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in the South
of France**



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More Over-the-Border HMVs

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a General the What-For**

**Five Pages of RED BULL
and HMV Events**

"Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage."

— Lao Tzu

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A Dust Cloth, a Little TLC, and You're Ready to Hit the Road!

It's Spring again, that wonderful time of year when everything turns a lovely shade of OD! Throw open your garage doors and get to it!

You're already out in the garage, the shed or the pole barn, right? You already finished that tranny rebuild and repainting your trailer and all that is left is polishing the chrome on your Sherman and you're out the door!

Well, not me...I just pulled my limping generator out of my GPW to find that its brushes are shot—no big deal—and that it is a post-war French unit, with no brushes extant and lurking around on this side of the pond. That means a call to Louie, a call to France, and either air-mailed salvation or a rebuilt generator. Rebuilding my transfer case never quite happened either, because I never got around to dropping it. Everyone behind me this year will be able to track me via the puddles of transmission lube that accumulate every time I am standing still for more than 15 seconds.

But who cares? The snow is mostly gone, the weather is warming up, and we can drive and ride again. How bad can it be?

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors (of which I am not a real member), and of the membership at large (of which I AM), welcome back to life! We see another great year ahead, packed with events and opportunities to do anything and everything with our HMs, from veteran support to charity fund raising to just having fun together. Get ready for a great MV season, and let us know what you're up to! Send in photos or articles. Gather up some fellow OD-disease sufferers and plan a convoy or outing. Sign up at our website for some of the great events. And remember; there is almost no problem too big for Bondo (or for a fellow member who is smarter than you are!).

—John Currie, Editor

FRONT COVER: One of a number of SOVAMAG TC10 DT 4x4 s from Jeep Sud-Est in Southern France. Maybe you need one
ABOVE: One guy's fixer-upper is another's reason to wail and weep. C'mon; how much work could this *really* be?...

News Dispatches: Now We Have a New Tool to Tell the RED BULL Story



After talking about it *forever*, we finally have a pocket-size brochure that you and all of our members can use to reach out to the public, answer their questions, and troll for new members

At our last board meeting in February, we voted to get the darn thing done.

With a full season of HMV events opening up, and with our commitment to taking care of our members and augmenting our ranks with new ones, we need a simple, straight-forward piece that tells folks who we are, what we do and how easily they can join our ranks. This 8.5" x 11" brochure is printed on high quality, medium-weight paper in full color and folded down to 8.5" x 3.75", perfect for carrying in a jacket or shirt pocket or storing in your glove box. When you participate in a parade, drive in a convoy, or stop at the Grab & Gulp for some groceries, you'll now be able to easily field those often-heard queries: "What is that you're driving?", "How can I join?", and "Will I be able to meet other good looking guys like you?"

There is a simple, clear tear-off form that they can fill out and mail in, as well as all of the info they need to look us up on line and pay right there.

For those of you who want to be certain that we are watching your shekels, we consulted several printers through several board members and got a great price on 2,000 brochures, delivered. We'll have them at the April Member Meeting on the 19th and can send them out to you via snail mail. We haven't figured out those details, but these won't do anyone a lot of good if they all sit in my basement. Let us know if you'd like to have some by writing us at our general email address, info@redbullhmva.com or send a request to our snail mail address:

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You can't keep a Good Man Quiet Louis Larson Gives a General a Good Talking-to

You go to the State Fair to pet goats, eat Corn Dogs and score a few brewskies. Louis goes to tell the Army that they need more jeeps.

Mention the crisis in Ukraine and he'd tell you that the protestors for an independent government would be safer if they were able to zip in and out in a convoy of jeeps. Talk with him about someone's honeymoon and he'll say that they would have had more fun if they went on it in a jeep. That's Louie.



Major General Richard Nash talks with Louie "Parasol" Larson as an awe-struck spectator looks on

Most of you know Louis Larson as an indefatigable ambassador of the Red Bull and All Things Jeep. This past August, at the Minnesota State Fair, on Military Appreciation Day, Louis was in his element, supporting our troops and telling everyone within earshot about the joys of owning a GPW (the TRUE jeep) and what fun it is to be in the Red Bull. Even on a blistering 96° day.

So, when Major General Richard C. Lewis stopped by—the commander of the MN National Guard and its new Adjutant General—he got the full meal deal. By the time they were done talking, if he wasn't already a seasoned soldier, he well might have run off to a recruiting office and signed up. In truth, he thanked Louis and the Red Bull for their service and support, and they discussed other ways that we could help in their recruiting and publicity efforts.

We were there for the full day event, alongside over a dozen groups who offer a wide range of support and services to our active duty and veteran servicemen and women and their families, offering everything from financial and mortgage assistance to counseling and job training. Louis was accompanied by Butch Polzin, Mark Kroll, Gary Nelson, Lee Larson and yours truly, along with our 2 MBs, 1 GPW, 1 M715 and 2 M37s.

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A New Veteran's Tribute in the Making Edina Soon Will Break Ground for a Memorial to Honor Its Fallen Citizen Servicemen



An artist's rendering of the memorial

Edina's Mayor Jim Hovland and the Veteran's Memorial Committee, first spearheaded by former Chair Mike Goergen and now by current Chair Richard Olson, continue in their commitment to complete a lasting tribute to the Edina residents who gave their lives in defense of our country and to honor those who serve today.

Edina's memorial has been in development for several years, and now the city plans to break ground this year and dedicate it on Memorial Day 2015.

