



# MOTOR POOL MESSENGER

**THE MILITARY TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION  
OF NORTH JERSEY**

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ON THE COVER-Blackhawk helicopter lands at Somerset National Guard Armory. (Picture courtesy of John Dwyer).

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**NOTICE: June 2008 MTA monthly meeting will be held on Monday, June 9th at the Whippany American Legion Post, Legion Place, Whippany, NJ. Refreshments at 7:00 PM, meeting begins at 8:00 PM.**

## Military Transport Association Meeting Minutes for 12 May 2008

The meeting was called to order at 2000 by President **Dave Ahl** leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for our troops in harms way. The minutes were accepted as published and no new members were present. (We are happy to see Dave Ahl back and manning the President's gavel after a brief stint in the hospital).

### Treasury Report: Jack McDevitt

Operating Balance: \$15,223  
Swapmeet Balance: \$18,225  
Adoptee's Balance: \$ 828

**Parade Committee Report:** Peter Schindo reviewed the status of member sign-ups for all our upcoming parades, particularly our many Memorial Day commitments. Peter started off noting that we were short vehicles for seven towns on Memorial Day weekend. A loss of these 7 towns would mean we would lose about \$1800 in revenue for the MTA coffers. As Peter read off the list of towns, we saw members raising their hands to support the effort. By the end of the night, Peter was only short of vehicles for two towns - a good showing of parade support among those in attendance tonight!

Dave Ahl passed out new MTA membership application and asked all those attending parades to take a stack to pass out at events.

**Membership Report:** Fred Schlesinger noted that the last newsletter should have had a due's date on the address

label. If your dues are not in by now, this will likely be your last newsletter! Fred also noted that he is looking into permanent style membership cards. A motion was passed to authorize Fred to secure some temporary business cards that we could use when signing up new members at shows.

### Railroad Operational Battalion Report: John Sobatka

reports that most of our show supplies are now back in storage at the MTA baggage car. John reminded us that the baggage car that is on loan to the MTA provides approximately 80,000 sq feet of storage space for free. We are in the process of looking to secure shelves to put inside the car for better organization of our supplies.

### Adoptee's Report: John Dwyer

noted that he continues to get letters thanking the MTA from many of the troops that receive care packages from the MTA. John reminded us that the NJNG is in the processes of a very large deployment starting this summer, so demand for more care packages is likely to go up. Any donations of funds to the Adoptee account would be greatly appreciated...the account is currently very low.

**New Business:** Dave Ahl mentioned that **Paul Dormont** has dropped out of the club at this time and this now leaves us with a vacancy for the Secretary's spot. Your humble past secretary (me) stepped up to take notes again for the night, but since I can't make many meetings....we are looking for someone to fill the post. Come-on...I am pretty sure most of you can write, who can take notes here!

**Show Report:** Dave Ahl advised that the show committee met again last week for their first 2009 planning session. Fred commented that while he was in Aberdeen that many of the vendors there complimented the MTA for putting on a really fine show in April. Dave fielded questions about the possibility of partnering our show efforts with other clubs like the farm and construction equipment clubs.

Discussion also pursued about the possibility of extending the show dates to include Friday, but it was determined that we barely have enough volunteers to man the show for the current Saturday and Sunday plan and extending the show to Friday probably wouldn't be possible.

The show committee is open to any ideas to make next years show more successful.

A motion was passed to give the Hopatcong C.E.R.T group \$250 for supplying much needed staffing support at the show. The C.E.R.T team pretty much ran our front gate at the show this year.

**Other Business:** Dave Ahl is looking into the possibility of the MTA joining with the *Easy Diggin Chapter* of the Historic Construction Equipment Association for their show at the Mt. Hope Quarry in Rockaway for an MTA tailgate party. Dates of their show are June 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Keep any eye out for news of this on our web site if we do in fact get hooked up to join the *Easy Diggin* event.

