



MOTOR POOL MESSENGER

Military Transport Association of North Jersey

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David H.Ahl, Editor

Minutes of December 2002 MTA Meeting

The December 9th 2002 meeting of the Military Transport of North Jersey was called to order by President Randy Emr at 8:00 PM.

Treasury Report

Ellen Moore gave the following treasury report: Starting balance of \$2073.35. Disbursements of \$50 to the American Legion for November meeting, \$107 to George Wagner for MTA website hosting, and \$96.92 to Dave Ahl, for total disbursements of \$253.92. Deposits included \$43.56 for the jeep project, \$60.00 from membership dues, \$250.00 from the Clifton Parade, \$71.00 from the November 50/50 and \$67.00 from the pizza collection for the November meeting making an ending balance of \$2310.99

Committee Reports:

Parade Committee:

Frank Eichenlaub presented a parade summary chart for all members to inspect and see if they are credited correctly for their attendance at our 2002 season of parades. Frank reports that parades brought in \$5200 for the 2002 season, with a \$150 refund noted that we had to make for a tank that did not show up at the Berkeley Heights parade. Total funds received for parades this year were \$5050.

Restoration Committee:

John Sobotka advised that our project jeep is still at the Somerset Armory. The project jeep will be moved to the Dover Armory in the near future. John mentioned that he intends to inspect the locomotive that we are considering to acquire from the state. He hopes to visit the yard where the locomotive is stored at the end of December 2002. John will also inquire about the Higgins Boat that is rumored to belong to the State of New Jersey and may also be available as a donation to a restoration project.

Newsletter Committee:

George Wagner and Dave Steinert will be our new MTA newsletter Publishers. George and Dave are encouraging members to submit articles, news and photos to both the newsletter and the club web site. Dave Ahl will remain as just Editor of the newsletter. You can email any contributing articles for the newsletter to Dave Steinert at: steinert@worldnet.att.net.



Trail Team Committee:

Randy Emr reports that the next trail ride in Jefferson will be soon and would be on short notice. Any one interested joining this ride should contact Randy. He will advise them when the ride will take place. Randy notes that several members from the Long Island Chapter are also interested in attending this ride.

Dover Armory Show Committee

Jim Moore, our show chairman, reports that he will be having a meeting at the Dover Armory every Friday...starting December 13th and continuing until the show in March. The meetings will be held every Friday and they will begin at 7:00 PM. Jim encourages all members that are interested in supporting next years Dover show (March 22 & 23, 2003) to attend the Friday night meetings and sign up for work details. There is still a lot of work to be done.... lets join in and make this years show the best we can. Jim reports that he has already sold 22 inside tables and 6 outside spots for the show.



Old Business

John Sobotka reported on the Toys For Tots project. John had his deuce set up at a gas station in Lake Hopatcong. So far he has collected 6 big boxes of toys. John also advises that some people are even dropping off old clothes and boots! He hopes the MTA will make a nice contribution to the charity.

New Business:

Randy Emr reported on the activities of our B-Company group meeting. The B Company is an extension group of MTA members that meets often at the Somerset Armory on the Wednesday nights following our regular MTA meetings each month. 14 people attended the last November B Company meeting.

Randy and the club recognized Dennis Spence and Harold Ratzburg (both in attendance this evening) as founding members of our local and national clubs. Congratulations to both for their dedication to our hobby over the last 30 years!

Dave Coward, urged all members to take care of your eyes when working on your vehicles. Remember to wear safety goggles.

Dave Ahl reported on his activities as contributing writer for the London Based "Classic Military Vehicles Magazine". Dave mentioned that the next issue of this publication would feature several of our MTA member's vehicles. Dave has been able to generate some significant international exposure for the MTA through his writing and photo contributions to this magazine...thanks Dave.

Randy reported on the activities for the Gun Truck restoration. Work on the truck is starting to pick up...we can expect the completed truck to help generate a lot of exposure for our club.

Randy reports that he will soon schedule a meeting with a lawyer to help guide our club application for non-profit status. The meeting will be to discuss our rights and responsibilities as a non-profit organization.

