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ON THE COVER: MTA Member **Bob Kraus's 1942 German Zundapp KS750 Motorcycle.** Bob lives in Milford, PA. (Picture courtesy of **George Wagner**).

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NOTICE: The October 2004 MTA monthly meeting will be held on Monday, October 11th at the Whippany American Legion Post, Legion Place, Whippany NJ. Refreshments at 7:00 PM-Meeting at 8:00 PM.

Minutes for the MTA Meeting on September 13th 2004

The MTA meeting for September 13th 2004 began with the Pledge of Allegiance lead by MTA President **Randy Emr** at 8:00 PM followed by a moment of silence and prayer for our troops in harms way.

Treasure's report:

Starting Balance: **\$8579.16**

Disbursements

Sven's Picnic	\$787.00
Adoptees Project	\$500.00
Total Disbursements	\$1287.00

Deposits

Vintage Vehicle Show	\$1031.00
Law & Order TV Donation	\$800.00
Total Deposits	\$1831.00

Ending Balance: **\$9123.16**

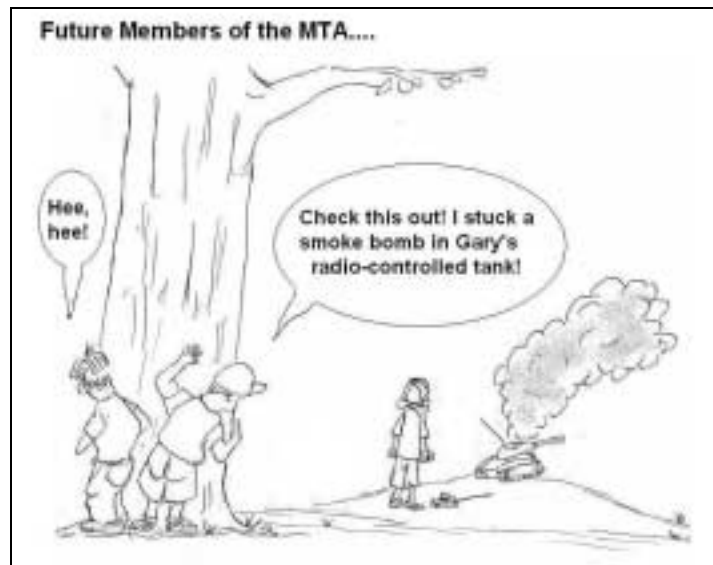
Show Account – No Transactions--Starting/Ending Balance: \$7314.37

MTA Adoptees Account-Profit & Loss Statement- Inception through 9/30/04 (Does not include the value of goods donated and sent unless purchased by us). **INCOME:** Gifts Received: \$1,477.00, Law and Order proceeds: \$500.00. **TOTAL INCOME: \$1,977.00. EXPENSES:** Auto and fuel for Law & Order shoot: \$220.00. Bank Charge: \$31.00. Goods for troops: \$57.19. Postage: \$189.24. **TOTAL EXPENSES: \$497.43. CHECKING BALANCE - 9/30/04- \$1,479.57.**

Restoration Report: **John Sobotka** reported that no activity was done on the locomotive. The Jeep restoration has had no activity up to this point, but the jeep has been moved from the Dover Armory and has been picked up by an MTA member (who wants to remain anonymous). He will be working on it at his place. The vehicle will be a static display, with the intention of making the vehicle 'safe' to be climbed on. The hood will be welded shut. All parts, which

can be easily removed, will not be installed, to avoid being 'picked over'.

Web Page Report: Webmaster **George Wagner** reported that the site is constantly updated in three places; The Current Events, Past Events, and Newsletters web pages. He asked members if it was annoying to get additional email traffic from him whenever he updated a page. Most agreed it was not a bother, keep doing it. He thanked everyone for the pictures of the Memorial Day parade events they gave him; these are now on the site. He intends to update the Gun Truck Restoration page with new, additional material when **Mark Jezewski** and **Dave (The Wrench) Coward** give it to George over the next week or so. Sven's and Mendham Parade are to follow shortly. George asked the Club, if anyone has pictures of events that they would like to see on the website. Or if they want to have a page covering a topic of interest to please contact him either at a meeting or by email.



Gun Truck Report: No report but the "Satan's Lil Angel" will be at the Gilbert Show on September 17th and 18th.

Newsletter Report: **Dave Steinert** thanked **John Headley**, **Dave Ahl** and **George Wagner** for their contributions to the September issue of *Motor Pool Messenger*. Nothing else to report.

Parade/Events Report: **Frank Eichenlaub** reported on a small promotional event at the Rockaway Hilton Hotel that was attended by **Tom Weaver**, **Jack White**, **Vinny Schwartz**, **Jack Pellington** and **Frank Eichenlaub**. Each member displayed their respective vehicles, which represented a MV from different historical time periods. Jack Pellington presented an excellent display on Vietnam War munitions and equipment. In return the Hilton Hotel presented the attending MTA members with a free evening's stay at the hotel along with dinner for two.

