

# Taking Off for 2016

**First Event  
Calendar  
of the Year**

**A Splash of OD  
in the St. Paul  
Winter Carnival**

**A Week in  
France**

**...and the  
First-Ever  
Miss Red Bull  
Pin Up!**



*"Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons."*  
— Douglas Mac Arthur

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## So how do you add a little sizzle to keep the attention of a group of jaded H MV collectors?

**We have finally come up with the perfect solution**

Keeping you interested and active is our first priority. Or our first and second priority. Whatever. We start with letting you know what's going on in the Red Bull. If you don't know, you can't go, right? There are three key ways to do this. The first is via our web site. Between Lynn McCall and John "Mighty Warrior" Guerrero, it is updated faster than Gary Nelson can put diesel fuel in his MB. The second way is to hang out in Louis Larson's garage. If he doesn't know about it, it isn't worth knowing about.

The third is this newsletter. If it is out and in your hands on a regular basis, you'll be kept up to date on our events in an easy-to-read-on-line format that also is easy to print out. It also lets you know what has happened, where we were, what we did, how cool it looked, and what a shame it was if you missed it (I was raised Baptist, so I *believe* in the power of guilt). Our focus this issue is our first events list of 2016, with everything listed of which we are aware at publishing time. We'll load up more event photos and eyewitness reports in our next issue.

But I asked myself, "Is that truly enough? Do we need to do something *extra*, something more to get and hold your attention?" That is how, at the last Red Bull Board meeting, we decided to hold the first ever Miss Red Bull pageant. Now, some of you may criticize us for being sexist, and we will have to deal with that. But, given our overwhelmingly male membership, and the knowledge that sex sells, we couldn't ignore how powerful this would be. So, look through this issue and find your free pin-up, and let us know what you think. You may want to keep your bride from seeing it, just so that she doesn't get upset. And then we'll see if we hold another contest again next year.

—John Currie, Editor

**FRONT COVER:** Another extraordinary shot from the amazing treasure trove of WWII vintage photos shot for the Office of War Information during WW II. All were shot on Kodachrome, this one by Alfred Palmer. It's titled, "October 1942. Engine installers at Douglas Aircraft in Long Beach, California."

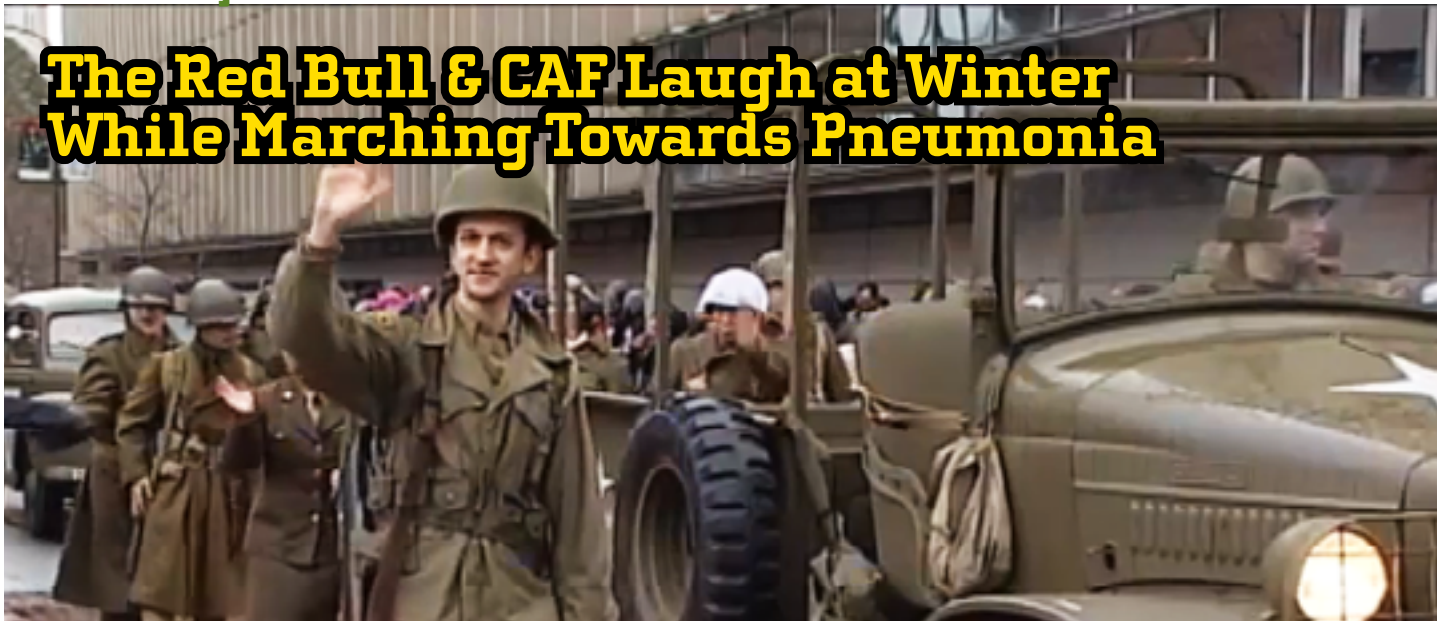
**ABOVE:** Some say that Kathy Bizal knit this Jeep Cozy for John. Others say that he did it himself, because he wanted to get everything just right. Either way, I don't know how he got it to Normandy on June 6, 2014, without wrinkling it.

