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ON THE COVER: MTA Member Tom Weaver and his 1943 MB. (Photo courtesy of Art Swain).

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Notice: The MTA will be having three Sunday Military Vehicle Picnic Swap Meets over the course of the summer. These meets will be on Sunday, July 13th, Sunday, August 10th and Sunday, September 7th at Vinny Schwartz's home in Chatham, NJ. Here is an opportunity to bring family, friends and your vehicles and enjoy an afternoon with other MTA Members. You can bring militaria related items to sell, trade or barter. We will have hot dogs and refreshments. Meets will begin at 1:00 PM and end whenever. All MTA members are invited! Come and have some fun! See page



Minutes of the June 2003 MTA Meeting

The June 9th 2003 meeting of the Military Transport Association of North Jersey was called to order by President Randy Emr at 8:00 PM. Recently retired **Colonel John Dwyer** was recruited to lead our team in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasury Report: Ellen Moore

Starting Bal. \$1356.70
Ending Bal. \$2677.50
(Show account bal is \$2124.13)

Ellen mentions we did not receive a lot of planned funds as a result of the rain canceling many planned Memorial Day parades. "We may have to tighten our belts", advises Ellen. She suggests the club come up with \$\$ saving ideas or \$\$ making ideas.... Ellen had on each table a note pad

and pencil and asked all attending to jot down any ideas you may have for improving our account balances.

Presidents Report: MTA President **Randy Emr** met with the leadership of the Whippany American Legion Post (where we hold our meetings) to inquire about lowering our monthly fees for the meeting room. Randy reports that the American Legion Post was very cooperative and understanding of our plight and has offered to lower our monthly fees to \$25. Randy also advises that we will look for ways to save money in the cost of the "Motor Pool Messenger" by limiting publication printing to 4 pages. This will lower postage and printing costs. Randy also has a good idea of setting up a Fund Raising Committee. No nominees have been elected yet, but if we look at the fantastic efforts of the Gun Truck Committee efforts to raise funds, we may find some candidates soon?

On the issue of our Tax Exempt status efforts, Randy reports success in getting the MTA certified as a new 501C-4 Tax Exempt organization. With our newly minted status as a tax-exempt organization we can more easily pursue donations and other historic vehicle projects. Randy noted though that with our designation as a Tax Exempt organization, we are required to have a focus on Educational Efforts. Therefore Randy suggests we create an Education Division that helps us adhere to the requirements of the 501C charter status. Randy will furnish more information on this subject in future meetings.

New Summer Meeting Schedule: Randy reports that for the months of July, August and September that we will adjust our meeting schedule and location to take advantage of the warmer weather. Meetings will be held on Sundays at Vinny Schwartz's house in Chatham. Note our Summer Meeting schedule will be as follows: Sunday-July 13th, Sunday-August 10th, Sunday-September 7th. These meetings will start at 1:00 PM. These meetings will replace our normal Monday night meetings. Look for directions in this publication on how to get to Vinny's house. The idea is to bring your vehicle, parts for trade or swap and get back to enjoying what this club is all about. Vinny reports that he has plenty of parking and display area.

Parade/Event Committee: Chairman **Frank Eichenlaub** put a lot of hard work into planning for a super Memorial Day weekend of parades. Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate. But, all was not lost; Frank says we had planned to bring in \$3400 in parade fees for the weekend. But even with the rain, we still collected \$2075 in parade fees...good job Frank. July 4th will be our next big opportunity to raise funds and have fun! Frank has a full slate of parades planned and if all goes off as scheduled (no rain), we should raise another \$2400 during the July 4th weekend. Make sure you sign up for parade duty if you can.... even if you don't have a vehicle check with Frank as some people have too many vehicles in their motor pool and not enough hands to drive them all!

Purple Heart Event. Frank reports that several members helped the US Post Office with the launch of the new Purple Heart commemorative stamp that took place on May 30th.