Frank also reported that he has been contacted about supplying military vehicles for a movie being shot locally in November by Steven Spielberg. The movie is a remake of the classic *War of the Worlds*. The studio is asking for 25-30 modern day military vehicles and armor. Primarily they are looking for slant back Humvees and 5-ton trucks. If you

have a vehicle that meets these requirements, please call Frank.

The Mendham Labor Day Parade was well attended by the MTA. There were 20 military vehicles represented by the MTA. It was a beautiful day weather wise and a good time was had by all.

Frank reported that Patriots Stadium in Bridgewater was seeking a few military vehicles for a special event on Sunday, September 19th 2004. He invited any MTA members who were interested to attend.

For the Clifton Veteran's Day Parade on November 7th 2004, Frank mentioned that they are using **Ed Marchese's** recently restored M37 to lead the parade. Ed's M37 has been restored to an Air Force military vehicle with MP unit nomenclature from McGuire AFB. This is in memory of Officer John Samra, a 15-year police and Air Force Veteran, who was killed in the line of duty last year shortly after the 2003 Clifton Veteran's Day Parade. John Samra often led the MTA parade convoy to the parade starting area. Frank asked for some money donated by the club to get two banners made which will detail (or say) the dedication of this lead jeep. i.e.: "This is in memory of Officer John Samra..." The club voted on and approved an amount of \$350.00.

Frank went over the list of upcoming events, which are listed elsewhere in the newsletter.

Adoptee Report: **Fred Schlesinger** mentioned the huge repacking effort he and **John Dwyer** are in for. Fred talked to one soldier who was back from Iraq on leave; he stressed how important these care packages are to the troops and how thankful the soldiers are for the effort the MTA is doing by sending them.

Also, The Dover Armory Ladies Chapter was kicked out of their meeting place. The head of the group quit, as did the treasurer (who was doing all the work).

The 2005 Spring Dover Show: **Fred Schlesinger** reported that **Art Swain** finally got to the person(s) who can give a yeah/neigh or whether we can use the Armory. It is a go, but there is additional paper work to do. There was concern about more damage left to the area, as in 2004. The lawn was chewed up by some of the heavier MVs at the last show, which has made getting approval just a little bit harder.

The 16th Annual Vintage Vehicle Show-Dave Ahl reported on how successful the show was. The total net profit was \$5550. For more details on this event, please refer to Dave's article in this newsletter.

Dave's presentation was followed by a lengthy discussion on exactly what organizations the profits were to be distributed to. It was agreed upon that the money would be put into the Adoptee's Bank account temporarily and a committee was formed to investigate the proper distribution of the money. The committee members are **John Sobotka**, **Fred Schlesinger**, **Tom Mchugh** and **Randy Emr**.

WWII Remembrance Day-Dave Steinert reported on the planned static display of WWII vehicles and equipment at the Shongum Sportsman's Club rifle range in Independence Township on Sunday, October 17th 2004. A convoy of MTA

WWII military vehicles will meet at the Graystar Electrical Supply Co., on Route 46 at the bottom of Hackettstown hill at 9:00 am on October 17th. The convoy will proceed through Hackettstown and arrive at the gun range approximately 9:30 am. The event at the range is open to all MTA members from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. There will be presentations on the different firearms used during WWII, static displays and trail rides. Please see insert in this newsletter for map and further information.

MTA Annual Pumpkin Picking John Sobotka gave a good sales pitch about this family event. It will be conducted just like last year, on Sunday, October 24th. MTA members and their families will meet for breakfast at the Ralston Firehouse at 10:00 am and then convoy over to Alstead's Farm for the pumpkin picking. Open to all members and their families. George Wagner is helping chair the event. There is one more meeting prior to this event at which more details will be presented.

For The Good of the Club: The club welcomed **Harold Ratzburg** back after having some major surgery. Harold...welcome back!

Meeting closed at 10:05 PM

Submitted by **George Wagner**

The MTA **Welcomes** the following new member:

Jaak Harju of Rockaway, NJ
Tom Kyte of Lake Hopatcong, NJ
Tony Pfeiffer of Landing, NJ

The 2004 Picnic at Sven's
By David Steinert



On Saturday, August 14th 2004, approximately 200 people and an estimated 45 military vehicles gathered for the Annual 2004 Red Ball Express and Military Transport Association Picnic. **Sven** and **Helga Johnson** again hosted this year's event graciously on their property in Green Township, NJ. Early weather forecasts had predicted possible rain and thunderstorms for the day of the event,

but the sun appeared early and remained throughout the day. Members started arriving with friends, families and military vehicles around 10:30 AM. Everyone made himself or herself busy setting-up the tent, tables and chairs. MTA Vice-President **John Sobotka** arrived early with his "deuce", which was quickly unloaded of refreshments, condiments and door prizes. Some assisted Sven in the construction of the large "chicken grill" while others got to "shucking" the sweet corn. The beer keg was strategically located near the table of potato chips and pretzels, while tubs of iced soft drinks were positioned in close proximity.



