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CALENDAR



BATTLEIN' BITCH M4A3 SHERMAN: OWNED BY THEA KRONLUND

"Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education."

- Franklin D. Roosevelt

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We are celebrating the end of #!?!?!#!! 2020 and the return of our newsletter with a great gift for every member!

You didn't get it BY Christmas but that doesn't prevent our Board from giving it to you AFTER Christmas. Think of it as Boxing Day for the Red Bull.

All members who were paid up for 2020 will receive FREE membership for 2021. If you have already sent in your dues for 2021, then you'll be paid up through 2022. Either way, you will get a full year's membership at no cost to you.

Here's the deal: 2020 was a train wreck, and it hit our association hard. There were only a few member events in the entire year and only a few of you stalwarts got out, showed up, and weighed in. All but one 4th of July parade was cancelled, including Edina's, which always was our biggest turn-out and our best way to honor our vets by hosting them in our HMVs. Our newsletter nearly died on the vine. And I reckon that some of you were struck by COVID-19 or have friends or family who were. And we failed to reach out enough to know that we were still here and that we still respect and appreciate our members.

You don't have to do anything to receive this free year; we'll let The Home Office keep track of everything. Now, if you want to pay anyway as a show of support for our group, we'd be tickled OD, but that's up to you. Moving forward, we will be looking for ways to get together, holding our member meetings somewhere if it is possible, and keeping you all apprised of everything as promptly and consistently as we can.

This newsletter returns with me as Editor and on an at-least-one-issue-per quarter schedule. We look forward to populating our events listings as soon as we have some great get-togethers to rave about. You'll find a 2021 Red Bull calendar here, too, featuring some of the photos from past calendars, along with some new ones. It is focused on Friends With MVs. That's what the Red Bull is all about. So please stick with us; we are here to stick with you.

-John Currie, Editor

FRONT COVER: Thea Kronlund's Battlin' Bitch M4A3 Sherman at a past event hosted by her and her late husband, Kevin
ABOVE: Santa drops in to our member housing to stuff some good news in your stocking

Letter from the President

Members:

Greetings all, my name is Eric Thompson. I have accepted the position of President of the Red Bull's for the next two years. By way of introduction I joined the club in 2015 when I purchased my 1954 M 37. I found it along Highway 25 just north of Pierz Minnesota. It was for sale by the local junk dealer who had purchased it from the Pierz Fire Department. It was fairly stripped down and painted fire engine red. With lots of help from multiple sources restoration was completed in July 2016.

I was never in the military. My dad was with the Fifth Marine Division which landed on beaches of Iwo Jima, Japan February 19, 1945. He was severely wounded but always said he was one of the lucky ones. That being said myself and two brothers were raised as "Yardbirds" in Marine Corps style. We pretty much had our heads shaved by Dad every two weeks right on through high school.

On a personal note I am married and have two grown daughters and two grandsons that absolutely adore the M37. We have been actively involved in parades and events on the west side of the Metro over the past several years.

Housekeeping notes:

- Due to COVID-19, we are postponing the general members meeting which is typically held in January to Saturday May 1, 10:00 AM at Wayne Mincke's.
- Dues are normally due in January so this should be where I ask you to be sure to re up. BUT. If you've already read the Letter From The Editor, you'll know that we are giving all paid-up 2020 members a free year's membership for 2021. If you haven't read the Letter From The Editor, we are giving all paid-up 2020 members a free year's membership for 2021. If you have already paid for 2021, then you will get a free year in 2022.
- Make sure to keep current with the MVPA Membership. It's critical that we all maintain your membership.
- I noticed on the website that Lee Larson and John Currie did some kick ass newsletters back in the day. I am delighted to tell you that the issue that you now are reading is the first of our return to giving you a solid way to be on top of what we're up to.

I don't pretend to have the history or the background that many of you long-term members have regarding the Group. Please reach out to me or any Board Member if you have any suggestions or guidance.

I am a strong believer in educating our youth about the sacrifices of the Greatest Generation and all those that have served. Our vehicles tell us a story that we cannot let fade away.

We are here for you and are ready to ride into 2021, without Corona!

Eric Thompson
Red Bull HMVA President



News Dispatches: Remembering Our Fallen: We Lost Three Members in 2020



In Memoriam: VERNON "VERN" STREHLOW April 25, 1934 - April 12, 2019

Vernon 'Vern' Gene Strehlow was born on the farm in New York Mills, Minnesota on April 25, 1934. The oldest of 5 children, Vern attended a one room school house, graduated from high school and then served in the United States Army at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Vern married the love of his life Marlene (Wallace) on August 8, 1959. Jokingly, Marlene would say she married him because he looked like a cross between Elvis Presley and Johnny Cash, but in reality they spent over 60 years together as devoted partners tackling life's ups and downs with humility, humor and grace.