The plan for Edina's Utley Park features a gardenscape surrounding a V-for-victory-shaped paving stone plaza that contains a large, contrasting star. This leads to a black granite base topped by a bronze eagle clutching an American flag folded into a triangle, the traditional memorial flag presentation. The granite base will hold the emblems of the five military branches and embrace the names of the 32 native and adopted Edina residents who died in conflicts dating back to the Civil War. Landscape architecture firm Short Elliot Hendrickson, Inc. is responsible for the design, with a cast bronze eagle sculpted and cast by artist Wally Shoop from Osceola, WI.

This memorial reflects Edina's long-standing commitment to veterans. Many of you know this, having participated in its annual 4th of July Parade and Veteran's Dinner.

Thanks go to past and current volunteer members of the Edina Veteran's Memorial Committee: Mike Goergen, Richard Olson, Barbara Bender, Bob Benson, Frank Cardarelle, Jason Christiaansen, Peter Crain, Dick Crockett, John Currie, Lance Elliott, Justin Kieffer, Bob Kojetin, Herbert Lefler, John Lonsbury, Robert Reed and Marshall Schwartz. Edina City Recreation Supervisor Kristin Aarsvold serves as staff liaison to the group. Those of you who participate in the Edina 4th of July Parade know Kristin as the dedicated and tireless champion of the vets who is always at the center of every city effort on their behalf. She is nothing less than delightful. That also explains why she is the Woman Most Frequently Pursued by Former Military Men Over 80.

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Nearly half of the needed funds have already been raised by contributions and in-kind donations.

Last month, a delegation of the Edina Veteran's Memorial Committee, along with City Manager Scott Neal, went before the State Bonding Subcommittee, seeking state funding assistance for completing the project. Representative Ernhardt and Senator Franzen requested funds for the memorial.

Tax-deductible donations to the Veteran's Memorial may be sent to the Edina Community Foundation, 5280 Grandview Square, Suite 301, Edina, MN 55436 or be made online.



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Somebody Has a New Toy

Al Hansel Breathes Life Into an M151



Big truck lovin' Al Hansel is closing in on another project vehicle, an soon-to-be impeccable M151. He's normally into 5-ton trucks and wreckers and the like, so this seems a little like asking Dale Earnhardt Jr. to pilot a Pinewood Derby car. But the boy knows his stuff!

I didn't see it when he bought it, but saw it in process in his garage a while back. I don't know what looked better, the painstakingly-restored Mutt or the spacious, brightly-lit, fully-equipped pretty-darn-near-spotless shop.

The unibody is done, the running gear is in place, and the engine is on a pallet, getting tested and adjusted. We'll get a coupla photos and the details when he's done.

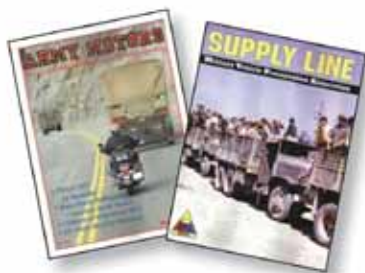
So stay tuned. In the meantime, why not send us some photos of *your* project?

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From the “I Can’t Drive My MV in the Cold & Rain” Dept.: Lily-livered Red Bulls Attend the Spring Militaria Show Without Their MVs



Don Gunderson was the only Red Bull to show up with an MV—his M100 trailer—and he was all alone in his tent. That’s why you don’t see him in the photo; he had to take it by himself, too. Photo: Don Gunderson

Saturday, April 12, was the unofficial start of MV Season. That’s the first day of the Spring Militaria Collectors Show, at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds in St. Paul sponsored by Battlefield Store in Minneapolis. Each year, we dust off our OD steeds and make our pilgrimage, hanging out front and chewing the lo-fat with each other and the public. It’s a great way to get out and meet the folks, spread the good word about the Red Bulls, and simply to drive our MVs.

The problem is, if you’re a whiney, old, grumpy, cranky, gone-way-too-soft in way-too-many-places kind of a guy, you wuss out totally and don’t drive your MV. You take your lah-dee-dah Luxobarge, pack it with other weak-hearted club pals and drive to the Fairgrounds in posh, heated comfort, eating flaky croissants and drinking lattes while listening to chamber music and spraying each other with exotic herbal aromatherapy products.

Into this category of miscreants and malcontents, I put Louis Larson, Gary Nelson, Rick Opitz, and maybe even Don Wicklund. Oh yeah, and me, because I drove one of the Luxobarges.

Only Don Gunderson had the brass ball joints to come with an MV. Now, some of you know that Don sold his big M35A2 truck last year, so he didn’t even have an MV to drive. That didn’t stop him! He towed his M100 trailer that cold, rainy morning, set up a pop-up shelter, table and chairs and took it like a man, handing out our new club brochures and talking with folks.

One man. One MV. A tower of courage in a field of powderpuffs. Don, we salute you.

(Oh yeah, one other thing. Since Don wasn’t able to be in his photo, we went into our files and pulled up his member mug shot from his ID card. That’s it at upper left.)

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GARY WIRTH UPDATE

Photo: Larry Lavigne



THE GARY WIRTH RESTORATION TRUST

HIS HEALTH ★ OUR MISSION

Friends, stay in the fight.

