

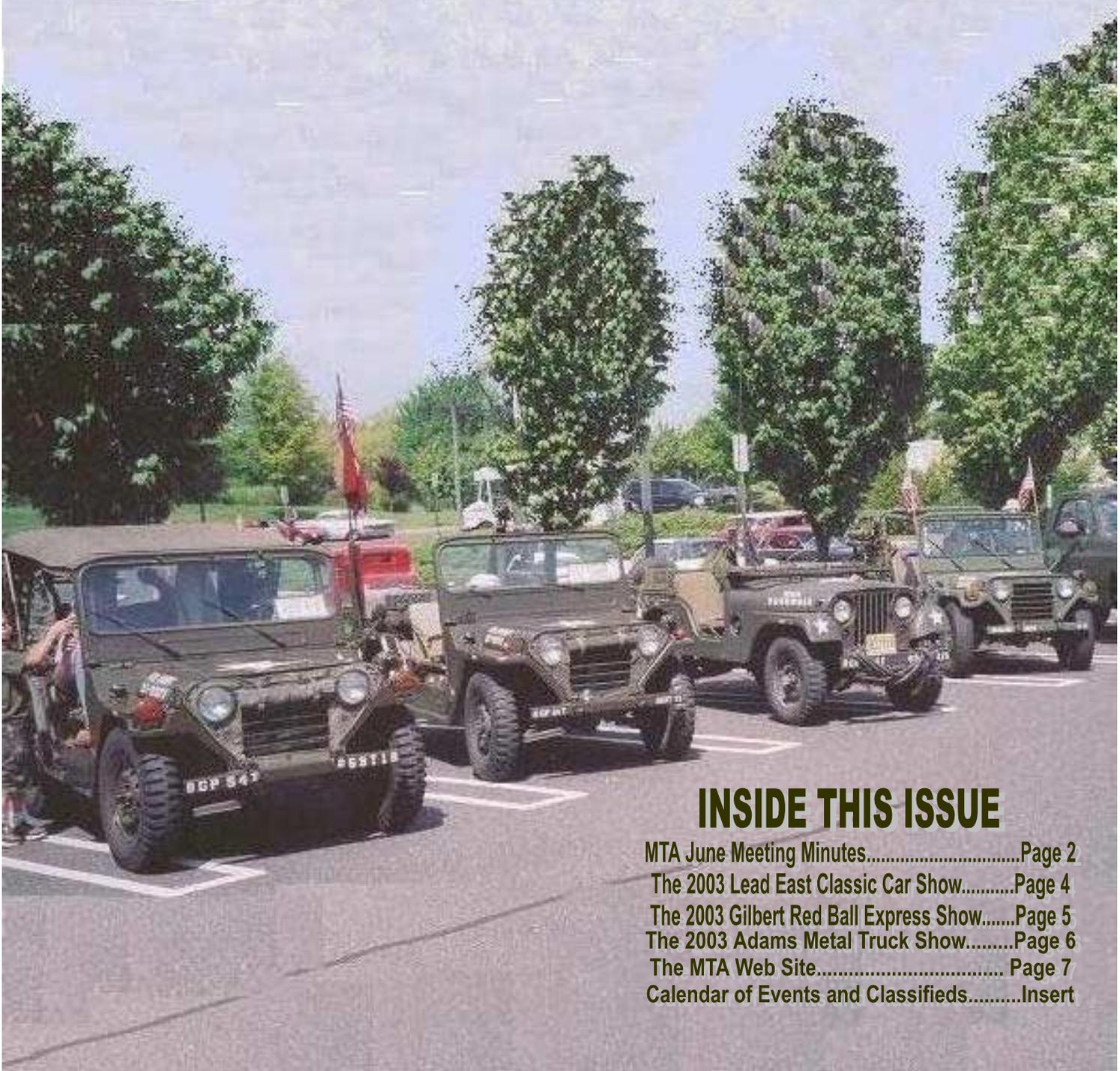
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ON THE COVER: MTA Members line-up their jeeps at the Lead East Car Show in Parsippany. (Photo courtesy of David Steinert).

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NOTICE: The October MTA monthly meeting will be held on Monday, October 13th at the Whippany American Legion Post, Legion Place, Whippany NJ. Refreshments at 7:00 PM-Meeting at 8:00 PM. The October Company B meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 15th at the Somerset National Guard Armory, 1060 Hamilton Street, Somerset, NJ.(7:00 PM Meeting)

Minutes of the September 2003 MTA Meeting

The September 7th, 2003 meeting was called to order at 2008 by VP **John Sobotka**, who welcomed the 35 members present and mentioned that MTA President **Randy Emr** was running late but en route. We then conducted the pledge of allegiance. John welcomed **Gordon Hiltbold** of West Paterson. Gordon is a previous member back in the fold, bringing with him three M35s, a Gamma Goat and HMMWV. Welcome also **Ann & John Drake** of Newton, with no military vehicles yet. John also welcomed **Sheila Zelaskowski** back from her nine months of training in the NJ National Guard.