It was agreed by the members in attendance that the donation cost for pizza would be raised to \$2 per slice to help offset our costs. Please remember to pay for your pizza. Jim Moore will make a sign and donation jar for the pizza donations. Randy would like volunteers to help take care of ordering and picking up the pizza each month.

Bob Rooke reported that he would help open an interest bearing account for our club money with Smith Barney. Bob will work with Ellen Moore, our Treasurer, concerning details for opening up the account.

Dave Steinert mentioned that Gary Schultz donated a new digital camera to the MTA to assist the web site and newsletters committees in adding photos to our publications. Dave also passed out membership cards to anyone that was listed as paid up in their dues for 2003.

50/50 was \$51 this evening Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm-

Submitted by Gary Schultz

Classified Advertising-If you miss a meeting and want to post an item in the Classified Advertising column of the newsletter, please feel free to call Dave Steinert at 973-347-9091 or you can email him at: steinert@worlnet.att.net

For Sale-WWII vehicle air pump (hose is a replacement)-\$50, WWII vehicle decontamination cylinder and bracket-\$175. Call Bob Rooke at (973)-656-1067

For Sale-M416 1/4-ton trailers, \$350 to \$400 depending upon condition. All are very good or better. US issue Artic "mummy sacks" sleeping bags \$35. 10 Kw 3-phase WWII generator w/Jeep power plant \$800 delivered, but you

unload. 3/4-ton comm. Container, empty \$150. Call Vinny Schwartz (973)-635-2404.

For Sale- One pair of troop seats for M1008 or Chevy/GMC pickup for sale, \$100 Meyers Snowplow setup complete with 7-1/2 foot blade for M1008/M1009 or Chevy Blazer/Pickup, \$700. Western Snowplow setup, less undercarriage, with 7-foot blade, \$500. Call John Peterson at (732)-3931959 or email at sandman9@optonline.net.

Wanted-Vietnam militaria for re-enactment. We want to educate people on what life was like for soldiers in Vietnam. Items are not for resale. Ed Pavlick, (973)-347-3866, leave message.

Wanted-Always seeking toy and model tow trucks and military vehicles. Dave Ahl, (973)-285-0716 or DaveAhl@aol.com

Calendar of Parades, Events & Shows

Meetings, parades, and events officially sanctioned by the MTA are listed in **BOLD UPPER-CASE TYPE**. Other events are listed in standard upper and lower case type.

Mon. Jan 13: MTA MEETING. American Legion Post, Whippany, NJ (7:00 PM eats & videos, 8:00 PM meeting).

Mon. Feb. 10: MTA MEETING. American Legion Post, Whippany, NJ (7:00 PM eats & videos, 8:00 PM meeting).

Mon. Mar. 10: MTA MEETING. American Legion Post, Whippany, NJ (7:00 PM eats & videos, 8:00 PM meeting).

Sat-Sun, Mar 22-23: MTA SPRING SHOW, National Guard Armory, Clinton Street, Dover, NJ. Swap meet, MV show, demos, more. Sat. 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Sun. 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

New Meeting Location

Here's how to get to the Whippany American Legion Hall. **From the west:** On NJ Route 10 go 2 miles eastbound after I-287 to traffic light at Shell gas station, turn right on Whippany Road. At next traffic light, turn right onto Parsippany Road. Turn left at next traffic light onto Mt. Pleasant Ave.; go 0.2 miles turn left onto Legion Place and drive to parking lot on left side.

From the east: Westbound on NJ Route 10 after Whippany Railroad Museum, go underneath underpass and make an immediate right on Veterans Place. At traffic light, turn right onto Parsippany Road. Make a left at next traffic light onto Mt. Pleasant Ave; go 0.2 miles turn left onto Legion Place and drive to parking lot on left side.

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REMINDER: IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR 2003 MTA MEMBERSHIP DUES (\$10.00), YOU HAVE UNTIL FEBRUARY 28th 2003 OR YOU WILL NO LONGER RECEIVE THE MTA NEWSLETTER.

President's Note

WHAT A YEAR!! Every parade was a great success, especially this year. Thanks to a change in our parade contract, the MTA was in the front portion of every parade we participated in. Unfortunately a few of the parade committees were not told of the contract change and had us placed towards the back of the procession. When I inquired about the mistake, the parade committees were always helpful in correcting the mistake and placing the MTA up front.