Vern was a proud 50 year member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters' Union. He was active in the American Legion and the Minnesota Red Bull Historic Military Vehicle Association. Upon retirement, Vern took up the hobby of restoring antique military vehicles and enjoyed sharing this passion with his grandchildren, attending numerous antique car shows, parades and military vehicle caravans. He had three children and two grandchildren.

"How do you say goodbye to a good friend? I hold many memories of our convoys together. My condolences to your family and Red Bull friends." -Louie & Gloria Larson

RB

TOP: At the 2005 MVPA Convention in Duluth. CENTER LEFT: Vern and his award-winning M38A1. CENTER RIGHT: Dancing with his beloved bride. BOTTOM: Vern with his son, Vern, and dear friend, John Guerrero.





In Memoriam: Lynn Dale McCall March 11, 1957 - October 6, 2020

Lynn was a Navy Vet who grew up in Florida. After leaving the Navy, he worked in the communications industry. One of his accounts was the Minnesota Penal System, so he regularly wound up in prison--and regularly departed at the end of each day. No jail could hold him...

He made it possible for inmates to make phone calls to loved ones and try to rent helicopters to aid in escaping from their Grey Bar Hotel.

Lynn joined the Red Bull after seeing us at the first Home Depot Veterans Tribute Day in Plymouth. He liked it so much that he went out and bought his "kuk-vee" CUCV II so that he could ride with us. He already was a committed Jeep off-roading enthusiast, so this added to his stable.

He participated on the Route 66 MVPA Convoy from Chicago to Santa Fe with it. He was also active in the Minnesota 4WD Club and owned several Jeep Wranglers. He was very active in the Red Bull and was our *incredible* events coordinator for several years, gathering more events than we could ever attend!

On convoys, he had little patience with those of us who wouldn't drive over 40 or leaked fluids from every possible source. He always seemed to forget that his Luxo Coach, with a heater (!!!), AC, stereo, CB, indoor pool and cable TV, did not have the same limitations that we did in our 40-79 year-old OD steeds. It did, however, work out well for us if one of our MVs developed a limp or broke down, as we could "grudgingly" accept his generous offer of a ride and settle in for a rain-, wind-, snow-, cold-and frying-heat-proof tour of absolutely anywhere he wanted to take us.

No convoy will ever be the same.

More than anything or anyone else, Lynn was in love with his beloved wife, Lori. She was an avid canoeist and matched his mastery of rocky trails with hers of the Boundary Waters. When she died unexpectedly 2-1/2 years ago, he was heartbroken. His life partner was gone. We pray that the two of them are joined again in Heaven, exploring it forever. **RB**



TOP: Herding cats on a convoy through Red Wing. LEFT, TOP TO BOTTOM: Lynn and Lori, off-roading; The Laid-Back Master; Don't EVER call it just a CUCV—it's a CUCV II; the infrequently beardless hubbie sharing a smile with his bride.



In Memoriam: DANIEL WAYNE DAGUE October 8, 1986 - March 14, 2020

If Dan knew that we were referring to him as “Daniel Wayne,” he might throw a lightning bolt our way. He was “Dan” or “Danny” or “Dan Durty Dague,” and he was a great friend, son, brother and husband. If you knew him, you liked him. A lot.

Dan and his sister and brother were raised in St. Paul by parents Randy & Joan. He went to Mankato State University and later graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stout with a degree in Industrial Design. He was a ridiculously talented artist as well.

Dan was an avid WWII reenactor, vehicle restorer and a collector of WWII militaria. His circle of friends included many who shared that same OD disease and delighted in his company. Over the last 9 years, Dan turned his WWII reenacting and collecting hobby into a career working with John Bizal at Midwest Military in Prior Lake where they bought and sold vintage historic military vehicle parts, restored vintage military vehicles and manufactured world-class replacement parts. Dan was in heaven.

Dan and Jess were married at his parent’s home on June 25, 2014, in front of family and friends—and his ambulance. We were able to see the many sides of Dan: a devoted son, a loving husband; reliable friend; a man of wry humor; and a WWII buff.

You left us way too soon, Dan! Your place at our table will never be filled by anyone else.

RB



TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Cruisin’ in Normandy; Hangin’ in Rockford; his perfect ambulance. LEFT, TOP & CENTER: One of his superb illustrations; the family he loved. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: With his groomsmen—chauffeured on a wedding tank; On a trip of a lifetime for the D-Day 75th anniversary; a last goodbye with Jess (photo by Liz Wright Ansley)





Looks Like We've Got Ourselves a Convoy

The MVPA has announced a new cross country convoy for 2021: The Yellowstone Trail '21, running from 28 July - 11 August, 2021.