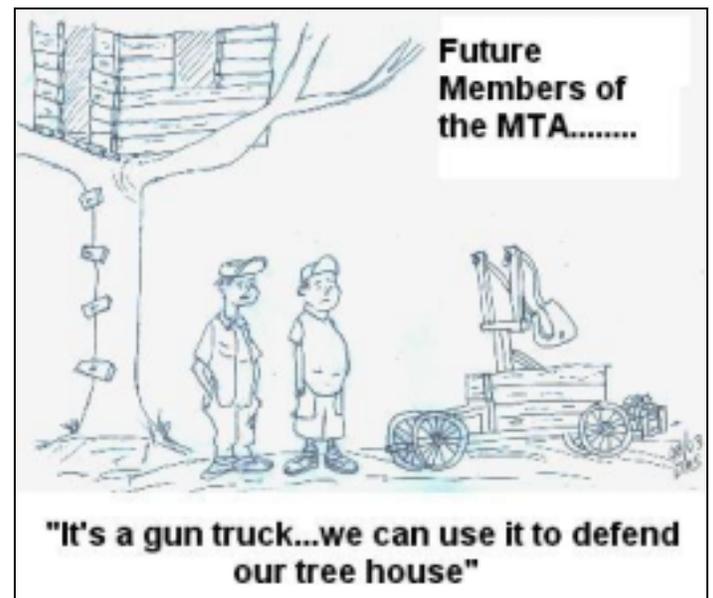
Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report-Treasurer Ellen Moore gave the following treasury report: STARTING BALANCE:\$1,908.42
DISPURSEMENTS:Club insurance-\$125.00, Castle Printing for 8/03 Newsletter and Membership forms-\$440.00, Esther White for Pete and Sally Berendsen's going away present-\$36.50, Sven Johnson's picnic-\$500.00. TOTAL DISPURSEMENTS-\$1102.00. DEPOSITS:one jacket-\$65.00, 50/50-\$31.00, one sweatshirt-\$15.00. TOTAL DEPOSITS:\$111.00. ENDING BALANCE:\$917.00. SHOW ACCOUNT STARTING BALANCE:\$2024.25. DISPURSEMENTS:MV Ad-\$374.00, MV Calendar Ad-\$130.00. TOTAL DISPURSEMENTS:\$504.00. SHOW ACCOUNT ENDING BALANCE:\$1520.25.

: John detailed the expenditures for Sven's picnic: \$465.57 was spent on supplies, 50/50 gifts, paper goods, food, kiddie toys, and soda. The extra soda made a second appearance at **Dave Ahl's** picnic, and the surviving soda from that was consumed at Ray Bentley's show. John had a balance of \$34.43 and took in \$145.00 from 50/50 efforts, for a total cost of \$320.57. John gave the difference to Ellen to deposit.

Parade Committee: Chairman **Frank Eichenlaub** announced that the MTA collected \$4,600.00 from parades thus far for 2003. Not included was the check just received from Mendham, and Montclair is still outstanding. Frank passed out a schedule of events that include: 19 Sept request from Congressman Garrett for military vehicles for a Korean War Ceremony in Paramus; 21 Sept CNJ RR festival would like us to come back. We will be meeting at the Home Depot in Union to convoy to Liberty State Park. We were a big hit last year. Frank also handed out directions to Liberty State Park. 04 Oct Hackettstown's 150th Anniversary Parade. Members residing in Hackettstown requested our presence for this nonpaying event. King's Road Ambulance Corps will have a car show on this date also. 03, 04, 05 Oct Woodbridge living history encampment, open to the public 04 & 05 Oct. They will be focusing on the Korea and Vietnam eras. 05 Oct Morris YMCA family day vehicle display. 09 Nov Clifton Veteran's Parade. We have already received invitations from Wyckoff for their Memorial Day 2004 parade, and Randolph's 04 July parade. There is a last minute request by the American Legion for 13 Sept picnic and static display at the Bernardsville Lyons VA Hospital.