We had our first "annual" military vehicle show and swap meet in March at the Dover National Guard Armory. I truly believed the armory would be proud to host us, and that was an understatement. The fellows at the National Guard are truly our friends. We planned and pulled off a national size show in less than two months. I knew it would succeed and it did! I believe in a positive attitude and the unbelievable talent in our club.

But we did not stop there. Our friend Colonel Dwyer felt our show at the Dover Armory was such a great success in reaching the general public, he asked the MTA if we could do a show at the Somerset National Guard Armory. The MTA membership said yes and John Sobotka and I met with the Colonel and got it started. The show was scheduled for sometime in October and we purposely went into it slow. We did not want to burn out our main show committees. A couple of the members, including myself, met a few weeks before and set-up and pulled off a fun show. Next year we are going to ask Colonel Dwyer if the Somerset Armory will support us in a two-day show with vendors. We have many good MTA members in the Somerset area including our new B Company affiliate and next year both B Company and the South Jersey Chapter will be co-show hosts. The Somerset Armory is so beautiful and just like the armory in Dover, incredibly well run.

The Red Ball, South Jersey Chapter and the Long Island MV clubs are working to have more interaction and joint functions with the MTA. Last March at the Dover Armory show I had a conversation with a few of the Long Island club members, who by the way are a GREAT bunch of guys. They mentioned that they always exchange email with Dave Ahl and Frank Eichenlaub and invited the MTA to attend the Veteran's Day Parade down 5th Avenue in New York City. Well I told them that I would attend and that I would mention it at future meetings of the MTA. When it got close to the parade date I had a three-way phone conversation with the Long Island Club President, Chris and our Parade Co-Chairman, Frank Eichenlaub. I told both Chris and Frank that I was definitely going and lets see what we can do. Because there seem to be no interest from the MTA in the past, I represented the club and thoroughly enjoyed the parade. Even in the rain, I had a truckload of WWII veterans and at the end Chris, myself and members of the Long Island Club parked

our vehicles along one of the avenues and heated up some MREs for lunch and had a great bull session. What a GREAT DAY! I hope the MTA can make a bigger showing next year. Chris says we stand invited.

I noticed from attending a lot of MV functions that there are a lot of guys from Central Jersey with great military vehicles. There have been discussions about organizing a separate MV club in Central Jersey, but the fellows in that area want to be part of the MTA. So we created B Company of the MTA. And we have gotten a tremendous response. John Peterson has been working hard putting the word out about B Company. Colonel Dwyer has graciously offered the Somerset Armory as a meeting place for B Company and so we had the first meeting on Wednesday, November 2nd 2002.. About 15 people attended and we sold \$160 in shirts and patches. This is a great bunch of guys and we had a blast at the meeting. The meetings for B Company are going to be held every second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM at the Somerset Armory. I urge any and all to come. This meeting is generally a quick update on our business from the MTA HQ meeting and then a couple of hours of TRUCK TALK! It kicks butt! Plus it's a great beginning to our fall show having the meetings at the Somerset Armory.

Back to our March 2003 Dover Armory Show...Officer meetings started Friday, November 29th. This will start our weekly planning meeting every Friday at 7 PM at the Dover Armory until the show in March. The first couple of meetings were administrative. Starting in December the Friday meetings will be opened to all members of the MTA. "PLEASE ALL ATTEND" and show your support for the club and the show. We will be signing up committee people...please call Jim Moore (973-514-1250) or me for a heads up on the upcoming Friday meetings. We sometimes meet at the Wharton Diner when the Armory is not available, but there will also be work meetings. So call first, so you know where to go. You can call me at 973-219-4499 or Jim Moore. By the way, Chris and the Long Island Club members are signed up from Friday evening to Sunday to help out at the show and assist us where they can. Anybody and I mean anybody! Please...if you want to help and hang with the MTA for the weekend...please come. The South Jersey Chapter, Red Ball...you're our friends. I hope you guys will have a good showing.

Our club is tight...our new website is awesome. George Wagner is obviously the right man for the job. I've heard some of the great ideas suggested from the website committee and I can't wait to see them!