In the distance the subtle sound of starting engines could be heard as club members with their military vehicles made their way to the trails that snake up and down and around the rolling hills of the property. At the same time the grill was a blazin' and the chicken a cookin'. The sweet corn was added to the large pots of boiling water as some members gathered in small groups to talk banter about the hobby. As the smell of barbecued chicken and baked beans settled across the small valley of the picnic, the sounds of



revving engines could be heard off in the nearby fields and woods.

The word quickly spread throughout the gathering that it was time to eat. A chow line quickly formed near the grill where hungry attendees could help themselves to cole slaw, corn-on-the-cob, baked beans, hot dogs and barbecued chicken. With plates piled with food, some members gathered under the

tent while others collectively sat under a large shaded tree. Conversations about the hobby could be heard circling throughout the area only being interrupted between mouthfuls of food.

Then slowly, having had their stomachs filled and their thirsts quenched, club members made their way back to the

trails. The previous day rains had kept the dust from the trails to a minimum and created some mud that made navigating them an accelerating experience. Military vehicles from all eras of time could be seen criss-crossing the maze of trails through fields and woods.



The word quickly spread that it was time for the 50/50 and the distribution of door prizes.

Attendees quickly gathered around the picnic tent anticipating a winning ticket as John Sobotka called the lucky numbers. With the number of door prizes distributed, many a smiling face was seen in the crowd. Immediately following the 50/50, it was time for dessert. Cake, cookies and coffee was available for those still hungry.

As the afternoon proceeded, clouds began to thicken with the threat of rain. Club members assisted in the disassembling of the tent and tables. Other picnic items were quickly packed away. As family and friends said their farewells, a few diehards headed for one last trail ride before departing to their respective homes.

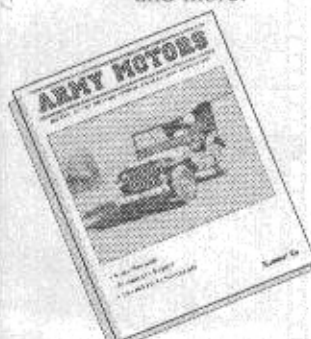

Again the MTA sincerely thanks Sven and Helga Johnson for their continuous hospitality. This event continues to be at the very top of the MTA calendar of events.

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Email from Iraq-Part I

The MTA has adopted a platoon of soldiers from Company B, 50th Main Support Battalion based in the Dover Armory. They are currently in Iraq hauling armor and heavy equipment aboard their Heavy Equipment Transporters (HETS). This is a dangerous job



since they convoy across the length and breadth of Iraq wherever armor reinforcements are needed. They have been targets of mortar attacks, IED's, and ambushes, but have been unhurt to date. They have adopted the name "Jersey Devils"

and have that logo emblazoned on their HET tractors.

Here is a compilation of some of the letters we have received from them in the past couple of months.

From 1LT Viviene Escalona, a school teacher from Somerville and Platoon Leader of the NJ HET Platoon:

Thank you very much for all the effort you and others have been putting in to support us here in Iraq. It is greatly appreciated. I apologize if I wasn't fully aware of the extent of the effort and not been able to thank you earlier. As a proud transportation officer, I greatly appreciate the camaraderie and support via the MTA. We've been conducting very critical and essential missions since we've hit ground. Our HETs are greatly desired throughout the Iraq theater. Our platoon's work alone has made a significant impact on 1AD operations and we've been recognized several times over for our professionalism and skill. I'm very proud of my platoon and on their behalf thank you for your support.

I'm attaching some pictures: the platoon in our motor pool at BIAP and a group of us with BG Hertling- 1AD Assistant Division Commander - and COL Christianson- 1AD DISCOM commander - next to our proud JERSEY DEVIL logo. I hope they get through okay as the computer service is not the best at times. Enjoy and Take care. Viviene (LT Escalona)

From SSG Joe DePadua, one of our MTA members:

HEY, WE ARE DOING FINE.WE MADE IT THROUGH OUR FIRST ATTACK AT BIAP.WE WERE EATING LUNCH WHEN THEY STARTED MOTARING US.THEN THEY TRIED TO ATTACK US.BUT THE BRADLEYS REALLY DO A NUMBER ON THEM, ALSO THE M1A2.NOW WE ARE AT TAJI WAITING FOR OUR NEXT MISSION.BEING A CONVOY COMMANDER IS HARD WORK, YOU HAVE TO MANY DECIONS TO MAKE, AND ALOT OF PEOPLE TO ACOUNT FOR.WELL GOT TO GO.-SSG DEPADUA, CONVOY COMMANDER.