As mentioned earlier, our own **Colonel John Dwyer** retired from the New Jersey Army National Guard. A sentimental send off ceremony was conducted June 8th at

the Somerset Armory. Many of our MTA members were present to see the Colonel off into retirement from the Guard. Congratulations Colonel...now you have more time to finish that M43 Ambulance project and join us on new assignments! (hum...what committees could the Colonel staff for us?)

Gun Truck Committee: Co-Chairman **Mark Jezewski** reports that not much can be done on the Gun Truck due to the rain. But, now that we have our 501C status nailed down, the Gun Truck committee is proceeding soon with licensing and registration of the truck.

Newsletter Report: Editor **Dave Steinert** reports that he is working with **Keith Adams** to investigate further cost saving measures for publication of the Motor Pool Messenger. Dave thanks all those that contributed to the last issue and continues to look for your ideas and editorial contributions.

Restoration Committee Report: Chairman **John Sobotka** reports no progress yet on our Jeep restoration project. The Jeep project still is resting comfortably at Randy's house. (Randy, have you backed into the Jeep again?)

On the subject of an exciting new acquisition for the MTA, John reports that he has made significant progress in the donation of a WWII Army Locomotive to the MTA! We have learned that the Veterans Administration Terminal in Somerville wants to remove the Locomotive they have on their property very soon. The VA has agreed to donate the locomotive to the MTA. The 12-ton locomotive was built in 1941 for the QMC and was designed to be used as a yard tender. The MTA would house the locomotive at the Whippany Train Museum. The museum has agreed to maintain the train for display and local use and will keep it insured. John is putting out the call to volunteers to join the locomotive retrieval detail scheduled for July 19th rain or shine, if you can help out please contact John. Congratulations to John for all his efforts in tracking down this acquisition.... this will make the MTA the first MVPA chapter to have its own Military Locomotive...great job John!



The latest MTA acquisition-a 1941 12-ton army locomotive

Website: Webmaster **George Wagner** reports the merchandise page is now up and running. George will soon add more info about our restoration projects such as the Jeep and new Locomotive efforts. Please continue to send George photos for the site.

"A fond Farewell to Sally and Peter Berendsen" As many of you know Peter and Sally will be retiring and moving to the Napa Valley of California next month. Both have been long time members of our club and enthusiastic supporters of many of our events and activities. "The NJ Chapter and club members have been like an extended family" said Peter and Sally. The Berendsen's will be moving on, but taking a lot of their OD metal with them, as Peter says he is taking three vehicles and a trailer out to CA with them.



I know that I will always remember Peter as one of the first persons I met in the North Jersey chapter way back in 1980. I happened to attend the national MVCC rally at Phoenixville PA. and really didn't know anyone in the hobby at the time. There was Peter with his now famous 1/2-Ton Command Car, lying on his back fixing his rear brakes under the shade of a building. When I saw the NJ Plates on his vehicle I struck up a conversation. Having never seen a Command Car up close, Peter was very helpful in explaining the vehicle's history to me and telling me about the NJ Chapter. Thanks Peter, you have always been a wealth of knowledge and you both will be greatly missed. **(A standing ovation, cake and coffee were enjoyed by all on behalf of the Berendsen's)**

New Business: **Frank Eichenlaub** has received a new supply of T-Shirts and sweatshirts. Frank also reminds us that the club pendant design is done. Cost is \$30 and we need a minimum of 30 orders to proceed with production. See Frank if you want one! **Dave Ahl** advises he still has about a ton of machine screws, nuts and bolts...see him if you are missing any!

Harold Ratzburg invited an old friend of the club to join tonight's meeting. **Peter Shaw** has been one of the founding members of the chapter and the National Association going way back to 1971. Peter tells us he still has a fondness for old jeeps and Harold hints that Peter still has a Bantam hidden away waiting for his return to the hobby?

Activities: Sven's annual summer picnic is scheduled for August 23.....as always this is one of the highlights of our yearly events. **John Headley** advises us of a new show taking place: The Antique Truck Club of North Jersey will hold a truck show on Sunday August 10, 2003 at the Tranquility Adventist School in Green NJ. The location is just off of exit 19 from Rt 80 is very near the site of the Sven picnic.