Dave Ahl mentioned 28 Sept Morristown festival on the green, where we can pay to enter their car show, \$5 in advance, \$10 day of show. They expect 50,000 people, so Dave thinks it's worth our while. **Sheila** reminded everyone of the 08 Nov Sussex County Salute to Veterans parade and static display at the Sussex County Fairgrounds. Korean War Vets are being honored this year. Red Ball and MTA members were a hit last year and the committee welcomes us both again this year



Newsletter: Editor **Dave Steinert** sent thanks to **Ellen Moore, Art Swain, Gary Schultz, and George Wagner** for all their help. **Jim Moore** asked about e-mailing newsletters instead of a paper newsletter being sent. Dave said there wasn't enough interest. Jim suggested trying again; the newsletter looks great in color.

MTA Spring Swap Meet Committee: Chairman **Jim Moore** said every vendor spoken to at the Gilbert Show is looking forward to our show. They appreciate our advertising efforts. Twenty-four outdoor and twelve indoor spaces are reserved verbally; no cash received yet. Jim will be asking for small committees to help organize the show. "If you see me coming, RUN," Jim advised. Seriously, if you want to organize a part of the show, volunteer. **Vinny Schwartz** volunteered to scout out tables. Jim is mulling over having a car show included in the show. Response to the car show comment was hesitant; most believe that a car show will cramp up the little available space. Jim suggested registering your Military vehicle for a prize? If no one volunteers to take on a MV show, the space will be kept a display area. Outdoor spaces will be expanded toward the rear. It was asked if we have approached a local vehicle dealer, and late arriving **Randy Emr** said Dover Dodge would more than likely be involved. How about hotel discounts to hawk? John S. tried that last year, and hotels want a minimum number of people to sign up before they are willing to give discounts. The Hilton was a hit last year, and Jim will try to get discounts this year. John S. mentioned Red Ball's great idea of giving all remaining vendors a ticket for a free meal at the concession (courtesy of Red Ball) and a 50/50 ticket. This was done at 1700, to give the vendors incentive to stay till the end of show. The raffle had three prizes: \$50, \$100, and \$200. **Bill Peaslee** won \$100. Congratulations, Bill! John suggests we may want to do something similar. Anyone with show questions or comments, please see Jim or Ellen. Thanks went out to **Dave Steinert** for the great job he is doing with the newsletter. **Frank E.** had a spreadsheet with everyone listed, vehicles owned, etc. for member verification.

Randy and John were talking about the jeep restoration project being done for the Vietnam display instead of the NJARNG museum. We will decide in the next couple of months. Col. Kale is on board; he is in charge of the Vietnam display also

MTA Locomotive Committee-Chairman John Sobotka is waiting on RR Construction's decision regarding the use of our locomotive for a job in an old RR tunnel off Orange Street in Newark. They need to retrieve a plow and get it to the museum. Two individuals involved in the decision were on vacation. We'll know more when they get back. John has given Morristown Erie power of attorney to negotiate the terms; for insurance purposes, they own the locomotive during the move. If any operators, mechanics, or repairs are necessary, Morristown Erie will pass the cost onto RR Construction. The MTA will receive a percentage of the locomotive rental. John is trying to set up a work party 27 Sept at Morristown to replace the wood steps, install locks on the doors, cosmetic work and clean the locomotive. This will be a great opportunity for members to work, play with

our new toy, and hang out. For the record, members can go see the locomotive anytime; identify yourself with the office and they'll direct you to the locomotive.

No old business was discussed. **Pat Lombardi** asked for clarification of the club insurance policy's coverage of trailers not owned by the towing vehicle. Ellen will check into it, and Randy is doubtful that it does. The vehicle owner's policy would be tapped first, as they are the primary carrier. **Don Covart** says the State of NJ requires any trailer with >5,000 # GVW to have separate insurance for liability. Brian wondered if QQ registered vehicles were under different rules

Randy will be calling those on the trail ride list when the gas tank is in his deuce. He asked if those interested want to go in the back way or on the gate side, and the gate side has it. The ride will happen before the next meeting. Let Randy know if you want to be on the call list.

News for the good of the club: **John Sobotka** had a thank you card for Sven and Helga being passed around for members to sign. John sent out a special thanks to **Judith** and **Megan Orlovski** for all their help setting up at the picnic. Judith also sold the 50/50 tickets and did a fabulous job. Congratulations to **Ed Pavlick**, who won spectator's choice and the military vehicle award at the antique truck show in Ledgewood. John thanked Frank and Eileen for the hot dogs and recycled sodas. **Gary Kuipers** parked vehicles all day, as **Jack Pellington** had a wedding to attend. Everyone who helped did a great job!