Photo by John Currie



## News Dispatches:

# The Red Bull & CAF Laugh at Winter While Marching Towards Pneumonia



HMVs add that special dash of OD history to the thermal joys of this year's St. Paul Winter Carnival



**Our hardest members joined comrades in the CAF St. Paul Wing to drive and march.**

It was a cold, wet day in St. Paul on January 30, so what better time to drive old OD MVs without doors or heaters?

Our boys joined up with the women and men of the CAF wing at their Fleming Field Hangar in St. Paul and convoyed to downtown from there. The CAF mounted their Burma Jeep, GPW, staff car and 1/2-ton Dodge, while we fielded Lynn McCall's CUCV II with Louis Larson snuggled up nice and warm inside riding shotgun. Seeing Louie in anything other than an MB and in anything with a closed top is an anathema, but I bet that deep down inside, he was way happy to be indoors with heat and coffee and a friendly driver.

CAF members also proudly marched in uniform, adding great energy to the parade while serving as a living reminder of our men and women in uniform for the thousands of people gathered street-side. I reckon that the cold temp and older rain made for a memorable reminder later that there is still no cure for the common cold...

You can watch the entire parade at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZHJy-0cBqIo>

The great green machine starts about 52:34 into the parade.

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## News Dispatches: Spread the Word, Norberg

Here's 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 folds 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 "When does the invasion start?"

There is a simple, clear tear-off form that they can fill out to mail in, as well as all of the info they need to join on-line.

Let us know if you'd like to have some by getting some from Louie Larson at our next get-together, writing us at our general email address, [info@redbullhmva.com](mailto:info@redbullhmva.com), or send a request to our snail mail address: **The Red Bull HMVA**, 3025 Southbrook Drive, West Bloomington, MN 55431

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# truck&splosion

at aleph preschool

**Sunday, May 15, 2016 ★ 11am-2pm**

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## What is truck&splosion?

An innovative and fun event that will blend the excitement of big machines and imagination along with the opportunity for the youngest members of our community and their families and friends to share a day of exploration.



## What will be there for us to do?

Trucks and other vehicles of all sizes, fun for boys & girls, parents & grandparents! High-energy, interactive vehicles, fun guests & entertainment! Food vendors!



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We didn't get zillions of dollars to place this promotion here. We did it because last year's first annual event was fun, it was close to home, and it was a new opportunity for us to introduce ourselves to our community. And it still is.

Rabbi Avi Olitsky served in the Navy Chaplain Training Program, reaching the grade of Lieutenant, so underneath his *tallit*, his blood runs Navy blue. This day of letting families get close to cool vehicles was his way of bringing attention to the folks who serve in them—the military and first-responders—while complementing the community programs of their pre-

school and synagogue. They hosted Taya Kyle last year, wife of American Sniper Chris Kyle, when she spoke so movingly about her life with Chris and her struggles after his death.

We're happy to honk their horn for them and encourage you guys to turn out, drive in and let families and kids touch and feel your MVs. I always let kids crawl all over mine because if I was a kid, that is what I would *yearn* to do. And as an added benefit, our friend, Thea Kronlund, is to be there with her Sherman, and she might even let YOU scramble up and shimmy down inside of it!

## From our “Who’s-Who In Cardiac Surgery” Dept.:



Our friend and fellow member, Gary Nelson, is doing well after his bypass surgery. He was admitted on Friday, Feb. 5, waited around in the hospital all weekend, and then had surgery the following Monday. Five hours, five bypasses and one chest-zipper later, he is recovering well.

I dropped in on him late on Thursday night the 11th, and found him sitting up, chain smoking Camel straights and downing whisky by the...OK, OK: he was sitting up, watching TV. His spirits were good. He was working out every day on the treadmill, and did so well that he was released out of captivity early the next week.

He went to the Minnesota Masonic Home in Bloomington for recuperative care. He chose it after seeing how cushy life there was for Louis Larson following his successful hip replacement surgery. Gary continued to do a great job of following his care and PT regimen, so much so that he was released to go home on Sunday, Feb. 21. He's home now and learning how to eat Jell-o, watery cole slaw and creamed chipped beef on toast, just like they served in the hospital and the Coast Guard, those bastions of culinary excellence.

Send him a card, a something good to read (back issues of *The RED BULLETIN* top his wish-list, I'm sure), or stop by for a little visit. You'll find him at 8400 First Ave., Bloomington, MN 55420, holding his coughing pillow in one hand and the remote control in the other. And if you can arrange a discrete trap shoot in his back yard, I know that he would enjoy it.

RB



## From the “Let’s-Get-Em-Out-There” Dept.: The Spring Militaria Show at the MN State Fairgrounds is right around the corner



The Battlefield Store in St. Louis Park, MN, has sponsored the Spring & Fall Military Collectors Shows for more years than you can shake a dipstick at.