I'm proposing an increase in "new member" dues for 2003. All new members will initially pay \$20 to join the MTA and than membership dues will be \$10 every year there after. \$25 for a family membership the first year and than \$10 a year there after. It costs us more than \$10 a year to send the newsletter to a new member. Please come and support this new proposal at our next monthly meeting. Also we are going to invest our money more wisely in the future with the help of our Treasurer, Ellen Moore and assistance from Bob Rooke. Bob's expertise is well respected and appreciated. I can't wait to see what they come up with.

*Thanks and we wish everyone a Happy New Year!
Randy & Jesse*

Warning: This newsletter is politically incorrect. Some items are actually real; some aren't. Live with it.

Beer Study

Sad news about beer. You have to hope that this study is flawed, but the evidence seems irrefutable. Last week, scientists suggested that the results of a recent analysis revealed the presence of female hormones in beer, and suggested that men should take a look at their beer consumption. The theory is that drinking beer makes men turn into women.

To test the theory, 100 men were each given 6 pints of beer within a one-hour period. It was then observed that 100% of the men:

- a. Gained weight
- b. Talked excessively without making sense
- c. Became overly emotional
- d. Couldn't drive
- e. Failed to think rationally
- f. Argued over nothing
- g. Had to sit down while urinating
- h. Showed no interest in sex
- i. Refused to apologize when wrong

No further testing is planned.

Primary Care Physician

(Anonymous submission. The "I" in the story is not me DHA)

I recently picked a new primary care physician. After two visits and exhaustive lab tests, he said I was doing "fairly well" for my age. A little concerned about that comment, I couldn't resist asking him, "Do you think I'll live to be 80?"

He asked, "Well, do you smoke tobacco or drink beer?"

"Oh no," I replied, "I've never done either."

Then he asked, "Do you eat rib-eye steaks and bar-b-que ribs?"

I said, "No, I've heard that all 'red meat' is very unhealthy!"

"Do you spend a lot of time in the sun, like playing golf?" he asked.

"No, I don't," I said.

He said, "Do you gamble, drive fast cars, or fool around with sexy women?"

"No," I said, "I've never done any of those things."

He look at me and said, "Then why in hell do you want to live to be 80 ?"

Are You a Professional? The following short quiz consists of just four questions and will tell you whether you are qualified to be a "professional." The questions are NOT that difficult.

1. How do you put a giraffe into a refrigerator?

Correct answer: Open the refrigerator, put in the giraffe, and close the door. This question tests whether you tend to do simple things in an overly complicated way.

2. How do you put an elephant into a refrigerator?

Did you say, "Open the refrigerator, put in the elephant, and close the refrigerator?" (Wrong Answer)

Correct Answer: Open the refrigerator, take out the giraffe, put in the elephant and close the door. This tests your ability to think through the repercussions of your previous actions.

3. The Lion King is hosting an Animal Conference. All the animals attend except one. Which animal does not attend?

Correct Answer: The Elephant. The elephant is in the refrigerator. You just put him in there. This tests your memory.

OK, even if you did not answer some or all of the first three questions correctly, you still have one more chance to show your true abilities.

4. There is a river you must cross but it is inhabited by crocodiles. How do you manage it?

Correct Answer: You swim across. All the crocodiles are attending the Animal Conference. This tests whether you learn quickly from your mistakes.

According to Anderson Consulting Worldwide, approx. 90% of the professionals they tested got all questions wrong. But many preschoolers got several correct answers. Anderson Consulting says this conclusively disproves the theory that most professionals have the brains of a four-year-old.

CIA Assassin Examination. The CIA had an opening for an assassin. After all the background checks, interviews, and testing were done, there were three finalists: two men and a woman.

For the final test, the CIA agents took one of the men to a large metal door and handed him a gun. "We must know that you will follow our instructions, no matter what the circumstances. Inside this room, you will find your wife sitting in a chair. Kill her!"

The man said, "You can't be serious. I could never shoot my wife." The agent said, "Then you're not the right man for this job. Take your wife and go home."

