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WIRTH EVERY PENNY

Our Man of the Year, Gary, is EVERYWHERE



PLUS:
2013 Wrap-Up...mostly

Jacques M. Littlefield
Collection to Move to MA

New HMV lookie-look venues

Edina July 4th Parade
Sets a New Record

*"If you don't know history,
then you don't know
anything. You are a leaf
that doesn't know it is
part of a tree."*

— Michael Crichton

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Yippee and yee-hah! 2013 was a great year for H MV lovers

There was so much that went on, and I am such a pokey little puppy, that we are STILL trying to catch up and let you know what's been happening!

Louis Larson says that this was our best year ever as measured by the number of events that we had rolling along. We had members driving all around the state, hopping off to the convention, attending the newly re-fashioned War & Peace Revival show in England, and dripping gear lube from the Dakotas to Iowa.

New vehicles found their way to many garages, new parts replaced rusty and dusty ones, and many dollars were happily exchanged for what it takes to keep all of this OD steel purring.

No one is more a part of our hobby and our club than our cover boy, Gary Wirth. You'll see his name pop up in a number of stories in this issue, just showing how much we treasure our members—not just for what they contribute to our club but for who they are.

That includes you, even if we've never met. You might be like me, trying to find my way through this bruised economy and looking for all of the enormous gains that the folks in the news say have been made. Maybe you've managed to avoid the calamities and have driven smoothly through it all; thank the Lord if that's the case. Some of you are retired and relax with your MV or your love for them. Others still have to work hard and look forward to the moments that you can steal to slip behind the wheel. No matter where you're coming from, all of us gain some extra smiles when we can join with our OD brothers and sisters and share some time together, whether that's in a convoy, out in the garage, at a club meeting, or over a cuppa. It's who you are that matters, the lessons that you've learned, the things that you've shared, the contributions that others have made to your life and those you've made to theirs. H MVs are just the tent under which we here happen to meet. Don't let the fact that you don't have an MV or that yours is getting a little dusty because the needed repairs are just not life's top priority these days keep you from joining us under our canvas. You are unique, and we will always be happy for the opportunity to scoot over and make some room for you.

—John Currie, Editor

FRONT COVER: Gary Wirth, our own Steve McQueen of the M Vs, as captured by Paul Sanders

ABOVE: My bride, Jeannine, and a host of friends on Tonka Jeep's first convoy inn July. OD friends are great friends!

News Dispatches:

Wisconsin HMV Owners Regain the Roads in Cheeseland



This photo of Jeff Rowsam is a coupla years old, taken at the shop of our dear friend, Kevin Kronlund. Since Jeff has been such a big part of protecting HMV owners and their ability to drive their vehicles in Wisconsin, and since I am not about to drive over there in this weather to take his snapshot, let's let it represent what victories may be won when good men stand up and work hard to effect change.

As of March 1, 2014, new laws will go into effect that loosen up restrictions on HMVs and their owners in Wisconsin. The 2013 Wisconsin Act 103 for Motor Vehicle Registration, Historic Military Vehicles, and Kei Class Vehicles has a boatload of provisions, many of which do not directly apply to HMVs. But there are some that will make HMV owners a wee bit happier.

The DOT's requirement to refuse registration to all vehicles originally not designed for use on public roads has been eliminated. Specifically, HMVS made before 1969 shall be able to be registered and cannot be refused just because they were designed for the military and not for normal civilian road use. Maintaining an HMVs historic look and markings is a key part of these new provisions; tarting one up and turning one's back on it's original purpose and design can make the owner/driver's life much more complicated. In addition, the new laws state that in addition to the circumstances under which an HMV may currently be driven on public roads, they also may be used for personal use, including club activities, exhibitions and tours.

These new provisions further liberalize the life of Wisconsin HMV owners and breathe fresh air back into the hobby, even beyond the gains made in the last three years. You can read the new act in its entirety at: <http://docs.legis.wi.gov/2013/related/lcactmemo/sb110.pdf>.

Thanks to everyone who worked hard to make this happen, contacting state officials, investing your time and going the distance. We tip a grease-spotted cap to you.

RB

We wrote the text below back in 2010 after the right to register HMVS was regained in WI:

"Okay, those are all of the facts. But what's with the big photo of Jeff ?

That's because it is chiefly due to his tremendous efforts that the growing threat to Wisconsin's MV owners was pushed aside. It is because of over 2-1/2 years of unceasing and unpaid efforts led by Jeff, along with the patience and support of his wife, Wendy, that the new law is in place that will protect MV owner's rights and privileges.

There is a lot of talk these days about folks' problems with government and the encroachment upon the rights and freedoms of the people. A lot of talk. Jeff had the courage of his convictions and committed his time and energy to a cause in which he believed. He dedicated hundreds and hundreds of hours to this work. He kept us abreast of developments on his blog (still accessible at www.wihmvbill.blogspot.com). And while there were some others who gave him and the effort some support, it was Jeff who was at the state Capitol so often that people began recognizing him and remembering him by name. And it's to Jeff that we owe a hug debt of gratitude. And if Minnesota starts thinking about any similarly restrictive laws, his success in Wisconsin will help establish a bulwark.

Thank you, Jeff."

