" x 17" size for vehicles, \$1.50 ea. Dave Ahl, 973-285-0716. Call; I'll bring 'em to the meeting.

230 cid 6-cyl M37 engine, reg o/h, whole engine: head, pan, manifolds, timing cover, \$200 obo. Mike Solomon, 908-233-1498

1950 ¾-ton Chevy panel truck, does not run, \$500. Ed, 973-347-3866, leave message.

Engine: 318 cid V8 with transmission. Jack Pellington, 973-838-1904.

1929 Chevy 4-door sedan, apart but complete. Rick Frei, 908-362-5045.

1974 M123 10-ton tractor, 903 cid Cummins with 33 hours on engine, 300 miles on odometer, great shape, \$10,000.

1948 CJ2A Jeep, 2nd owner, originally from Georgia, solid and runs, good project Jeep, \$3500. Will make package deal for both. John at C-A-R-S Auto Sales, 217 Route 46, Mine Hill, 973-989-1973.

Wanted: Pioneer shovel and axe for 1952 M38, also left mirror. Randy, 973-219-4499.

Wanted: One or two garages to rent for Jeep and tow truck. Need soonest! Dave Ahl, 973-285-0716, please leave message.

Wanted: I'm always looking for toy and model military vehicles and tow trucks, so if you come across any, please call Dave Ahl at 973-285-0716 or 973-538-3385.

Member Services:

Starting in 2001, business card size ads (2" x 3½") for member services (and others) will cost \$10 per year (a bargain!).

Landscaping, Retaining Walls, Patios, Walks Don Covart, Fox Hollow Landscaping, 973-263-8106, 335-4367

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Vehicle Repairs & Restoration Joe Detauda, 570-686-3121 Mobile Sandblasting—Commercial, Residential, Metal

John Peterson Enterprises, 732-777-6828

Congratulations:

Randy Emr and his son Jesse just bought a 2½-ton 1967 M35A2 and matching 1½-ton trailer from member Jude Meehan. We'll be looking for it in the next parade.

Officers for 2000:

President	John Sobotka
37 Mountain Trail, Hopatcong, NJ 07843, 9	73-398-3692
Vice President I	Brian Bancale
56 Newton Ave., Sussex, NJ 07461, 9	73-875-6985
Secretary/Newsletter Editor	Dave Ahl
12 Indian Head Rd, Morristown, NJ 07960, 9	73-285-0716
Treasurer	Rick Frei
P.O. Box 628, Blairstown, NJ 07825, 9	08-362-5045

Calendar:

This calendar lists many events of interest to members, not just "official" club events. Meetings, parades, and events that are officially sanctioned by the club are listed in BOLD UPPER-CASE TYPE, while other events are listed in standard typeface. (All dates are listed in **bold**.)

Sat., Dec 2: VEHICLE DISPLAY at U.S. Army recruiting fair at Dover Armory, Route 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mon, Dec. 11: MTA MEETING, Godfathers Pizza, Pharmore Plaza, Rt. 10, East Hanover (7:00 dinner, 8:00 meeting)

Mon, Jan 8: MTA MEETING & PIZZA PARTY (FREE!) Godfathers Pizza, Pharmore Plaza, Rt. 10, East Hanover (7:00 pizza, 8:00 meeting)

Honor Role:

Clifton Veteran's Day Parade

Keith Adams	Canadian bicycle
Dave Ahl	1987 HMMWV

Al Axelrad Dodge WC12 Cargo truck

Brian Bancale M8 Armored car Joseph Botto M38 Jeep Al Burghardt 1943 GPW Jeep David Coward/Mark Jezewski M38A1 John Dwyer M151 Jeep

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Frank Eichenlaub MB Jeep
Randy Emr M38 Jeep
Jim Moore M35 Cargo

Jim Moore M35 Cargo truck Jack Pellington (Passenger)

John Sobotka M35A2 Cargo truck George Wagner 1953 CJ2A Jeep Tom Weaver MB Jeep

Jack White 1941 Dodge Command Car

Meeting Places:

In a recent issue of the Rio Grande Valley Club newsletter they ran an analysis of where various MVPA clubs meet. Their club is lucky to have its own building in which to meet, work on member's vehicles, paint them, store them, etc. Anyway, here's where other clubs meet:

"Call for location"	16
Restaurant	7
Military base	4
VFW, American Legion, etc.	4
Public building	3
Museum	2
School	1
Private home	1
Club's own building	1

Largest Gift to WWII Memorial

On the 54th anniversary of D-Day, Wal-Mart, Inc. presented a check for \$14.5 million to Sen. Bob Dole, chairman of the National WWII Memorial campaign. The contribution was presented by a group of Wal-Mart WWII veterans and associates during a special ceremony at the memorial site on the National Mall. Our club can feel proud that our fund-raising effort last April raised \$800 toward Wal-Mart's gift.

Turn in Your Guns

In what could prove to be a landmark court case, the U.S. Justice Department has put forth the view that there is actually no constitutional right for any individual American citizen to

own a firearm.