The second man was given the same instructions. He took the gun and went into the room. All was quiet for about five minutes. Then the man came out with tears in his eyes. "I tried, but I can't kill my wife." The agent said, "You don't have what it takes. Take your wife and go home."

Finally, it was the woman's turn. She was given the same instructions, to kill her husband. She took the gun and went into the room. Shots were heard, one shot after another. They heard screaming, crashing, banging on the walls. After a few minutes, all was quiet. The door opened slowly and there stood the woman. She wiped the sweat from her brow. "This gun is loaded with blanks," she said. "I had to beat him to death with the chair."

So True. 99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.

Xmas Greeting From My Sister-In-Law. According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year, male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid-December. Female reindeer retain their antlers till they give birth in the spring.

Therefore, according to EVERY historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, EVERY single one of them, from Rudolph to Blitzen, had to be a girl.

We should've known. ONLY women would be able to drag a fat-ass man in a red velvet suit all around the world in one night and not get lost.

Long Life for Cowboys A tough old cowboy once counseled his grandson that if he wanted to live a long life, the secret was to sprinkle a little gunpowder on his oatmeal every morning. The grandson did this religiously and he lived to the age of 93. When he died, he left 14 children, 28 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren and a fifteen foot hole in the wall of the crematorium.

The Nun and the Cabbie A cabbie picks up a nun. She gets into the cab, and the cab driver won't stop staring at her. She asks him why is he staring and he replies, "I have a question to ask you but I don't want to offend you."

She answers, "My dear son, you cannot offend me. When you're as old as I am and have been a nun as long as I have, you get a chance to see and hear just about everything. I'm sure that there's nothing you could say or ask that I would find offensive."

"Well, I've always had a fantasy to have a nun kiss me."

She responds, "Well, let's see what we can do about that: first, you have to be single, and second you must be Catholic."

The cab driver is very excited and says, "Yes, I am single and I'm Catholic too!"

"OK," the nun says, "Pull into the next alley."

He does and the nun fulfils his fantasy with a kiss that would make a hooker blush. But when they get back on the road, the cab driver starts crying.

"My dear child," said the nun, "why are you crying?"

"Forgive me sister, but I have sinned. I lied, I must confess, I'm married and I'm Jewish."

The nun says, "That's OK, my name is Kevin and I'm on my way to a Halloween party."

Why Rednecks Make Good Soldiers. Dear Ma & Pa: I Am well. Hope you are. Tell brother Walt & Brother Elmer the Marine Corps beats working for old man Minch by a mile. Tell them to join up quick before maybe all of the places are filled.

I was restless at first because you got to stay in bed till nearly 6 a.m., but am getting so I like to sleep late. Tell Walt & Elmer all you do before breakfast is smooth your cot and shine some things. No hogs to slop, feed to pitch, mash to mix, wood to split, fire to lay. Practically nothing. Men got to shave but it is not so bad, they git warm water.

Breakfast is strong on trimmings like fruit juice, cereal, eggs, bacon, etc., but kind of weak on chops, potatoes, ham, steak, fried eggplant, pie, and other regular food. But tell Walt & Elmer you can always sit between two city boys that live on coffee. Their food plus yours holds you till noon, when you get fed again. It's no wonder these city boys can't walk much.

We go on "route" marches, which the Platoon Sergeant says are long walks to harden us. If he thinks so, it is not my place to tell him different. A "route march" is about as far as to our mailbox at home. Then the city guys gets sore feet and we all ride back in trucks. The country is nice, but awful flat. The Sergeant is like a schoolteacher. He nags some. The Captain is like the school board. Majors & Colonels just ride around & frown. They don't bother you none.

This next will kill Walt & Elmer with laughing. I keep getting medals for shooting. I don't know why. The bulls-eye is near as big as a chipmunk and don't move. And it ain't shooting at you, like the Higgett boys at home. All you got to do is lie there all comfortable and hit it. You don't even load your own cartridges. They come in boxes. Be sure to tell Walt & Elmer to hurry & join before other fellers get into this setup & come stampeding in

Your loving daughter, Gail

P.S. Speaking of shooting, enclosed is \$200 towards a new barn roof & ma's teeth. The city boys shoot craps, but not very good.