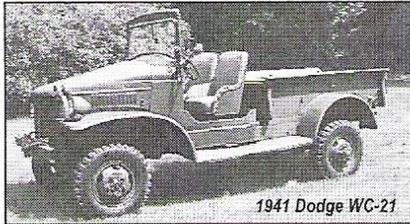
Submitted by **Gary Schultz**



**"Our obligations to our country never cease but with our lives".-John Adams**

# Jeeps ★ Tanks ★ Trucks

## Military Vehicle Preservation Association



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- \* Help lobby to save our hobby when congress introduces unfriendly legislation
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- \* Participate in numerous "Members Only" programs

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A thank you from one of our adoptees - **Tom Weaver's** grandson in Korea:

*Dear Sir, fellow members of the MTA, and Grandpa Weaver, Greetings from Yong - In, South Korea! (Home of Combat Support Coordination Team #3 and Headquarters, Third Republic of Korea Army)*



*Thank you so much for the box of munchies. I returned from the Warrior Leader Course (formerly known as the Primary Leadership Development Course) in March to discover the generous box of goods waiting for me. After spending 30 action packed days between Camp Jackson and*

*Warrior Base on the DMZ, the 22 lb box was a pleasant surprise.*

*The soldiers, officers, and NCO's of Combat Support Coordination Team #3, along with kids from the Good Sumaritan Orphanage, and myself enjoyed the gift from home! I've attached a picture of our unit taken in March at our Dining - In. The soldiers in ACU's are our KATUSA's (Korean Augmentees to the US Army). Within our unit, they primarily serve as our translators during their two-year draft service. I'm the tall guy in the back row, right side, second from end.*



*The picture of the little Korean girl, known as "Super Cute", is one of the orphans from the Good Sumaritan Orphanage, an organization that we sponsor every month with a birthday party.*

*The Korean young man in the picture is SGT Tae Hong Kwon, a KATUSA in my section. He's a hardworking soldier who is really honored to be able to serve as a KATUSA with the US Army, regardless of the fact that he is only paid about \$80 per month.*

*I'm sure that some of that MTA candy left our post stuffed in the pockets of a few little Korean girls that like American candy. ...a few of them stuff their little bulging pockets until they can't hold anymore.*

*Much Thanks for the treat from Home, Grandpa, MTA, and COL Dwyer!*

*Sincerely,  
SGT "Jim" Downs*

## COLLECTOR'S

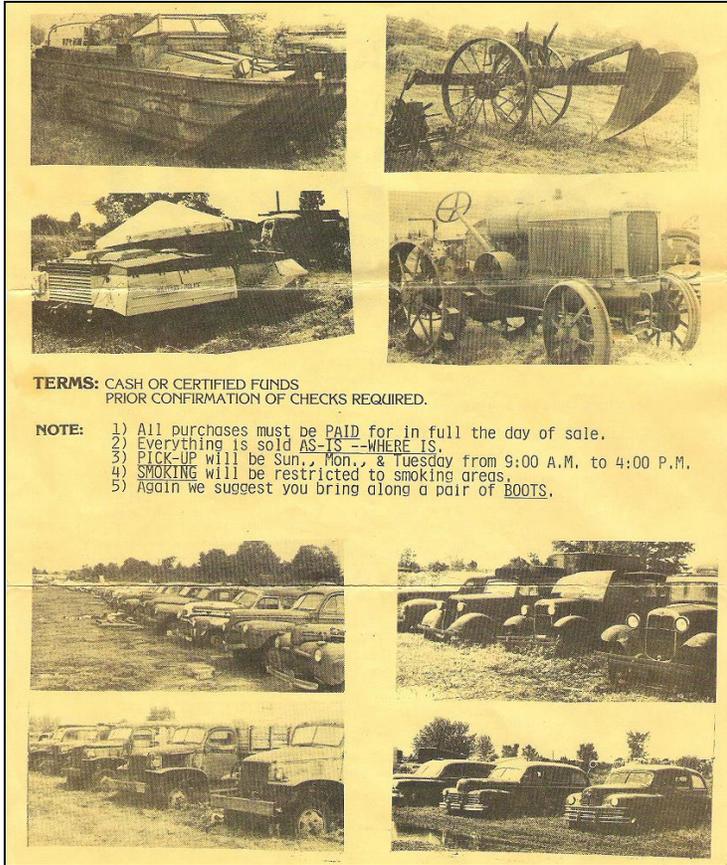
# ORNER

**N.J.'s Biggest Military Collector,  
John Mahalchik**  
By Harold Ratzburg

Way back in October 1987, an estate auction sales literature stated the following: "Selling the estate of the late John V. Mahalchik, a renown collector of Military and Antique vehicles and equipment for the past 40 years. If it had wheels, John Mahalchik couldn't resist it, (and brought it home). This vast collection of antique and military vehicles

will all sell to the highest bidder. A sale this unique may never pass this way again. Make your plans now. All items to be sold by catalogue. Over 300 vehicles.--- DRESS ACCORDINGLY. Boots are a must!"