Submitted by **Gary Schultz**

Minutes of the June 2003 B Company Meeting

Meeting commenced in its usual manner at approximately 19:30, **Randy Emr** arrived with pizzas and sodas for all (with a \$2 donation for slice/cup). Attendance stood at 14 members. For the first hour or so, discussions focused on the operation of B Company as well as its future. It was ultimately decided that the only way to guarantee survival of the offshoot group was through strong leadership and a solid backing of dedicated members. Over the course of the discussion, the general consensus ensued that the group should adopt parliamentary procedures to facilitate their "day to day" activities. **John Peterson** was nominated for troop leader position, a motion that was followed by numerous seconds. At the urging of several group members, I (**Ziggy Orłowski**) assumed the position of recording secretary. It was decided that in time, there would be several additional positions (i.e. treasurer) added to the roster (bear in mind that these positions are for within B company only-there was discussion as to their proper titles; as the group is an offshoot of MTA, thought was given to calling the positions "assistant positions"). As the topic was brought to a close, Randy switched gears by mentioning a "summer alternative" to meeting in the armory. It was suggested that, conditions permitting, members could meet the Sunday before the main MTA meetings at Vinny Schwartz's home for an impromptu BBQ; there would be ample room for military vehicles and civilian vehicles could utilize a lot across the street. That was all for Randy, and after customary offering of MTA clothing, he (Jesse in tow) set out for another appointment. **Frank "Ike" Eichenlaub** was next to take the floor. First up was a discussion on the Vietnam Memorial convoy to be held on June 21. Directions and meeting times were passed out; a sheet asking for license plate numbers of participating vehicles was also passed around. Next came the lists for the upcoming parades on the fourth of July-this sparked a conversation on what to do about parade fees should there be another occurrence of rain. Frank mentioned that he was in contact with townships regarding the rained out Memorial Day parades and that the club was still taking in funds on account of their "being ready to participate" (intake so far was about 50% of last year). He also mentioned that there

would be a "cancellation policy" incorporated into the current parade contract to avoid any future problems. The focus then shifted to the fact that most of the towns taking out parade contracts were from the northern part of the state. Several more local boroughs such as New Brunswick and Somerville were mentioned as potentials for B company members to participate in. One member suggested that members should do the first parade in a town for free to establish a relationship, then charge for any subsequent parades. Frank acknowledged that it was in fact a good idea, but that he already has an enormous amount of juggling to do with the current schedules and that added towns would make scheduling much harder. This was met with a counter argument that if more local towns hire the group, more members would participate on account of the fact that they would not have to travel as far. The subject then shifted to the convoy flags bearing the MTA logo that would soon become available for order. A debate ensued as to whether or not the design could include a B company designation for the group (as a side note, another point was made that the original logo as designed had a small "NJ" on it). Just prior to adjournment, a 50/50 raffle was held, **John Peterson** was the winner of a prize totaling \$9. The excess pizzas were given to the guardsmen and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 20:45

Submitted by **Ziggy Orłowski**

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The Real MVs of the MTA-Part V

By David Steinert

Last month we saluted **Jim Mundy** of Hopatcong, NJ. Unfortunately we received this picture of Jim too late to make the newsletter-printing deadline...so here he is this month combat ready in Vietnam, 1968



This month the MTA salutes **Tom Weaver** of Rockaway Township, New Jersey. In 1940, Tom's uncle gave him a 1928 Chevrolet coupe. He was 12 year's old and he soon learned to drive it proficiently on his grandfather's farm in Riverdale, NJ, where he was raised. On Sunday morning, December 7th 1941, Tom was setting out his trap line for muskrats, when his friend came by on his bicycle to tell him that the Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor and that the country was at war. Ironically, Tom learned later that muskrat pelts were used for the collars on bombardier jackets during WWII. During summer vacations, in his high school years, he worked as an auto mechanic at a variety of automobile repair shops. In 1947, Tom graduated from Butler High School and then worked fulltime as a mechanic. When he turned 18, he was issued a draft card.