Our friend, Gary, is still waiting for his T-cell transplant operation. From where we sit, we see him caught in a terribly frustrating spot, waiting on one hand for the perfect donor to become available while on the other, his health continues to not be stable or sure enough for a safe procedure. According to Gary on his "Gary's Restoration Facebook page, "Maybe when the Sun the Moon And the Stars align I will get this transplant done. I completed all the testing, met with the transplant coordinator and had a date of March 6th for the transplant.

"Then! we met with the transplant Doctor. He told use my bone marrow was still 50% infected and that is too high. It has now been decided to stay on the new drug for another 2 or 3 months in order to get rid of more of the CLL from my marrow. We can only hope the donor is available when the new date is determined.

"Looking back at 2013, we went to Mayo 55 times from July to the end of Dec. and drove 6600 miles down and back. Hard to believe.

"I cracked a rib or two for the second time in 3 months and spent a few hrs. in the ER one night. They tell us brittle bones are a possible side effect of the drugs I'm on. It figures the week before this I felt the best ever in the last year. Oh well, back to work. We have a 1941 GP Jeep and a 67 M151A1 Jeep to do. Along with finishing the 44 Dodge WC56 Command Car. That's it for now. At least I feel well enough to keep working. We will keep you posted."

It isn't easy. Not for Gary, who simply wants to get on with it and feel like it's moving ahead. And not for Sherry, who needs to be strong but probably feels pretty isolated. And not for Paul, who enjoys working with his partner but wants his dad to get better. It's hard to imagine how all of them feel, betwixt and between.

But you know what? There are still things that we can do. That you can do. That I can do. Keep checking out his "Gary's Restoration" page on Facebook. Leave comments, post a great photo of Gary. Make a video of you and some pals doing a "get well wave" and post THAT! Give Gary a call. Drop them a line. Send a card. Bring over something so tasty to eat that you want to keep it for yourself. Carry them in your thoughts and hearts. And pray. Pray. Those of us who believe in the power and value of prayer may have different ideas about how to pray, so I won't be prescriptive (or at least, not very much...). Pray with honesty and an open heart. Pray that God will make His presence felt. Pray that all of us, including Gary and Sherry and Paul, will be open to God and what He has for them in the midst of all of this confusion and heartache and pain.

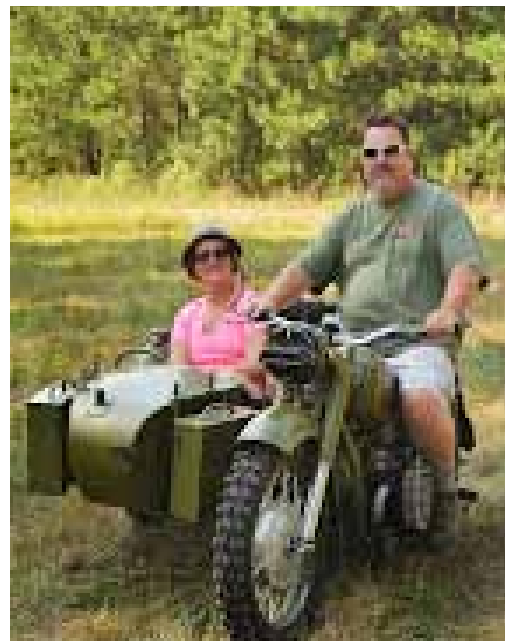
And their practical, financial needs haven't gone away. You can still make a contribution to Gary's Restoration Trust at any Wells Fargo bank or send a check to Mike Dyer. On the last page of this issue, there is a simple guide to how you can donate any amount of money on-line, safely and easily, in three minutes. And somewhere else in this issue, you'll find the info about ordering a Gary's Restoration T-shirt, another way that you can send money his way. Saaaaay—how 'bout right now?

Pine Patrol 2013

Offroad Adventures
in Wisconsin

Story and photos
by Paul Sanders

September 7th saw Paul Sanders and friends back again for this annual event, rolling on over 500 acres of forested hills and off-road trails. And while this story pops up here on the far side of tardy, it's way too much fun to not share with the troops. Plan on showing up this September!



LEFT: Dave Alton's Pinzgauer
RIGHT: Mike & Tracy brought their DNEPRK750
motorcycle and side car



Here's what Paul had to say:

"As far as vehicles go I say this year was pretty diverse! Mike and Tracy from Sioux City, IA brought their Russian Military DNEPR K750 Motorcycle with Sidecar. A few firsts for the Pine Patrol with that rig. 1st Russian vehicle and 1st motorcycle! John and Kara came with their freshly restored Ford GTB cargo truck, David Alton attended with his Swiss Pinzgauer, Don and Shelly Anibas with two Jeeps- a M38 and a M38A1 and two more Jeeps to round out the wheeled vehicle category were brought by John Ferguson with his M38 and Mike Dyer with a lovely Ford GPW. The lone tracked vehicle participant was the Bell family from near by Eau Claire.

"Once again thank you Dale, Mike and Sally for the fabulous hospitality!"

You can see more of Paul's photos at:

<https://plus.google.com/photos/109143628331552260222/albums/5921069882655635009?authkey=CJbHhrnx-4X3swE>

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TOP: It's a bird! It's a plane! It's a crazed weasel, tearing up the trail!

CENTER: Dirt is good. Friends are great

BOTTOM: We always wonder where new members come from. I guess maybe they just crawl our way

SOVAMAG? SOVAWHAT? SOVAMAG!

Discovering
a *Soupçon*
of HMVs
in France



Story & photos
by John Currie

Je suis un amateur des véhicules militaires

¿Donde está
la casa de
Pépe?