The original Yellowstone Trail started in Seattle, WA and finished in Plymouth, MA, with a route through Yellowstone Park. The YT'21 convoy will run a portion of that route, starting in Aberdeen SD and finishing at the 2021 Annual MVPA Convention. And that rocks! Driving the entire 3,500 miles of the original route would simply be too much time on the road.

For those of us near St. Paul & Minneapolis, it affords us a pretty easy way to be a part of this convoy. A group of us is already discussing having our HMs hauled out to Aberdeen and then driving back to a planned stop in Stillwater. From there, you can simply drive back home or continue on to the convention in Ohio.

For more info and updates, check out the MVPA web site. We will provide additional info here as well as it becomes available.

Are You Out There or Whut?

I enjoy editing this newsletter and writing nearly all of the articles and shooting almost all of the photos and designing the whole issue each month AND it sure would be great to get even more input from you guys out there!

Some of you are aces. In the past, Al Hansel sent me photos of his acquisitions and projects. John Varner took a break from his former career of punishing miscreants at school and sent in an article or two as well as more photos. And Paul Sanders sent photos and has written a couple articles. Please regard them as your inspirational heroes.

Send me news & photos re:

- New acquisitions
- MV events that you've attended or been in
- Museum trips
- Your restoration projects (before and after and along-the-way)
- MV tips and techniques (restoration, maintenance, convoy, how to eat while double-clutching)
- New members
- Whatever interests YOU

You have ideas and experiences and we want to know about them! Snail-mail me at the club address or email me @ curriewrks@aol.com. And thanks!

OK, Stand Back for the *Excitement*: Turn the Page for Your 2021 Red Bull Calendar

Print this out on your color printer or send or take this electronic file to a quick printer such as FedEx Office, Office Depot or OfficeMax or an online printer such as Vistaprints.com.



JANUARY 2021



Meet the Snow Angels When you live in the Northland, you gotta have fun outside. Kevin Kronlund made tracks WITH tracks every winter—his Weasel and M7 SnowTractor—hosting with wife, Thea, their friends at our annual Winter meeting.

PHOTO: JOHN CURRIE

February 2021

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FEBRUARY 2021



HMVs are for lovers. The Red Bull is not just for guys. We have women members who enjoy the hobby just as much as the men. John & Jeannine Currie prove that those who jeep together, keep together. So this year, maybe something OD for your wife or partner on Valentine's Day!

PHOTO: A romantic anonymous stranger...

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MARCH 2021



Large and in charge. That's John Zimmerman behind the wheel of his Dodge WC56 Command Car during Paul Sander's Pine Patrol 2015. Invite a bunch of folks with OD vehicles, set 'em loose on over 400 acres of hilly woodland, and let the hijinks begin!

PHOTO: JOHN CURRIE

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APRIL 2021



Playing with Tigers How cool is this? Mike Dyer, Dan "Rat Patrol" Thorsen, Ryan Thorsen and Paul Sanders in Dan's jeep within tooth-brushing distance of a P-40 Warhawk at Ray Fagen's Memorial Air Show in Granite Falls, MN.

OTO: PAUL SANDERS

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MAY 2021



The Mighty and the Mite. Kathy Bizal rests easily in her big Mack NO because Paul Sanders' Mighty Mite is just a bit wee for her to take seriously. Paul won Judge's Choice at the 2015 MVPA Convention with his lil' pup. You didn't miss this convoy, did you?

PHOTO: JOHN CURRIE

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JUNE 2021



We Band of Brothers and Sisters Commemorating the 75th D-Day anniversary week in Sainte Mère-du-Mont, Normandy, France: **BACK:** John Bizal, Dan Borchardt, Jessica & Dan Dague, John Sprouse, Dan Jackie Wicklund, Jeannine Currie, Juliet Ramsey, Eve Clifton. **FRONT:** Larry Stier, John Currie. **NOT SHOWN:** Kathy Borchardt, Teresa Sprouse, **OTO:** Wonderful anonymous stranger