In May of 1950, Communist forces from the north invaded South Korea. Again the United States was at war. On December 12th 1950, Tom was drafted into the United States Army. He spent six weeks in basic training and another eight weeks in advanced infantry training at Fort Dix, NJ. He was being trained for the war in Korea. When the overseas assignments were issued, 75% of the Fort Dix trainees would go to Korea and the other 25% would go to Europe. Tom was lucky. His overseas assignment was for Trieste, Italy. Trieste is located in northern Italy next to what was the Yugoslavian border. Immediately after WWII, Yugoslavian Communist troops invaded the city. The thousands of Italians who spoke out against the Communist regime were incarcerated in large underground rock cavities. They were eventually released thanks to the intervention of Allied troops and the city – with feelings of both euphoria and disorientation – came under U.S. military rule until 1954.

In April of 1951, Tom boarded the *USNS Henry Gibbins* for Trieste, Italy. The *USNS Henry Gibbins* was an army transport ship that saw service in the European Theater

during WWII. After the war, the Gibbins transported US soldiers and their dependents from Europe to the United States. It would take Tom a grueling 21 days to get to Trieste. Upon his arrival, Tom was assigned to the 351 Infantry Regiment, 1st BN.C.Co., in the 57MM Recoiless Rifle Platoon. After six months, he was asked if he wanted to go to the EUCOM Ordnance School in Germany. Tom was elated with the offer and accepted the assignment. The army was going to train him to be a wheeled vehicle mechanic. The school was located in West Eschwege, West Germany, and was situated very close to the Iron Curtain. Tom recalls it being a beautiful school and he would spend eight weeks there. He would graduate second highest in a class of 54 students.

When he returned to the 1st BN in Italy, the Commanding Officer immediately assigned him to the motor pool. *Goodbye boots, hello wheels!* He served the rest of his tour of duty repairing and maintaining WWII vehicles. Tom would spend a total of 17 months overseas. In late fall of 1952, Tom was sent home and was discharged from the army at Camp Kilmer, NJ.



After his return to the States, Tom was assigned to 4 years of inactive duty. He became a toolmaker at an aerospace firm now called Marotta Scientific Controls where he would eventually retire. Tom would get married and in 1955 move to Rockaway Township, NJ, where he still resides with his wife, Carolyn.

Tom has been a member of the MTA since 1981. He currently owns a 1943 MB Jeep, a 1952 Dodge M37, a M38 Jeep and a 1946 Bantam trailer. Tom and Carolyn winter in Florida and spend their summers in New Jersey where he is still very active with the MTA.

NOTICE: The Military Locomotive move has been rescheduled for July 12th. All volunteers will meet at the Somerville Depot at 9:00 AM-Rain or Shine. Please call John Sobotka at 973-398-3692 for details and directions.

Colonel John Dwyer's Retirement

By John Sobotka

On Sunday, June 8th 2003, a retirement ceremony was held for MTA Member Colonel John Dwyer, Commander of the 42nd Infantry DISCOM (Division Supply Command) at the Somerset National Guard Armory in New Jersey.

Starting promptly at 1:00 PM, the inside ceremony was attended by 125 invited guests including 16 MTA Members (who provided three deuces and two jeeps for a vehicle display). Colonel Dwyer's wife, Gail, and their two children, Amanda and Sean, also attended.

After reviewing his soldiers for the last time, followed by the transfer of the DISCOM's Colors to the new commander Colonel Kent Milliken, Colonel Dwyer gave a farewell address to his troops, He thanked a number of people who have helped him over his colorful 34 year career and offered advise on what keeps DISCOM operating smoothly. Included was his opinion on CUCVs vs. HUMVEES. But his overall advice was to always take care of the soldiers you command. This has always been Colonel Dwyer's creed. This has been reflected in the DISCOM's excellent performance to duty in numerous recent missions given to this National Guard unit. Following the ceremony, refreshments and cake were served. Then final salutes and good-byes were exchanged in the armory parking lot.