Now wouldn't that make your mouth water if you saw an ad like that today? It made club members mouths water in 1987, and MVPA collectors from all over the country and Canada appeared on that special day. Several of the MTA members, including yours truly got together to car pool down in Gary Schultz's father's RV.



**TERMS:** CASH OR CERTIFIED FUNDS  
PRIOR CONFIRMATION OF CHECKS REQUIRED.

- NOTE:**
- 1) All purchases must be PAID for in full the day of sale.
  - 2) Everything is sold AS-IS---WHERE IS.
  - 3) PICK-UP will be Sun., Mon., & Tuesday from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
  - 4) SMOKING will be restricted to smoking areas.
  - 5) Again we suggest you bring along a pair of BOOTS.

**Other goodies**---A whole passel of antique farm equipment, tractors, bailers, etc---four theme park trolley cars,---fork lifts---seven office trailers---snowplows---a USAF Jet muffler---two big cement mixers---several buses, military and school, etc,etc,etc.

At the end, the literature cautioned that this was only a partial listing, for more info you would have had to contact the office for an auction catalog. To close, the literature says "AGAIN, we suggest you bring along a pair of boots!"

Waiting with mounting anticipation, the day of the auction finally arrived. When we got there, it became immediately apparent why the literature had advised bringing a pair of boots. John's collection was parked on 50 acres of his very flat, former airfield. There was no pitch to the field so any rain that fell there could only get away by soaking into the ground. And I believe that the soil was predominately clay, which makes for very slow percolation. So it was wet and muddy...very muddy.

To back up just a little bit, think about this. The year was 1987 and John had made most of his purchases right after WW II, when the Military was getting rid of its equipment, say about 1947. That meant that John had purchased the equipment and moved it to his storage yard, and there it sat for forty some years without much of a protective covering on most of the equipment.

The moisture in the ground after each rain did not help the preservation of the equipment either, so time and Mother Nature took their tolls.

We had some time to look over the goodies before the auction began. The vehicles were parked in rows around the field, staff cars, military trucks, antique cars, tractors etc. In between the rows were piles of ammo boxes, wooden mortar ammo crates, mess kits, GI pigeon crates and an endless variety of GI surplus equipment. For sidewalks around Johns teepee (yes, I did say teepee, but more about that later) we found corrugated metal sheets, which Gary Schultz was able to identify as parts of the wheeled paratrooper equipment drop cases. Out of the mud, I kicked up boxes of .45 automatic pistol firing pins.

John had tried to protect some of his collection by using the vehicles as storage bins. One radio panel truck was full of WW II Army baseball catcher's mitts for entertaining the troops. Some staff cars were filled with Military Police leather gear, holsters, belts, etc. Here again, I could go on and on about the variety of stuff.

The saddest part of the situation was the condition of Johns collection, The staff cars had been sitting in the weather for forty years, and when one of the buyers of a staff car later jacked up the vehicle, he found that almost one half of the wheels, the bottom part that had settled into the mud, were almost totally rusted away. Upholstery inside was falling apart, and the exterior finish of course, was long gone to the weather. All the stuff that John had packed into the insides was also pretty much dry rotted or stiff, faded, and worthless.

The same was true of the rows of antique cars, buses, trucks etc. John had tried unsuccessfully to keep rain out of the M-20 armored car with some sort of a large metal umbrella, which did not help very much. The DUKW sat there and collected rainwater without a cover and just rotted away. The same was true about most of the other vehicles. Everything on the field was affected by the uncovered storage.

To list all the stuff that John had accumulated would take way too many pages in our MPM, but I would like to list some of the more interesting or unique.

**Unique**---Two RR Engines, one diesel, one steam---A USN WW II, Dirigible Gondola with two motor mounts---A WW I aircraft engine---parts of a CG4A Waco Glider---not to mention a street sweeper.

**Military**---Three M-20 armored cars---one DUKW---six Chevy Radio trucks---sixteen (16) staff cars, Ford Chevy, Plymouth---Three CCKWs---four, 1-3/4 ton cargo trucks---four bomb trailers---Military Ambulances, two Caddies and two Packards---three radar sets---one Ford Military fire truck---military truck parts---30 USAF Auxiliary Gas tanks---a pile of US Army steel helmets---one lot of .45 Auto Pistol grips, all for the same side of the gun---two airplane propeller trailers---three to five thousand metal ammo cans---parts for paratrooper Paracrates---etc, etc, etc.