July 2021

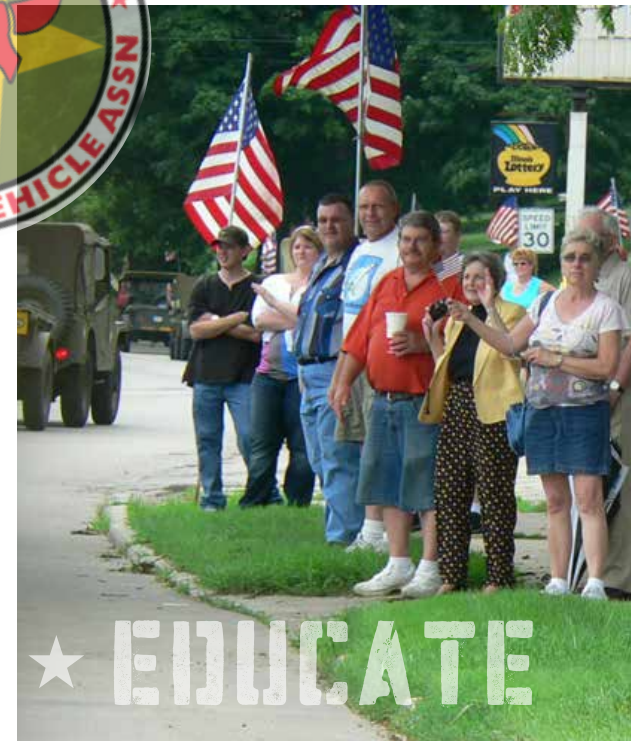
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REMEMBER ★ HONOR



★ EDUCATE

JULY 2021



Why We Are Who We Are Red Bull members get behind the wheel of history, restoring and maintaining HMVs in tribute to the men and women who serve and served with selflessness and courage. We drive to keep their honor alive.

PHOTO: JOHN CURRIE

August 2021

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AUGUST 2021



Don't keep your tractor down on the farm. Why not? Because they like to come out and play, too! Jeff Rowsam and a vet talk about RoundUp at Kronlund's Fall round up while Harold Bottolfson protects the back forty in his Sherman.

PHOTO: PAUL SANDERS

September 2021

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SEPTEMBER 2021



Louie Larson, Patron Saint of Jeeps
 If you have a military jeep of any vintage, you know Louie. And you've seen him driving in a local parade or across the USA in an MVPA convoy. Here he is, all smiles, because he is at the 2015 Ray Fagen Granite Falls Air Show.

PHOTO: JOHN CURRIE

October 2021

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OCTOBER 2021



Now THAT'S a restoration! It's one thing to wrench on a jeep; it's another to build a Quonset hut from parts. At the Camp Hastings Living History US Military Museum in Hastings, MN, they just got a stack of corrugated steel, some screws and twenty minutes later--voilà! NOT. This is how their second hut looked during construction.

PHOTO: JOHN CURRIE

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NOVEMBER 2021



1944 meets 2015 Every other year (except for those with tornados or COVID plagues), Ray Fagen holds an incredible Air Show in Granite Falls. Dan Dague prepares his jeep for a bang-bang battle reenactment and then for a yum-yum dinner

PHOTO: JOHN CURRIE

December 2021

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DECEMBER 2021




Sharing is caring. One of the greatest and most enjoyable things we can do is to share our HMV passion with others. John Bizal delights in doing so with the public, just as he is here, demonstrating his Quad 50 at a Farmington WWII days weekend.

PHOTO: JOHN CURRIE

January 2022

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CHRISTMAS IN IRAQ

NORMALLY, YOU CAN SIGN-UP OR RE-UP WITH THIS FORM. **BUT.** FOR 2021, **MEMBERSHIP IS FREE** FOR ALL 2020 MEMBERS. IF YOU ALREADY PAID FOR 2021, THEN YOUR 2022 DUES ARE COVERED. PRETTY GREAT, RIGHT?

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



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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 \$21.00 per year; Business \$31. and is fully tax deductible (the RBHMVA is a 501(c)3 organization).

Membership includes receiving full-color newsletters covering the activities of the Red Bull, Email blasts, as well as numerous opportunities to participate in a variety of historic military vehicle events and activities during the year. And we are committed to making 2021 WAY better than 2020 was for our group. And that secret handshake? We're still working on it...

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
929 Lincoln Avenue
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SANDBLAST THE FRAME—REBUILD THE CARBURETOR
FIND AN ORIGINAL WHEEL—THE TIME—THE COST... BUT YOU LOVE IT ANYWAY.

You've done the hard work to preserve your historic military vehicle.

Now, support the organization that works hard to preserve your continued access to vehicles and parts.

We monitor municipal, state and federal legislation to fight barriers to the hobby, and we assist local MVPA affiliates facing these issues in their areas. **That's just part of what we do.**

What else? Six issues of *History In Motion* per year with a variety of HMV topics, plus vital information and resource contacts.

Discounts on ad rates and at the annual international convention.

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Join today and keep history in Motion!



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