Congratulations to **Brian Bancale**, who won motor pool ready best of show up at Gilbert, PA. While at Gilbert, **John Sobotka** and **Don Covart** were talking about a couple of recent incidents where better judgement was lacking. They are seeking club approval to appoint safety officers to make sure members have wheel chocks, first aid kits, fire extinguishers, and their lights work properly. No one will be punished or yelled at, and the officer will be there to highlight parade routes, etc. also. Don volunteered to put something together, and **Brian Bancale** offered to help. The MVPA has a safety officer, so there is a program in place from which Don can borrow. We will need several officers since one person can't be everywhere. Randy thinks it's good to have someone take control, be a ground guide for the larger vehicles backing up. AAA offers safety talks; maybe we can invite a representative to a meeting? We could also give talks to the public regarding fire extinguishers, etc. Randy also suggested having members log safe miles traveled with the club.

Last Wednesday, the MTA officially became a 501A nonprofit tax-free organization. We now exist in the IRS's eyes. The way it's been set up, we can roll over our funds to be used any way we see fit. We have a separate educational division with its own account to be used for educational events only. Randy would appreciate volunteers to put together educational events. Randy will give more details as time goes on.

John pointed out that he's dusted off **Harold Ratzburg** as election time is coming up. Harold heads the election nomination committee yet again. **Keith Adams** and **Bill Peaslee** will help Harold. Bill will represent B Co. Harold

The 2003 Lead East Car Show

By David Steinert

spoke with Ellen, Randy and John, all of whom are willing to hold their positions again if elected. Harold encourages a healthy competition, so if you are interested in holding a position, please contact Harold, Keith, or Bill before the next meeting. John **strongly** urges more people get involved. "We have a talented pool of people we can tap," John said. "Many people are willing to help, and you won't have to handle a position alone." Following the history of the club, it's taken off as a group. It's not just one person, said John. Randy reminded everyone that if they are interested in joining or taking over a committee, speak up! The ballot should be included in the November newsletter. Therefore, the next newsletter will ask for nominations, and the October one will list the names.

Randy announced that T-shirt sales at Lead East, Sven's, and Gilbert totaled \$300.00. Offering member price at shows helps move them out.

John asked if we should continue the pumpkin picking event, and 16 people voted yes. We usually do this during the second or third week of Oct. John asked **Dave Ahl** to set up the breakfast again, and Dave will look into it.

John and Randy showed the members a spectacular MTA banner supporting our troops. The banner was donated by Adams printing and was displayed at recent shows. Members applauded Adams printing's generosity.

Dave Ahl held up a jacket left at his picnic. It's grey, and says the X Files Expo Tour '98 on the back. Call Dave to claim your jacket, the aliens didn't take it away.

The 50/50 was conducted, and the meeting was adjourned at 2124. -**Minutes submitted by Sheila Zelaskowski**



On Thursday, August 28th, 2003, approximately 1600 classic, antique and custom cars congregated at the Hilton Hotel in Parsippany, New Jersey for the annual Lead East Car Show. Lead East, a four-day event, has been nicknamed the "World's Biggest 50s Party". Started in 1983 as a car event, it has grown into a giant oldies nostalgia weekend. The word LEAD refers to the material auto body men used in the 40's and 50's to fill seams, and is a vernacular slang term referring to customized cars, which abound at LEAD EAST.

This year the Military Transport Association of North Jersey was invited to attend Lead East on Sunday, August 31st. Negotiations between the sponsors of the event and MTA President **Randy Emr** and club member **Keith Adams** provided an opportunity for club members and their families to attend the event without an admission fee. Provided they bring their military vehicles to the show.

The weather on Sunday was simply gorgeous with clear blue skies and temperatures in the low 70s. MTA members started arriving at a designated staging area near the Parsippany Hilton around 8:30 AM. By 9:00 AM, 20 military vehicles from different eras were lined-up as club members anxiously waited for their grand entrance into the show. A few minutes after 9:00 AM, the signal was given to "start your engines" as club members ran to their respective vehicles and the convoy proceeded to the check-in station for the event. Leading the convoy was **Keith Adams** and his 1943 MB Jeep, which has been restored to represent a WWII British jeep ambulance. The convoy followed Keith through the check-in station and proceeded to a parking area on the outskirts of the event. MTA members methodically parked their vehicles and proceeded to set up static displays. Randy quickly unloaded his deuce and set-up several folding tables where MTA t-shirts, hats and other club memorabilia could be sold.