**Antique cars and vehicles**.---Many Model "A"s, Packards, Phaeton and others including a 1929 Cadillac 4 door (said to be armor plated for the underworld). They had titles for approximately 300 vehicles, the rest were parts cars.

## Operation Memorial Day

Two months ago, I was looking at the MTA town roster and the muster-up sheets for the Memorial Day parades. As you know, I color-code the page red and green indicating needing members and meeting commitment respectively. There was a lot of red back then and didn't see it disappear until several days before the holiday. You guys made me gain 8 lbs in just the last month eating the stress away.

Numerous members did multiple parades and supplied multiple vehicles, not only in their particular parade, but at other locations as well. I want to specifically recognize several members for their tremendous effort for their support. **If I missed anyone, I apologize as I am writing this to meet the newsletter deadline before receiving confirmations.**

For attending **2 sanctioned parades** over the Memorial Day weekend are:

- **Ken LSoine**
- **Dennis Vechiarelli** – M38
- **Vince Schwartz** for supplying 2 vehicles for 2 town locations
- **Gary Schultz** – MB
- **Vinnie Schwartz** – Trucks of course
- **Al Millini** – Ms381
- **John Lloyd** – Deuce and Mule
- **Ken Coanshock** – MB & 37mm
- **Phil Suttle** – WLA
- **Dave Young**-MB

(I just wish I was shooting video at the Nutley parade recording Ken and Phil arriving just under the wire from Berkley Heights and unloaded their vehicles with less than 5 seconds to spare. You would swear on a stack of bibles I doctored the video and was playing it at fast action. Now if Ken could only service his customers at the same speed....)

For attending **3 sanctioned parades** over the Memorial Day weekend are:

- **Andy Wagner** – M37
- **Art Swain** – M151
- **Craig Williams** – BAT – 5ton
- **Dave Ahl** – M151
- **Dave Steinert** –MB

For attending **4 sanctioned parades** over the Memorial Day weekend are:

- **Jerry Nolan** with his CCKW
- **Scotty Nolan** with his GPW
- **Bob Serio** – M38A1
- **Ryan Schindo** – M274

They attended **4 sanctioned town parades**; Jerry, Scotty and Bob did an additional parade each on a personal call. (I hear Jerry's left clutch foot is under ice packs.)

**The top member, doing 5 sanctioned town parades:**

- **Jack Schuart** with his M37B1.

Congratulations Jack for the outstanding attendance record. It could be a record for Memorial Day and will try to check back-records for confirmation.

I know many members went out of their way and spent some time for the good of club. We picked up three new towns at the last minute and now have them forever.

I'll end with a quote from member **Dennis Vechiarelli** who told me why he likes driving his M38 in parades. He stated, in so many words, "I love doing parades for the MTA...The people...they're all happy people here, and I like being around happy people. Otherwise, I'd go to work and be around miserable people". (How can anyone beat that!)

Peter Schindo, MTA Events Coordinator



Now some photos from our parades:



At Berkeley Heights...Ken Coanshock being "frisked" for grenades



Also at Berkeley Heights, Phil Suttle gets ready for a drag race!



...And Ken Coanshock at the Nutley Parade



Co-pilot Darlene Bryan in front of Greg Infante's M1026 Humvee at the Wyckoff parade.



At Midland Park MTA Members line up in front of the Schindos



At East Hanover Park...Jim Moore gets ready for the start of the parade



A patriotic little girl

**Getting ready for the parade:**  
**Purchased a set of 6TLs.... \$325.**  
**Failed during the parade:**  
**Generator.... \$225 + shipping**  
**Fuel sending unit.... \$50**  
**After the parade:**  
**Topped off the tank.... \$165**  
**Flat tire repair kit.... \$3**  
**Seeing the Scooby Doo Mystery Machine at Roxbury's Memorial Day Parade.... Priceless!!!**



Dennis Vechiarelli and his 1952 M38 at the West Caldwell Parade



The Scooby Doo Mystery Machine

Submitted by Vito Antico

The auctioneering started off on time and proceeded throughout the day. Slowly the vehicles were auctioned off and piles of mess kits and other gear were sold off. If my memory serves me correctly, the staff cars were sold off for \$50.00 up to \$800.00 each. I do not recall the other prices of the sale.