The business was sold last year, and the new owners closed this retail store and moved the business to Henderson, NV, where they now base their eBay and mail order business. They claim to be the single largest seller of militaria on-line.

We were sorry to see them go, and happy that they still host this twice-annual show and have a warehouse full of goodies to sell. You can find them all at:

<http://stores.ebay.com/Battlefield-Store>

**I discovered the Red Bull at this Spring show some ten years ago.** If you are like me—and I know I am—that is a great reason to have a bunch of us turn out this April and let other folks with that militaria itch know that we are The Few. The Proud. The Greasy.

In recent years, our turn-out has been rather slim. The leanest I ever saw was a coupla years ago when Don John Gunderson hauled his trailer down from Way Up North, put up a display tent, and parked it underneath. That was it. One man. One trailer. One tent. Sort of a Red Bull Last Stand. Courageous but a wee bit pitiful.

This would be a great time to hike up our khaki trousers, load up our OD steeds, and gather out front. It’s a Saturday and Sunday event, with no gate admission, no parking fee, and space reserved for us right in front of the classic brick Progress Building. In years past, Red Bull members also received free admission; we are looking into that for this year’s event.

At both the Spring and Fall Shows, there is a plethora of militaria: uniforms, weapons, kit, a few MV parts, regalia, books, collectibles, miniatures, living history groups, charitable orgs such as the Red Tail Project, along with veterans who are happy to chat with you about their experiences. Top all of that off with the Minnesota Weapons Collectors Show down just down the street and you have a great reason to yank off the tarps, toss down a stiff, bracing can of Seafoam, turn over the engine and get your MV outta storage. Come park out front, hang out, compare oil spots and maybe lasso in a few new folks, too, eager to see our OD treasures, and spread the good word about the Red Bulls. Sign up today at <http://redbullhmv.com>

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## Wings of the North Air Expo: Three Great Reasons to Attend in 2016



**July 16 & 17 will be the days to tear up the air in Eden Prairie.** These are the dates of this year's Wings of the North Air Expo. Why should you go, since it's about airplanes pilots and you're just a good ol' wheel jockey?

Because there is nothing like having your OD steed lined up a few feet from the flight line where warbirds are taking off and landing. Take a photo of your MV right there and then tell me that I'm wrong.

Because kids will go crazy seeing your vehicle, and you'll be reminded that you would have gone crazy, too, if you ever had the chance to be near one or touch one or SIT IN ONE when you were a tot.

And because a B17 is a FLYING TANK, as is an A10 Thunderbolt/Warthog, and so cool that you might just pee yourself. So bring an extra pair of pants and meet me there!

**RB**



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# The Best of France

At least, during this week, and with ADD



Story & Photos:  
John Currie

*OK, troops; we're going to try a little something new this issue. I like to write longer stories, humorous essays about my life, travels, and my experiences along the way. I'm fast approaching deadline--OK, it was last week—and I want to add some more content before I send this off to all of you, so I am going to share a draft of my most recent ones with you.*

*Last Fall, I went to France and Spain for ten days to see family and Pablo Picasso. Twice. Add in an afternoon in Nazi caves and some tapas, and now, you've got something.*

**ABOVE:** My sister, Dawn and me, in Southern France

**RIGHT:** A section of the old Nazi gun bunkers that was used as a tourist wine cellar after the war. The sign above translates to "Free Tasting," so I picked up a moldy old bottle and helped myself. Heck, it was free, right?



So, here I am in France in October, spending time with my sister, Dawn, and her best friend, Ginette. We are generally spending everyday time together: fixing their stove; repairing a lamp; installing a new TV; misplacing my passport; fixing some door locks; finding my passport; going grocery shopping getting terribly lost while driving (my sister is almost as bad at navigation as am I), having long conversations in French; forgetting my French; nodding knowingly in those frequent moments when I am not sure if they are telling me that their son is absent or that the sun is hurtling towards the abyss; forgetting my English; inhaling creamy butter blessed with big, crunchy grains of salt; and kissing everyone in France.

I love to come here and spend this kind of time, just being, rather than being a tourist. In these moments, it's much more about the journey than the destination, and sometimes, that journey is literally a walk in the (nearby) park. One of the ways that I always picture them is walking together, so it always is a simple pleasure to be with them this way. Dawn has become one of my best and closest friends, and my spiritual mentor, so our conversations range from simple to complex, serious to absurd, bringing us to tears and reducing us to gales of laughter. When I am with her and Ginette, we speak in French, which means that they do, and I do, and Ginette turns to Dawn for translation...

My dear Jeannine is not with me on this trip, and I miss everything about her. She, on the other hand, has a calm and quiet house free of my endless mounting piles of paper and life's ephemera, enjoys early bedtimes, and hears not a single episode of Zombie TV or violent films which require the shutting of doors. This trip is a gift from her to me, but as I read that last sentence, it may be just as much a gift for herself...

