

## TANK



The response to the first issue of TANK was overwhelming. We had not realized the very widespread unhappiness and dissatisfaction with MVCC as managed by Herrick. Some of the comments that we received from our fellow MVCC members are reproduced on page seven of this issue. We have not specifically identified these concerned MVCC members so as to prevent retaliation by Herrick against them. As you recall, Herrick has already expelled several distinguished MVCC members, and, in this issue, we are highlighting one of them, Ollie Kenen, on page two.

Our greatest problem in publishing TANK is to find enough space to write and document the many shady and illegal acts by Herrick so as to maintain his total domination of MVCC, as well as the many incompetent and bungling acts of the Herrick administration. Unfortunately, we all pay heavily for these amateur and fumbling efforts. The MVCC dues are \$25 per year, and further increases would be expected if TANK was not being published. As an alternative, there are now other publications that have surpassed MVCC's "Supply Line" as a major advertising service for military vehicle enthusiasts in America.

On the last page of this issue, we are listing the numerous MVCC chapters that have independently cut their ties with Herrick, as chapters. This clearly shows the widespread dissatisfaction with Herrick's MVCC. And we predict that the list will grow even longer. Of course, personal membership in MVCC is <u>not</u> related to the relationship of any chapter to MVCC.



SupplyLine

October 1987

#### Presidential Citation

Imposed on each side of the IMVCC logo is a leaf cluster. On the back in French, around the top, "Honne soit qui-mal-y Pense" — Ilteral translation: "Evil to Him who Evil Thinks". In roman numerals MCMLXXVI and on the bottom IMVCC.

HONNI SOIT QUI MAL Y PENSE
"Evil be to him who evil thinks"
Question: How is this phrase related
to military vehicles? Why is it
there? Is this a hint of Herrick
paranoia?



### Oliver K. Kenen

Ollie Kenen is an enthusiastic MV collector who has unselfishly volunteered extensively for the betterment of the hobby. Yet, because he has dared to challenge Herrick-style politics, he has been recently expelled from MVCC by Herrick's "Ethics Committee".

Ollie is widely recognized as an expert on Dodge ambulances of WW2, especially the 3/4 ton WC-54. He currently owns a restored WC-54 ambulance, and a rare GMC AFKX-352 cab-over-engine ordnance maintenance truck. Ollie also collects WW2 U.S. Army medical gear and uniforms. With his ambulance, Ollie has participated in many WW2 reenactments.

As the Editor of "Supply Line" from July 1980 to January 1983,0llie edited and published eleven issues in that period, fulfilling a vital club function. That unselfish effort assures Ollie a benchmark in the history of MVCC, by itself. <u>Unlike today's Editor</u>, he was NOT paid for his efforts, nor did he have a paid staff.

Ollie has written numerous articles that were published in "Army Motors", on such diverse subjects as tires for MVs, Dodge vehicle tools, MV winches, and MV judging. In addition, Ollie has also authored 13 military movie reviews for "Army Motors" and 3 MV book reviews.

As an early pioneer in developing MV judging forms for MV rallies, Ollie organized knowledgable fellow club members to assist in the judging at countless regional and national rallies and conventions. Also, Ollie was the chief judge at many national conventions and even more rallies. In 1985, Ollie won an MVCC special award for the MVCC Judging Program.

For three long years, Ollie designed, by himself, the line drawings for all the issues of "Army Motors" during that time period. They were on the dust covers. Ollie is also credited with originating the non-specific head-on wheeled vehicle design in the triangular logo of MVCC, which continues in use today in modified form.

Ollie is one of several in MVCC who had attended EVERY MVCC national convention from the first in 1976, until 1986. He held MVCC membership number 102, the second lowest number ever issued.

His fellow club members in New Jersey were <u>not</u> neglected by Ollie. He was the second President of the North Jersey Chapter(MVCC's first chapter) for two years (1975, 1976), and again in 1983/1984 for another two years. Ollie also served as Vice President for three years in 1977-1979. In addition, Ollie was Editor of "Motor Pool Messenger", the chapter newsletter, from 1983 to 1985.

Ollie was active in the planning and management of the 2nd MVCC national convention at Lakehurst, New Jersey, in 1977, and also encouraged the formation of the South Jersey Chapter in January 1975.