Our Cover Boy is in the News Gary Wirth Featured in “Military Vehicles” by John Adams-Graf

Those good looks and talented hands landed Gary in both “Military Vehicles” magazine and on the Military Vehicles/Trader website and blog



Gary and one of his fantastic, ground-up restorations, a WC-56 Command car Photo by John Adams-Graf

Most of you know who John Adams-Graf as the Publisher & Editor of “Military Vehicles” magazine and “Military Trader.” John is the best-known and most widely-heard voice for the military vehicles and militaria collector hobbies. So when John says something, it is worth paying attention to, so most of us drop our wrenches and our Snickers bars and listen up.

According to John, Gary began his restoration efforts in 1997 on an M-37 truck that he saw parked on the side of the road while immersed in his original passion, car and street rod restoration and customization. That casual introduction led him down a long road into the hearts and trophy cabinets of people around the US and the World for nearly 20 years.

In the years since, he has amassed an impeccable reputation for his work and won more trophies than I can count with my winter mittens on.

I remember our RED BULLETIN cover from July, 2010, that featured Gary as one of five guys who had won four First Place Awards at the 2010 MVPA Convention for HMVs. And Gary had done the restoration on all four, with Paul Sanders providing the knock-down and assembly on one of the winners (vehicles, not men).

You can read the entire article at the Military Vehicles/Trader website. Just follow your fingers to: <http://www.militarytrader.com/militaryvehicles> and sift your way down through John's blog listings to find the article, “14 MVPA 1st place-winning vehicles: HMVs are his speciality.” Heck, read everything up to that article and after if you want to enjoy more of John's perspectives and opinions about our hobby. Wouldn't be the worst thing you ever did to subscribe to one or both of his publications, either. I have been one of many devoted fans of “Military Vehicles” for years.

Overlooked But Not Forgotten Three More Red Bulls Stampede Their Way Onto the Cover of “Military Vehicles” Magazine



OK, OK, I know that some of you might be thinking that I am just a shill for “Military Vehicles” Magazine, but heck, we just report the news here...however belated that news might be.

Back a few months, on the cover of the Spring 2013 Issue, a group of rugged Red Bull members were captured in a Willys jeep. That’s Wally “Tonka Jeep” Piroyan driving his MB, “Handsome Rob” Levesque riding shotgun with his SOS-eating grin, and Don “How Come They Can’t See My Face” Gunderson back in the kidney-buster bench seat.

At first, the rumor was that they were in Iraq, giving driving lessons to the local constabulary. Then, we heard that they were transporting very long baguettes in that canvas sack on the hood. Folks in high places thought that recognized the driver as a Democratic Party organizer (you can understand why, as he is only driving with his left hand). It was finally determined that this was a photo shot by the magazine’s publisher and editor, John Adams-Graf, at the final Kevin & Thea Kronlund Fall Party. That’s some of Kevin’s of heavy metal collection in the background. Besides the fun in seeing our guys on the cover, it is a reminder of how special it was to gather at Kevin & Thea Kronlund’s Army Cars USA. What amazing times we had there. What a remarkable friend we lost. And what a sweet friend we still have in Thea.

RB

Speaking of Wally...

Wally Piroyan has started a new business—in addition to his successful marketing company, Indelible Inc. It’s a full-service biz: new and old parts, mechanical service and repairs, even restoration. It’s off to a great start, with local, national and international customers, and he hasn’t even gotten his website up and running yet.

Now, there are those who would scoff and say, “Why wreck something you love by making a job out of it?”, but those people are sniveling, pantywaist whiners (but I mean that in a loving, Christian way). I am sure that there are days when John Bizal, Gary and Paul Wirth, Louis Larson and Mona Roth all wonder why they got into the HMV biz instead of something easy, such as cat herding or tiger dentistry, but I don’t see any of them shutting down and pursuing such ventures. The OD Disease is a blessing and a curse, but it’s mostly a blessing, and that’s what we wish for Wally.

(We have a remarkable bunch of great MV businesses here. Wouldn’t it be great if this newsletter started covering them and telling you about their history? Someone should write a letter to the editor and tell him to get his act in gear.)

RB



Old MVs in New Venues, Part I: Best Buy's 3rd Annual Wheely Big Show

WE WERE RIGHT
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Our private Red Bull helicopter caught the breadth of the action

Photos: Best Buy

Wednesday, Sept. 11, was the 3rd Annual Big Wheely Show at Best Buy, a charity fund raising and United Way kick-off event that was attended for the first time by the Red Bull. It was a car show and food truck extravaganza.

The big draw was the Car Show. Or the food. There were some mighty fine chow wagons there, with everything from hot-from-the-grill tacos, chicken wings, fruit pies, gourmet tater tots, Northeast brats, spicy Indian fare, burgers, grilled chicken, Asian bowls, fresh cupcakes and fresh cookies, too. There was even a fashion truck selling clothes and accessories, in case you slipped up and appeared in the parking lot buck naked.

Rick Opitz and I showed up to present a wide range of HMs: both a Ford and a Willys jeep. We didn't have the shiniest or the newest or the most customized or the fastest or the showiest or the freshest-from-the-showroom-floor BUT we had the vehicles with the most bumper rope on the lot. And that's what counts, that and the fact that we helped them raise \$17,000 for the United Way that afternoon.