I have a sister who lives in Valence, France, in fabled Provence, near Lyon. I say fabled because I have yet to swim in vats of incredible wine, cover my body with brie or buy a country mansion, write a series of famous books and make a killing. But as I am not yet 60, I may still have that chance...

What is great about having my sister there, besides the fact that she is one of my best and closest friends, is that we get to go exploring France together, looking for MVs and parts, militaria, fortifications and the occasional heavenly bit of chocolate. Nothing beats pouring over a wrinkled map while tearing off chunks from a fresh baguette and washing them down with a lovely Côtes du Rhone, followed by a nibble of creamy chocolate fondant. Ahhhhh.....

On my last visit, we set out on the A7 towards Marseille, the famous port on the Mediterranean, intent on the village of Sources north of there and Jeep Sud-Est, a fabulous warehouse and yard full of vintage HMVS, NOS and old parts, plus a host of new ones. It was here that I found the tripod cradle for my M1917 Browning, a NOS voltage regulator, assorted old carburetor parts and the like.



But in addition to all of the parts, new and old, in addition to the Sherman hull waiting for a Continental radial engine and the perfectly restored M16 halftrack hiding under a tarp, there was a tantalizing collection of things about which I knew next to nothing (not much of a stretch normally anyway), HMVs that simply don't turn up in the States and some I'd simply never heard of or seen before.

The first one that sent me to Google turned out to be a SOVAMAG TC10 DT, a midsize 4x4 about the size of an M37, made from 2005-2011. It's a 4 cylinder, 170 cu-in turbo diesel with 100 HP, good for up to 81 MPH, fast enough to get you back from the field kitchen before the bread got cold. They had perhaps a dozen in various configurations and paint jobs, some a little dustier than others. It weighs 3000 kg and can carry 1130 kg, can haul 7-9 troops, plus driver, so I reckon that it made itself pretty useful. *(continued)*



TOP LEFT: One of the many SOVAMAGS in their warehouse.

CENTER: Bring in a vacuum, spray a little Armor All, one of those little pine tree air fresheners

TOP RIGHT: It has a bed about the size of an M37's

BOTTOM: That's a SOVAMAG on the right and two Panhard P4s to its left



Parked outside, next to one of the SOVAMAGS, I found two Panhard P4 4x4s. This is a bit smaller, kinda like a jeep after a filling meal, a vehicle that married a Peugeot engine to a Mercedes Geländewagen.

The P4 was the replacement for the Hotchkiss jeep, the Willys- licensed copy of the WW II MB, and was introduced in 1981. It was initially made by Peugeot but later by Panhard. It is a light-terrain 4x4 reconnaissance vehicle with a 2 L, 70 HP petrol or 80 HP diesel (depending on the version), capable of 73 MPH. So it isn't a speed buggy, but I won't be racing one for pink slips with my GPW.

The coolest modern find was an AMX-13, the unique, turret-less light tank made from 1953 - 1985. In its initial

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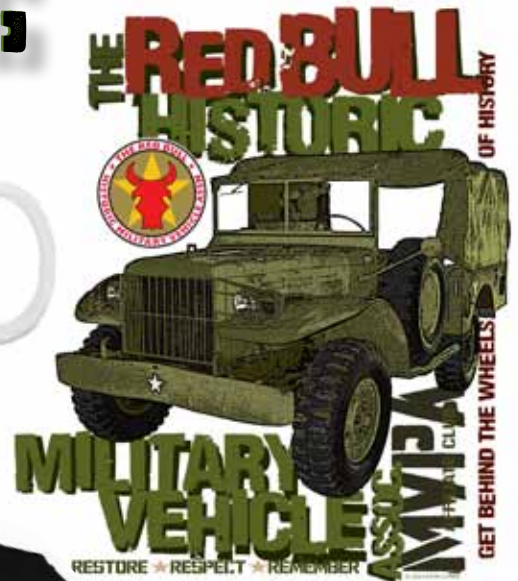
TOP LEFT: A Peugeot P4

CENTER RIGHT: The AMX-13 gun mount. Kinda looks like an octopus to me, or Commander Nemo's submarine in Disney's

TOP RIGHT: A WW II-vintage Citroën truck, a daily driver. And yes, hiding behind it is my Dream Date, a WC54 in wonderfully preserved condition

BOTTOM: An AMX-13, not to be confused with an American Motors AMX. One is fast; the other doesn't have to be

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And once you're lookin' fine, why not relax with a cuppa in a new Red Bull mug? Color-coordinated, of course!

We have M - XXL BLACK T-shirts and L-XXL WHITE T-shirts @ \$20 ea., regardless of size. 11-oz. ceramic mugs @ \$15 ea., with both white and black backgrounds available. Shipping is additional but shouldn't be too painful. Check or credit card is OK. Call John Currie @ 952 928 3017 or email curriewrks@aol.com. All of these Red Bull items will be available at the next club meeting on April 19 as well! With no shipping fee!



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version, it weighed 13 tons—hence the name—and fielded an oscillating turret with a 75 mm gun. Later versions used a 90 mm and then a 105 mm gun. It used a 250 HP diesel engine capable of 37 MPH. Ha! *THAT* I could take (as long as it didn't start shooting)!

If you check out the listing of military-related web pages found near the end of this issue, you'll find a link for Skeet Shooting that replaces a shotgun with an AMX-13. Who knows? Maybe it's the same one. Gary Nelson is an avid trap shooter; maybe HE bought it. I gotta check his garage...

