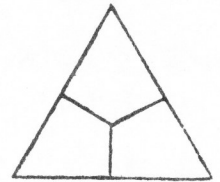


# TANK



ALL ABOUT  
M.V.C.C.

First Issue - November 1987

May we extend our greetings to you on the much-needed and long-awaited Premier issue of TANK, an independent journal focusing on the operations and policies of the Military Vehicle Collectors Club (MVCC), lately called IMVCC.

The purpose of TANK is to encourage the restoration of fairness, sanity, and integrity to the governing officials of MVCC. Unfortunately, these essential qualities have become very scarce and hard to find in the last two years, and instead have been replaced by ARROGANCE OF POWER, various UNethical and ILlegal acts....too many to list or describe.

The name of this new journal, TANK, means Team against nincompoop knuckleheads, or Truth about nefarious know-nothings, or Troops against noxious kings. The reference about "king" refers, of course, to Jim Herrick, also known as James E. Herrick, who has turned MVCC into his own private kingdom.

In this issue and future issues of TANK, to save space, we shall often refer to the corrupt, inept and dishonest current management of MVCC, alias IMVCC, as "HERRIC", which stands for Herrick's Ego Robs Righteousness and Integrity from our Club.

In this and future issues of TANK, we will tell you about how HERRIC was elected illegally in a rigged vote, how HERRIC formed an "Ethics Committes" that does NOT know what "ethics" really means, how HERRIC kicked out some of the founding members of MVCC because they dared to question HERRIC, how many of the founding chapters of MVCC have recently divorced themselves from MVCC, and the characters behind HERRIC, as well as events as they occur.

Since HERRIC has a proven record of kicking members out of MVCC, we are not providing specific names of those current or past members of MVCC who are contributing to TANK, unless necessary to provide documentation.

The HERRIC political machine is well-entrenched but dangerous and deceitful - to be certain of receiving more issues of TANK, to learn what SUPPLY LINE will not tell you, to learn what is tearing MVCC apart, to learn more about the evil HERRIC, send at least \$2(to cover printing and postage costs)and your name and address to the address listed on the back page.

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THE LAST LEGAL MVCC PRESIDENT.

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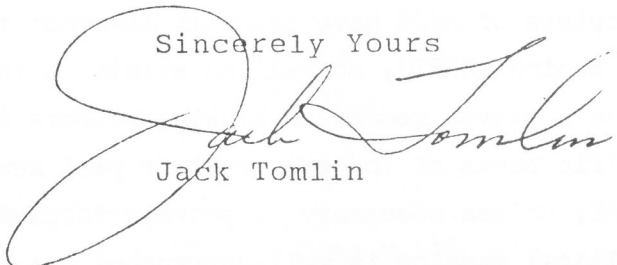
Dear Fellow Editors and Collectors,

I think that it is critical that we continue to exchange news letters and keep in touch. The MVCC "current management" is presently dedicated to wrecking the hobby, and the collectors of MVs. Some of the management has been making enemies in the hobby since the beginning of the club. The MVCC was formed out of the deliberate wreckage and litigation with the founding California Club, the NMVCA. The tactics and management or "current Management" as they call themselves are still at it. President Smith would "rather shit than answer his mail", and Secretary Herrick wants "loyalty oaths" from the chapters or they can not stay with the "national". They have established the infamous "Ethics Committee and claim that, "the committee answers to no one". This is reminiscent of the McCarthy hearings of the 50s, secret meetings, secret testimony and secret committees. Smith, Herrick and Dionne seem to like the intrigue of thinking that they are the "God of the hobby". They have added an "I" to the club title and now figure that they are the guiding light for the hobby, world wide. That is a travesty, they can not keep a hand on the hobby in the U.S..

What breaks my heart is the number of seemingly intelligent members that continue to support the antics of Smith and Herrick. Nothing will change until till these self appointed manager types leave the hobby.

We exchange news letters with 15 Clubs and chapters across the country. Any ideas of improving relations with other clubs and chapters would be appreciated. Unless something drastic happens in the "national" we will continue to have dark days for the collectors and the hobby.

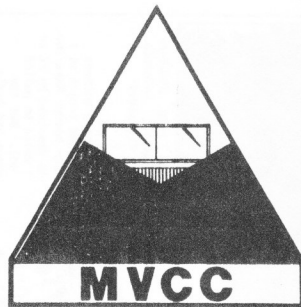
Sincerely Yours



Jack Tomlin

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Ignorance of MVCC national operations is HERRIC's greatest strength ---  
don't act like an ostrich --- things will only get worse --- keep informed  
with TANK --- who wants tyrants and dictators running MVCC, determined to  
keep themselves in power, at the expense of democracy and membership rights!



June 16, 1986

TO: ALL CHAPTERS  
FROM: Jim Herrick, Secretary/Treasurer  
SUBJECT: Club/Chapter Insurance

For quite a few years now the Board of Directors has noted that very few chapters utilize the National insurance policy in any way, shape or form. The financial return from the chapters on this policy represents less than 25 percent of the cost necessary to run this program. The rest of the cost has had to be passed along to the general members. Because of this dismal record, the Board of Directors has chosen not to fund the National insurance policy.