I heard later, that one of the members of the MVPA from Canada was high bidder on one of the staff cars. After the auction he trailered it home, changed the oil and put in fresh gasoline and a new battery, and the car started on the first try. His biggest problem was that the long outdoor storage had literally destroyed the car except for the engine and the frame.

One of the US Navy blimp gondolas has been restored and is now in the National Museum of Naval Aviation.

When all was said and done, according to an unreliable source, John's trash eventually fetched something like \$3 million after his death.

By this time, you are probably questioning what kind of person would accumulate all this stuff and then just simply let it rot away. The answer is that John Mahalchik was a very unusual person, which is another way of saying he was eccentric...very VERY eccentric. Just how eccentric will be covered in next months Collectors Corner, when you will read-----

***The rest of the story***



**Honoring Veterans**

By John Dwyer

May is the traditional month for honoring those whose serve in our Armed Forces – both Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day fall in the month of May. The MTA does an all-out effort for Memorial Day – with sixteen scheduled parades and several others not sponsored by the club – but we also support other events that honor our military.



Vehicle displays inside Somerset National Guard Armory

The Central Jersey Military Motor Pool held an event at the Somerset Armory on Armed Forces Day, which brought out an impressive display of military vehicles, weapons,

uniforms, and other gear. The event also had displays by organizations representing WWII Veterans, Korean War Veterans, and Vietnam Veterans. Outside of a museum, you could rarely find as much hardware on display as was laid out on the Somerset Drill Floor. Some of our MTA members joined with the CJMMP to show off their vehicles and equipment. The day was topped off by the arrival of a NJ National Guard Blackhawk Helicopter (see cover), which was guided in by radio transmissions from a Vietnam era VRC-46 radio mounted in an M151. It was a great display and a beautiful day to show off a vehicle.



Girls love Jeeps too!

Baskin Robbins in Clinton, NJ sponsored an event the same week to honor both our Armed Forces as well as fallen firefighters. They were offering ice cream at 31 cents a scoop, and were asking folks to donate funds and items for care packages to send to deployed soldiers. In addition to fire engines from four surrounding communities, the MTA provided vehicles and displays to represent the military portion of the event. We put our “care package” display out and collected donations for our adoptees program. Hundreds of people attended – where can you get 31 cent ice cream any more? Our trucks were full of kids – and adults – until 10 PM! Another great reason to be an MV owner. We came away with more than \$50 in donations and the good will of both Baskin Robbins (never hurts!) and the local communities.

**Musing About Parades and Events.  
Too Many? Too Few?**

From MTA President Dave Ahl

We had a good turnout for the Morris Plains Memorial Day Parade, 10 vehicles and 16 club members, spouses, and

guests. Someone remarked that we used to have more than 20 vehicles at the Morris Plains parade, more-or-less the kick-off parade of the season with no other competing parades the same day, and wondered why we didn't have that many vehicles anymore. There was some further discussion about "the good old days" when the club did fewer parades and had 12 or 15 vehicles at each one. But as George Ball said some 40 years ago, "nostalgia is a seductive liar". Or in the words of Will Rogers, "Things ain't what they used to be and probably never was."

I guess what I am saying is that we are in 2008 and while we should learn from the past, we live in the present (and should prepare for the future). Looking over the Motor Pool Messenger from 1973, the first full year of the MTA, I note that the club had 14 members plus 5 "prospective members" who participated in 6 events (3 field trips to Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Chambersburg, PA, etc and 3 rallies/trail rides). Ten years ago, with about 150 members the club participated in 11 parades and 8 other events (visit to veteran's home, Teterboro Air Show, trail ride, etc.). This year we're up to almost 200 members and are tentatively scheduled to participate in about 26 parades and 8 or 9 other events. Is this too many? Maybe. Maybe not. But on a "per member" basis, we're actually doing far fewer events than the club did in its inaugural year.

The Merrimack Valley Club in New England (not affiliated with the MVP) has a somewhat larger membership than we do but a much larger geographic sprawl. Their approach to events is to have one family-oriented event per month. The Weare Rally is their biggest event, but they have a road ride along the MA-NH ocean coast, a fall foliage ride, a visit to a vets home, etc. They also do parades (I don't know if they get paid or not).

