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- \* Next meeting: Monday, April 13, 7 pm (1900 hr)
- \* Spring Carlisle (Pa.) - April 30 - May 2.
- \* Sea Coast military show, South River, N.J. - May 9  
Also Forks of Delaware show same date
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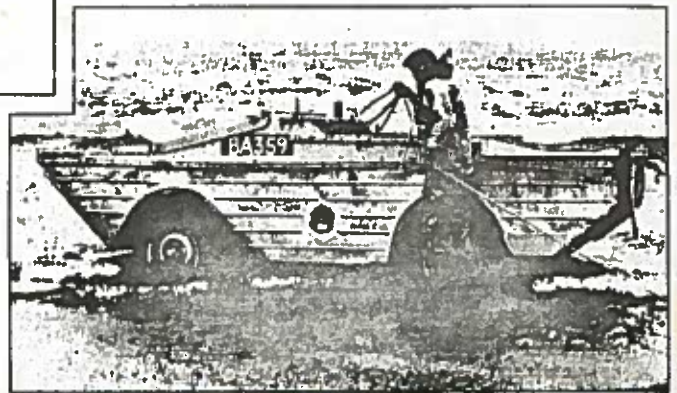
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- \* Central Surplus, formerly of Pearl River, Rockland Co., N.Y.  
has relocated to Woodcliff Lake, Bergen Co., N.J.
- \* Glen Trochan has been spending the winter in Florida.
- \* AMVEC (Alliance of Military Vehicle Enthusiasts and Collectors)  
is a new organization. More news later.
- \* There will not be a rally in the Albany, N.Y. area this year.

Four Wheeler Apr 1987



## FOUR WHEELING THE FJORDS

The natives of Scotland have always been known for their ability to hang on to money, or at least make it last a long time. Their thrift may be well known, but the photo we were sent by John Bridle proves that Scots will make *anything* last. He shot this '44 GPA last summer just as it returned from its six-day-a-week chore of salmon fishing off the Scottish coast—something

the old four-bys have been doing since the mid-1950s. The fishermen operate a "fleet" of four Jeeps but only send out two at a time to work. It is interesting to note that neither a normal four-by nor a boat could duplicate what these 42-year-old war-horses do to earn their keep. Despite all this saltwater sailing, the Jeeps don't seem to have earned the nickname they were given by the troops. But what else would an amphibious Jeep be called if not a "Seep?"



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(The TV mini-series)

AMERIKA Editorial  
By Jack Tomlin

I feel that I was suckered into watching a show that looked like a day time soap. I watched all the episodes hoping for the promised comeback of "Amerika". It never came to pass. I figured that Amerika would be an up grade of Red Dawn. In Red Dawn only the high school football team resisted the enemy. In Amerika no one did. Only in the last episode did they resist and then they quit right after the one attempt. Even the Hungarians after eleven years on Russian occupation did a better job of fighting the Russians in 1956.

The equipment in the show was all very American. It seems that the Russians did not bring any of their own equipment to fight with. I guess that we gave them everything they needed to occupy us with. Each scene was dragged out to the last boring possible moment. That accounts for the show lasting some fourteen hours.

The sad part of the show was that it was not even close to a possible truth. There are 250 million guns in the country and they are owned by over 50 million Americans. the show portrayed America so apathetic that the Russians took us over with out any resistance. 50 million armed Americans just watched the Russians walk in? I am sure that even the MVCC would put up some resistance. There are some 200,000 plus legal machine guns in the country and I am sure that some of these would see service against the enemy.

I refer to Red Dawn as a comparison. In Red Dawn only part of the high school foot ball team resisted the invasion of the enemy in the local area. That left all of the "veterans" of America sitting around doing nothing? All the relatives, parents a friends stayed at home and watched. Only 10 or twelve fought. That seemed a little far fetched. In Amerika no one resisted and that would be even farther from the truth. Our children would be carrying the Lenin/Lincoln flag in a local parade. I also doubt that.

No effort was made to disguise the equipment in the movie Amerika. It was supposed to be a big budget movie also. I can not see what the Russians were complaining about as far as the movie being shown. They seem to think that it would get Americans upset and rekindle anti-Russian feelings. I think that the movie company did such a poor job on portraying the nature of Americans that they lost any sentiments that might have been created about the Russians. I did notice that the Russians must be good lovers. The film did a great job showing three love affairs that American women were having with Russian officers at the highest levels.

I think that even after ten years that there would be resistance to a Russian occupation. There would be "hard core" Americans that would fight for ever if the situation was there. I guess that I will have to wait for another movie company to try dramatizing the spirit of Americans if the Russians tried to take us over. The fourteen hour "mini-series" didn't do it. I don't think that anyone believed that Americans would be that passive.