# LEOUIPACE

LES MÉCANICIENS DE L'IMPOSSIBLE

UNE VERITABLE REVOLUTION
DANS LES GROUPES MONDIAUX
DE VEHICULES MILITAIRES

Une conférence de tous les présidents s'est tenue à Cannes les 28 février et 1er mars dernier. Elle a eu pour but de mettre en place toutes les structures nécessaires à la venue de plus de 1 300 véhicules et 5 000 participants pour les cérémonies du 45° anniversaire du Débarquement en 1989.

C'est sur l'initiative du plus grand groupe du monde, l'International Military Vehicle Collectors Club aux Etats-Unis d'Amérique et son antenne europeenne en Italie que ce colloue s'est tenu en France. Désiux de rencortrer les responsa-

Patrick Smith, président de l'International Military Vehicle Collectors Club des U.S.A., Nelson Dionne, vice-président, James Herrick, treasurer, Piero Brezza, general secretary of M. V. C. C. Italy, Jean-Louis Cocchi, M. V. C. G. Provence,

Segatel, Jean-Petrick Smith, Philippe Meaux Saint-Marc, Nelson Dionne, James Herrick

Les congressistes de Cannes,

de gauche à droite. Bernard Faivre, Richard Beddall, Antonio Allegranzi, Jean-Pierre

Segalen, Jean-Pierre Dardinier

t le travail En attener les plus nous posce va être ans. Espéaussi parnciens en

<u>EUROPEAN JAUNT</u> - Herrick, Nelson Dionne, and Patrick Smith(Pres.?) flew to the French Riviera resort of Cannes in February 1987(one year ago), supposedly representing future MVCC involvement in 1989 D-Day ceremonies(45th anniversary). We have three questions:

- 1. Why was not the membership told about this? Why is Herrick keeping this a dark secret?
- 2. Who paid for this? (Air fares, hotels, restaurant meals, taxis, etc) After we exposed their lies about insurance in the last issue, can you even believe any answer they might provide?

3. Should Herrick and his buddies be squandering their efforts in Europe when they can not keep their own house in order?

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France et co-président de la fédération UNIVEM,

Jean-Pierre Dardinier, président de la fédération française M.V.C.G.,

Secrétaire général: François-Xavier Baudrillart, vice-président M.V.C.G. Paris et Escadron de l'Histoire.

Trésorier: Jean-Pierre Segalen, Escadron de l'Histoire Provence-Côte d'Azur,

Membres: Antonio Allegranzi, vice-président du M.V.C.C. U.S.A., président M.V.C.G. Europe

Etaient présents à ce colloque et au vote en dehors des personnes ci-dessus :

mité ont entrepris les démarches nécessaires, et les statuts seront prochainement déposés. Le siège social a été retenu et utilisera le siège actuel du M.V.C.G. Paris Ile-de-France et de l'UNI-VEM, 172 Bd Haussmann, 75008 Paris. Téléphone: (1) 45.63.83.83 (répondeur en cas d'absence. Ouvert chaque jour entre 8 h et 20 h). Cette adresse pratique est proche des ministères et administrations.

Il faut souligner à nouveau, et de façon solennelle, l'abandon de toutes les anciennes dissensions interclubs. Les groupes français repartent désireux de se rencontrer le plus souvent possidiamétralement différente de celle d'un notaire de sous-préfecture. Il eût fallu peut-ètre s'en apercevoir plus tôt, et les choses n'auraient pas dévié comme elles l'ont fait dans le passé.

Enfin, tout est désormais arrangé dans notre beau pays. Avec la présence de nos amis Britanniques dans ce comité, et de nos bons collègues Italiens, en attendant la venue des Belges, des Suisses et des Hollandais que nous rencontrerons certainement bientôt, voici un splendide programme qui nous est offert. Puissions-nous ramener à nous les groupes qui désireraient s'associer à ces cérémonies de 1989.

Patrick Smith, important responsable aux U.S.A. (7 000 membres), apprécie vivement la restauration de l'Harley d'Alain Sauvan, du M.V.C.G. Provence.





#### NELSON DIONNE

Salem, Massachusetts

Nelson Dionne, Vice President of MVCC, and fervently loyal to Herrick, has an interesting background - read this for an understanding of the type of mentality that supports Herrick.

He is also a key member of the Herrick "Ethics Committee".



#### ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY TOPSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS 01983

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May 30, 1984

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Photocopy of original contract with the signatures of Nelson Dionne, Richard Warner, and Al McAdoo, all chapter officers.