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Details & Updates @ Gary's Restoration page on Facebook



Our friend and award-winning military vehicle and car restoration expert, Gary Wirth, is in urgent need of help.

For years, Gary has been one of the top go-to guys for the best in MV restoration. He made the old, new again. Refreshed the tired. Helped the battle-worn. Now it's our turn to help him. **We invite you to join us to offer financial help to him and his wife, Sherry, in this difficult time.**

Gary was diagnosed with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) in 2007. But now, his condition has worsened. **He needs a T-cell transplant at Mayo Clinic in October,** where they will essentially replace his immune system with that from a carefully selected donor. He has already started weekly preparation treatments and will continue to do so until the transplant surgery.

Once the transplant is completed at Mayo, he and Sherry will stay in Rochester for at least 3 months in near isolation for monitoring and follow-up treatment. The prognosis is good, but not certain, and the journey will take months on a long and sometimes difficult road.

Thankfully, their health insurance will pay for most of the transplant costs, but not for his stay. And without work or income until after his Rochester stay, their everyday expenses need to be covered as well.

The need is real. And the need is now. Their expenses are already mounting. **Will you please help contribute to the Gary Wirth Restoration Trust?**

Please send a check, make an immediate PayPal transfer payment, or make a deposit **today** at any Wells Fargo Bank to the **Gary Wirth Restoration Trust** account. **Check our Facebook page for updates, more info and what's shakin' with the M100 trailer raffle!**

And we know that you, like us, will look for other ways to help them in the months to come, to let them know that they are in our hearts and prayers every day.

Questions & RSVP: Mike Dyer @ 612.840.1194 **or** 19645 Hills of Claire Ave., Prior Lake, MN 55372-8775 **or** garysrestorationtrust@gmail.com

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Please note: while all proceeds will go to Gary & Sherry, these will not be tax-deductible donations. The cost and time required to make that possible was too great and took too long.



Old MVs in New Venues, Part II: Gearhead Get-together in Maple Lake; If It Runs or Rolls, and You Like It, It's In



it's safe to say that there wasn't a lot of standin' on ceremony here. This is about the purest form of enthusiast gathering there is. If you have something that you love that drives or rolls or flops around like a chicken, and it has some gears and mechanical bits in it somewhere, and if it just makes you happy, then you are welcome to bring it to town and show it off to anyone who feels like lookin'. No juries, no trophies, just a sign for your windshield to tell everyone else what your poison happens to be. If they like it, too, then that's just fine. If not, they can turn around and vanish. No skin off of your teeth.

Kinda refreshing inna way, knowwhutimean?

Jeannine and I drove our GPW out here to da Nortland and had a blast, surrounded by rat rods, rail dragsters, sandbaggers, shiny street rods, a raggedy swap meet and a guy pin striping a Carryall. Not a bad afternoon at all. Join me here in 2014! **RB**



A New Excuse to Come Out and Play Tonka Jeep Runs Its First Road Trip



As mentioned a few pages back (this IS the “Repetitious Themes” Issue), Wally Piroyan, past Red Bull President, has opened up a new business, Tonka Jeep LTD. This summer, he held his 1st Annual Tonka Jeep LTD Holiday Ride, on the weekend following July 4th. Anyone with a 1941-1965 jeep, civilian or military, as well as variants such as the Jeepster, was invited.

We met at Wally and Kim’s home in Wayzata, at 10:00 AM, seven flat-fenders from as far away as Harris, MN, and took off for a 50-mile drive through the rolling countryside, tree-capped suburban roads and past farm fields west of Minneapolis. We enjoyed a perfect summer afternoon, a yummy lunch and not so much as a drop of rain. At the end of the afternoon, we lined up our steel steeds and sat down for ice cream, small adult beverages and an easy chat. By any measure, it was a delightful first effort and a great example of how simple it is to organize a new get-together.

Thanks, Wally. Jeannine and I already are looking forward to next year.

RB

A good idea, a little planning, a dollop of luck with the weather, and shazzam! A new vintage vehicle driving event. Hopefully, this gives YOU some ideas.



TOP: It’s Flat Fender A-Go-Go at Wally’s house Photo by Lee Larson

BOTTOM: Smiles all around. OD friends are a pretty content bunch. Photo by somebody with my camera...



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HMV Restoration is Wirth Twice as Much Now



Our smiling cover boy, Gary Wirth, known far and wide as one of the finest restoration experts in the world, has taken a new step in his career. He and his talented son, Paul, have formed a partnership titled, "MV Specialties, LLC."

While Gary has been leading the industry for years, he has done it all very quietly, in the background, gaining clients via referrals from other friends in the hobby. When he decided to formalize his partnership with Paul, it was a natural next step to create a new company to hold it all together. The two of them, along with their respective wives, Sherry and Alissa, also are very active reenactors, so this is a part of a family-encompassing passion.

When you are ready for the best, contact Paul and Gary at:
MV Specialties, LLC
18765 Red Wing Blvd.
Hastings, Minnesota 55033
651.437.1641

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Gary and Paul. Gary is the tall one. Hmmm...I mean, he's the one with the hat—um—he's the one in the WW II army uniform. Rats.