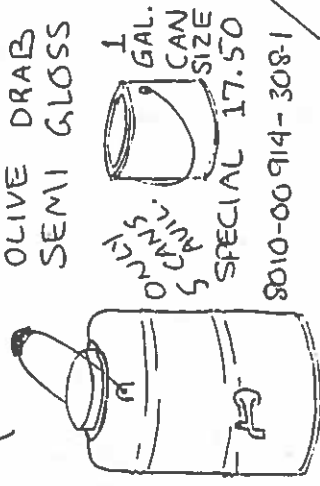
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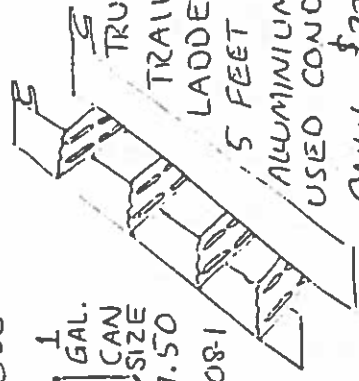
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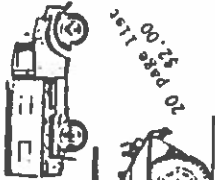
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## SOUTHEASTERN EQUIPMENT - A VISIT

(Augusta, Georgia)

by Richard Raday, Houston Area Chapter

Reprinted from "Non-Directional Tracks"

Your editor was fortunate enough to make a trip to SECO in Augusta in January, and I figured I would share my findings, with those who haven't ever 'experienced' the world's largest surplus yard. The majority of what they have is M series; M37, M43, M38A1, M34 series 2½ ton, M51 series 5 ton, M133 series 2½ ton, all by the thousands. I'm sure everyone will agree that it is not worthwhile to go to Georgia to get a truck as common as these are, so I will describe rarer WWII vehicle availability. I'll categorize by weight to simplify. Euroback refers to the vehicle having been reimported from a foreign country.

¼ ton- Forget it, very few (see picture), jeeps this bad are available locally.

¾ ton Dodge- Late wood bed weapons carriers by the hundreds, all Euroback, poor, restorable, w/wo winch. About 30 poor ambulances available. No rare variants.

1½ ton Dodge- Probably 50 avail., all poor cond., restorable.

Tracked- Weasels- saw about 25, all poor but probably restorable, Euroback. Stuart M5 tanks- sold out. Canadian Sexton S.P. Howitzers- many available, good cond. M4 High speed tractors- too many to count, generally poor cond.

Halftracks- various available, average condition.

2½ ton GMC- all variants, all conditions, hundreds avail., most Euroback, good cargo bed avail. DUKW's (about 15) in poor condition.

2½ ton IHC- several available, made into line trucks, poor cond.

4 ton Diamond T- about 20, Euroback, most good, restorable, cargo, chassis, wrecker models only.

6 ton White etc.- Treadaway Bridge trucks only, Euroback, excellent condition, (drive home) very nice. Closed and open cabs, some Detroit Diesel converted.

7½ ton- 1 rare early Corbitt w/good cargo bed, fair cond, complete. Plenty of rough open and closed cab NO ugly Macks.

12 ton Diamond T- 2 avail (see picture) Euroback, 1 open cab, 1 closed. Pacific Car- very good, complete, A1 (unarmored) versions, about 3 avail., these deserve restoration.

Trailers- ¼ ton, many avail., good cond. Lowboy floats for 12 ton Pacific and Diamond T, good cond., (overwidth).

That's about all of it,,I'm afraid. Keep in mind that the prices in the Southeastern flyers generally refer to fixed up, painted and running condition. U-drag-off is generally lower, according to Rick Huntington, director of marketing. If you talk to Southeastern about purchasing vehicles, remeber that they are in business to sell reconditioned vehicles to overseas governments. The junk business is secondary.