Not wanting to just fade away to the "honey-do" list land, Colonel Dwyer has taken a job as a consultant to a government sub-contractor at Picatinny Arsenal. He recently purchased a M43 ambulance from an individual in Buffalo, NY, which will require a complete restoration. Also he hopes to have the time to attend more MTA meetings and events.

The MTA would like to take this opportunity to thank Colonel Dwyer for all his help and assistance on many club projects. He has supported our militaria shows at both the Dover and Somerset Armories. He was instrumental in arranging the "Company B" monthly meetings at the Somerset Armory, the M38A1 jeep project and the recently initiated army locomotive project.

Without Colonel Dwyer's support over the last four years, the MTA would not have been able to achieve many of its goals. Colonel Dwyer, thank you again and the MTA wishes the best for you and your family.

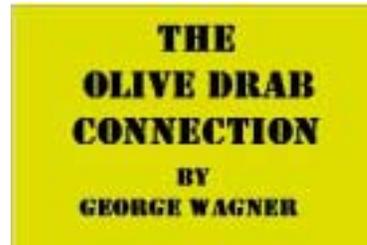
MTA Establishes Members Email Message List.

By Fred Schlesinger, Email List Manager

Fred@Schlesingers.net

In June we established a new, free, membership benefit for MTA members, an automated email system. We intend to send out monthly reminders of the next meeting and club events such as picnics, rallies, etc. This will be especially helpful because of the many changes in the upcoming meeting schedules and locations announced at the last MTA meeting. We also will send a link to where you can "be the first one on the block" to read the most recent issue of the newsletter, before it is sent to you in the mail and with color pictures too! In addition, it may be used for any

organizational purpose, including for example, last minute parade cancellations. This is a members-only mailing list. Unless you are an email sender, your email address will not be given out through the process. You should not receive an increase in unwanted emails or Spam because our server has sophisticated Spam filtering techniques. Any member on the list may send an email to other members by sending it to mv@schlesingers.net. Non-members posts will be rejected automatically. The list has been pre-loaded with email addresses that were previously given to the club. If you haven't received a welcome email from the club email message list, then you have not been subscribed. If you are not on our list, and want to subscribe, you may either do it online by going to the mailing list web page at http://schlesingers.net/mailman/listinfo/mv_schlesingers.net or you can send me an email and I will add you to the list. Recognizing that some members may not want to receive these emails, there is a simple process for unsubscribing online. The instructions are at the bottom of each email that you receive. If members have any questions. Call me at 973-228-7257 or send me an email.



When space permits I will be offering web sites that I believe will be of interest to MTA members. The majority of the web sites listed are of military and military vehicle related

interest. Here are some web sites that may be of interest to you:

On The Flip Side of Hollywood-Short Bios of Actors / Actresses in World War II

<http://www.palletmastersworkshop.com/flipside.html>

10th Mountain Division Living History Display Group

<http://members.aol.com/TENTHA86/tenthmtn.html>

WWI AEF Army Reinactors Pictures & Uniforms (Simple site, small/efficient pictures, easy on the modem)

<http://members.aol.com/PERDOUGH/pictures.html>

The Golden Age of Trucking Museum (Bill Peaslee supplied)

<http://www.goldenagetruckmuseum.com/>



In last month's newsletter we mistakenly identified new MTA Member **Pete Fagone** as Pete Pagnia. We do not know whom the hell Pete Pagnia is or if there is even a person on this earth with that name.

We apologize to **Pete Fagone**. Pete owns a 1987 HMMWV and we welcome him to the MTA.

CLASSIFIEDS

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@worldnet.att.net

For Sale-Delta Truck Tool Box, resin / plastic construction, fits just about every small sized pickup. Used, good condition, w/ key & locks, \$35.00 OBO. Used cylinder head for Go Devil flat head 4, good condition-\$10, crankshaft for same needs cleaning and turning-\$10. George Wagner 973-927-7616. There is a picture at: http://home.att.net/~gmw.garage.sale/parts_for_sale.html

For Sale-GPW engine 4 cylinder flathead, complete GPW front and rear differentials with brake drums. Everything for \$300 or B/O. Call Dan Lacy at 973-764-4229.