The claim was made by Assistant U.S. Attorney William B. Mateja during oral arguments before a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reviewing a lower court decision in *U.S. v. Emerson*, a case that was heard in Texas. Mateja also told the judges that even membership in a National Guard unit does not confer rights to keep a firearm at home. The government's position in this case appeared to startle many in the courtroom including the judges.

During oral arguments, Judge William Garwood asked Mateja if he thought that the Second Amendment was consistent with a position that the government could take guns away from members of the public, to which Mateja replied, "yes."

In a follow-up question, Garwood asked if it was the position of the U.S. Government that people who are not in the National Guard are afforded no protection under the Second Amendment, to which Mateja replied, "exactly." Mateja then followed up and said that even being in the National Guard was not enough, but that the weapon must be used only in National Guard acticvities.

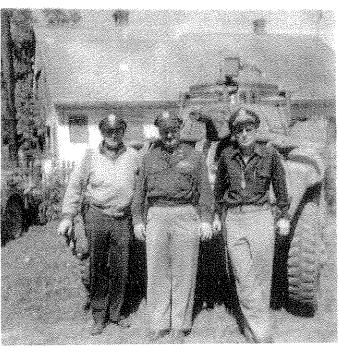
Randy Gibson, executive director of the Texas State Rifle Association, commented, "we now have in public record a representative of the U.S. Government saying, in a court of law, that no one has the right to own firearms privately. We are not talking about automatics or semi-automatics, we are talking about firearms period—every shotgun, rifle, pistol, any size, any type." —excerpt from the TSRA Sportsman, Jul/Aug 2000

Coffee, Tea, Milk, Soda, or Beer?

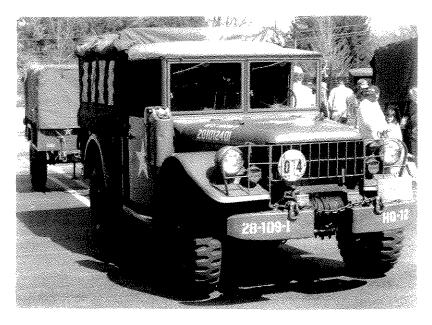
Come prepared at the next meeting to state your beverage preference for the January Pizza Party, 'cause if Godfather's doesn't serve it, we'll have to get it beforehand.

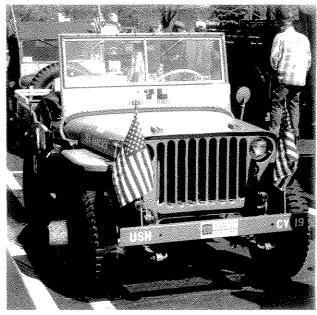


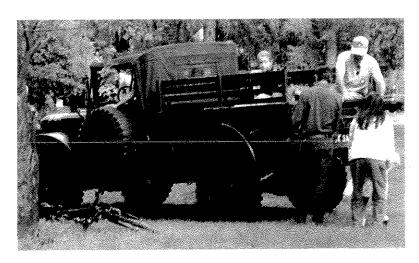
RV DAVID STRINERT



Brian Bancale and two friends after a visit to the local Dairy Queen in his M8 Armored Car.



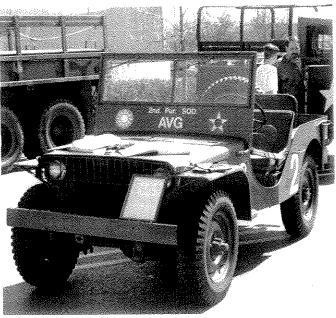














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December 1, 2000

Dear MTA Member:

The year 2000 has been another noteworthy year for the Military Transport Association of North Jersey. Club membership stands at an all-time high of 119 members, meeting attendance averages around 30 members, the club is in excellent financial health, the newsletter looks good and continues to improve, and we have taken the first steps toward a club Internet site.

We successfully participated in 21 parades, static displays, and other events. In addition, many members, family members, and friends enjoyed the joint MTA/Red Ball bar-b-que last summer and our own breakfast, convoy, and pumpkin picking event this past fall.

We would like to thank all of our members for the time and effort you have put into the club during 2000 and encourage all of you to answer the call in 2001. Only with your continuing participation and support will the club continue to grow and flourish.

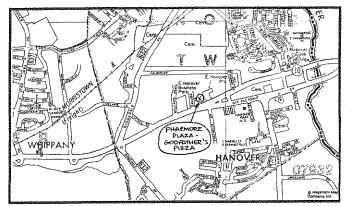
We wish your and your family a joyful holiday season and a safe and happy New Year.

Keep 'em rolling,

John Sobotka, president
Brian Bancale, Vice President
Dave Ahl, Secretary & Newsletter Editor
Rick Frei, Treasurer

Military Transport Association of North Jersey

a chapter of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association



Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of every month at Godfather's Pizza, Pharmore Plaza, Route 10 West, East Hanover, NJ. Come at 7:00 p.m. to eat: pizza, sandwich, spaghetti, soda (bring your own beer if you want). Meeting starts at 8:00 p.m.

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