Tell the MTA they can send cookies ,baby wipes,candy,etc. basically anything they think of.tell randy i will be sending out another letter soon to him and jess. -ssg depadua

You can give depadua,burns,nooter addresses to the mta. it would be good to get e-mail from the mta boys.-ssg depadua

I AM TAKING PICTURES OF THE DIFFERENT GUN TRUCKS SO YOU CAN SEE HOW THEY ARE UP ARMROED.THEY HAVE M915,1070,HUMMV,5TON,AND ETC.I WILL SHOW YOU THE PICTURES WHEN I AM HOME ON LEAVE.-JOEY DEVIL 1 OUT

I WILL TRY TO FIND THE PISTURES OF THE GUN TRUCKS THAT I TOOK AND SEND THEM TO YOU.ISAW A 915 TRACTOR AS A GUN TRUCK.I HAVE A PICTURE OF THAT.I WAS TOLD TODAY THAT I

WASN'T GOING ON THE MISSION NORTH BY THE LT.SHE SAID I NEED A REST.I HAVE BEEN ON THE ROAD SINCE I HAVE BEEN HERE.I HAVE ABOUT 80000 MILES TO MY NAME.BURNS WENT ON THE MISSION AND WILL BE BACK IN 7 DAYS OR SO. TALK TO YOU LATER-JOEY DEVIL 1

HOW THE HELL ARE YA? WELL WE KEEP GETTING THE UP DATES FROM MTA...I GOT SOME GOOD PICTURES OF GUN TRUCKS FOR THE BOYS.MY LEAVE IS COMING UP IN SEPT.HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU SOON.TELL RANDY AND JESS I SAID HELLO AND MARK,ED,SHELIA,DANNY,AND ETC.ALSO THERE ARE MORE AND MORE SHEEP OUT HERE FOR YOU.WE ALSO HAD A VISIT FROM COL ROCHEL,CPT TANGO,MAJ PERTERSKI,AND THE REST OF THE STAFF.IF MY ADDRESS HERE IT IS joseph.depadua@us.army.mil PLEASE GIVE IT TO RANDY AND JESS.THANK YOU.-SSG DEPADUA JOE

From 1sg George Burns:

GOOD MORNING COL:THANKS FOR THE UPDATE,LET YOUR WIFE KNOW THAT WE HAVE 6 FEMALES ASSIGNED WITH THE 4TH PLATOON.IT TAKES ABOUT 15-20 DAYS FOR THE PACKAGES TO REACH TAJI,AND ANOTHER 5 DAYS FOR THE CHOPPER TO GET THEM DOWN TO US.I REALLY MISSED MEMORIAL DAY,THAT IS A BIG FAMILY HOLIDAY BACK HOME. TODAY IS MY LAST DAY ON R&R,WE PLAN TO SPEND THE DAY AT THE POOL.I WILL MISS THE COMPUTER AND PHONES HERE,NORMALLY WE HAVE A 1HR WAIT,AND CAN ONLY STAY ON LINE 30MIN,OR 20 MIN.ON THE PHONE.AGAIN,THANKS FOR ALL YOUR CONCERNS FOR ALL OF US.IWILL TELL NOOTER,AND DEPADUA THAT WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH. BURNS OUT.

HI EVERYBODY,IT HAS BEEN AWHILE SINCE I HAVE MADE A REPORT TO THE WHOLE GROUP. FIRST,I HAVE BEEN ON 5 DAYS R&R IN THE COUNTRY OF QATAR. 3 FROM THE 4TH PLATOON WERE ABLE TO COME HERE AT THIS TIME.WE ALL HAD A GREAT TIME,EVEN IF I DID GET STUNG BY A JELLYFISH WHILE SWIMMING IN THE PERSIAN GULF YESTERDAY.THEY TREATED US LIKE KINGS AND QUEENS.THE FOOD WAS TOP NOTCH,AND THE POOL AND OTHER FACILITIES WERE 1ST CLASS.THIS IS CENTCOM HQ.,SO THERE IS A LOT OF HIGH RANKING OFFICERS HERE.GEN SWARTSKOFF RAN DESERT STORM FROM RIGHT HERE.TOMMOROW I WILL BE RETURNING TO BAGHDAD AIRPORT AND THE 1ST ARMORED DIV.WE ARE VERY PROUD THAT THIER COMMANDER AWARDED US THIER COMBAT PATCH,THE WHOLE 4TH PLATOON CAN NOW WEAR THIS PROUD PATCH. WE SUPPORTED RECENT OPERATIONS IN KARBALLA,NAJAF, FALLUJA, BAGDAD,HILLA,BABYLON AND OTHER PLACES.THEY WERE IMPRESSED WITH OUR ABILITY TO STAY WITH THE REGULAR ARMY NO MATTER HOW LONG WE HAD TO DRIVE OR HOW MUCH ENEMY ACTION WE SAW. WE HAVE BEEN ROCKETED,MORTARED,RPGD,AND TOOK SMALL ARMS FIRE,THANK GOD WE HAVE NO INJURIES.OVER HERE ITS ALL ABOUT RESPECT,WE REALLY RESPECT THE 1ST ARMORED AND NOW THEY REALLY RESPECT US.THAT IS VERY HARD FOR A NATIONAL GUARD UNIT TO ACCOMPLISH.WE WILL PROBABLY BE RETURNING TO TAJI SOMETIME IN THE END OF JULY,WE WILL MISS THE GREAT RAPPORT WE ESTABLISHED WITH THIS GREAT REGULAR ARMY UNIT.AS FOR THE 4TH PLT.,WE ARE ALL HEALTHY AT THIS TIME ALTHOUGH A FEW OF THE PEOPLE HAD A BAD COLD AT ONE TIME.WE HAVE ALL LOST WEIGHT,I GOT HERE AT 185,AND I AM NOW AT 165.WE WORK LONG AND HARD,BUT WE HAVE COME TOGETHER AND REALLY LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER.I HOPE THIS NOTE FINDS ALL OF YOU IN GOOD HEALTH,ONE WAY OR ANOTHER YOU ARE ALL SPECIAL TO ME,EITHER FAMILY,FRIENDS,FELLOW WORKERS,OR FELLOW SOLDIERS.HOPE YOU GET THIS ALL IN 1 PIECE.I WILL KEEP ALL OF YOU INFORMED SOON. BURNS OUT.