Let's see. There two more WW II-era vehicles, a front wheel-drive Citroën Traction-Avant and a Citroën flatbed truck, a Panhard-AML 90 wheeled armored car with a 90 mm gun, and a Vespa 150 TAP scooter, built to carry a 75 mm recoilless rifle, a couple of rounds, and a rack for a case of wine...

Not bad for an afternoon's digging, *ne c'est pas?*

RB



TOP RIGHT: A Vespa with an attitude

CENTER: A Panhard-AML 90 in sandbox livery

BOTTOM: Citroën Traction Avant with a skin condition

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HIS HEALTH ★ OUR MISSION



THIS FUNDRAISING EFFORT ENDS MAY 18. As long as we hit a minimum number of shirts, they will print & ship and you'll see yours around June 1. And we **WILL** hit that minimum number with your help!!!

ADDITIONAL NOTES: This shirt does not guarantee that you will look like Don Gunderson when you wear it; your results may vary. All shirts are made from 100% cotton. If you are allergic to cotton, don't buy one. If you aren't allergic to cotton, then buy a lot of shirts and wear them daily, just in case you develop that allergy later. If you lay under your HMV in this shirt and get it mooked up with oil and grease, you better hope that you ordered a second one, just in case. And if you wear your Gary Wirth Restoration T-shirt in public, and are swarmed by attractive members of the opposite sex, and they want to look like you, having a few extras folded up in your glove box would be sooooo handy. So while we don't want to be pushy, you obviously need to buy more than one T-shirt. I mean, really; how many good reasons does it take to convince you? It pays to be prepared. Plus, let's face it, it's about time to step up, pony up and help our pal Gary. Now would be a good time.

Calendar of 2014 Meetings & Events: P.1

All information is subject to change; please check our website for details, maps, updates and registration @ www.redbullhmva.com. Also check www.mvpa.org for additional events

We have a new year full of great HVM events, from Spring through the Fall. Every one will be made better by YOUR participation. More events can be found at the MVPA website (www.mvpa.org), and the Military Trader magazine website (www.militarytrader.com).

Any and all of these are great ways to get your MV out and about, spread the word about the club and the hobby, and to pay our respect to the veterans.

We're rolling out a new club brochure this year that you can toss in your glovebox and hand out to folks who think that your HVM is the coolest thing since Chrysler put an under-the-dash record player in a New Yorker

We'll continue to update the list in our next issue, with final dates and details for as many as possible. In the meantime, pencil these in and start planning your life around them. You can paint the house next year.

April 19

Spring Red Bull Meeting

Location: Richfield American Legion Post

Hours: 0830 - 1300

- Executive Team & Board mtg. 0900 - 1030
- Planning & Calendar for 2015, including discussion of the MVPA Cross-country Convoy in Sept. 2015
- Hang around for lunch afterwards!
- Please register @ www.redbullhmva.com

April 26

Home Depot MV Show

A new venue and a shopping destination

Location: Plymouth Home Depot

1705 Annapolis Ln N

Plymouth, MN 55441

Hours: 1100 - 1400 Sat.

- A brand new event
- Free to all
- Free hot dog for all vehicle drivers
- Prize awarded to visitor's favorite MV
- Register @ www.redbullhmva.com

NEW!

May 10

CAF-Militaria/Vintage Show

Spring Open House, Show & Swap Meet

Location: Fleming Field, St. Paul, MN

Hours: 1000 - 1600

- The first big event of the Commemorative Air Force St. Paul Wing
- Free admission
- Aircraft & MV tours and displays
- Food & drinks
- Come sell your gear at the Swap Meet; \$25 table fee for vendors
- Proceeds benefit the St. Paul CAF museum
- Details @ <http://www.cafmn.org>
- Vendor registration @ <http://cafilitaryevent.eventbrite.com/>

May - TENTATIVE!!!

Spring Lube Party

Get somebody else's driveway dirty!

Location: Champlin, MN

American Legion Post Pkg. Lot

Hours: TBD; still looking for a date & time

- Show up, meet up, help each other, and do some routine maintenance together
- Check for details at our website www.redbullhmva.com

May 17-18

WW II Weekend

Biggest authentic reenactor event in Minnesota

Location: Farmington, MN

Dakota County Fairgrounds

Hours: 1000 - 1800 Sat.

1000 - 1600 Sun.

- HVMs, weapons demos and battles
- Special D-Day 70th anniversary focus
- Period encampments
- Veterans & authors meet & greet
- Food & drink on site
- Contact Gary Wirth for details @ glrwirth@embarqmail.com
- More details and participant registration at: <http://dakotacitywwii.yolasite.com>

NEW!

May 17

High Ground Helicopter Expo

Rotors and motors

Location: W7031 Ridge Road

Neilsville, WI

(4 miles W of Neilsville on Hwy 10)

Hours: 1000 - 1600 Sat.

- Free admission
- Family friendly
- Call 715.743.4225 for details or check out www.thehighground.org

May 24-26

Memorial Day & Weekend

Remembering our heroes in Minnesota

Location: Look for it in your community

Hours: TBD

- There is likely a service or parade near you
- Show your HVM to remind others of the courage & sacrifice of those who paid for our liberty
- Check your local city hall, newspaper, web blogs, VFW or Legion Posts

May 26

Ft. Snelling Memorial Day

Static Display & Remembrance Ceremony

Location: Ft. Snelling Cemetery, St. Paul, MN

Hours: 0900 - 1400

- Static display before and after ceremony
- *Must* pre-register or you won't be allowed on the grounds in your MV
- Please register @ www.redbullhmva.com

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So many great things to do, they won't all fit on one page

May 31-June 2

Mopars in the Park

Come throw that chrome to the matte

Location: Farmington Fairgrounds,

Farmington, MN

Hours: 0900 - 1800 Sat. & Sun.