The Perfect Man, Woman & Santa Claus Once upon a time, a perfect man and a perfect woman met. After a perfect courtship, they had a perfect wedding. Their life together was, of course, perfect.

One snowy, stormy Christmas Eve, this perfect couple was driving their perfect car along a winding road, when they noticed someone at the side of the road in distress. Being the perfect couple, they stopped to help.

There stood Santa Claus with a huge bundle of toys. Not wanting to disappoint any children on the eve of Christmas, the perfect couple loaded Santa and his toys into their vehicle. Soon they were driving along delivering the toys.

Unfortunately, the driving conditions deteriorated and the perfect couple and Santa Claus had an accident. Only one of them survived the accident.

Question: Who was the survivor?

Answer: The perfect woman survived. She's the only one who really existed in the first place. Everyone knows there is no Santa Claus and there is no such thing as a perfect man.

Women: stop reading here -- that is the end of the joke.

Men: keep reading.

So, if there is no perfect man and no Santa Claus, the woman must have been driving. This explains why there was a car accident.

Men: keep reading

By the way, if you're a woman and you're still reading, this illustrates another point: Women never listen.

FYI

Does Your Military Vehicle Need a Pal?

By David Steinert

While you traverse through a heavily wooded trail in your jeep...branches swipe at your windshield and canvas top, tires bounce off scattered saplings; vines catch on your mirror and bumpers. You finally reach a point where you must double back through that obstacle course you just came in on. The ride back would be a lot easier if you had removed some of the trail obstacles on your way in. You have an axe on your pioneer rack, but it's a pain to remove it and get it strapped back on correctly. It would have been nice to have a tool that would effortlessly cut through branches, saplings and vines. How about the Woodman's Pal...a neat little tool that was introduced to the military in WWII and is still being produced today.



Frederick Ehrsam, a Swiss National, was an experienced architect, artist, engineer, manufacturer and woodsman. He settled in Pennsylvania in the 1930s, and quickly gained a reputation as an expert on edge weapons. His varied skills would lead to the creation and development of a tool that would eventually influence modern forest and land management. Those who made a living working in the forests and fields relied heavily on the basic machete for clearing brush and making trails. Other tools, such as axes, saws and shears were needed to trim, chop and prune. In 1941, Fredrick Ehrsam would introduce the Woodman's Pal, a lightweight single tool that could perform all these

tasks and eliminate the need to carry a variety of tools into the field. Professionals in forestry, agriculture, and horticulture as well as the US Army Signal Corps quickly accepted the Woodman's Pal as a revolutionary achievement.

What is unique about the tool is that it was designed with three different blade edges. There is a long blade edge for chopping, a short blade edge at the tip of the blade for digging and a "toe" edge that can be used like a sickle. Today, surveyors, foresters, land managers, and woodsmen are still using the Woodman's Pal. The military model of the Woodman's Pal, "LC-14-B", was standard issue from the early part of WWII through Desert Storm. Soldiers of the US Army Signal Corp used the lightweight, innovative tool for land clearing operations. During WWII, many different

branches of the U.S. Armed Forces used the knife as a fighting, utility, and survival weapon. There were many variations of the Victor Tool Company LC-14-B Woodman's Pal Survival Knife. Army and Air Force models had knuckle guards and leather washer handles (the Air Force model had a shorter and fatter blade). Navy models had wooden handles. Scabbards were made of canvas, leather, or metal.

The WWII US Army model has a blade that was parkerized and the handgrip is made with leather washers with a steel knuckle guard painted black. Stamped on the outside surface of the knuckle guard is "LC-14-B". Stamped on the blade was "WOODMAN'S PAL / 280 / TRADEMARK-PAT #2335497 / VICTOR TOOL CO-READING, PA. The blade is 12 inches long, 2-5/8 inches wide at its widest point. The overall length of the knife is 16-5/8 inches. Each knife was issued with a canvas scabbard, a sharpening stone and three little instruction booklets. "Care, Use and Sharpening of Knife LC-14-B", "Living in The Jungle with U.S. Army Knife LC-14-B" and "Fighting with U.S.A Knife LC-14-B". The booklets have great illustrations on the use, care and versatility of the knife.