NOT MUCH COMPUTER TIME,BUT I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR THE PACKAGES THAT YOU SENT,WE WERE ABLE TO USE EVERYTHING THAT YOU SENT.ME DEPADUA AND NOOTER RIDE AT FIRST LIGHT WITH THE 1ST AD.IWILL EMAIL ON OUR RETURN. THANKS BURNS OUT.

(Email from Iraq-Part II continued in next month's Motor Pool Messenger)

We're on our Way!



To The
WWII Remembrance Day!
October 17th 2004

At the Shongum Sportsmen Association's
Chapel Hill Rifle Range
363 Janes Chapel Rd., Mansfield, NJ

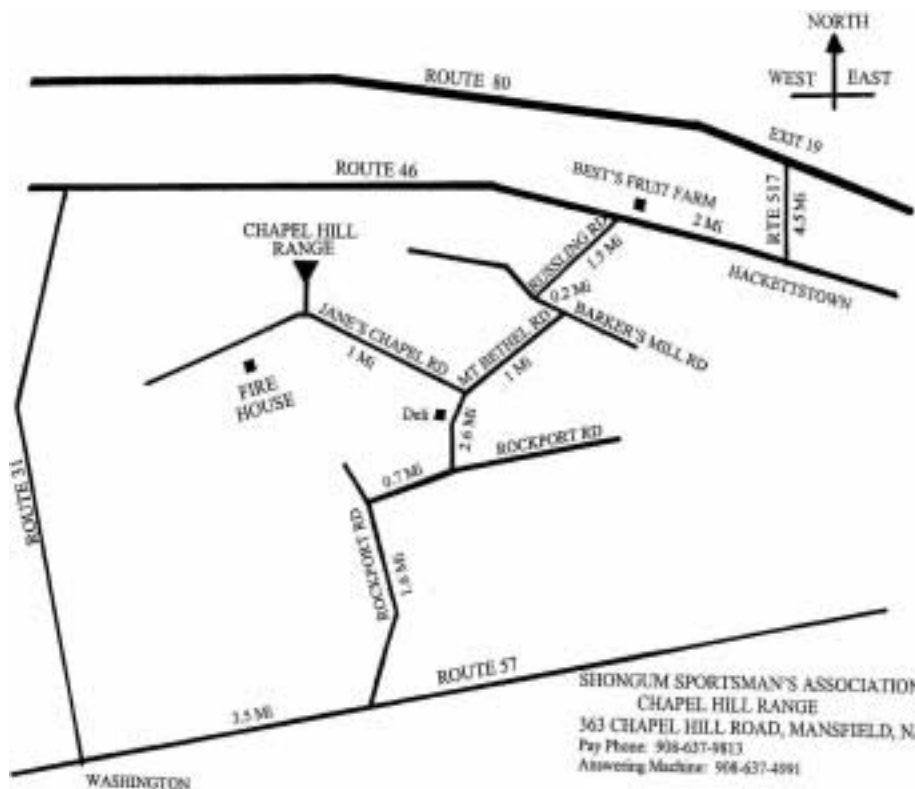
This event is sponsored by the Shongum Sportsmen's Association and the Military Transport Association of North Jersey

The event will consist of displays of vintage World War II vehicles and equipment. There will be World War Two historical firearms demonstrations and discussions by certified instructors beginning at 11:00am and 2:00pm. (All historical firearms and demonstrations comply with NJ State, Federal Laws and Regulations). THE EVENT WILL BE HELD OUTDOORS WEATHER PERMITTING.