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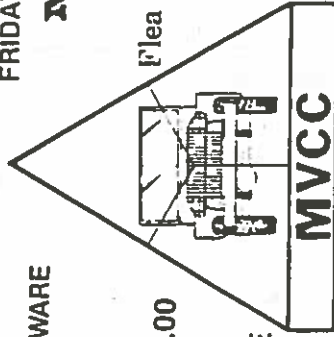
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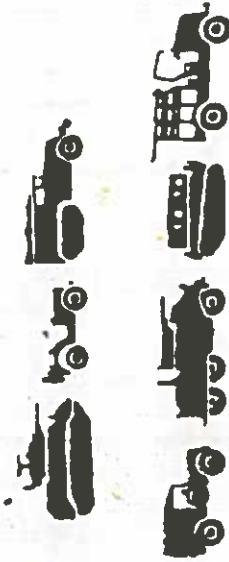
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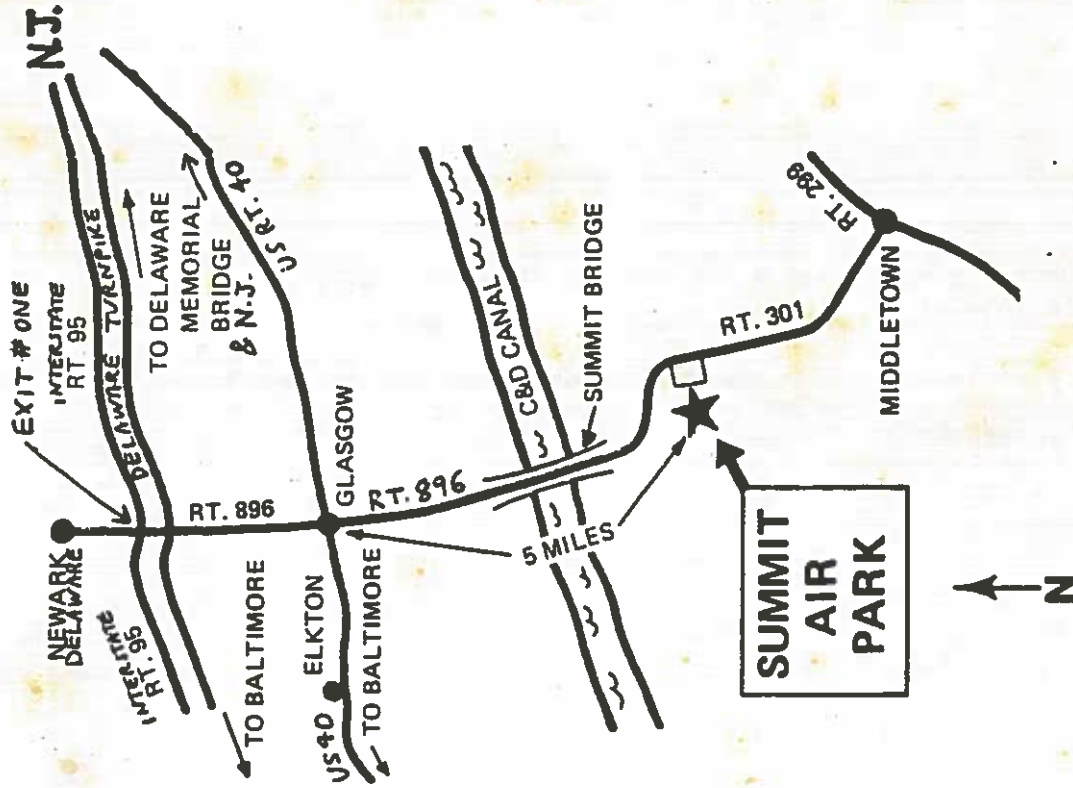
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# MAP



By Rich Raday  
(Houston Area Chapter)

For the sake of the "CLUB", OUR CLUB, OUR HOBBY, lets get back to the enjoyment of military vehicles, once again.

With that in mind, as the President of the Houston Area Chapter, I would like to welcome and urge everyone to attend the 12th Annual MVCC International Convention hosted by us, right down here in Texas. Enjoy both southern and western hospitality. Visit our swap meet, see old friends, make new ones. Enjoy historic Galveston Island and enjoy Texas food and drink.

Progress on the convention is moving along at a steady pace. Instead of waiting until the end of the convention I would like to thank the various committeemen/committeewomen for making this a team effort: June and Alan Bonny who are responsible for the registration forms, ads for the convention for Supply Line and Army Motors and anything else I can push on him (just give me a deadline); Wayne Lukaszewski and Jerry Smith who are working on our Ad book; Mark Rider who is working on co-sponsorship; Jeff Perry for table set up; Franz Wagner, setting up convention accounts and registration receipts; Sid Beck on T-Shirts and patches (keep those letters coming, Sid!); Bill Black our "Has anyone given at thought to....." consultant; and Charlene Raday, Sandy Perry and Pat Lukaszewski who have taken Galveston by storm, investigating Hotels, meeting with the Convention Center representative, mapping out hotels, and contacted the various caterers. Thanks again, team!

July 23, 24, 25 & 26, 1987

Several things have changed for our benefit.

- . The Host Hotel is no longer the Hotel Galvez; is it now the Flagship Hotel. We are getting better rates. All rooms are \$65.00/day. All rooms have an ocean view. The hotel is just three short blocks from the Moody Center.
- . Next, we changed the price of the banquet ticket. <sup>\$15.00</sup> Those of you who have registered and bought banquet tickets, you will get a refund on your tickets.
- . Since there were so many requests for Texas style smoked BBQ, we are having a BBQ/Get Together Friday night featuring a local Blue Ribbon BBQ (beef brisket), sausage (links) and all the trimmings for just \$8.50 (seconds included).

1987 FALL RALLY IN THE VALLEY.. The Keystone Chapter has evidently reneged on the agreement to hold bi-annual rally's. 1987 is supposed to be GPA's year for the Rally in the Valley, but since Keystone cancelled their 1986 rally at the last minute, they seem to want to hold one this year. This is despite Jess Hackenberg's comment in the October 1985 Keystone newsletter that alternating rally sites "was a good idea" and that GPA "should do it every other year". So it looks like we'll have two Pennsylvania rallies this year. Speaking of that, committees are now being formed to organize and run the 1987 Rally. If GPA is to conduct a meaningful and eventful rally, YOUR involvement is needed.. Pick an area that you'd like to help out in, or be in charge of, and come on out. GPA is YOUR CLUB.. It can not be any better than the members who show up and participate in our events.. end of sermon.