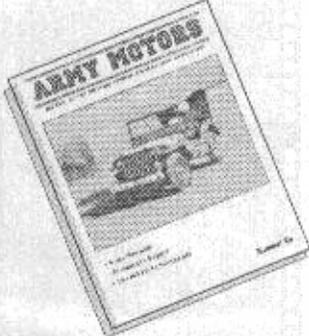
Keith then arrived with the admission wristbands. They were quickly dispersed to club members and their families. At this point, MTA members **Gary Schultz**, **Dave Young**, **Dave Ahl**, and myself decided to take a stroll through the show. Antique and custom cars were strategically parked in the enormous parking lot surrounding the hotel. We casually walked through the maze of exhibits reminiscing about some of the cars each of us had owned in our younger days. All the shiny chrome and high-gloss paint was a direct contrast to the dull olive drab finish of our military vehicles. As we made our way inside of the hotel lobby we observed vendors selling die-cast car models,

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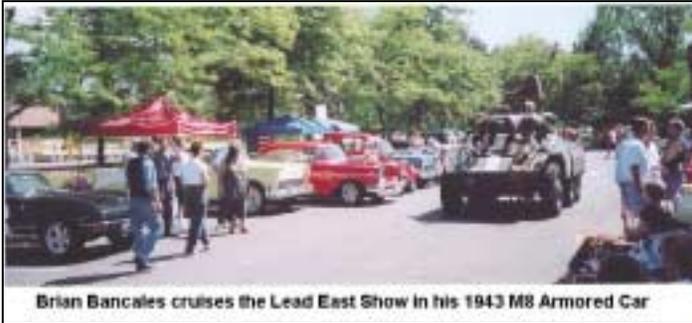
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music and memorabilia from the 50s and 60s. In one of the auxiliary rooms a crowd formed to watch an aging Elvis impersonator perform. After viewing all of the exhibits in the hotel lobby, we ventured back outside to visit other areas of the show.

One of the unique activities at this event is that the sponsors encourage exhibitors to "cruise" through the parking lots in their show cars. So as you walk throughout the event there is a constant stream of antique and custom cars slowly weaving its way through the exhibits while music from the 50s and 60s is being played over the PA system. At this point, I started having flashbacks of scenes from the movie "American Graffiti". I now knew it was time to head back to the parking lot of the olive drab and have some lunch.



Brian Bancales cruises the Lead East Show in his 1943 M8 Armored Car

As the four of us returned back to the parking area where the MTA was located, I noticed a nice crowd of spectators gathering around the military vehicles. Randy mentioned that he had sold a few MTA t-shirts and hats. Various MTA members were busily engaged in conversation with interested onlookers while a few of us sat and had lunch under the shade of some trees that lined the parking area. Over the course of the next hour or so, various MTA members would take their vehicles and "cruise" through the show. At one point, MTA member **Brian Bancale** and his wife **Ann Marie** decided to take their 1943 M8 Armored Car for a "cruise". It was quite a sight to see the reaction of people as this "hunk" of olive drab metal made its way through the aisles of brightly polished paint and chrome. It definitely attracted a lot of attention.



In the afternoon, the sponsors of the event asked the MTA if they would convoy their vehicles through the show. Never the organization to refuse a parade, club members lined up with their vehicles at 1:00 PM. As the convoy weaved its way through the show, exhibitors and spectators lined the "parade" route and enthusiastically cheered the passing display of olive drab machinery. In the background the PA announcer could be heard describing the history

and mission of the club. The convoy made its way back to its designated parking area where interested onlookers waited patiently for their return.

During the course of the afternoon, club members said their goodbyes and made their way to their respective homes. Sponsors of the four-day show let it be known that the MTA was warmly received and we hope it will become an annual event on our club's yearly schedule.

The 2003 Red Ball Express Show at Gilbert, PA

By David Steinert



The annual Red Ball Express Military Vehicle Show was held on September 4-6 2003 at the West End Fairgrounds in Gilbert, Pennsylvania. After a week of rain and thunderstorms, the skies finally began to clear late on Thursday, September 4th. Just in time for the 3-day event. Vendors and military vehicles from around the country trickled in late Thursday with the majority of the participants arriving on Friday. The skies brightened early on Friday, prefacing a beautiful day of sunshine and low humidity.

Weather permitting, the West End Fairgrounds provide an excellent environment for a military vehicle show. The vendor spaces are regimentally spaced along the two paved concourses that run the length of the fairgrounds, making easy access for loading and unloading. The majority of the vending spaces are shaded by the large populace of trees scattered throughout the property that can provide shelter from a cloudless sky. Some vendors can sell and displayed their wares from a few wooden buildings that were built to provide shelter for fair exhibits.

At one end of the fairgrounds, situated near the racetrack, is the military vehicle display area that is also sparsely shaded. Like most country fairgrounds there is lots of acreage for general public parking. .



The MTA Vietnam Gun Truck Committee display at Gilbert

A few members of the Military Transport Association of North Jersey arrived Thursday afternoon and began unloading their vehicles and setting up their displays. MTA

Project Committee arrived on Thursday to begin setting up their extensive display of Vietnam War era weapons and equipment.