I was diagnosed with ADD early this year, and, having grudgingly accepted this, am learning to live more consciously with it. I spent three days this month at the Amen





Dawn and our delightful friend, Ginette

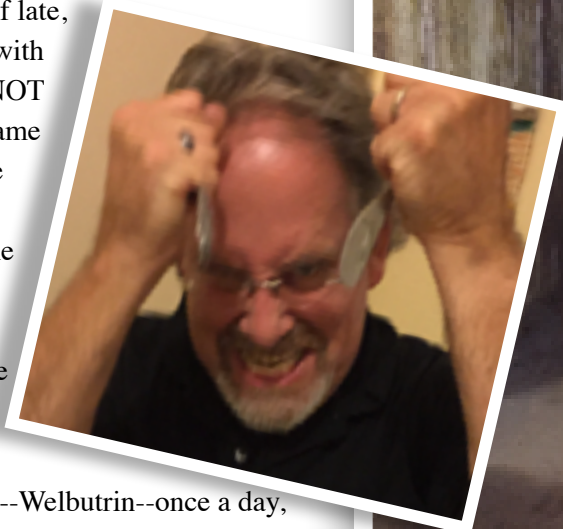
Clinic in Southern California, getting brain scans and answering batteries of questions and digging into the challenges and realities of having a brain built this way. It is not an illness but simply a state of being, a way that my brain functions and doesn't, and accepting the diagnosis and pursuing both ways to best work with it and reduce its impact will allow, by God's grace, a life with more peace and less frustration as I stumble towards my dotage.

I am terribly forgetful and absent minded, which frustrates me immensely. My focus jumps to the next thing before I am finished with the first one, which often equates with my losing my purse because I set it down somewhere unseen while I was literally looking on to the next thing on my mind. Of late, I have really struggled more with completing things--or truly, NOT completing things--and I became so frustrated with that and the anxiety which was beginning to accompany it, that I became eager to do whatever I need to better cope with it and hopefully, vanquish it to some degree. And I almost never launch into a blind rage...

I am now taking a Happy Pill--Welbutrin--once a day, along with herbal supplements meant to improve the blood flow in my brain and enable me to leap very short buildings in a few bounds. Welbutrin just so happens to

be an effective anti-anxiety/anti-depressant medication, which is über convenient as I still battle depression (sad, right?). I am to seek challenging brain games---if Bill is on a train from Boston to Paris, and Tadeo is on a plane to West Upchuck from Cleveland, how many marbles does Genevieve have?--get more exercise and eat better, which equals more movement than just running to the fridge, plus cutting back on those Evil Processed Carbohydrates and replacing them with good fats (Minnesota? Albert? Waller?) and green things other than mold. If I simply ate as consciously and wisely as Jeannine, I would be better off, which also would reinforce the painful reality that she is almost always right. But, with a little effort, I can feed and take care of myself.

I led Dawn on a half-day spelunking adventure in some abandoned military tunnels on the lovely Mediterranean isle of Sète, formerly part of a complex of bunkers and defensive positions built there by the Germans during their WWII occupation of France. They housed





The island city of Sète.  
*Très charmant, no?*

barracks and stores of ammunition, a hospital and perhaps a small shop to buy sauerkraut and designer lederhosen. We arrived with tall boots and a very discrete sledgehammer to enter some blocked-off passages, but my incredibly noisy efforts did not reveal the stacks of German helmets and pilfered Nazi gold that I had hoped to find--how disappointing--nor another burned and mutilated body as my remarkable nephew, Tadeo, said was discovered in one of the cave systems some years ago, which was almost completely fine with us.

We did rediscover a section that was used after the war as wine caves and a public wine tasting site. There is a photo up front of me, deep underground, enjoying the very best of the French grape from an incredibly slimy bottle. Cheers!

I twice earlier had the amazing opportunity to house-sit in Sète for Jeannine's cousin, Karin (now my FAVORITE cousin) and her husband, Gilbert, first for 2-1/2 months with their cat and again, later, for 1-1/2 with her amazing son, Tadeo. Janni came both times for a week or so, and it is a lovely and tranquil place, at least during the off-season. In my hurried day of treasure hunting with Dawn, we managed to wriggle in some time at



Inside the main warehouse of Jeep Sud-Est. Recognize the M4A3E8? You should. It is the one that Brad Pitt commanded in "Fury"

the old central market where the true Sêtois come to shop and chat, looking at the incredibly fresh fish (Sète was the heart of tuna fishing in France, and remains a lively port with bestripped fishermen and fishy-smelling berets). We drove past German bunkers still extant, simple homes and mountain-top manors, and alleys packed with shops and strolling pedestrians. Sadly, no accordions or street mimes were in evidence...

Dawn lives in Valence, a city 90 kilometers from Lyon that lies at the northern edge of Provence, a city which, for many French people, holds the same amount of charm as Milwaukee or Cleveland does for us in the US. She likes it, and I do, too, having spent many months there across the many years that I have come to France. It's two and a half hours from Paris by bullet train, two by car from Marseille,

and less than two hours from each of two old military vehicle boneyards where I go to seek treasure and conversation with Frenchmen just as goofy about these MVs as am I.