Free Admission-Food and Drinks (Lunch) Available- All proceeds and Donations accepted will be used to support the National Guardsmen currently deployed in Iraq.

Schedule of Events

- **9:00 AM**-Convoy of WWII Vehicles will leave from the Graybar Electrical Supply Co. parking lot, Route 46, Hackettstown.
- **9:30 AM**-Convoy arrives at Chapel Hill Range. Set-up of static displays.
- **10:00 AM**-Event Opens to the Public.
- **11:00 AM**-Historical WWII Firearms Demonstration and Discussion.
- **2:00 PM**- Historical WWII Firearms Demonstration and Discussion.
- **3:30 PM**- Close of event.



Directions: From Route 80, take Exit 26 and travel west on Route 46 (Towards Hackettstown). (The convoy will meet at the Graybar Electrical Supply Co. parking lot at 9:00 AM, located at the bottom of Hackettstown Hill). Follow Route 46 West through Hackettstown. About a mile after crossing the railroad track in Hackettstown you will make a LEFT onto Russling Rd (Just before Best Fruit Farm on the right). Follow Russling Rd. for about 1.5 miles and make a LEFT onto Mt Bethel Rd and after going 0.2 miles follow the sharp turn to the right. Make a right on Jane's Chapel Rd. Go about 1 mile to SSA entrance on the right.

The 16th Annual Vintage Vehicle Show

By David H. Ahl

You'll recall in my last piece about planning a show sponsored by our military vehicle club, the Military Transport Association of North Jersey, I had agreed to be the show chairman for the 16th Annual Vintage Vehicle Show. This show, managed for the past 15 years by two different historic truck clubs, was now ours. Seven or eight years ago, this was a major show, but it had been on a slow but steady decline since 1999.

Early on, I made a crucial decision to not only halt the decline of the show, but to "take it to the next level" with the hope raising some money to contribute to families and members of the NJ Army National Guard deployed in Iraq. In the past, this show actually lost money and only because **Ray Bentley**, a major collector of historic vehicles and the owner of the facility where it was held, footed most of the expenses did the truck club "earn" \$500 from the event.

However, for this year's show I decided to look for sponsors who would contribute money to the show in return for some publicity, specifically an advertisement in a show program that we would publish. This turned out to be a propitious decision indeed.

In all, we wound up with 6 major sponsors (\$250 or more), 30 full-page advertisers (\$50), 34 business card advertisers (\$25), and 4 boosters. In addition, 33 companies donated a total of 430 door prizes worth over \$3,100 and 11 companies donated promotional items to put in the goodie bags that went to vehicle exhibitors.

But there is far more to a good show than advertisers in a program. One needs display vehicles, awards, dash plaques, vendors, spectators, publicity, signs, and more. It takes time (about 300+ man hours) and effort.

Three months before the show, I sent out a press release to 26 magazines and newsletters, which in most cases resulted in a notice in their calendar of coming events. I listed the event on 14 web calendars. I also developed a web site, www.NJTruckShow.com, and established links with about 20 other sites. By the time of the show, more than 3,000 people had visited the web site and several had used it to sign up as vehicle exhibitors or vendors.

A month before the show, we mailed out flyers about the show to 1,470 people whose names had been collected over the past 15 years. We also sent out press releases to all of the local newspapers and radio stations. And I ordered trophies and dash plaques.

Two weeks before the show, several of us distributed 2,800 flyers and posters along with 10,000 tickets good for a free program. Actually, every adult got a free program, but noting on the ticket that it was good for a free program was a way of giving it some "value."

The week before the show, I put up eight road signs at major intersections in the Ledgewood area, which in hindsight, probably should have been 18 or 20 signs. I was interviewed on a half-hour radio show and also by reporters for the two largest newspapers in the area, which resulted in some nice publicity.

The day before the show, a group of us went to the show grounds and lined out parking and vendor spaces, placed 24 traffic cones, set up tables, set up the PA system,

and positioned some of the larger display vehicles including two HEMTTs that had been dropped off earlier by the National Guard.

The day of the show was at hand. We arrived at 6:00 a.m. in time to greet the first vendors and exhibitors. We scurried around setting everything up: road signs, tables on the entry road for parking and vehicle registration, the food vendor, and tables for door prizes, trophies, tricky tray, silent auction, club information, and stuff for sale.

At 9:00 a.m., when the show opened to the general public, I was really worried. What if nobody came? There were only 51 show vehicles in place and the display area seem practically deserted. The girls to sell the 50-50 tickets hadn't arrived. The PA system didn't seem to be working. And a zillion people were running to me with one problem or other. I was frantic to say the least.