For Sale- 1952 M38 Jeep Canadian military motor redone, needs restoration. Listed for \$3300 or best offer to a MTA club member. Call Joe Hull at 973-948-6296.

For Sale- HMMWV "Gunners Platform", very good condition, \$270. Call Pete Fagone at 973-236-2081 or email me at salmonella@comcast.net

For Sale-1954 Dodge M37-has winch, cab heater new batteries, good tires, troop seats. 47000 miles. Runs and in good condition. \$6500. Call John Sobotka 973-398-3692. Call 6-9 PM.

For Sale-1985 Chevy Blazer-6.2 liter diesel engine, 400 auto transmission, posi-rear, power steering, power brakes, factory camo paint, everything works, needs nothing, excellent condition, 77000 miles, has NJ title. Asking \$6000 or BO. Great vehicle for collector or everyday use. Call Steve 973-948-6170.

For Sale-1953 Dodge M37-All original, located in Bloomingdale, NJ. Asking \$4800. Call Glenn 973-838-1600 or 973-697-5315.

For Sale-M416 ¼-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. ¾-ton comm. Container, empty \$150. Call Vinny Schwartz (973)-635-2404.

For Sale-1968 M35A2 Turbo, 22000 miles, 9 ton dump body, airshift front axle, air power steering and hard top, runs great, ready for work or play, \$5500. Call Don Covart (973) 335-4367 or cell (973) 390-4876.

For Sale-Machine screws and hex bolts at 80% off Home Depot prices. Sizes #10 to ¾". Useful sizes for vehicle work. Back issues of Military Vehicle Magazine. Running out of many back issue numbers, so get them while you can. For a complete list of remaining back issues go to www.SwapMeetDave.com **Trade-** A 1942 1-1/2-ton Chevy tow truck with an 80% restoration done. Needs brakes, instruments, cab headliner. Trade for CUCV Blazer or M151. Call Dave Ahl at 973-285-0716. Pictures of tow truck on at www.SwapMeetDave.com

For Sale-1949 Jeep CJ painted military, no rust, flat fender, 4WD, plus PTO, Chevy 305 V8 to original drive train, New tires (6.50 X 16). Runs great, tight engine located 17 miles north of NYC. \$4900. Call Tim Shortt at 914-478-1373.

For Sale-Water Buffalo, \$750. Van Norman #12 Milling machine, 48" bed, w/attachments and 3-way vice, power feed, 220 VAC 3 PH \$3200. Call Art Swain (201) 387-8961. Leave message.

For Sale- Western Snowplow setup, less undercarriage, with 7-foot blade, \$300. Vinyl cargo cover for 2 door HMMVEE \$25.00, Racks for M101A1 trailer \$250.00, Cargo bows for M1008 \$35.00. Call John Peterson at (732)-3931959 or email at sandman9@optonline.net.

For Sale-1943 Ford Jeep-running, asking \$4000, 1967 Troop Carrier-excellent condition, asking \$2000, 1955 Jeep, running, military marked by private party, asking \$1000. Call Gene (973)-328-2000.

For Sale-NOS Vinyl tops for M151-2 avail, \$60 & \$50. Rear seat cushions for M151, used-\$10 each. M151 wiper arms, NOS-\$5 each. NOS 6V Dodge starters for WC Series 1/2- & 3/4 -Ton-\$100 each. Radio & vehicle mount-one RT67, one PP112, one handset, one connector, one vehicle mount, came off a M151-\$200. WC27 Dodge ½-ton Ambulance, needs a new home-Call for details. Call Ron at (908)-927-1092.

For Sale-M416 trailer-ex road dept, yellow, tailgate cut out and missing, body solid, no rust thru, overall good condition, \$200. Call Ron Northrup (908)-927-1092.