- National car Show & Swap Meet
- \$10 Admission; kids under 12 free
- Registration fee for show vehicles
- Good exposure opportunity for the Red Bull
- **Pssst!** This is where Lou has been getting his hot leads on Jeep barn finds!
- Contact Louis Larson for details @ willys41mb@gmail.com or contact show director Wade Girard – 612.363.0902 or director@moparsinthepark.com

May 31-June 1

Discover Aviation Days

Go hubcap-to-wing tip

Location: Anoka County Airport, Blaine, MN

Hours: 0700-1600 Sat & Sun

1830- 2400 St. Hangar Dance

- Free admission; pkg. donation requested
- HMs & drivers invited; add some OD color
- Pancake Breakfast and a lunch each day
- Warbird flybys, plane & 'copter rides, displays and tours of many kinds of aircraft
- Meet and talk with veterans
- Check details @ www.redbullhmva.com and <http://www.discoveraviationdays.org>

June 7

CAF-Commemorative Air Force WWII Swing Band Hangar Dance

Come Swing at St. Paul's Fleming Field

Location: Fleming Field, St. Paul, MN

Hours: 1800 Doors open

1900 Swing Dance Lesson

2000 - 2400 Swing, baby, swing!

- Big band wing dancing; Free dance lesson
- Aircraft tours
- Food & drinks; Door Prizes
- Proceeds benefit the St. Paul CAF museum
- Details & tickets @ <http://www.cafmn.org>
- Check their website for a full slate of events, fly-in dates, and support our Sky Cousins

June 13-15

Onamia Days

Let's turn out more HMs than ever before

Location: Onamia, MN

Hours: 0800 - 2400 Fri. & Sat.

0800 - 1800 Sun.

- Car Show & Parade Sun.
- Be part of the local historical and civic event in their HMV display
- Let's help long-time member John Varner and make his event the best-ever display of Red Bull vehicles and members
- Good exposure opportunity for the Red Bull
- Could be a great, new mini convoy opportunity with other members
- Please contact John Varner for more details @ johnvarner1@gmail.com

June 20-22

Back to the 50's Car Show

Come stand out amongst the street rods

Location: MN State Fairgrounds

St. Paul, MN

Hours: 0900 - 1800 Sat. & Sun.

- National Car Show & Swap Meet
- \$10 Admission; \$2.00 discount coupon at NAPA stores; kids under 12 free
- Registration fee for show vehicles
- Good exposure opportunity for the Red Bull
- T6 Flyover
- Details @ <http://msrabacktothe50s.com>

June 21-22

Ft. Snelling WWII Weekend

Come add some OD to the Limestone Fort

Location: Historic Ft. Snelling, St. Paul, MN

Hours: 1000 - 1700

- Period displays & reenactor encampments
- Weapon firing demonstrations
- Food & drink & comfy latrines
- There MAY be free or discounted admission for HMs and their drivers
- Check for details and register at our website www.redbullhmva.com
- Event news @ <http://events.mnhs.org/calendar>

NEW!

We are always looking for more opportunities to get together. We want to create a new club get-together in the Twin Cities area mid-summer, say a camp out or barbeque where we can just get together, have fun and enjoy our hobby together. If you have a great location or any other ideas to make this happen, please contact us.

Think about a club event in conjunction with a group such Ft. Snelling or Ft. Ripley, the Commemorative Air Force in St. Paul, perhaps the Boy Scouts or a local car or other collector club.

REMEMBER TO SAVE YOUR MONEY so that you can attend the once-in-a-lifetime Littelfield Collection Auction on July 11-12 in Portola Valley, CA (near SFO)! Over 100 incredible tanks and armored vehicles, plus many parts, will be sold to pay for the move of the rest of the collection to join the Collings Foundation in MA. Jimminy Christmas!!!

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All information is subject to change; please check our website for details, maps, updates and registration @ www.redbullhmva.com. Also check www.mvpa.org for additional events

Yo, troops, pay attention: this list of 2014 events has been updated, but some of this info is tentative. Keep checking in here and on our nifty web site!

June 26-28

MVPA Convention

Louisville, KY

- Hours: TBD; may vary by day
Location: Kentucky Exposition Center
- The biggest national HMMV event
 - Toyz for boyz
 - The first year ever in this city
 - Convoy there with your buddies!
 - Motel and other arrangements via MVPA
 - Details TBD on their website: www.mvpa.org

June 7

CAF WWII Swing Band Hangar Dance

Come Swing at St. Paul's Fleming Field

- Location: Fleming Field, St. Paul, MN
Hours: 1800 Doors open
1900 Swing Dance Lesson
2000 - 2400 Swing, baby, swing!
- Big band swing dancing; Free dance lesson
 - Aircraft tours, food & drinks; door prizes
 - Proceeds benefit the St. Paul CAF museum
 - Details & tickets @ <http://www.cafmn.org>
 - Check their website for a full slate of events, fly-in dates, and support our Sky Siblings

July 3

Edina Honor the Vets Dinner

The night before their July 4th parade

- Location: Park Centrum Bldg.
Centennial Lakes Park, Edina, MN
Hours: 1700 (est.); TBD
- The city hosts a free dinner for vets and their families with talks and live music. Bring your MV and join this tasty tribute to our vets
 - Contact John Currie for details
 - Please register @ www.redbullhmva.com

July 4

Independence Day Parades

A great way to honor our country and veterans

- Location: Edina, Richfield, Apple Valley, Delano & other locations near you
Start: TBD
- Find & Join in your area parades, too
 - For Edina & Richfield, contact John Currie
 - Please register @ www.redbullhmva.com

July 10

Pierre Bottineau Parade Maple Grove Days

The longest MN parade route this year!