This trip found us getting quite lost on the two separate days when we set out to visit the two sites, as Dawn and I have nearly equal navigation skills, which means it is like the



blind leading the deaf. We got to both eventually, and to both just as they were closing for lunch.

I had only enough time to buy a few trinkets from Stélan Lopez at Jeep Sud-Est before lunch closing. I consoled myself, knowing that I had gotten some treasures from him in the past, notably the compete cradle assembly for an M1917 water-cooled Browning MG. Which rocks.

I managed a bit more time at Surplus Militaires et Industriels, enough to score some very rare WWII ambulance parts--made from olive drab unobtanium. While I was there, and even though I arrived merely twenty minutes before closing, the owner, Jacques



One of my favorite photos ever, taken in the hectares of vehicle skeletons at Surplus Militaires et Industriels a few years ago

Lascoumes, discovering that I speak a flawed but fairly comprehensible French, launched into ninety minutes of non-stop and wonderful conversation about politics; Obama; the difference between Russians and Europeans (as the former look like the latter but are more Asian and even African in their perspective and tendencies); the difference between the terrorist attacks in New York and Boston; how Ames, Iowa is great and really feels like the authentic America; how scary it is to drive a small car in America where our roads are ruled by monster cars and SUVs; the problems of birth rate and changes in ethnic percentages in the population of Germany; his favorite MVs (the Ward LaFrance wrecker and the Dodge WC series trucks for their distinctively beautiful and uniquely American lines); the brilliance of the Marshall Plan, how WWI was really a ravenous demonstration of the unparalleled greed of the military industrial complex

(if you can start a war, everyone will need artillery and shells, and both are incredibly expensive and immensely profitable); how nice it is for him to visit the US, where the spirit of optimism remains so positive and the potential for many to go and do and be as much as their strength, ingenuity and/or their wallets will allow; and that yes, he would accept my credit card. In the midst of all that, I held up my end of the conversation for about eight minutes. And working hard to both understand his blizzard of French and the effort required to build a reasonably pretty ice sculpture from my little flurries stomped the crap out of my ADD and kept it out in the mudroom where it belonged. I left with a tired brain and a big smile, plus a few treasures for my friends; what could be a better few hours than that?

Somewhere in the midst of finding my favorite Gaperon cheese and a nifty DIY replacement lamp cord switch, we made time for an eighteen-hour day trip to Paris on the bullet train--the TGV--to visit two Picasso exhibitions and the Shoah memorial. The TGV reduces a half-zillion kilometers to a smooth and comfy 150 minutes, and makes for a good place to nap at 6:39 AM.

This is a big year for Picasso. The giant Picasso.mania show at the Gran Palais is complemented by an even richer display at the newly reopened Musée de Picasso, and true Picassophiles even can add the Picasso Sculpture exhibition at New York's MOMA if they like. I hope to get there before it closes next February, and expect it to be the most inspiring and revelatory of the three. Some see Picasso as a master who is key to the explosion of Modern Art that followed him, while others see him merely as a randy old goat. Luckily, both can be appeased. (see the next page...)

For us, Picasso.mania was really about his influence on other artists and their art--Jasper Johns, David Hockney--as well as pretentious, lame would-be artists--Mike Bidlo being the prime example--who blatantly copied his work and veiled their theft as some redefinition of his art and its iconic place in the world. Oh, please. Picasso was incredibly influenced by other art, especially African tribal art, but he didn't merely copy it--it inspired him to incorporate its style and perspective and celebrated its remarkable form. It had much to do with the foundation of Cubism, while Bidlo is the patron saint of excuse standing in for creative talent. *(continued p. 14)*



Pablo. Dawn. Goat. Goat.

Not that I have an opinion about it.

The exhibit begins with video interviews with international artists who speak of his influence on the world of art and his motivating, direction/changing impact on them specifically. It is fascinating, and establishes the direction of the exhibition. It does fail, however, to focus on his work as much as its promotion seems to suggest.

The Musée Picasso, on the other hand, is far richer in its over arching presentation of Picasso as an artist whose life was consumed by art and revolved around it, dug into it, reveled in it, and continued to redefine it until he died. It also presented without judgement his long parade of wives and lovers, usually overlapping in time, which is fine, perhaps, if one was not one of the abandoned. There also must have been their satisfaction of being a subject of his art, although one late painting of his wife, Olga, is much more monster than woman and probably was as warmly received by her as was Lucien Freud's recent portrait of The Queen.

The New York Times' art critic said that MOMA's current Picasso sculpture show made him consider redefining Picasso first as a sculptor and second, as a painter, for so profoundly exploding the definition of sculpture and translating his 2D art into radical dimension. As an artist who has been inspired to sculpt in bronze ideas that I first captured on canvas, I rabidly await the opportunity to jump into MOMA's pool and swim until exhausted.

France captivates me, and has for nearly thirty years. It feeds my ADD--I simultaneously want to be everywhere, enjoying everything, and thinking ahead to my next visit while in the midst of the current one. I sometimes fail to appreciate this moment in time because of that too-soon focus on the next. At the same time, I am never bored...