Photo by Jack Kane



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Breathtaking News in the HMV World: Littlefield Collection Moving to MA



The late, great Jacques M. Littlefield, with part of his collection at the Military Vehicle Technology Foundation
Photo: Lea Suzuki: The Chronicle

Jacques Littlefield's spectacular collection of tanks and armored vehicles, the best-in-class treasury that has been lovingly maintained as the Military Vehicle Technology Foundation (MVTF) in Portola Valley, CA, is being donated to The Collings Foundation in Stow, MA. This unprecedented consolidation will result, according to The Collings Foundation, in the finest collection of armored fighting vehicles and aircraft in America.

by John Currie

Since Littlefield's death in 2009, the Foundation has continued to maintain the collection, keeping it intact and continuing the preservation work for which they were universally respected. His family has decided, however, that because of the limited accessibility of their hilltop location, and because they want more people to have a better opportunity to see and study these vehicles and the technology that drives them, the collection should move.

Most remarkably, they are *donating* the collection to The Collings Foundation. (Had we known that such miracles were possible, we could have dropped them a postcard and suggested that they donate the collection to The Red Bull. I would have been happy to drive all of the tanks regularly, just to keep them lubed up and happy. That's the kind of generous, always-thinking-about-the-greater-good kinda guy I am. And MAN—what a 4th of July Parade we would have in Edina!)

Now, here's where it gets interesting (as if you had fallen asleep by now). In order to house the collection, the Collins Foundation needs to raise \$10 million in order to build a 60,000 square foot museum to house the collection as tremendous addition to their existing collection. They will do this by auctioning off 160 of the collection's 240 vehicles, saving the choicest 80 vehicles for transport to, and display in, Massachusetts. On July 11-12, 2014, in Portola Valley, they will hold what will likely be the greatest HMV auction in history, with 108 vehicles and parts for sale with no reserve. Auctions America will conduct the auction. (The discrepancy between the original plan to auction of 180 vehicles and the published plan to auction 108 remains a mystery for now.)

The MVTF collection is beyond amazing. It contains fully restored AFVs from WWI through the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. "Like what?" you ask. Where to begin? The world's first ever half-track, a little French ride; six-ton WWI M1917 Light Tank; Panther A; multiple Shermans, including



This P40B also will arrive at The Collings Foundation this year after surviving the attack on Pearl Harbor and it's pilot's fatal crash in Hawaii in 1942. Fully restored, it repeats its original 1941 livery. Photo: John M. Dibbs

an M4A3E2 Jumbo; SCUD missile on its mobile launcher; T-34 76 and 85; Matilda; Stug III; M26 Pershing; M-47, M-48 and M-60 Pattons; M10 and Hetzer tank destroyers; a Leopard; A Centurion and a Chieftain; both a Schwimmwagen and Kettenkrad; M5 Stuart and Panzer I; Russian post-war T-series tanks; plus halftracks, prime movers, artillery tractors, artillery, armored personnel carriers, wreckers, tank recovery vehicles, small arms, and and and and. To date, no list has been published, identifying which will be kept and which will be sold. Some folks will be besides themselves, waiting.

You may know The Collings Foundation for their fantastic collection of fully restored and flying vintage military aircraft. They fly circuits around the US each year, featuring their B-17G, B-24, P-51, and other planes on a rotational basis, covering the country every two years (they were in MN in 2013). I had the thrill of flying in their B-17 over twenty years ago out of Flying Cloud Airport in Minnesota, and it is still one of the greatest experiences of my life. Their collection includes:

WWII: Boeing PT-17 Stearman, Fiesler Storch FI-156, Grumman TBM Avenger, FM-2 Wildcat Cessna UC-78 Bobcat, North American A-36, North American B-25J Mitchell, Boeing B-17G Flying Fortress, Consolidated B-24J Liberator, North American TP-51C Mustang, Messerschmitt Me 262

KOREAN WAR: North American AT-6F Texan, Vought F4U-5NL Corsair, Lockheed T-33 Shooting Star

VIETNAM WAR: Bell UH-1E Huey, Grumman S-2F Tracker, McDonnell TA-4J Skyhawk, McDonnell Douglas F-4D Phantom, North American F-100F Super Sabre, A-1E Skyraider

UNDER RESTORATION: Focke Wulf Fw 190 F-8, Focke Wulf Fw 190 D-9, F6F-3N Hellcat, Douglas A-26 Invader

The OTHER big news at Collings was the donation they received of a P-40B Tomahawk fighter, *the only airworthy aircraft which survived the attack on Pearl Harbor*. It crashed in Hawaii in 1942, was re-discovered in 1985, restored and brought to the Imperial War Museum at Duxford, GB, in 2003. An anonymous donor recently gave it to The Collings Foundation; delivery is expected in 2014.

The Collings Foundation does have some HMVs, too, but that collection is rather more modest: 1917 Vim "Camp Devens Express"; 1920 Ford Model T Ambulance; 1942 Ford Jeep GPW (currently



Approximately 1/80th of the MVTF/JML collection: a US M-22 Locust, German Stug III and a British Matilda
Photos courtesy of the MVTF

under restoration); and a 1943 White Motor Co. M-16 SP half-track

Why is the MVTF giving their collection to someone who doesn't specialize in armor? Bill Boller, the MVTF president, put it this way: "Displaying the exceptional Littlefield collection of armored fighting vehicles along with the phenomenal military aircraft of the Collings Foundation provides an unassailable opportunity to educate generations of Americans while honoring those who served our country through the designing, building and operation of these spectacular machines."

