

TRANSFER CASE

LONE STAR MVPA

Hello Members!

Rick was my topic for the last newsletter on the great job he does with our Web-site. Well Rick again is on my mind because of his recent stay in the hospital. Rick is now home and is doing well. What started to be a simple Gaul bladder operation turned into 4 operations in four days! Rick has been home only a couple days and is already adding new member to our data base. This is the kind of trooper he is!

At the July meeting we discussed some of the National convention issues and meetings attended. National wants all of its affiliate's to try to get increased membership in the National organization. Danny and I pointed out how nice the two magazines are that come with your national membership. They are a great source for finding vendors with parts for your vehicles. One big point we failed to bring out is that national is our lobby for our hobby! National has put pressure on state governmental agency's that try to have military vehicles removed from the roads.

We need a strong national organization to keep our hobby alive and that's where some of your national membership dues go! It was discussed that national is looking at its cost very close and have taken action to improve its finances. One improvement is to combine the two magazines into one! This will help cut printing and shipping cost. They are sure the quality of the new magazine will be improved. Those who have national membership know that the last two Supply Line magazines have vastly improved.

On our membership as of today's data, we have 69 members. With 86% of them having paid their dues. Only about 43 % of the club members are national members. This was much higher a few years ago. I think some members just did not get around to renewing their membership. The board has decided that next year's insurance will be paid by the club and members will not be asked to chip in. If national raises the price we may need to re-think this issue. This year's dues will be per the Article IV-Dues section of our BY-LAWS. Dues are due before or on 31st December 2011. Membership will lapse automatically upon-nonpayment of dues provided the member has been notified by the Treasurer at least one month in advance of such action. The Treasurer will send letters to the non-paying member the first week of January with the member being dropped at the end of the first week in February. The club should not spend so much of its time trying to get dues in!

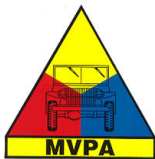
Everyone stay cool this summer, watch that radiator cap! The big truck guys figured it out! The big truck cast a bigger shadow for the lawn chairs and cooler!

PAST EVENTS

LOCKHART GRAND PARADE

12 JUNE 2010

We ended up with six vehicles, Ralph's wife Sherrie and grandkids Katlyn and Michael, Ed's daughter Katlyn, my 3 grandsons Daniel, Noah and Mathew, and Scott P. who was Ed's gunner. Out of the 6 vehicles we had first time appearances of Ralph's mechanical mule, Lee's M170, Ed's gun truck, Sam and Clint's M1009. We were a big hit as usual with many thank yous and salutes. The day was topped off with lunch at Kreitz's and then the convoy back to the compound. Another parade and another Grand Prize 1st place.



FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW

20 JUNE 2010

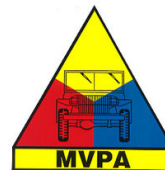
New member Peter S came by with his Mexican Army Dodge 601, Sam R and Charles H with M1009, Ed H and Have Gun Will Travel and Lee K with his M170. It was a good show, with a lot of lookers and some really neat non mil vehicles to be seen in the show as well.



CARS N COFFEE AUSTIN

27 JUNE 2010

We fielded eight vehicles and one trailer, once again providing the only touchable vehicles in the entire show! The crowd loved us, shade was at a premium, a good day was had by all!



INDEPENDENCE PARADE, LAKEWAY

3 JULY 2010

Great turn out today at Lakeway with 14 or 15 vehicles and several other members came along for the ride. The weather held, spectators lined both sides of the street for over a mile and there was over one hundred numbered units in the parade. Way to go guys.



INDEPENDENCE PARADE, WESTERN OAKS

4 JULY 2010

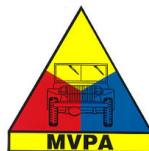
Scott S and Herb T brought out their Jeeps for their local neighborhood Independence Day celebration and were a crowd favorite! Kids and parents all were glad to see them.



INDEPENDENCE DAY, ELGIN

4 JULY 2010

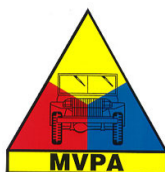
Southside BBQ hosted an Independence/Military appreciation day with displays, rides for the kids, lots of great food and fireworks! The National Guard brought out some equipment to show alongside our vehicles as well, despite the heat we were able to muster six vehicles and one trailer.



MVPA NATIONAL CONVENTION

8-10 JULY 2010

Several of our members made the trip to Topeka Kansas this year for the convention, none in Military Vehicles, but that will change next year! Lots of loot and photographs brought back, and plans are already being laid for the 2011 show in Dayton Ohio!





CARS N COFFEE AUSTIN

25 JULY 2010

We had five vehicles and one trailer, including a very nice M35A2 brought by a new prospect, turnout was low due to the heat and competition from other shows, but it was still good!



FUNNY PAGES