But during the next 45 minutes everything seemed to fall into place. Forty more display vehicles arrived. Spectators began to trickle in. By 11:00 a.m. the trickle became a flood and, in fact, we ran out of parking place for a short period. The PA system magically worked. The TV crew from the History Channel arrived. The 50-50 girls arrived. The Civil Air Patrol squadron arrived to help with the parking. Months of planning started to come together.

For me, the next six hours were a blur of activity. Calling out door prize, tricky tray, and 50-50 winners at 11:00, 1:00, and 3:00. Handing out 100 baseball caps, 140 kid meal coupons, and 7 dozen NASCAR T-shirts to kids. Fortunately, lots of people pitched in to help with registering show vehicles, collecting parking fees, directing cars, handing out door prizes, counting spectator choice ballots, selling dash plaques, judging vehicles, and so much more.

When the dust settled at 4:00 p.m., we did a preliminary tally. There had been 94 vehicles on display, 30 trophies awarded to winning vehicles, 3 special awards to the National Guard troops, National Guard Family Readiness Council, and the Civil Air Patrol, 22 vendors in 37 spaces, and attendance of more than 1,400 people. Not only had the show come back to life, but best of all we raised more than \$5,550 for the families and troops of the NJ Army National Guard.

[You can view all the vehicles that were at the show at www.NJTruckShow.com.]

UPCOMING MTA EVENTS

Sunday, October 3rd 2004-10th Annual YMCA Big Truck Family Day- Morris Center YMCA, Horse Hill Rd., Cedar Knolls. 10:30 AM.

Sunday, October 17th-WWII Remembrance Day-At the Shongum Sportsmen's Association Gun Range in Independence, NJ. (For more information see insert).

Sunday, October 24th-MTA Pumpkin Picking Breakfast & Convoy-Breakfast at 10:00 AM at Ralston Fire Company, Route 24 Mendham, NJ. Convoy to pumpkin picking at 11:30 AM.

Saturday, November 6th- Military Vehicle Display & Parade at Sussex Fairgrounds-Assembly time 10:00 AM. Parade start time 11:00 AM.

Sunday, November 7th-Veteran's Day Parade-Clifton-Convoy from Six Brothers Dinner, Rt. 46 East, Little Falls, NJ. Assembly time-12:00 PM. Parade start time-1:00 PM.

Sunday, November 11th-Veteran's Day Parade-New York City- Convoy from Six Brothers Dinner, Rt. 46 East, Little Falls, NJ. Assembly time-9:00 AM. Parade start time-11:00 AM.

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-Complete Oxy-Acetylene cutting/welding set-includes hoses, assorted cutting and welding tips by "Smith", two tanks on a hand cart, gloves, goggles and other accessories. Also includes rolling metal table, 18" X 24" with firebrick top-\$150. Space heater-torpedo shape-burns kerosene by "Knipco", 110V with thermostat control, \$80. GI style wooden fold-up sleeping cot, \$9.00. GI metal gas cans, excellent condition, marked "USMC", dated 1968, \$7.00 each. Call Harold Ratzburg at (973) 887-2574. (9/04)

For Sale-1967 M35A2 w/winch, OD with stars and #s, runs good, no rust, power assist steering, hard top, troop seats and bows. New canvas inside, \$7500 or BO. Contact Jim at (973) 879-5072.

For Sale-196? M416 trailer, good condition, surface rust needs paint and light wor, \$500. Call John Sobotka at (973) 398-3692.

For Sale M416 Trailer for sale. Trailer has been disassembled, sand blast, primed, painted reassembled, has new wiring harness and brake cable. New drain plugs come with the trailer, needed to be installed. Asking \$700.00 - Contact Frank Eichenlaub at 908-276-3412. (8/04)

For Sale -1957 Dodge Pickup, 1-ton, dump bed, flat head 6 cyl., nor running and needs TLC-\$500, call 973-347-2384. (7/04)

For Sale-Two radio shelters, fair to good condition, \$400 or B/O. 1989 Ford F150 2WD USMC Green, civilian interior, floor shift, 8 ft bed, V8 EF1, 20,000 miles, runs good, needs some body work, \$1400 or B/O. Call Jack at (845)-987-7796. (7/04)

For Sale-1983 CUCV M-1009 Blazer, 70,000 miles. Truck was US Navy issued. It has factory one color olive drab paint in nice condition. All systems work good and ready to drive. Located in northwest part of NJ near I-80. Asking \$5000 or B/O. Call Steve at (973)-948-6170. (7/04)

For Sale-Small 7.62 MM Ammo Cans, \$5.00 each or Lots of 10-\$3.00 each. **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 (3/04)

For Sale-CUCV parts-core heads, new fuel pump, misc. parts, all for \$125. Call Tom Weaver (973) 627-9448. (6/04)