DETAILS DETAILS DETAILS: Check out these websites for *lots* more information:

The Military Vehicle Technology Foundation: <http://www.mvtf.org>

The Collings Foundation: <http://www.collingsfoundation.org>

Auctions America: <http://www.auctionsamerica.com/events/overview.cfm?SaleCode=LC14>

You can register here to be on their email list RE: auction details. I signed up as soon as I saw the screen. And I intend to make the case to my dear Jeannine that I simply must go to the auction, just to witness it. And if I sell a kidney first, maybe I'll go shopping...

The new Jacques M. Littlefield (JML) Collection will open in Stow, MA, in the Spring of 2015.

I plan on being there. You?

RB

Part of the The Collings Foundation Welcoming Committee: an M16 halftrack and a reproduction ME262 Swallow. Photos courtesy The Collings Foundation



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FIGHTING

by John Currie

Photos: Larry Lavigne

**Our friend is battling leukemia, and it's not
a battle which we want him to have to fight alone**

By now, you've heard or seen something about Gary Wirth. If you're a Red Bull or MVPA member, if you have the OD Disease, if you've ever gone on one of our convoys or been to one of the national MVPA conventions, then you know something about him. If you actually don't *like* HMVs, or if you managed to pick up this issue without seeing the cover and happen to open it up to this page, then let me be the first one to ask you to pull up a chair, grab a cuppa, and listen in as we talk about one of the best guys we know.

Gary is about ten pounds of potatoes in a five-pound sack: proud son of a WW II vet; blessed husband of the lovely, modest and dedicated wife and partner, Sherry; father of the talented,

wry son and business partner, Paul; car and street rod customizer and sheet metal czar; savvy business owner; insanely knowledgeable historic military vehicle maven; internationally respected military vehicle restoration expert (who, according to John Adams-Graf, "has completed the paint and bodywork on no fewer than 14 MVPA National Convention 1st place awards (more than any other individual!); six Military Vehicles Magazine cover vehicles (again, more than any other person!) and restored or partially restored 7 WWII Jeeps, 6 3/4-ton command cars, 4 1-1/2-ton Dodge 6x6s, 3 M38s, 2 M38A1s, 4 M37s, 2 M42s and more than 30 other vehicles and accessories ranging from a Bren carrier and M20 armored car to 8 reproduction WWII



TOP: Wirth a lot: Alissa & Paul, Sherry & Gary
BOTTOM: Gary and Sherry at the fund raising dinner

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bicycles and a WWII Quonset hut;" dedicated military reenactor, along with his Sherry, Paul, and Paul's wife and respected head-shaver, Alissa; generous-hearted friend; humble and self-effacing guy; and a man who simply can be relied upon and trusted. Gary is a quiet, stays-in-the-background kind of guy who nonetheless leaves a mark wherever he goes, not by dint of braggadocio but by the simple weight of his talents and integrity.

I have known Gary for about seven years, having met him as a fellow member of the Red Bull, but have only started to get to know him over the course of the last twelve months. In that time, there has been no lack of men and women with good things to say, great memories to recount, or laughs with him that they are only too eager to revisit. Sadly for me, I am a Johnny-come-lately, because I am finding out more and more of what I have been missing. Knowing Gary seems to be a lot like going to Kevin & Thea Kronlund's Fall get-together in Spooner; those who shared the experience couldn't imagine how dull life would be without it, and those who didn't know had no idea what they were missing. As someone who did finally manage to get to Kronlund's Fallapalooza, and now as one getting to know Gary, all I can do is pound my head on a table and chide myself for my chowder-headed ways and wasting all of that time...

The catalyst for me, as it may be for some of you, was discovering that Gary has been quietly battling CCL (chronic lymphocytic leukemia) since 2007. It had been kept under control, and Gary had been doing so well that most of us had no idea that he has even suffering from anything. His CLL progressed to a point last year that the ongoing therapy no longer was effective, and it was determined that he needed a T-Cell transplant. This is effectively the complete replacement of his immune system with that harvested from a carefully matched donor.

This treatment at Mayo Clinic in Rochester requires a lot of preparatory procedures designed to weaken and break down his own immune system so that the donor T-cells have a place to set up shop. Think of it as having to clean up your rental apartment and steam-clean the carpets so that your new tenant can move in and dump all of their stuff in there and get cozy. The transplant is fairly straight-forward—some needles, a little lie-down, and a doctor operating the two-wheeler to deliver the new cells into their new digs. It's the before and after parts that are actually the most tricky. While his system is being broken down, he becomes very vulnerable to illness, especially infection; and afterwards, because his system is so depleted and it takes months for the new T-cells to multiply and fill up the bookshelves, he has to live in a highly scrubbed and protected environment. Think of him as John Travolta in the scintillating made-for-TV film, "The Boy in the Plastic Bubble," but without the bad hair and horizontally-striped turtlenecks.