Nelson Dionne was Newsletter Editor of the New England Chapter from August 1978 to December 1984, In all fairness, he performed well as its Editor. Nelson was also Secretary of the New England Chapter from August 1978 to March 1985, when the chapter's Board of Directors voted to replace him, since he "has MISSED most of the meetings". WHY didn't he resign or make some other arrangements if he could not perform his job?

Ever since 1985 when he was dismissed, Nelson's reputation in the New England states, where he lives and works, has been on a downhill roller coaster.

In early 1984, while Nelson was chapter Secretary, he urged the chapter to sponsor the upcoming 1986 MVCC national convention at the Topsfield fairgrounds, in Topsfield, Massachusetts, not far from where he resides. A \$1,000 deposit was paid by the chapter on June 29, 1984.

In this Topsfield contract, there was space for four (4) signatures (three for chapter officers, one for Paul Corson, general manager of Topsfield). All four signed (see reduced photocopies).



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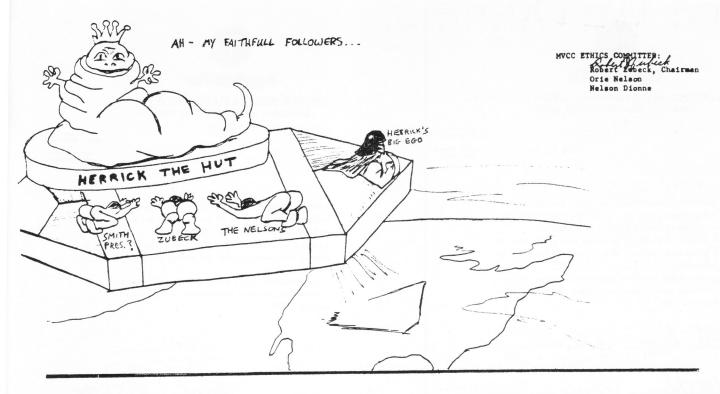
Photocopy of original contract after being signed by Paul Corson(manager). and returned to the chapter.

Photocopy of a contract that Nelson gave members of the chapter committee at a later meeting in Topsfield. Why did Nelson tamper with the contract's signatures????

At a later chapter board meeting, two of the four signatures had completely disappeared in the copies of the contract that Nelson had distributed at this meeting. Nelson was asked by the other chapter officers to explain this disappearing act with the two signatures, and Nelson got very upset and said it was a "preliminary contract". Mr. Paul Corson, Topsfield manager, stated later that there had NEVER been a preliminary contract and Mr. Corson was very disturbed over this disappearing act by Nelson. There is still NO explanation for these signatures to disappear. What kind of scheme or fraud was Nelson planning? Can you believe Nelson is on the MVCC Ethics Committee now in operation under Herrick?

(Fortunately, Lowell, Massachusetts was later selected as the site of the 1986 MVCC convention, and the chapter deposit was returned.)

Nelson has been a national MVCC board member since 1982, and additionally, was elected as 2nd Vice President in a <u>rigged</u> board meeting in Wichita, Kansas in July 1985. By this time, Nelson had absolutely lost all popular support and influence in the New England states.



NELSON DIONNE - from previous page.

In May 1986, the Herrick administration picked Patrick Smith, a trusted Herrickite to replace Jack Tomlin as MVCC President. Although Vice Presidents are normally promoted to become Presidents, Herrick reasoned that Nelson was either NOT qualified, or could not be trusted, or both. Another factor was the widespread unpopularity of Nelson in the New England states.

At the Lowell national convention in July 1986, Nelson intentionally refused to attend any meetings on national MVCC problems, even though he was the national Vice President. Nelson was specially invited, but cared less about the mounting problems within MVCC. In fact, Nelson only attended the Lowell convention only for a few short minutes, even though Lowell was the largest MV rally/convention ever held this side of the Atlantic Ocean.

Nelson, as MVCC national vice president and board member, is supposed to represent the New England states on the national MVCC board of directors, but instead he represents only himself, and hundreds of other MVCC members are denied representation. Why doesn't he resign?

A year later, in September 1987, the New England Chapter specifically invited Nelson to attend a chapter board meeting to "present the national club's position and reasons for these new policies". At that time, the chapter was at a crossroads in their future relationship with the national MVCC. Guess who boycotted the meeting? Nelson, of course. Afterwards, the Presdient of the New England Chapter wrote, referring to Nelson, as "one of the national vice presidents...a member of our club, and I can't remember when the last time was that he attended a meeting".