I came first in 1988, for Christmas, after separating from my first wife, and having no place special to spend the holidays. My dear friend, Roger, suggested that I come here to see my sister. I initially dismissed the idea, as I had never traveled internationally, spoke no French, was not close to my sister, and knew that no one in my family had ever gone to see her in the seventeen years she had lived there.

So, of course, I changed my mind and went.

That decision changed my life. I developed a thirst for international travel, a love for France, and an even richer love for my sister as our relationship has been totally redefined. Like me, she is an artist, and has a great and sometimes twisted sense of humor that I relish and which my bride sometimes finds bewildering. She challenges me, encourages me, celebrates my successes, points out my blind-spots, offers counsel, suggests options, prays with me, and prays for me every single day. That is a remarkable friendship.

Nine days shared, eight late nights of conversation, at least seven kinds of cheese, a demi-dozen errands at the hardware store, three day trips, two museums, one half-kilo of butter, plus church, jeeps, and the occasional pain de chocolate, followed by a final flight to Madrid to see my nephew, Walker, and his bride that I haven't even mentioned, and you have an amazingly fabulous overload of experiences that could push even someone without ADD into overload.

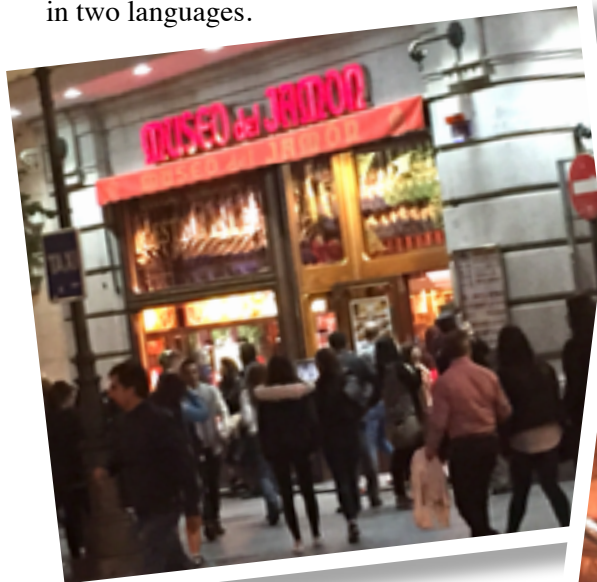
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As for me? I believe that the great philosopher, Mae West, said it best: “Too much of a good thing is just about enough.”

And maybe later, I'll tell you about my nephew and his bride teaching English in Spain, seeing a poquito of Madrid, visiting the Museum of Ham, and how not to fix a toilet seat in two languages.

RB



## CLEARANCE SALE ON RED BULL GEAR

The new shirts are in and so it's time to move the old ones OUT!

We still have a limited number of both white and black T-shirts available in Large to X-Large sizes, and I might even have a medium tucked in there somewhere. We have mug, too, with the same design on either a white or a black background. Everything is five bucks. I wannem outta here! All of these Red Bull items will be available at the next club meeting on May 7 for cash, check or credit card. You can also get them from me directly for the same amazing price, plus shipping, or come by and pick 'em up.



John Currie | 4929 W Sunnyslope Road, Mpls., MN 55424 USA email me @ [curriewrks@aol.com](mailto:curriewrks@aol.com)





## After careful review, we have selected our first-ever “Miss Red Bull” for 2016

### MISS RED BULL DATA SHEET

NAME: Thelma Lou

HEIGHT: 5' 8" WEIGHT: 2,453 lbs.

BIRTH DATE: January 16, 1943 BIRTHPLACE: Richmond, CA

AMBITIONS: Live in peace and harmony. And have a llama.

TURN-ONS: The smell of treated canvas. Convoys with boys.

TURNOFFS: Hummer H2s & H3s. Oxygenated gas. Drivers who hate waiting for me to lumber by. Nazis. Oh, and Trump.

MY SOFT SPOT: Driving with my top down on a sunny day

Not just anyone can be Miss Red Bull. We look for talent, brains, and an extensive knowledge of historic military vehicles. Or someone who is just a total babe.

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## Once Again, It's Time for America's Favorite HMV Pastime: “Follow That Web Link!”

I love this stuff. Some are funny, some poignant, some thought provoking. Here's another batch of a few of the best ones to share with you. *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. Thanks, e-pals, and enjoy!