A critical oh-by-the-way of this process is that Gary won't be able to work for those three months, plus for some amount of the time prior while he was having the preparatory procedures, and without any guarantee that the three-month figure was indeed all-exhaustive. That means no income for him for more than three months, and just as the bank-account emptying winter heating months approached. Sherry has a job, but as is true with many of us, theirs is a two-income household, and cutting off one of those revenue streams is like eliminating either the vodka or the vermouth in a martini; it just won't come together the way that it is supposed to (and it doesn't matter if it's shaken or stirred). That inspired two of the biggest-hearted people whom I know, Mike Dyer and John Bizal, to come together and form a small group to help raise money for Gary and Sherry's support and care so that they could properly focus their time and energies on his health and each other. The Gary Wirth Restoration Trust was formed and a bank account established in that name to best receive and track all of the contributions.

The transplant was tentatively scheduled for October 2013, contingent on finding just the right donors (the matching criteria is exceptionally exhaustive), and so the volunteer group was formed and sprang into action, helped in no small part by Paul Wirth's presence in it. He was able to help us understand what Gary and Sherry needed and how we could best help them. We identified a target fund-raising goal of \$50,000 and then looked for ways to raise that money so that Gary and Sherry could dip into it as needed. We then created a multi-phased plan to help raise that money, initially comprised of these four parts:

- 1-A benefit dinner before Gary went into Mayo, with silent and live auctions held that night
- 2-A raffle of a perfectly restored M100 trailer, a product of Gary's efforts and someone else's money
- 3-Sales of donated items on eBay
- 4-Appeals for financial contributions that were sent out in emails and published in various MV club magazines and on their websites

As for the latter effort, I want to pay special thanks to three people: John-Adams Graf, the editor and publisher of *Military Vehicles Magazine* and the *Military Trader* and their corresponding websites, who published our efforts and added his own verbal buttressing; Ann Winegardner, the editor of the MVPA-affiliated club, The Ohio Motor Pool, for not only publishing our appeals in her *Ohio Motorpool Tool Crib* newsletter, but forwarding the appeal info on to the editors of many other affiliated club's newsletters so that they, in turn, could publish them; and lastly, our own John Bizal, who consistently broadcast our appeals on his company website. Their efforts spread our message far wider than we would ever have been able to reach on our own. Good people with compassion and determination can move the world.

Other ideas were discussed but these four were identified as options that could be up and running quickly. Volunteers stepped forward to oversee the three projects and the group sprung into action, at least as fast as they could after that first filling meal at the Perkins in Lakeville.

Perhaps the most amazing thing was how the fund-raising dinner was pulled together in less than a month. On September 28, at the Dan Patch American Legion Post, upwards of 175 people arrived: Gary's friends and customers and clients and supporters for a jam-packed evening of friendship, roast beef and pure-hearted generosity. Close to a hundred items were sold in the two silent auction segments (there were so many goodies on the tables that we couldn't handle them all at once!). There were a handful of high-buck items sold via live auction as well, with Bob Wicklund serving not just as our high-spirited emcee for the evening but as the very capable auctioneer. There was a lovely lakeside resort weekend, a tank ride in Harold Bottolfson's Sherman, a Vultee BT-13 Airplane ride donated by the Commemorative Air Force, and then two rather curious events: the sequential head-shavings-for-cash of John Bizal and yours truly. Both John and I volunteered to have our manly tresses sacrificed if folks would donate A LOT of money (because both of us really LIKED our hair and would not have ever thought of having it all lopped off if it weren't for this means of helping Gary and Sherry). Alissa Wirth,



A boy and his mom find a moment together...as the crowd gathers at Gary's dinner...to shop the silent auction, bidding on art, tools, books, videos, wine, personal care baskets, T-shirts, toys and games. It was like Macy's meets Walgreens and Northern Hydraulics in Savage, MN.



TOP: "When Hairy Met Salty & Pepper"

CENTER: The comely Alissa preps John Biral for a comb-over

BOTTOM: Two baldies with a buddy

a professional tonsorial artiste, volunteered to do the dirty work and cut off our hair up on The Big Stage. Before that could happen, guests had to pledge their contributions, and so other volunteers ran around the hall with upturned army helmets, collecting the cash and checks.

Well, because you and others like you were so thoughtful and generous, those helmets began to fill, so much so that John couldn't refuse. He took his seat, was given a lovely barber's apron, and then Gary--not Alissa--stepped forward to start cutting off his hair. To the screams, yells, applause and laughs of the gathered throng, this big-hearted hedge-clipping took 10-15 minutes, moving from one horribly unflattering partial cut to another, doing everything short of disemboweling John until there was no more than a scant 1/16th of an inch of hair remaining. The crowd roared, the amount soared, and Alissa eventually released him from captivity.

A few minutes later, John, with a feverish glint in his eye, loudly proclaimed that it was my turn, and I was man-handled onto the stage. It took TEN MEN to hold me down, and I fought like a grizzly bear, but eventually, it was too much, even for me, and I gave up and gave in. This time, Mr. Biral started wielding the electric razor, and between his efforts, and Alissa's, I was Mohawked, pony-tailed and sheared, with stops along the way to wax my Mohawk so that it stood straight up. I vaguely remember seeing the Mohawk and pleading that they not stop there but complete the job. Even Gary stepped forward again to join in the clip-job, trying halfheartedly to hide his grin as my hair fell to the floor.

Once again, the crowd gathered gave life to the event and showed how much they cared about Gary. Between the funds raised by the two of us individually prior to the event, the contributions called in and mailed in by out-of-town friends, and the moneys donated on the spot, we jointly raised over \$5000 for that sad little pile of hair that was later piled up by the back door.