For Sale-Military Trailers, 5 available. Some rust but certainly salvagable and very usable. Recent vintage. NOTE: NOT WWII type. \$600 each, photos available online at <http://mil-trailers.mypicgallery.com>. Items are all located in Paterson NJ. Contact Ed for more info: 973-779-6283 evenings or email at n2te@yahoo.com. (8/04)

For Sale-1986 Dodge Ram250 painted forest green, 318 V8 automatic trans, 2WD, w/16.5 M880 wheels, great work truck, \$900 or BO. 900 X 20 non-directional military tires, good take-offs for spares and trailers, \$35 each. **For Sale** M37 bows complete with leather straps, excellent condition, (3) total \$225.00. Call Bill at (732)-489-1012 or email bpeaslee@aol.com. (5/04)

For Sale-1/4-ton Gen.trailer, flat bed, tilts, 4' X 6' rebuilt, excellent condition, \$300. Call Frank A. Nasto Jr. (908) 687-9644 (home) or (973)-589-3335 (work). (5/04)

For Sale-Siren, large Federal Roller type, like new, \$100. Call Larry (718)-428-1057 or (516)-3531543 (Cell). (5/04)

For Sale-M1919 semi-auto machine gun, .308 Calibre with tri-stand, \$1900. Call Pete (516) 426-5864. (5/04)

For Sale: 1954 WILLYS M170, RUNS AND DRIVES, SOLID VEHICLE FOR RESTORATION, \$3500. OR BEST OFFER. CONTACT PAUL @ (908)-459-4779 FOR MORE INFO. (5/04)

For Sale-1941 WC-54, rough, missing bed, not running, has NJ title.\$1000.00 OR BEST OFFER. Call Brian Heuschkel at 856-222-1910 or E-mail-bmh1@yahoo.com. (5/04)

For Sale-1952 GMC M211 2-1/2 ton Cargo truck with 50 cal. MG.-\$4500, 1958 M54 5-ton Cargo truck with gas Continental engine-\$4500, 1969 M54A1 Mack diesel 5-ton Cargo truck with 50 cal. MG-\$6000. 1945 Willy's MB Jeep, complete, runs- \$3000. 1975 Chevrolet Automatic C60 Air Force Tanker, \$3000. M151 Jeep curtains-\$50 a set. Complete M151 Jeep engine-\$250. Heavy duty tow bar -\$200. 1964 American La France Fire Truck, Class A Spartan Pumper (1000 gals per minute). Repowered in 1980 with a Detroit Diesel Engine 6-71N, new power steering, new clutch, new air brakes, kept inside, good condition \$6500. 3 heavy duty snatch hooks-\$200. Qty 1, 8 foot pickup cap, \$150. Three M416 ¼-ton trailers, \$250 each., 2 Water Buffalos, good condition, \$750 each. Call Wally Carter after 7 PM (973) 366-5140. (6/04)

For Sale - Delta ToolBox for small Furrin PickEmUp Truck, resin / plastic type. Used, good condition, w/ key & locks, \$40.00; NBC Decon bottle/kit \$45.00; Canvas Top Bow Brackets for large military trailer, several sets, \$8.00/set; Remanufactured Steering Box for MB Jeep, \$100.00; WWI Sleeping Bag, private issue, good condition \$80.00; Heater Assembly for Jeep CJ, 12 Volt, \$30.00; Please view all these items at http://home.att.net/~gmw.garage.sale/parts_for_sale.html or call George at (973) 927-7616. (7/04)

For Sale/Trade-1942 1-1/2-ton Chevy wrecker. Some restoration done. Have NOS parts to finish the job. Trade for ATV Quad, M151, CUCV Blazer, or cash. Pics on my web site. Four new steel wheels for Chevy S10 (civilian) pickup or Blazer, \$50 for all 4. Book: Dodge M37 Restoration Guide with lots of how-to restoration info, parts catalog, much more. Only \$18 to MTA members. Back issues of Military Vehicles: only 38 of 102 back issues are still available. Get 'em before they run out. List of available issues and prices on my web site. Also, many new MV books just listed on my web site. Dave Ahl, 973-285-0716 or www.SwapMeetDave.com. (4/04)

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. (1/04)

Wanted-For M37-Metal bed racks for troop seats and cargo cover bows. Please call Greg at (973) 263-1133.

Wanted-Parts for Willys CJ2A jeep. Need seats, emergency brake cable w/bracket, etc. Email list or call Mike Shaw at (972) 228-5722 or email at k2lre@aol.com.

Wanted-Looking for good GPA body tub. Call Steve at (973)-481-5550 or fax to (973)-481-5551.

Wanted-Chest straps and remote valve assembly for Dewat U.S. M2-2 Flame Thrower display. Call Greg at (908)-872-8375.

Wanted-Two antennas for 1987 CUCUV. Call Donny at 908-637-6080 eve. After 1800.

Wanted-Original M1911 Pistol-Call Tom McHugh at (908) 852-1964 or email tmmchugh@msn.com.

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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.

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- 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.

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