This policy will expire on July 2, 1986 and will not be renewed. The lack of funding was a decision of the Board of Directors at the Board meeting held in Denver, Colorado, in March, 1986.

JEH:sm

The above letter, written by James E. Herrick (JEH), ALMOST caused a last-minute cancellation of the Lowell, Mass. International Rally in July 1986. Fortunately, enough decent members put pressure against HERRIC to extend the insurance policy at the last minute.

August 1987

SupplyLine

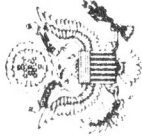
## Galveston

affiliated solely with the MVCC to protect the national insurance program. For example, if a chapter affiliated with a war game group used the MVCC insurance during a re-enactment, the entire Club might lose its insurance as a result of any claim brought against the policy. After the Board meeting, Herrick pointed out that, contrary to rumors being circulated by some individuals, Club insurance is available to all chapters and has always been.

(At the April 1986 Mid-Year Meeting in Denver the Board of Directors discussed letting the national insurance policy run out after the 1986 International Convention but, side-tracked by the Proving Ground squabble, the Board took no action and the Club insurance policy has remained in force.)

Here, HERRIC denies the storm of protest caused by the cancellation of insurance.. Can you trust HERRIC??

**TED BROMAGE- BOOTED by**  
**Founder, Director, MVCC Ethics**  
**Incorporator, Committee!**

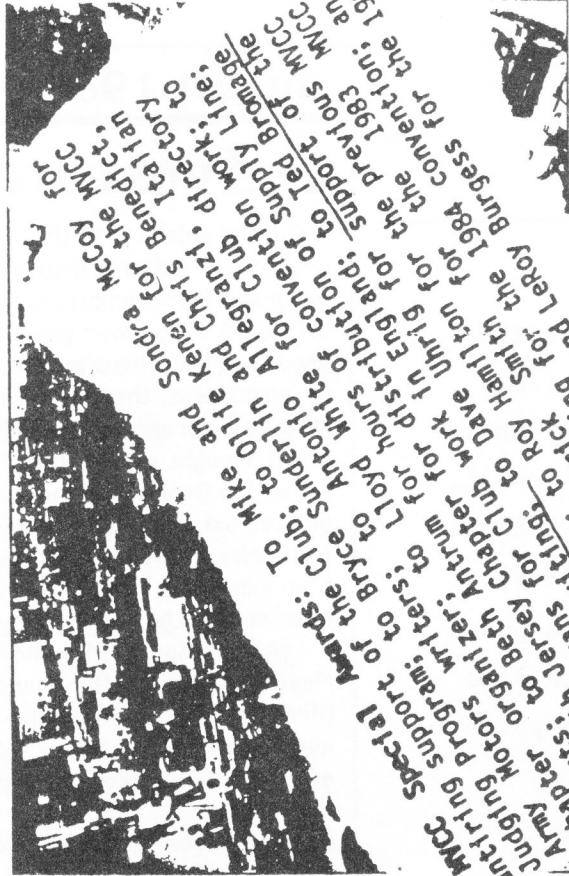


**NO REASON GIVEN**

**SUPPLY LINE**  
 THE MVCC NEWSLETTER  
 AUGUST 1985

**MVCC Wichita Convention**

Big Swap Meet, Good Vehicles



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**SUPPLY LINE**  
 THE MVCC NEWSLETTER  
 APRIL 1986

**1986 Mid-Year Conference**  
 Conflict and resolution in Denver

The second annual MVCC Mid-Year Conference opened in a store of controversy and closed in a positive atmosphere of harmony. With that change in the political climate in Denver came 'fundamental' changes in how the Club will operate. Additional changes are sure to follow.

From the Board of Directors Meeting at the 1985 MVCC International Convention in Wichita, Kansas, up to the 1986 Denver Mid-Year Conference, a group calling itself the Proving Ground organized its supporters had engaged very un-spirited Club members in a 'proving ground' situation.

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the 1986 MVCC Year Board members in Denver, Colorado.

9 - Club Member Ted Bromage described how professional management services could help take care of the day-to-day membership of the national office; deletions, and vehicle additions; continue his investigation and report to the board.

10 - A sticker with the Club name and address printed in a circle around the current tripartite decision will be produced to help the Club more accessible to initial members.