Brian Bancale arrived Thursday afternoon driving his 1944 M8 Armored Car all the way from Sussex, NJ. But most club members started arriving on Friday morning and continued filtering into the show throughout the day. MTA President **Randy Emr** and his son **Jesse** arrived Friday afternoon and quickly set-up the MTA Headquarters table. Throughout the show on Friday and Saturday, MTA members would take turns manning the club table and selling MTA t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats and other club memorabilia. Friday is a nice day for vendors to casually unpack their wares and take time to restore old acquaintances. It is also a good time to find those "trinkets" or hard-to-find parts you need for restoring your military vehicles. After a busy day of bartering, many MTA members camped overnight at the fairgrounds and enjoyed some good times before settling in for the night. Saturday turned out to be another beautiful day with bright skies and no humidity. The smell of fresh brewed coffee and military canvas lingered in the air over the fairgrounds as vendors uncovered their wares for another day of bartering. The general public slowly made their way into the event. A really nice attraction on both Friday and Saturday was that some members of the Red Ball Express provided free rides in their military vehicles. I took advantage of this by hitching a ride in a nicely restored 1944 GMC CCKW.



How 'bout a ride in a 1944 GMC CCKW?

The vehicle judging was done late in the day and **Brian Bancale** won "Motor Pool Ready-Best of Show" for his M8 Armored Car. Hoping to keep sellers and exhibitors at the show until 5:00 PM on Saturday, the sponsors gave each vendor a meal ticket and a 50-50 ticket. These tickets were only good after 5:00 PM. But by late afternoon the show was winding down. Vendors and exhibitors started packing and departing for their respective homes.

This event has become very popular for those of us that are within the hobby, but it is the general consensus that the show would be even more successful if more of the general public would attend. This year's attraction of giving rides in vintage military vehicles was a positive step in that direction. Thank you Red Ball for another grand event. The MTA appreciates your hard work and effort.

NOTICE: Ed Pavlick and the Vietnam Gun Truck Committee wants to thank all the vendors and MTA

members who donated to the MTA Vietnam Gun Truck "Satan's Little Angel" Project at the Red Ball Express Show in Gilbert, PA. A special thank you to Ollie Davis and Tim Clarke for their generous donations. Also "kudos" to Denis Kennedy for his help in obtaining donations for the project.

The 2003 Adam Metal Products Antique Vehicle Show

By David Steinert

This year's Adam Metal Products Antique Vehicle Show was held on Sunday, September 7th 2003 in Ledgewood, New Jersey. The weather produced another beautiful late summer day with clear skies and bright sunshine. MTA President **Randy Emr** arrived early to set up the club's headquarters table. MTA member **Gary Kuipers** also arrived early with his vintage military police car and quickly proceeded to the spectator's entrance to direct traffic. Many of the MTA members who had attended the Red Ball Express Show in Gilbert, PA on Saturday, arrived at this show about mid-morning. B Company's Commander, **John Peterson** soon arrived with the club's cooking paraphernalia. Followed by club members **Frank and Eileen Eichenlaub** in his 1945 MB Jeep, both still tired from the previous day's activities at Gilbert. Arriving in convoy with Frank and Eileen was **Frank Nasto** driving his M151 Jeep. A little while later **Gary Schultz** arrived with his 1941 Dodge WC-12, followed by **Dave Young** in his 1944 MB Jeep and **Tom Weaver** in his 1943 MB Jeep. As MTA members rolled into the show, they slowly made their way to the "roach coach" for a quick coffee, before helping with the unloading of the cooking equipment or taking their turn directing and parking cars. MTA member **Ed Pavlick** soon cruised into the show driving his M151 Jeep. He quickly found a nice shaded parking space. Ed then busied himself unpacking and setting up his traveling Vietnam War Era static display. Shortly **Dave Ahl** arrived in 1987 "Bosnia" HMMWV. Newly appointed MTA Safety Director **Don Covart** arrived with his 1953 Dodge M37. The smell of sauerkraut and hot dogs was already hovering in the air when MTA Vice President **John Sobotka** finally arrived driving his 1954 Dodge M37. By noon there were approximately 15 military vehicles representing the MTA.

The show's host, MTA member **Ray Bentley**, displayed some of his military equipment, including a few nicely restored tanks and a beautifully restored WWII era DUKW. As always there were a variety of vintage antique trucks represented including fire trucks, pickups, diesel tractors and a stagecoach. Vendors in the flea market area of the show offered die-cast truck models, shop manuals, tools, and other truck related paraphernalia. As the bright September sun moved lower to the horizon and the day passed into the early afternoon, **Ed Pavlick** continued to assemble his multi-faceted static display. A constant stream of spectators rotated through the military vehicle display area, many asking questions and showing a genuine interest in the vehicles and the MTA.