Other clubs have other models for parades and events ranging from doing just one huge event per year and not much else (Alaska club) to doing lots of smaller events scattered throughout the year. Partially what it boils down to is members' interests and the willingness of one or more members to take a leadership role. We need both. Maybe there are 20 or 30 members interested in a "destructive" serious off-road trail ride, but without somebody to research the availability of trails, get the necessary permits, and do the planning, it ain't going to happen. Without John Sobotka, where would our locomotive project or *Toys for Tots* be? Nowheresville, that's where. So if there is something you think the club should be doing, you're welcome to tell me about it, but it's much more likely to happen if you volunteer to head up the project or event.

But I digress. Are the 35 currently scheduled parades and other events too many for the MTA to handle? Speaking for myself, driving in 6 or 7 parades and participating in 5 or 6 other events "seems" about right. This is an average of about one per month, but with most taking place in March through November. December through February my vehicles stay in the garage, but I'll make up for it by doing two or three parades or events in some of the summer months.

I can certainly understand that owners of larger vehicles might balk at that many parades and events and lean more to maybe five or six. Nevertheless, if just one-quarter of the MTA membership (50 people) were committed to doing something between 6 and 12 parades and events per year, 35 parades and events wouldn't be too many at all. Indeed, we would have an average of 12 participants at each event. Even if those 50 members were only committed to doing six events per year, we would still have an average of 8 members per event. So the bottom line is we can handle our current schedule with ease.

However, we do have one really tough day and that's Memorial Day. Thirteen of our 35 annual events take place this one-day. We're really spread thin. This is the day we need the

help of those "occasional" members who only participate in one or two events per year. With just the "hardcore" 50 active members doing the Memorial Day parades, it works out to 3.8 vehicles per parade, and that's just about what we had this year. What we probably should do is make a special effort to make a phone call to new members and invite them to put a vehicle in a Memorial Day parade or ride along with another member. I don't think we can depend upon the Internet List or printed newsletter to spark someone to participate the first time. Of the 12 new members that joined at the show in April, how many drove in a Memorial Day parade? My guess is none. I think we have to go out of our way to make new members feel comfortable participating in their first parade. Maybe a buddy system? I don't have a definitive answer; I'm open to suggestions.

**Come One, Come All...  
Easy Diggin' Chapter 16th Annual Summer Show**

It's official. All MTA members are invited to bring their vehicles, big or small, to the Historical Construction Equipment Association Show on Saturday, June 21 (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) at the Tilcon Quarry in Mt. Hope. The show features historic construction and mining equipment (like their members brought to our Sussex Show, but more and bigger), live operating demonstrations, equipment displays, and running around in the "sandbox" with your vehicle if you want. Admission is FREE!

Directions: Take Exit 35 off I-80 (east or west) and go north on Mt. Hope Avenue. At the T-intersection with Mt. Hope Road, go left (north) and you'll run right into the Tilcon Quarry. Then follow the orange signs to the show site. Questions, call Don Erickson at 973-627-1446. What a great way to spend the first day of summer!

List	Location	Date	Parade Time	Line-up	Number of vehicles requested
PENDING	Roseland Centennial	June 14	12:30PM	Prudential Dr. & Eagle Rock Ave	
All Invited	Easy Diggin	June 21	all day	625 Mt. Hope Road	
	Fairfield	Wed-July 2 Rain-July 3	6:30 PM	Hollywood and Horseneck Rd.	5 of 5
	Paramus	Fri - July 4	9 am	Century Rd & Farview	9 of 5
	Florham Park	Fri-July 4	9 am	Columbia Tpk & Hanover	2 OF 5
	Chatham	Fri-July 4	10 am	112 Hillside Ave	4 of 5
	Ridgewood Fairfield	Fri - July 4	10 am	235 West Ridgewood Avenue. Please approach via Franklin Avenue in Midland Park	7 of 5
	Montclair	Fri-July 4	11 am	Bloomfield Ave & Fullerton	5 of 5
	Randolph	SAT-July 5	Noon	443 Quaker Church Road	4 OF 5
	Jefferson Twnshp	SAT-July 12	11 am sharp	1010 Weldon Road, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438	2 of 5

**Contact Peter Schindo to enter your name for a parade: 201-348-7565 daytime or register for a parade on line at: [http://www.mtaofnj.org/parade\\_schedule/index.html](http://www.mtaofnj.org/parade_schedule/index.html).**

# CLASSIFIEDS

To add or remove listings from the Classifieds, please email Dave Steinert at [steinert@worldnet.att.net](mailto:steinert@worldnet.att.net) or call 973-347-9091.