During the Vietnam War, the Woodman's Pal was designated the "Survival Tool, Type IV" and was issued in the aircrew survival kits. The handgrips remained made of leather washers and the blade was blued. The blade measured 10 inches long and the overall length was 14-3/4 inches, which made it smaller and shorter than the WWII Woodman's Pal. These knives were also carried in helicopters during the Vietnam War.



The Woodman's Pal Model LC-14-B. This model was used extensively during WWII. The knife has a parkerized blade and a hand grip made of leather washers. Inside the canvas scabbard was two pockets design to hold the user's manual and honing stone.

The Woodman's Pal weighs 23 ounces and because of its size it can be easily stowed away under a seat or small compartment of a military vehicle where it can be accessible when needed for trail blazing. It is nicely balanced and fits comfortably in your hand. Both the WWII and Vietnam Army models come in a nice olive drab canvas scabbard with a heavy-duty zipper down one side. The canvas scabbard has belt hooks so that it can be worn on a pistol belt. Inside the canvas sheath are two pockets. One pocket is for a sharpening stone the other is provided for the user's manual.

Today, the Woodman's Pal is advertised in magazines such as "The American Rifleman" and is basically the same

design as its predecessor except it is now manufactured with a wooden handle without a metal hand guard. It's the same well-balanced and versatile tool but it just does not have the romance of the military models. The military models can still be found at military shows, swap meets and of course, ebay. OK...I got mine...when's the next trail ride?

SOURCES: Book-"U.S. Military Knives, Bayonets and Machetes-Book III by M.H. Cole. Booklet -"Living in The Jungle with U.S. Army Knife LC-14-B" by Frederick Ehrsam, (REF <http://woodmanspal.com/history.html>)

"A friend is one that knows you as you are, understands where you have been, accepts what you have become, and still, gently allows you to grow"-William Shakespeare

Last Minute Classified Advertisements-

For Sale-I have a 1985 CUCV Blaser for sale. All original, excellent condition, factory camo paint, 76000miles. Excellent interior, everything works, ready for a military vehicle collector or everyday driving. Has New Jersey title. Located in Newton, NJ area near I-80, I-84 US Route 206. Asking \$6000 OBO. Contact Steve (973)-948-6170 or email::vidam@garden.net.

For Sale-Ford Army Jeep delivered to Canadian Army in 1952. Completely restored. Jeep has a 283 cu. In. engine with 80,000 KL, perfect condition. 2 sets of wheels and a tow bar. Asking 7000 CDM or \$4000 US or best offer. Call Arthur 1-403-337-2839



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**Military Transport Association
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Military Transport Association of North Jersey
a chapter of the **Military Vehicle Preservation Association**

The Military Transport Association of North Jersey is a non-profit membership organization for people interested in collecting, restoring, displaying, and operating historic military vehicles. Members of the club participate in 15 to 20 parades every year as well as educational events, militaria and truck shows, rallies, trail rides, and visits to veteran's homes.

Members also participate in projects such as restoring a jeep for the National Guard Museum, the National Night Out, USMC Toys for Tots campaign, fund raising for the National WWII and Korean War Memorials, Boy Scout projects, and National Guard recruiting campaigns.

Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at Godfather's Pizza, Pharmed Plaza, Route 10 West, East Hanover, NJ. You can come between 7:00 and 7:30 p.m. to eat pizza, spaghetti, a sandwich, or a full dinner. Bring your own beer or wine if you wish. The meeting starts at 8:00 p.m. and is normally over by 9:30 p.m.

Join the MTA now and receive:

- FREE MTA embroidered patch (when you attend an event)
- 12 issues of the *Motor Pool Messenger* newsletter.
- FREE classified sales and wanted ads in the newsletter.
- Notices of parades and events in which you can participate.
- FREE annual picnic and FREE annual pizza party.
- MTA T-shirt and baseball cap at cost (only \$8 each).

To join the Military Transport Association, send this form (or the same information on a blank sheet of paper) with \$10.00 annual dues to the address below. Dues are for the calendar year.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Military vehicle(s) owned _____

Mail completed application with \$10.00 annual dues to:

Military Transport Ass'n of North Jersey
P.O. Box 393
Budd Lake, NJ 07828