Extra thanks must again be given to John Biral, who stepped forward and matched the contributions made towards my sheep-shearing. Without his incredible generosity, our total windfall would have been dramatically reduced. Those of you who think that John is a bit gruff haven't heard the big heart that beats inside his OD breast. His love for Gary was made evident in dozens of ways that night. Many, many people step forward and helped. Some were and remain remarkable, and none more so than John.

By the end of that evening, combined with our other efforts to date, we had raised more than \$30,000, so more than 60% of our goal, so then the groups efforts turned to the charitable raffle of the M100 trailer. That was more difficult than we imagined, because of the hurdles that must be overcome in order to have a legal one (because it is seen as gambling and therefor subject to strict regulation). It none the less proceeded, albeit commencing much later than we originally hoped, with the drawing held on Dec. 7 at Midwest Military. The winner was Robert Allen of Glenville, MN.



TOP: The you-have-to-guess-who-is-whom team behind the fund-raising efforts
 BOTTOM: Gary draws the winning trailer raffle ticket while John wears a wastebasket

In the meantime, additional contributions come in, and there is still plenty of time to sell items on eBay through John Bizal. Items can be dropped off at his Prior Lake shop, or pick-up arrangements can be made via several volunteers. Contact John at jbizal@midwestmilitary.net for any details and to let him know if you will be bring items in or need them picked up. 100% of the sale prices go to the Trust.

As of this writing, Gary has not yet received his transplant. On December 2, the original donor who was a nearly perfect match, was withdrawn from eligibility, and within 24 hours of when the procedure. The second, back-up donor was reviewed, and the doctors decided that the match was not close enough, so they were disqualified, leaving Gary without a donor. Subsequent searches in the international donor pool have failed to yield a viable prospect, so Gary is standing by. In the meantime, he has had several infections and undergone sinus surgery, so the situation has become more complicated. We will update you in the next issue, after the first of the year, and hope to be able to tell you that progress has been made and that Gary is moving ahead through his treatment.

In the meantime, Gary and Sherry keep their eyes on the prize. The rest of us have the opportunity to step forward and reach out to them in many ways, large and small.

-Cover them in your prayers. Every day, just take a moment. God's embrace is a special place.

-Financial donations still are needed. Make a deposit or transfer to the Gary Wirth Restoration Trust at any Wells Fargo bank. Donations may be made via PayPal, using the link at www.midwestmilitary.net. Checks made out to the Gary Wirth Restoration Trust may be mailed to Mike Dyer, 19645 Hills of Claire Ave., Prior Lake, MN 55372-8775.

-Donate items for sale on eBay. Contact John Bizal at: jbizal@midwestmilitary.net

-Simply drop a note or a card to Gary and Sherry at 18765 Red Wing Blvd., Hastings State, MN 55033, or glrwirth@embarqmail.com, and let them know that you are thinking of them.

-Stop by with a ready-made meal, either fresh, refrigerated or frozen, to make the day to day decisions just that much easier

-Check out a new fund-raising effort in our next issue; check it out and lean into it, please.

Gary, we can't fight this battle for you but we can fight it with you. and we can lift you up to God on the wings of our prayers. We cannot guarantee an outcome but we can guarantee that you are liked, you are respected, and you are loved.





Story & Photos: John Currie

One of the most important events on our calendar is the 4th of July. It's a singular way to honor our veterans and serving men and women in uniform. And it's a celebration of our nation and its unique place in the world. Add to that the undeniable fun driving our HMVs in parades in cities across our states and it's quite the holiday!

This year, 2013, Edina, MN, celebrated its Quasquicentennial—its 125th anniversary. And we were there, as we have been for more years than I have been a Red Bull. In honor of this august July event, my goal was to field 30 HMVs, more than we ever had before. I also serve on the Edina 4th of July Parade Committee, so I put out the call. And man, did you guys come through! This year, we queued up 31 HMVs, plus trailers, and carried close to 60 veterans and heroes in front of the estimated 20,000 cheering residents and visitors who stood up and applauded as our vets rolled by. What we love about Edina is





their focus on the vets and how the people respond in kind. So our outstanding turnout--YOUR outstanding turnout--was an fitting response.

St. Paul's Commemorative Air Force, Fleming Field Wing, drove five vehicles from their motor pool; the other 26 were Red Bull members and friends, all led by John Bizal in his Bren Gun Carrier. Take a moment and look at this great collection of vehicles. Get out your magnifying glass and look for our friends behind the wheels, the real treasure here.



Burma Jeeps, A Ferret, M35A2 trucks and their bigger cousins, both a 1-1/2 ton Chevy and Dodge, M37s, staff cars, a command car, an M715, M38s, M38A1s, and more MBs and GPWs than you can shake a dipstick at. We had MVs in Army, Navy and Marine livery, pristine models who come out on occasion and well-worn motor pool steeds who can never find enough occasions to come out and got for a drive.

Our MVs were driven and ridden in by owners and fans, husbands and wives, friends and family, neighbors and friends of neighbors, army reenactors and Rosie the Riveter,



in civies and in uniform, all equally dedicated and all equally proud. It is a privilege to drive with you all, to be part of this OD family, and to get behind the wheel of history with you.