Today, Nelson continues to be a strong believer in evil Herrick-type one-man politics. Nelson is no longer a member of any chapter, and there are two separate and distinct local chapters in Massachusetts. Nelson continues to cling to Herrick for fame and fortune, having <u>lost</u> all popular support in Massachusetts and the other New England states. Also, Nelson is one of three MVCC members of the disgraceful Ethics Committee. Nelson has reportedly boasted verbally that it is he who decides is going to be expelled from MVCC. Isn't it time to quietly resign, Nelson?

### And We Quote... EXACT QUOTES IN LETTERS FROM M.V.C.C. MEMBERS IN RESPONSE TO OUR 1st ISSUE

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CALIFORNIA - Mr. F.

"One thing I can say about Patrick Smith in the crude letter I read in TANK, I think his first paragraph STINKS, but he for the 1st time told the truth. He stinks so bad that we in Calif. catch the smell out here....

MICHIGAN - Mr. G.

"I hope you can clean up the mystery about whats going on. Have known people dropping out but only heard one side before."

MARYLAND - Mr. R.

"If all chapters withdraw then Herrick has no more money except from what he probably skinned off the top till that runs out..., people who try to hide everything or control the entire situation through their actions usually have something to hide."

#### OKIAHOMA

"I sure wish that all of the "B.S." and politics could have been kept of the MVCC - but I guess when you get a bunch of people together there are always those that have the big ego and want to control everything."

NEW JERSEY - Mr. R.

"...never had I gotten the complete story as eloquently stated as it was in the pages of TANK."

OHIO - Mr. S.

"Thank you for sending me your premier issue of TANK. I am glad that someone is on the ball."

MASSACHUSETTS - Mr. F.

"I'm glad to see this publication done with documentation and clarity. Keep it up!

INDIANA

"Please keep up the good work on exposing Adolph Herrick \*"

WISCONSIN - Mr. R

"You've finally put a name to the beast. Here's my donation."

TEXAS - Mr. P.

"I was unaware of what was happening within the MVCC hierarchy. It would be quite a shame for such a worthwhile organization to break up because of the callous and pretentious behaviour of a few. You have my full support."

ILLINOIS - Mr. F.

"Enjoyed reading your much needed publication and looking forward to more."

CALIFORNIA - Mr. M.

"Thanks a lot for the time and effort to keep us informed."

ARIZONA

"Keep up the good work - I'm glad to see that somebody is finally pitching the Spam towards the fan. I had a look at your newsletter that was sent to a friend of mine-I liked what I saw - sign me up, please.

TENNESSEE

"It's past time that something was done within the MVCC. I hope we have some success."

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU SAW BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING REPORTS IN "SUPPLY LINE"?? Why are we not informed what they are doing?

#### MANY CHAPTERS BREAK AWAY FROM HERRICK-DOMINATED M.V.C.C.

What are Herrick's accomplishments? Herrick has created so much dissatisfaction and discontent that many, many chapters have voluntarily disengaged themselves completly from the Herrick-dominated MVCC.

This list keeps growing longer as other chapters gradually realize the evils and perils of one-man domination of MVCC, and the resulting disadvantages of being officially and legally connected to an arrogant and overbearing administration.

12 MVCC Chapters have left MVCC:

Buckeye (Ohio)

First Carolinas

North Jersey

Nevada.

Central Virginia

Upstate New York

Vermont

Greater Pennsylvania

Wisconsin

New England

Greater New York

N.Y./ Pennsylvania

In addition, at least 5 chapters intentionally never joined the MVCC because of their awareness of Herrick's one-man domination of MVCC:

Long Island

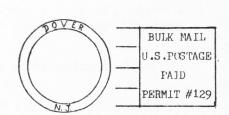
Merrimack Valley(Mass., N.H.)

Down East(North Carolina)

Utah

Western New York

Ignorance of MVCC operations is Herrick's greatest strength -keep informed with TANK ---don't act like an ostrich with his
head in the sand -- demand open Board meetings and official
membership meetings at the Portland, Oregon convention in June!
P.S. Your financial contributions so we can afford to keep
publishing TANK will be much appreciated. Thank you!



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