The show began to lose momentum by mid afternoon. The flow of spectators began to dissipate by 2:30 PM. MTA members exhausted from the long hours of parking cars, collapsed into lawn chairs scattered under the shade of a

few maple trees. Some club members could be found surrounding **Ed Pavlick** as he completed the final stages of his immensely educational display of Vietnam War Era equipment. Unfortunately much of the general public had already left for the day.

It was now 3:00 PM and the PA announcer cleared the microphone as he presented the awards to the anxiously awaiting exhibitors. "The Exhibitor's Choice Award for the Military Vehicle Class goes to **Ed Pavlick**". Amongst the cheers from fellow exhibitors, Ed makes the long stroll to the presentation table, savoring every second of his fifteen-minutes of fame. He shakes hands and receives moves to the presentation table as sarcastic cheers and a mocking applause accompany him. Slightly embarrassed, Ed again receives congratulations and another engraved plaque from the presenters. As he makes his way back to the military vehicle display area, MTA members quickly move away from him to tend to their own packing. One by one engines are started. And as the sun slowly sets, MTA members slowly leave the show area as they head for their respective homes. Meanwhile Ed can be seen swatting swarms of mosquitoes as he tries to quickly pack his extensive static display into his jeep.

The MTA would like to thank all of its members who attended the show and contributed their time to the directing and parking of cars. A special thank you to **Gary Kuipers** who spent the entire day at the entrance of the event directing traffic. Also a special thank you to **Eileen Eichenlaub** for the cooking and serving of the hot dogs.

The MTA Web Site

By George Wagner

This is a very short status report about the **MTAofNJ** web site. I will try to keep it short and concise.

Here is an email we received recently, requesting a change in web site format/content and commendation for the web site content. This is an atypical email, but one that I hope you all will find entertaining. This email is from Christian, in Norway, and it has been reproduced here below:

Subject: sound effects
Date: Sat, 06 Sep 2003 23:22:48 +0200
From: Christian Morvik <krmorvik@online.no>
To: webpage@mtaofnj.org

Good page, but PLEASE drop the terrible sound !! It is very annoying when you are listening to mp3's and suddenly the page you are entering starts to play some silly tune. It is a great way to ensure that people start hitting that "back" button right away. It's a shame really, because there is a lot of good stuff on your page C.M

The Internet highway, hummm. I am reminded of a common situation I run into here in Northern NJ, where a highly modified foreign (Japanese) import car pulls up next to me at a stop light. It's lowered, has full carbon fiber fender flares, hood, and an ultraviolet-lit undercarriage. It sports a large aerodynamic wing on the rear deck lid. I know it has a killer stereo with monster sub woofers, bleating out some unintelligible tribal ritual chant, because it

is drowning out my OEM FM stereo, which is cranked one notch below max, playing Springsteen's "Born To Run". I couldn't shout loud enough to tell 'the other bozo' to turn his tunes down a peg. Nor would I...

I am assuming the writer is referencing mp3's of the digital music variety, rather than some variant Heckler & Koch SMG. Besides, unless the latter is silenced, operating one of those indoors will drown out all computer-originated music.

We have had presence on the World Wide Web for more than two years. It has been almost a year since we decided to expand the content of our web site. The Home Page counter indicates that we had 7000 visitors since November 1, 2002. Our Internet Service Provider keeps statistics, and our entire site registers, on average, 28,000 hits per month. The site has had a steady increase in traffic since its inception and should continue with this average in the next year.

We have expanded the description of what our club is all about, how someone can contact us and how to join our organization. Because of the efforts of many club members, we have a picture history of our most recent activities, which includes parades, shows, VFW tributes and our community services. An email server has been created to link all those members who use email. The email system provides a fast way to get information to the membership. Our great newsletter is available electronically on our web site. We use the email system to tell everyone when the newsletter is ready for viewing or when there is a noteworthy update to the web site.

We are going to expand how we advertise and convey information about our annual Military Vehicle Show at the Dover Armory. We are continuing to look at curbing some of the expense incurred with the physical copying and mailing of the newsletter by getting more members to accept the newsletter electronically. To make a difference, though, it has been estimated that a 25% reduction in unit count is needed. This will be an ongoing effort. There is considerable effort under way to put a *Classifieds Section* on the web site. This will be based on the successful *Classifieds Section* in our newsletter. This will provide the membership an electronic web-based buying/selling forum. To name just a few things, it will contain links to other web sites, pictures of the items being sold or sought and email addresses for buyers and sellers. There are several issues to be discussed with the membership in the upcoming months. So stay tuned, it will be exciting.