- Location: Check in: 89th Avenue & Monticello Lane North Maple Grove, MN
Hours: 1800 - 2030 Thurs
- Host vets in your MV
 - Warbird flyover, floats, marching bands
 - Check their website http://www.mgco.org/event.php?page=2012_Maple_Grove_Days&title=2012_Maple_Grove_Days for daily schedules & more details
 - Please register @ www.redbullhmva.com

NEW!

July 16

Minneapolis Aquatennial Parade

Given the theme, no rain-outs allowed

- Location: Downtown Minneapolis
Start: TBD
- This one's hot off the press, so no details are available yet
 - Contact Louis Larson for details @ willys41mb@gmail.com

July (tentative)

2nd Annual Tonka Jeep LTD Holiday Drive

- Location: Wayzata
Start: TBD
- All vintage 1941-65 jeeps and variants welcome, but no vehicle is required; riders welcome!
 - Contact sales@tonkajeep ltd.com for details

July 19-20

Wings of the North Air Expo 2014

Drive in and duck your head

- Location: Flying Cloud Airport, Eden Prairie, MN
Hours: TBD
- The biggest military fly-in event in Minnesota
 - Historic planes and the men and women who flew them—and some still do!
 - Planes and pilots from WWII - today
 - Drivers with their HMMV get in free
 - Please register @ www.redbullhmva.com

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So many great things to do, we've added two pages since our last issue!

July 22-26

War & Peace Revival

The biggest and best HMV event on the planet!

Get there any way you can!

Location: RAF Westenhanger, Folkestone
Racecourse, Kent, England

Hours: TBD: hours may vary by day

- Over 4000 MVs, acres of parts & gear, tanks on parade, re-enactor encampments, mock battles, vehicle rides
- Contact www.thewarandpeaceeeviival.co.uk for details

July 25-27

Camp Hastings/Log Village Event

Drive in, camp out

Location: Camp Hastings in Hastings, MN

Hours: 0700 - 1800

- Living history displays including WWII encampment
- Contact Harold Bottelfson for details @ www.redbullhmva.com

August 10-11

Iola, WI Military Vehicle Show

Location: Iola, WI

Hours: TBD

- HMV and other historic and collectible vehicles, games, gun show, encampment & more
- Contact www.iolavms.com or MVPA for details

August 11

Pioneer Days Parade

Location: Newport, MN

Hours: 0930 queue begins
1100 start

- Another new event, so few details available
- New exposure opportunity for the Red Bull
- Must register by July 18
- For details, contact Louis Larson @ willys41mb@gmail.com or event coordinator Renee Helm @ rhelm@newportmn.com

August 16

Heritage Day Parade

Location: Heritage Park

Portland & 13th Avenues
St. Paul Park, MN

Hours: 1100 - 1230

- Another new event, so few details available
- New exposure opportunity for the Red Bull
- Must register by July 20
- For details, contact Louis Larson @ willys41mb@gmail.com

NEW!

August 26

MN National Guard Day at the MN State Fair

Location: MN State Fairgrounds

Hours: TBD

- Honor our Guard at the Fair
- All day event alongside service support groups and exhibitors
- Free fair admission for a driver with vehicle
- Fairground Parade
- Other details TBD
- For details, contact Louis Larson @ willys41mb@gmail.com

NEW!

September 29-31

Prior Lake Maneuvers

Jam-packed Suburban Campaign Weekend

Location: Mike Dyer's CampTastic

Prior Lake, MN

Hours: TBD Fri., Sat. & Sun.

- Drive in, camp out, hang out
- A sleep over for big kids
- Reenactor encampment, vehicle displays, drive-in movies, storytelling & myth making
- A convoy or two, plus food and drinks
- Details being made now; contact Mike Dyer @ wmdyer372@gmail.com or 612.840.1194

September (tentative)

7th Annual Pine Patrol MV Trail Ride

Dirt trails & pine trees, not concrete & stop signs

Location: Wheeler/Colfax, WI

Hours: 0800 - 1700

- Over 500 acres of private, rolling hills & trails
- 13 miles north of Menomonie, WI
- Not hard-core off-roading but manageable trails that will put a smile on your face
- 1/4 - 3/4-ton vehicles fer shure; others TBD
- Contact Paul Sanders for details @ psanders@123m.com
- Please register @ www.redbullhmva.com

We are always looking for anything that favors our members in the western and northern parts of Minnesota. They are far enough away that they rarely get down to the Twin Cities and those of us here are just too lazy to head out unless someone's got some OD to share. But YOU could come up with a reason to change all of that!

And then, if you're feeling a bit more adventurous, think about our great OD brothers and sisters in Wisconsin and Iowa. When was the last time you drove over the border and brought some hot dish and Leinies over to a Cheesehead and shared a good, greasy handshake?

So get on it, willya?