- **WINTER ICE DRIFTING. IN A TANK.** *Tokyo-schmoky.* This is some serious slip 'n slide fun.  
<http://www.topgear.com/car-news/video/video-watch-load-tanks-drift-ice>
- **LENNY'S GARAGE** *It's just Brooklyn. It's just cars. It's just fabulous.*  
<https://player.vimeo.com/video/139358538>
- **IKE'S PLANE** *The only Air Force One that's not in a museum.* <https://www.youtube.com/embed/ehwvZXVKmPU>
- **THE ROSS SISTERS** *Singers from the 40's. Oh, and that other thing that they do...*  
<https://www.youtube.com/embed/61cY1Lv60k?rel=0&autoplay=1>
- **ULITHI ATOLL: SOUTH PACIFIC HISTORY** *Historic pictures of a top secret staging base for the invasion of Japan.*  
<http://www.warbirdinformationexchange.org/phpBB3/viewtopic.php?f=3&t=52966>
- **VINTAGE WINGS OF CANADA** *Arnold Roseland was killed in action in the closing months of the Second World War, nearly 71 years ago. In 2016, he will fly once again.* <http://www.vintagewings.ca/en-ca/home.aspx>
- **WWII: AFTER THE WAR** *Just so.* <http://www.theatlantic.com/photo/2011/10/world-war-ii-after-the-war/100180/>
- **THE ONLY OPERATIONAL WWII SUPER HEAVY TANK** *And I bet that, like me, you never heard of it.*  
<https://www.warhistoryonline.com/military-vehicle-news/operational-super-heavy-tank.html>
- **INSIDE THE TANKS** *Tour part of the The Muckleburgh Collection; over 150 tanks running on over 1000 acres in eastern England.*  
<https://www.warhistoryonline.com/military-vehicle-news/inside-the-tanks-the-muckleburgh-collection.html>
- **A LOVE STORY IN PICTURES** *Remarkable.* <http://www.buzzfeed.com/tblacklabel/true-love-in-pictures-only-28m7>

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*Alright, all you snow bunnies and cave dwellers, we're starting to round up a heapin' helpin' of great events, large and small, for this year. More events can be found at the MVPA website ([www.mvpa.org](http://www.mvpa.org)), and the Military Trader magazine website ([www.militarytrader.com](http://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'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 then can start practicing for the Red Bull Talent Show that you will be hosting in your garage sometime this Summer!*

## February 20, Sat. General Red Bull Meeting

Location: American Legion Post 523  
200 N Lilac Dr.  
Golden Valley, MN 55422

Hours: 1000 - 1200

- Planning & Calendar for 2016, including a new Red Bull Convoy this summer
- \* 2015 MVPA Convoy Presentation
- Hang around for lunch afterwards!
- Please register @ [www.redbullhmva.com](http://www.redbullhmva.com)

## **NEW!** February 20, Sat. USO Dinner & Dance *Swing to benefit the USO!*

Location: Bogart's Place/Event Center  
14917 Garrett Ave.  
Apple Valley, MN 55124

Hours: 1700 - 2359

- Rosemount American Legion Post Auxiliary Unit 65 and the 1776 Riders Inc. are sponsoring a USO Dance & Dinner
- Social time 1700; dinner @ 1830
- 34th Jazz Band and dancing from 2000-2300
- 40's attire encouraged
- Tickets \$35.00
- Please register @ [www.redbullhmva.com](http://www.redbullhmva.com)

## **NEW!** March 4-14 WWII MVs Wanted for a Movie *Drive your HMMV to Hollywood!*

Location: Dakota Village  
Farmington, MN

Hours: TBD

- Luke Schuetzle, owner and operator of [www.Mantheline.com](http://www.Mantheline.com) out of South Dakota and a member of the 506th PIR unit in MN, is working on his WWII web series Wunderland (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nMVxlvSqUyg>).
- He is looking for WWII vehicles for a scene, Shooting between March 4th to 14th, primarily the weekends. He is offering gas money to and from the shoot.
- Check our website or contact [info@redbullhmva.com](mailto:info@redbullhmva.com) for more info

## April 16-17, Sat.-Sun. Spring Militaria Show

*Traditionally the first MV event of the season*

Location: MN State Fairgrounds  
Progress Center Bldg.  
St. Paul, MN

Hours: 0800 - 1800 Sat.  
0900 - 1600 Sun.

- Militaria bought & sold
- Veterans & authors meet & greet
- Food & drink on site
- Park out front with fellow Red Bull pals
- Admission usually free for Red Bull members with Red Bull ID
- Please register @ [www.redbullhmva.com](http://www.redbullhmva.com)

## May 7, Sat. General Red Bull Meeting & BBQ

*Come to Wayne Mincke's Toy Shop*

Location: 221 South Exchange St.  
South St. Paul, MN

Hours: 1000 - 1200

- Planning & more Calendar events for 2016
- Our host, Wayne Mincke, has a shop and garages full of both OD and shiny vehicles, plus tools and geegaws to make you drool
- Coffee & morning munchies provided; \$6.00 for lunch + bring a dish to share
- Please register @ [www.redbullhmva.com](http://www.redbullhmva.com)



## May 15, Sun. Trucksploration

*Family vehicle fun under the sun*

Location: Beth El Synagogue  
St. Louis Park, MN

Hours: 1100 - 1400

- Stay tuned for more details



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So many great things to do, they just go on and on

**May 14, Sat.**

## **Helicopter & MV Expo**

*The return of their Spring Event*

Location: High Ground  
W7031 Ridge Road  
Neillsville, WI

Hours: 1000 Sat. -1600 Sun.