Through the rest of the afternoon and evening and on into Saturday morning board members and the Proving Ground opposition worked frantically to reach an accord. Both groups wanted to end the direct to the Club and let everyone wait away from the coming assembly. However, the first MVCC president, Walter Patrick Smith, board member, and Patrick Smith, board member, (Continued on Page 2)

**Letter (not even club stationery) on reverse side.**

**Paranoia in COLO.  
tramples members'  
rights.**

**Were the vehicles  
we love created to  
preserve this kind  
of Democracy?**



TO: Ted Bromage  
FROM: MVCC Ethics Committee  
SUBJECT: Membership Renewal  
REFERENCE: Your check in the amount of \$20 (see attachment)  
DATE: May 20, 1987

Your membership renewal has been referred to the Ethics Committee for consideration and determination. The Committee has reviewed your renewal application in the light of the best interests of the MVCC. It is our determination that the interests of the club are best served by declining your application for renewed membership. Attached you will find your renewal check in the amount of \$20.00

Attachment

MVCC ETHICS COMMITTEE:  
*Robert E. Beck*  
Robert E. Beck, Chairman  
Orie Nelson  
Nelson Dionne



Ted Bromage  
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**Who is next?  
What is next?**



Note carefully the crude style and crude vocabulary of HERRIC-President Patrick Smith, in a letter to MVCC co-founder Ted Bromage, who was booted out of MVCC prior to this letter. Can you believe that Patrick SMITH is qualified to be the President of a 5,000 member club??

2 Aug 87



Dear Ted

shit

Had to go for a shit which I think is more important than answering your threatening letter.

Go ahead and start using your little word processor.

Your(SIC) history my friend, I speak only for myself who else would care what you think and most of all your(sic) a standing joke.

Your little love note handed out by Spence and Greenburg had no effect whatever.

Do your best, your(sic) just not worth another word.

Good luck to you in your little black world.

Pat

PATRICK SMITH,  
President(?) MVCC

## OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT(?) PATRICK SMITH

DEAR PATRICK SMITH:

You will probably be remembered in the history of MVCC as the spineless supposed President that started the MVCC into a disastrous tailspin, because of your selfish and short-sighted policies that created a severly alienated membership throughout the USA and Canada.

Your failure or refusal to try to even attempt to claim or defuse the membership crisis, your stubborn subservience to the ego-trip and selfish board members who fraudulently rigged the election last year, and your bombastic rhetoric have only deepened the deep rift within the club and the hobby.

As you must know, there is a widespread deadly distrust of the Colorado operations by knowledgable members and others in the hobby, and, as claimed chief executive officer, you are and will be held accountable.

Your shameful support of the recent vengeance acts by the ill-named unethical "Ethics Committee" is most reprehensible and ill-conceived. Booting out very long time MVCC members for hateful political reasons is only spiraling tensions and dissatisfaction within the club and the hobby. You, Patrick Smith, are and will be held accountable for the demise of the MVCC. Shame, shame.

Were the vehicles we love created to preserve this kind of democracy??

P.S. A true and honest Ethics Committee should have thoroughly investigated Jim Herrick for his dishonest and illegal election procedures.

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### "HERRIC" REFUSES TO ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. WHY?

1. Which article and paragraph of the current MVCC bylaws gives HERRIC the authority to EXPEL members?
2. Why was not a hearing or similar democratic process held so that candidates for expulsion could defend themselves?
3. What precedent do you have for expelling members, especially for political reasons?
4. Who else do you plan to expel, and do you plan to use the same methods?

# And We Quote... WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING...

## OHIO

....October 10, 1987. On that date the Buckeye Chapter of the MVCC ceased to exist. We have decided to become an independent car club for military vehicle collectors in the state of Ohio. We filed for incorporation and are now Buckeye Military Vehicle Collectors, Inc.....

## NEW ENGLAND

....The king (Herrick) has continually forced the chapters (colonists) into doing things his way and without representation (remember the last National ballot?)....On September 27, 1987, we..fired our "king". We no longer owe loyalty to the National club as a chapter.....

## WASHINGTON AREA

....The membership no longer has a voice in the MVCC, we haven't voted an opinion on club policy for as long as I can remember. The club is run exclusively by the Board of Directors.....I have a problem with a two year scrutiny of all affiliated organizations. What kind of organization is this that we must be re-evaluated every two years to maintain membership?.....  
...suppression of all opposing political views? Do we negate freedom of the press, speech, etc? Is the ethics committee unethical?

## NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

....Two loyal long-time...members have recently had their MVCC national memberships rejected, revoked by the ruling but illegally-elected junta in Colorado. We refer to Ollie Kenen(former editor of Supply Line, vehicle judging expert), and Ted Bromage. John Vetter(founder of both Army Motors, and Supply Line).. also effected (his renewal membership being rejected).

## CALIFORNIA

....Why was there NO membership meeting at the Galveston convention?...In effect the new by-laws consolidate all power into the hands of one man and his cronies on the ethics committee.....

## UTAH

....It is his(Patrick Smith) feeling that the "Ethics Committee" does not answer to anyone...that is consistent with the idiots that support the "ethics committee" concept. No wonder the club is breaking up.....

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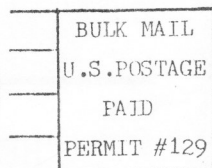
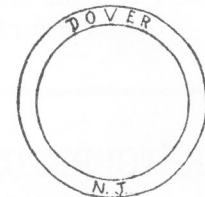
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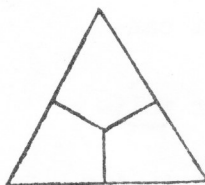
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