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Who knows? By the next issue, we could have even *more* events! Stay tuned, campers!

*So this is what
we know so far;
pretty cool, right?
All these reasons
to get five cans
of polishing
compound and
turn that OD
machine into a
shiny street rod.
Get to it, Pruitt!*

September 6

CAF-Bombers Moon Dance

Final Fall Swing at St. Paul's Fleming Field

Location: Fleming Field, St. Paul, MN

Hours: 1800 Doors open

1900 Swing Dance Lesson

2000 - 2400 Swing, baby, swing!

- Big band wing dancing; Free dance lesson
- Aircraft tours
- Food & drinks; Door Prizes
- Proceeds benefit the St. Paul CAF museum
- Details & tickets @ <http://www.cafmn.org>

Sept. 27-28

St. Paul Militaria Show

The pre-garage-your-MV-all-winter send-off

Location: Minnesota State Fairgrounds

St. Paul

Hours: 0800 - 1800 Sat.

0900 - 1600 Sun.

- Bundle up one last time and come to the fair
- Hang out with your club buds
- Shop, sell & trade
- Sponsored by Battlefield Store in Mpls.
- Please register @ www.redbullhmva.com

November (date TBD)

Fall Red Bull Meeting

Location: Richfield American Legion Post

Hours: 0830 - 1300

- Executive Team & Board mtg. 0900 - 1030
- Planning & Calendar for 2015, including discussion of the MVPA Cross-country Convoy in Sept. 2015
- Please register @ www.redbullhmva.com

It's Time to Pursue America's Favorite H MV Pastime: "Follow That Web Link!"

Some of you are always sending me some cool links to MV and military-related sites, and no one more so than Al Hansel. I have gathered up a few of his best ones and share them with you here. If you are reading this as an e-document, you should be able to click on the underlined link and go right to the page. If not, carefully cut & paste or copy the link title and paste it into your browser. I say "carefully" because one little slip and you could be seeing something WAY different than we planned...

THE CANDY BOMBER

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vR2wgg0ZMc>

FORGOTTEN HISTORY

<http://www.theatlantic.com/infocus/2011/10/world-war-ii-after-the-war/100180/>

F35 TAKE-OFF

<http://facebook.com/photo.php?v=10150113735642761>

UNKNOWN HERO, MOE BERG

<http://fellowshipoftheminds.com/tag/world-war-ii/>

GI JOE AND LILLIE

<http://silverandgoldandthee.net/V/Lil.html>

AIRCRAFT DETECTION BEFORE RADAR

<http://funzug.com/index.php/informative-zone/aircraft-detection-before-the-invention-of-radar.html>

ARIZONA TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN

http://youtube.com/watch?v=OdFIZX_RXuU&feature=youtu.be

HITLER'S PERSONAL PHOTOGRAPHER

<http://life.time.com/tag/hugo-jaeger/>

HITLER'S STEALTH BOMBER RECREATED

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2009/06/090625-hitlers-stealth-fighter-plane.html>

HOW REAL MEN SHOOT SKEET

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=fngUyz3R4sA>

A FINAL TOAST TO THE DOOLITTLE RAIDERS

http://cnn.com/2013/04/14/opinion/greene-doolittle-raiders/index.html?hpt=hp_bn7

ROLLING HUMMER MEMORIAL

<http://thechristys.com/documents/KarlaComfortHummer.htm>

USS NEW YORK BUILT WITH 24 TONS OF TRADE CENTER STEEL

<http://rebuildingfreedom.org/2013/10/21/here-she-is-the-uss-newyork-made-from-the-world-trade-center/>

See, AL? I WAS paying attention to your emails!



Get Some History Under Your Fingernails

Join The Red Bull Historic Military Vehicle Association

PRESERVE

History by restoring and collecting military vehicles from all eras

HONOR

Veterans by maintaining and displaying the vehicles they drove and rode to victory

ENJOY

The camaraderie of fellow enthusiasts and friends who share your respect for history

PARTICIPATE

In your community through parades, trail rides, convoys and events

JOIN LOCALLY

Because we're right here, with local members, events and meetings in the area during the year

THINK NATIONALLY

We're a proud affiliate of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association who promotes our hobby and links our groups. The annual convention draws in members from across the US and around the world



Red Bull Historic Military Vehicle Association

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An affiliated chapter of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association

PO Box 520378, Independence, MO 64052
www.mvpa.org
email: hq@mvpa.org



Join our club and get behind the wheels of history. More details and club benefits are available online; signing up is quick & easy. Or fill out the form below, make out your check to Red Bull HMVA, and mail it in to the address below.

Personal Membership is \$20.00 per year; Business \$30. and is fully tax deductible (the RBHMVA is a 501(c)3 organization). Additional \$1.00 fee for internet registration.

You don't have to own an HMV to join! Membership includes receiving full-color newsletters covering club activities, Email Event blasts, member polls, plus many opportunities to participate in a variety of historic military vehicle events and activities during the year.

We are still designing our official club haircut.

YES! I WANT TO JOIN THE RED BULL HMVA! Sign me up today!

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Country _____
Telephone _____
Email Address (required) _____
Referring Red Bull Member (if any) _____
Vehicle(s) owned _____

Simply fill out the form above and mail it along with a check to Red Bull HMVA for your dues to:

The Red Bull HMVA

3025 Southbrook Drive
West Bloomington, MN 55431

Better yet, go online: www.redbullhmva.com Select Member Application, get more details and sign up.



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