For Sale-1953 M43 Ambulance. Has all the bells & whistles, rear heater, includes all stretchers, plus 2 extras, good tires, all red crosses on rear door & roof. Interior complete with new front seat cushion covers. All good glass, decent paint with medical caduceous, runs well \$6000 or best offer. M151A1/A2 Powerpacks (engine & transmission) takeouts, includes many engine accessories, 2 available \$300 each. Call John Headley (973)-479-3353.

For Sale WC-63 1 ½-ON 6X6 CAGO/ TROOP CARRIER. MU-2 BRADEN WINCH, \$14,500. LOCATED IN MACUNGIE, PA (610)-965-4877 TIM

For Sale- (4) 900X16 GOODYEAR Traction-Grip tires on 5-lug M37/ M101A1/WM300 DODGE Power Wagon Wheels. These tires are like new. \$800 or best reasonable offer. Call Bill Peaslee at 732-489-1012 or bpeaslee@aol.com.

For Sale-1944 Chevy 1 1/2 ton cargo truck with low mileage GMC 270 engine and 5spd OD transmission; runs great; original cargo box in good condition; many original WWII markings. \$4,350 or BO. Can be seen at www.vehiclesofvictory.com or call (518) 872-1352; email bmuller@vehiclesofvictory.com

Wanted-A 10-ton tag-along trailer with air brakes suitable to hook to a deuce to pull a M114, weight 16000 lbs. Call Pat Lombardi at 908-687-5220 or Vinny Schwartz at 973-635-2404

Need Help-I have a sick Gamma Goat. I need someone to get it running. Please call Bob Benson at 973-293-7101.

Help for Hire-Experienced military vehicle mechanic looking for additional work. Call Greg at 908-346-3747.

**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 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 the Whippany American Legion Hall, Legion Place, Whippany, NJ. You can come between 7:00 and 7:30 p.m. to eat pizza, sandwiches and enjoy other refreshments. Beer and wine is available from the Legion Hall. The meeting starts at 8:00 p.m. and is normally over by 9:00 p.m.

Join the MTA now and receive:

- 12 issues of the *Motor Pool Messenger* newsletter.
- FREE classified sales and want ads in the newsletter.
- Notices of parades and events in which you can participate.
- FREE annual picnic and FREE annual pizza party.
- FREE MTA embroidered patch (when you attend an event).

To join the Military Transport Association, send this form (or the same information on a blank sheet of paper) with \$20.00 annual membership dues to the address below. Dues are for the calendar year.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____

Email _____

Military vehicle(s) owned _____

Mail completed application with \$20.00 annual dues to:

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

Next MTA Monthly Meeting is at Vinny Schwartz's House



REMINDER: The next MTA monthly meeting will be on July 13th at Vinny Schwartz's house, 54 Watchung Ave., Chatham, NJ.. Gathering starts at 1:00 PM. Bring family, friends and military vehicles. To get to Vinny's house take Route 24 east or west to Exit 7. Exit south on River Rd. Take River Rd. for about a mile south . Make a right on to Watchung Ave. Follow Watchung Ave. until you travel under a railroad overpass. Immediately after the railroad pass enter Vinny's driveway on the right.

There are two upcoming car shows MTA members might be interested in attending if it does not rain:

On July 19th 2003, the 6th Annual St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Car Show 61 Main Street, Flanders, NJ 973-927-1629 <mailto:wagnergm@optonline.net>
Flyer/Entry Form go to http://home.att.net/~wagner.gm/car_show_2003.pdf
They have a separate judging class for military vehicles.

On Sunday, August 10th 2003, The Antique Truck Club of America, North Jersey Chapter will be sponsoring an Antique Truck Show at Tranquillity Adventist School, Route 517 Tranquillity, NJ. Antique trucks, fire apparatus, classic and antique cars (pre-1970). Trophies and dash plaques awarded. Truck registration-\$10.00, Flea Market Space-\$10.00 (approx. 10 X 20). Spectator admission: \$1.00. For further information call R. Bruce Acheson at 973-764-4910.

"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty". --**John F. Kennedy Inaugural Address Washington, D.C. January 20, 1961**

Calendar of Events

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

Sunday, July 13th, MTA Picnic Swap Meet. Vinny Schwartz's House, 54 Watchung Ave. Chatham, NJ (1:00 PM -?)