The web site is great because of all the activities and efforts conducted by the members of the **MTAofNJ**. We do a lot of interesting things. Things people want to read about. Content is the single most reason why the site looks so good. So keep making all the 'good stuff' happen, ladies and gentlemen.

The **MTA WELCOMES** the following new members:

Gary Tomaro of West New York, NJ
Gordon Hiltbold of West Paterson, NJ
John & Ann Drake of Newton, NJ
Alex O'Hara of Franklin Park, NJ
Daniel & Susan Werner of Tannersville, PA

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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.

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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-1970 M35A2 Turbo full canvas, runs good, air shift front axle, spring seat-\$3500. 1970 M35A2 parts truck, major components remain, 3 axles, good cab, partial engine, rear bed-\$1500. Parting out M50A2 water tanker, will sell whole or just parts, call for details. **For Sale**-1987 Humvee M998, 10, 400 miles-\$24,000. Call Jude Meehan day or night at 732-528-5422.

For Sale-Medium tow bar-great shape with adapters, asking \$300. Civilian roll bar for CJ type jeep, with padding, asking \$100. Call Tom McHugh 908-852-1964 or tmmchugh@juno.com.

For Sale-1952 GMC M211 2-1/2 ton Cargo truck with 50 cal. MG-\$5000, 1958 M54 5-ton Cargo truck with gas Continental engine-\$4500, 1969 M54A1 Mack diesel 5-ton Cargo truck with 50 cal. MG-\$6000, 1969 M123 10-ton tractor with 25 ton winch, Cummings Diesel engine-\$6000. Call Wally Carter after 7 PM (973) 366-5140.

For Sale- #1251, #1683 Bulbs common 24v bulbs for M-series etc. NOS \$10.00 per box of 10 Ziggy 732-238-9398 or Akkibono@aol.com

For Sale-Delta Truck Toolbox, resin / plastic construction, fits just about every small sized pickup. Used, good condition, w/ key & locks, \$35.00 OBO. Miscellaneous items for sale too; newer NBC Decon bottle/kit, old gas torch, etc. Nothing special but see website for pictures and info, Call George at (973)-927-7616. home.att.net/~gmw.garage.sale/parts_for_sale.html

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. Call Vinny Schwartz (973)-635-2404.

For Sale-Manuals for your military vehicle(s). Save shipping, I can bring to MTA meetings. Call Dennis (973)-579-2886 or visit www.portrayal.com.

For Sale-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. Dodge M37 Restoration Guide: 160-page book with restoration information, comprehensive parts catalog, and much more. Reg. price with shipping is \$25; price to MTA members only \$18. Dave Ahl, 12 Indian Head Rd., Morristown, NJ 07960, 973-285-0716, SwapMeetDave@aol.com. **Trade**- A 1942 1-1/2-ton Chevy tow truck with a 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 web site.

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- Vinyl cargo cover for 2 door HMMVEE \$25.00, Racks for M101A1 trailer \$250.00, Cargo bows for M1008 \$35.00, Spring ride seat bases \$15.00 - \$30.00, Sprague transfer case, less than 2000 miles on it \$300.00. 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-1952 Chevy 1/2 -ton pickup, brass US Navy data plate on dash, starts, stops, & runs, military oil filter on standard 215 flathead six cyl engine, overall VG cond. \$3500 or BO. NOS Vinyl tops for M151-2 avail, \$60 & \$50. 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. Call Ron at (908)-927-1092.

For Sale-M151A1/A2 Powerpacks (engine & transmission) takeouts, includes many engine accessories, 2 available \$300 each. Call John Headley (973)-479-3353.

For Sale-1963 DODGE M37B1 3/4 TON 4X4, CANVAS TOP, FRONT-MOUNTED, LU-4 BRADEN WINCH WITH NEW CABLE, NEW 900X16 MILITARY NDT TIRES, BED-MOUNTED 24 VOLT ELECTRIC WINCH FOR RECOVERY OPERATIONS, READY FOR YOUR TOUGHEST JOB, \$9500. Call (732)-341-5363 or Bill Peaslee at (732)-489-1012

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- M60 cradle for M4 pedestal. Working PRC77 Radio, call John-732-247-3742

Wanted- Poles & Snatch Blocks for M756 2 1/2 ton Pipeline truck. Keith- 732-297-1751

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

Wanted-British WWII toys-call Keith Adams 973-887-3409.

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

FREE- M37 Frame- Keith 732-297-1751