**For Sale**-1986 Chevy M1009 Blazer, camo color, 118,00 miles, runs and looks great. Has radio mounts, spare parts and manuals, \$5000. Call John Sobotka, 973-398-3692 after 6PM. (6/08)

**For Sale**-1968 M51-A2 5-ton Dump. New clutch, wire harness and tailgate. Has cargo cover on dump. Many spare parts and manuals. Looks and runs great, \$8000. 1962 M422A1, American Motors Mighty Mite, fully restored, great runner, rare and only 2,400 made, \$8000. Both located in Ridgefield, CT, about 1 hour north of the Tappan Zee Bridge. Call Charlie Popp, 203-438-3459. (6/08)

**For Sale**-Two combat rims pristine condition, \$150 each. Front and rear axle assembly for MB or M38, \$90 each. Core engine blocks will fit CJ, MB, M38 and F Head block for M38A1, \$75 each. Alaskan lumber making chain saw ATT, \$50. Chevy running gear for 1953 1-ton pick-up truck. Engine will fit 1-1/2 ton truck. Many misc. jeep body parts, call Tom Weaver 973-627-9448. (6/08)

**For Sale**-M38A1 tub. Original but poor condition. Lots of rust and holes. Great for the serious restorer. Photos on request. Pick-up only in Denville, NJ. \$500 or best offer. Call Al Mellini at 973-723-2166. (5/08)

**For Sale:** Pioneer tools (axe/shovel/pick axe) and attaching frame for deuce & half / M-35, great condition, \$125.00. CJ-2A Windshield Frame. \$100.00. CJ-2A Hood, \$50.00 Call Dennis Vecchiarelli: Home# 973-338-9497 // Cell #908-910-6266. (5/08)

**For Sale:** 1949 Dodge power wagon transmission with power take off, make offer. 1941 Ford. 1-1/2 ton pickup, with Marmon Herrington 4-wheel drive, not running but complete, needs resto. Also have 1945 parts truck, make offer. Call 718-429-7590 Peter Mark. (5/08)

**For Sale**-For those members who might be interested in synthetic lubricants and related products for their military and personal vehicles, they can try my website, [www.LUBE-1.com](http://www.LUBE-1.com). Jonathan Frank, 201-568-7854.

**For Sale** -1943 Dodge WC-54 3/4 ton Ambulance--- with winch. Vehicle has 2 speed transfer case from a WC-63, Engine rebuilt in 2002, new rear doors and all new gages, good condition tires with new tubes, new wiring harness and side windows and windshield. Body sandblasted and repainted but paint has faded and needs touchup. Lots of Extras included. Vehicle is located in Carmel, NY -----Asking \$17,500----- Phone "Mark Tolf" at 845-225-1405, cell phone 845-531-9577, email [marktolf@hotmail.com](mailto:marktolf@hotmail.com)

**For Sale**-M38 parts, painted OD spare tire rim-\$35, four front seat cushions, black naugahyde, with L & R bottoms and backs, no tears-\$30. OD front bumper-\$35, distributor cap-\$5, brake and clutch pedal arms=\$10 for both. M37 speedometer cable (NOS)-\$10. Call Art Hornung @908-852-0272. (11/07)

**For Sale**-M151 Hard top, OK condition, \$200. Call Jim Moore at 973-738-4624. (10/07)

**For Sale**-I have just picked-up 100 five-gallon cans of OD #34088 flat, quick drying enamel. I have other colors also, red, white, grey, blue, and black. Five gallon cans of OD is \$50 per can, other colors \$20 per can. Call Paul Wadeson at 607-637-2275.

**For Sale:** 2 M-1009 Blazers in good condition, Bill of sale only, call for details. \$2500.00ea. Blazer rear bumpers w/pintal and mounting brackets, no blackout lights or clevises, \$125.00. Blazer rears, 3.08 locking in very good condition, \$200.00ea. Blazer front rears, 3.08 locking complete in V/G

cond.,\$150.00ea. Seats, M-1009 blazer no plastics, seats in V/G used condition sold in pairs only \$125.00. Transmission, TH-400 untested but fluid looks great, \$175.00. Fuel Tank in excellent condition, no sender, \$50.00. Straps in like new condition, \$40.00 pair. Windshields, \$35.00ea. Drive shafts, rear \$35.00, front, \$50.00. Complete nose w/blackout drive light, brush guard, blackout in bumper, bridge tag.etc.no radiator, \$500.00. Transfer case, \$125.00. Fiberglass rear top in v/g condition, \$50.00ea. This is just a small sampling of the M-1009 blazer parts that I have available call me for any other parts that you might need that aren't listed here. Dan Werner [thecpsurplus@yahoo.com](mailto:thecpsurplus@yahoo.com) or 570-350-2765. (09/07).