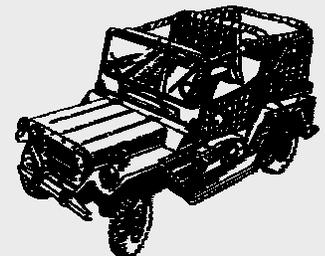
Wednesday, July 16th; B Company Meeting. Somerset National Guard Armory, 1060 Hamilton Street, Somerset, NJ. (7:00 PM meeting)

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Sunday, September 7th MTA Picnic Swap Meet. Vinny Schwartz's House, 54 Watchung Ave. Chatham, NJ (1:00 PM -?)

Wednesday, September 10th; B Company Meeting Somerset National Guard Armory, 1060 Hamilton Street, Somerset, NJ. (7:00 PM meeting)



FYI

The WWII 24-Unit Motor Vehicle First Aid Kit (Stock Items #97771 and #9777100)

By David Steinert



WWII 24 Unit Vehicle First Aid Kit with four cover attaching clips (1944-45)

This kit packed in a medium large transportable metal case was usually distributed among armored vehicles including tanks, scout cars, armored cars and half-tracks. As per Field Manual FM-21, "This kit supplied to motor vehicles, usually one to every armored vehicle, including half-track vehicles". There's no special bracket for mounting it. It's assumed its storage varied as to what vehicle it was issued to. The metal case is almost square and measures x x x. It was manufactured with two variations for closing the cover. It seems early war variations opened on one side with 2 clips, while the other side has a narrow hinge. Late war variations of the kit were designed with 4 clips, two on each side. It has only one carrying handle. The case is painted olive drab, while the cover shows a white "FIRST AID" in the upper part, a red caduceus w/ "U.S. ARMY + MEDICAL DEPARTMENT" on a white circular background in the center part, and a white "FOR EMERGENCY USE ONLY" in the lower part. Late war models (1944 and later) had "ITEM NO. 9777100" lettered in white paint on the cover and located on both sides of the caduceus. In fact it looks identical to the 12-Unit kit, except for its larger dimensions and contents. The cover has a complete label inside with nomenclature, directions for use, and list of contents



Contents (Period 1942-1944)

- 1 X Bandage, Gauze, Compress, White, 4-in.x 6 yds. w/2 Large Safety pins (Item #92015)
- 2 X Bandage, Gauze, Compress, White, 2-in x 2-in (item #92004)
- 1 X Bandage, Gauze, Adhesive, White, 1-in x 3-in (item #92000)
- 10 X Swab, Iodine (in single box) (item #91122)
- 2 X Set, Eye, Dressing (item #91095)
- 1 X Set, Tourniquet-Scissors-Forceps (item #93797)
- 1 X Set, Burn, Injury, w/Sulfadiazine Ointment & Applicator (item #91042)
- 10 X Inhalants, Ammonia (in single box) (item #91025)
- 2 X Dressing, Large, First Aid, White, Carlisle Model (item #92050)
- 3 X Bandage, Gauze, Compress, White, 4-in x 4-in (item #92002)
- 1 X Bandage, Triangular, Compressed, White (item #92040)
- 1 X Packet, Pin, Safety, Large (item #78770)

NOTES: Morphine Tartrate Syrettes of ½ Grain may be added to the kit only upon direction of the C.O. and when military circumstances indicate its need ! (this is item #91157, in case a larger box containing 5 Morphine Syrettes is used, the item is #91155). Later modifications (course 1944 + early 1945) entail replacement of White bandage material by Field Brown (with change of item number) and increase from 5 > 7 digits, after June 1944). It should be noted that contents sometimes differ as per supplier and, that they also evolve because of the continuous development of medicine in general. Complete kit is Item #97771, while Container is Item #97772.



Source; FM 21-11 "First Aid For Soldiers"- April 7 1943

"It is amazing what can be accomplished when nobody cares about who gets the credit". -**Robert Yates**