And when we're done, and the parade is over, and when our veterans are safely back with their families, I'll also be right there with you as we drive to Sonic and take over just about all of the drive-in slots. This 4th of July, we loaded up on burgers stacked high with goodies, baskets of fries, and handmade ice cream malts—you know, just like they had on the beaches of Normandy.

There were other parades, of course: Richfield, Apple Valley and Delano. There was one near you, too, I'm sure, if you live outside the Twin Cities. And they will be there next year, and so will we. And I will put out the call again, asking for volunteers, looking for friends and patriots and club members to come out and do it all over again, to pay homage to our veterans, to pay tribute to our country's heroic heritage, and to pay for a cheese 'n bacon burger and a hot fudge banana malt. Please come join us for both!

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

We had a terrific year full of great HMV events, from Spring through the Fall. 2013 saw more club-related activities than ever before. And every one was made better by YOUR participation. More 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.

What you see here in this issue is our best-guess list for events projected for 2014. We'll 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, your in-laws will still be there next December, and who wants to go to the Dells anyway? This stuff is IMPORTANT!

April 12-13

Minneapolis-St. Paul Militaria Show

The official start of Spring

Location: Minnesota State Fairgrounds

Hours: 0800 - 1800 Sat.

0900 - 1600 Sun.

- Warm up your MV 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

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 entrants and visitors
- Free hot dog for all vehicle drivers
- Prize awarded to visitor's favorite MV
- Are register @ www.redbullhmva.com

May

WW II Weekend

Biggest authentic reenactor event in Minnesota

Location: Farmington, MN

Dakota County Fairgrounds

Hours: 1000 - 1800 Sat.

1000 - 1600 Sun.

- HMVs, weapons demos and battles
- 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>

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
- It's a great opportunity to pay respect by showing your HMV and reminding others of the courage and sacrifice of those who have given us our liberty
- Check your local city hall, newspaper, web blogs, VFW or Legion Posts

May 31-June 2

Mopars in the Park

OD beats shiny chrome any day

Location: Farmington Fairgrounds,
Farmington, MN

Hours: 0800 - 1700

- Louis Larson doesn't want to be alone again
- Great opportunity to expose more folks to the Red Bull
- A little secret: this is the event where Lou has been getting all of his hot leads on Jeep barn finds for really cheap!
- Contact Louis Larson for details @ willys41mb@gmail.com

May 31-June 1

Discover Aviation Days

Go wheel-to-wing tip

Location: Anoka County Airport, Blaine, MN

Hours: 0700-1600 Sat & Sun

1830- 2400 St. Hangar Dance

- HMVs & drivers invited; add some OD color
- Breakfast daily
- Warbird flybys
- Guest speakers (TBD)
- Aircraft & helicopter rides
- Aircraft tours
- Classic car parade (what's more classic than an MV?)
- Free admission; parking donation requested
- Check details @ www.redbullhmva.com and <http://www.discoveraviationdays.org>

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

June 13-15

Onamia Days

Let's turn out more HMVs 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 opportunity to expose more folks to 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 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 encampment
- Weapon firing demonstrations
- Food & drink & comfy latrines
- Check to see if our HMVs will be welcome. There MAY be free or discounted admission for HMVs and their drivers
- Check for details @ www.redbullhmva.com and <http://events.mnhs.org/calendar>

June 26-28

MVPA Convention

Louisville, KY

Hours: TBD; may vary by day

Location: Kentucky Exposition Center

- The biggest national HMV 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 (tentative)

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 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 9

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

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. Step up and help us make this happen! If you have a great location or a possible date, or any other ideas to make this happen, please contact us.

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

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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.thewarandpeaceeevival.co.uk for details

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@tonkajeepltd.com 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
- Please register @ 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 (tentative)

Vettes for Vets

Location: TBD in Savage, MN

Hours: TBD

- A car show to benefit veterans; they'd love to have some HMVs
- Watch for details @ www.redbullhmva.com

September (tentative)

7th Annual Pine Patrol MV Trail Ride

Dirt trails & hills, not concrete & stop signs

Location: Wheeler/Colfax, WI

Hours: 0800 - 1700

- More than 500 acres of private, rolling country with dirt trails
- 13 miles north of Menomonie, WI
- Not hard core off-roading but manageable country and trails that will put a smile on your face without scratching up your MV or tearing off a muffler
- 1/4 - 3/4-ton vehicles for sure; 6x6s and tracked vehicles TBD
- Contact Paul Sanders for details @ psanders@123m.com
- Please register @ www.redbullhmva.com

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

Yo, troops, pay attention: this list of 2014 events is being compiled in late 2013, so this info is tentative. Some events may disappear, some new ones will certainly appear, and dates and times and etc. are VERY subject to change. We'll update this with further info as we get it, but this will at least prime your pump. Keep checking in here and on our web site!

We also need 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.

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 invited a Cheesehead over to share some brats and a lube job?

So get on it, will ya?



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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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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- Sign in to your account or take 60 seconds to sign up (no cost or obligation)
- Select mode of payment (bank transfer or credit card) and "Confirm"

Easy-Squeezy!

Your thoughtfulness and generosity will help Gary & Sherry in the months ahead as he recovers from his T-cell transplant surgery.



And check-out our Facebook page: [Gary's Restoration](#) or more info, ways to help & Gary updates