**For Sale**- Pair of M38 take off fenders, good shape \$75. Mark 973-857-5154. (9/07)

**For Sale**-M35 Rims-\$40.00 each. Pad locks (Steel)-\$12.00 each. M211/M135 Rims-\$40.00 each. Pad locks (Brass)-\$17.00 each. Bias Rims M998-\$50.00 each. Field Desk-\$ 25.00 each. 2 1/2 /5 ton Troop seat hardware-\$6.00. Run flat alum ring for M998-\$17.00 each. Drip pans extreme cold-\$6.00 each. 5-ton cargo cover (green) NOS-\$225.00. Kevlar helmets-\$45.00 each. Silverware-\$1.25. Sleeping bags cold weather-\$55.00 each. M998 air filter-\$30.00. Bomb rack 2 1/2 /5 ton-260.00. Seals for M900A2 5 ton. Field file cabinets-\$12.00 each (Vietnam era). Outer axle seal-\$12.00. Antenna rope-\$6.00. Front air seal-\$12.00. Lug wrenches & bars 2 1/2 /5 ton-\$20.00 each. Inner axle seal-\$12.00. Reflector triangles-\$12.00 each. Water cans, metal-\$20.00 ea. Bliester bags-\$30.00. Call John at 732-317-2146 or [sandman9@optonline.net](mailto:sandman9@optonline.net) (9/07)

**For Sale:** Hand tools, MV Manuals, WWII Patriotic covers, Patton memorabilia. Back issues of Military Vehicles magazine. All at [swapmeetdave.com](http://swapmeetdave.com) or call Dave Ahl, 973-285-0716. (12/06)

**For Sale-Prices Reduced**-New vinyl .50 cal MG cover (not canvas), \$100. 2-1/2-ton and 5-ton used truck canvases-\$250 each. 1975 Chevrolet Automatic C60 Air Force Tanker, \$100. M151 Jeep curtains-\$50 a set. Jeep rims-\$50 with tire and tube-\$100. Heavy duty tow bar -\$150. 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 \$3000. 8" snatch block-\$75. Boarding ladder-\$25, 8ft. pick up cap-\$100, Water Buffalos, good condition, \$500. M105 trailers, \$250 each. Tandem car trailer-\$750, Search Light trailer-2 spots and new generator-\$500. 30 ft. Army Box trailer with drop sides, tandem 9:20 tires-\$500. Jeep pedestal gun mount-\$250. Call Wally Carter between 7PM and 8PM (973) 366-5140. (7/06)

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**WANTED**-Parade ready WWII Command Car w/or without winch. Call Bob Benson at 973-293-7101.

**WANTED:** Coleman camping lanterns or stoves, any condition. Cash paid. Call Jake (201)-874-5044.

**Wanted**- M-37 Operator and Maintenance Manuals bottom dollar paid (since that is what I have left). Driver's side spare tire mount and latch kit for M-37. Name of a good non-VA psychiatrist. Bed bows and canvas for M-37. Fender mount heater unit and any other items to dress up an M-37. Paul Dormont- [pdormont@comcast.net](mailto:pdormont@comcast.net) or 908-451-0536.

**Wanted**-Hardtop for M-37 Dodge, know where one is? Call Warren-732-735-5155

**Help Needed**-Trying to finish 1943 MB have engine, axles, brake lines and wheel cylinders on. Also attached is transfer case, motor and transmission. Have new radiator. Bumpers are on drive shaft is in. Tub and wiring not in, but have complete harness. Have jeep in my garage. I have tools, a compressor and necessary tools, engine hoist and lifts. Can only work on vehicle in warmer weather. Can't afford \$\$\$, however will give gas money for whoever comes to my aid. I am willing to do the work-just need someone to supervise-or provide critical assistance when required. Available most weekends in June just about ALL of July 2008 and weekends in April and May. - Vince Sposato (973)580-7011

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