- MV get together weekend
- Rub OD shoulders with a Huey
- May convoy there from Twin Cities; contact Lynn McCall
- Please register @ [www.redbullhmva.com](http://www.redbullhmva.com)

**May 20-22, Fri.-Sun.**

## **7th Annual Armed Forces Day**

*Also formerly known as WW II Days*

Location: Rice County Steam & Gas Engines  
11988 Faribault Blvd  
Dundas, MN  
On Hwy 3, just South of  
Northfield, MN  
(16 miles South of Last Year's  
location, (Dakota Cty Heritage  
Village & Fairgrounds in Farmington)

Public Hours: 1000 - 1800 Sat.  
1000 - 1500 Sun.

Reenactors: 1200-2000 Fri. sign in & set-up

- Come and experience Military History
- Hosted by Rice County Steam & Gas Engines
- Reenactors portraying different Nationalities from different periods.
- Living encampments & displays
- Weapons demos & mock battles both days
- Food & Swap meet on-site
- Tickets: \$8.00 with a non-perishable food item • \$10.00 without • Ages 7-12 \$6
  - WWII Veterans & Kids Under 7 are Free
- Please register @ [www.redbullhmva.com](http://www.redbullhmva.com)

**May 21-22, Sat.-Sun.**

## **Watertown Military Show & USO Dance**

*Two Days of all-family fun & history*

Location: Watertown Airport  
1741 River Drive  
Watertown, WI 53094

Hours: 0730 - 2200 Sat.  
0900 - 1500 Sun.

- World War II Allied & Axis encampments
- Historic military aircraft fly-by
- Shop for military period memorabilia
- Food and Refreshments
- Pig roast Sat. afternoon
- Tickets: \$5.00' kids 12 and under free
- USO-style Dance 1900-2200 Sat.; \$20 each ticket or \$35.00 couple
- Check with Louis Larson about a convoy
- Please register @ [www.redbullhmva.com](http://www.redbullhmva.com)

**May 28 - 30, Sat. - Mon.**

## **Ft. Snelling Memorial Day**

*Two Days of all-family fun & history*

Location: Ft. Snelling  
At Hwys 5 and 55, MN-5  
St Paul, MN 55111

Hours: 1000 -1700 Sat.  
1200 - 1700 Sun.  
1000 -1700 Sat.

- Multi-period living history encampments
- Fort tours and activities
- Food and Refreshments
- Pig roast Sat. afternoon
- Tickets: \$12 adults • \$10 seniors and college students w/ID • \$10 active military w/ID and their family • \$6 children ages 5-17
  - Free for children age 4 and under
  - Free for MNHS members • Free parking
- Please register @ [www.redbullhmva.com](http://www.redbullhmva.com)

*We are always looking for more opportunities to get together. Last year saw several new events started by individual members, and this year, we are planning on our first ever multi-day convoy to Wisconsin and the Canadian border. How cool is that?*

*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.*

*You can volunteer to host a Red Bull members meeting, too. We'll happily show up and let you entertain us.*



7th Annual Armed Forces Day - Military Timeline Weekend

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*This list of 2016 events is current at time of publishing, but some of this info is tentative. Checking in our next issue and on our nifty web site! The latter is updated most frequently with additional info on listed events as well as new event listings. Our new Events Coordinator, assisted by our intern, Louis Larson, is organizing the heck out of all of this stuff!*

**May 30, Mon.**

**Memorial Day**

*Look for events in your area*

**NEW!**

**June 2-6: TENTATIVE.**

**Red Bull & Red Arrow Convoy**

*Twin Cities > Spooner > Canadian Border > Back*

Location: From Bloomington or Stillwater, MN

Hours: TBD

- Still in the planning stages
- Meet our Red Arrow friends in Spooner, WI, and then head north, possibly into Canada
- Stay tuned for more details
- Please register @ [www.redbullhmva.com](http://www.redbullhmva.com)

**June 4-5, Sat.-Sun.**

**Discover Aviation Days**

*A Family & Enthusiasts' Event*

Location: Anoka County Airport, Jane's Field  
Blaine, MN

Hours: 0700 - 1600 Sat. & Sun.

- Military, civilian, experimental, home built & vintage aircraft
- Airplane and helicopter rides
- Car Show & Street Rod Trophy Show
- Admission \$5 per day
- Saturday night Hangar Swing Dance; separate admission 18 & over, \$15; ages 13-17, \$10; 12 & under, Free. Period attire recommended but not required
- All donations tax deductible
- Details at <http://www.discoveraviationdays.org/>
- Please register @ [www.redbullhmva.com](http://www.redbullhmva.com)

**June 4, Sat.**

**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
- \$15 donation per person; \$12.50 in advance via CAF web site
- Proceeds benefit the St. Paul CAF museum
- Details & tickets @ <http://www.cafmn.org>
- Check their website for a full slate of other events, and support our Sky Cousins

**June 12-14, Fri.-Sun.**

**Onamia Days**

*HMVs up North, doncha know*

Location: Onamia, MN

Hours: 0800 - 2400 Fri. & Sat.

0800 - 1800 Sun.

- Car Show & Parade Sun.
- Be part of the local historical and civic event
- Let's help long-time member John Varner and make his event the best-ever
- 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](mailto:johnvarner1@gmail.com)
- Please register @ [www.redbullhmva.com](http://www.redbullhmva.com)

**June 26, Sun.**

**Red Bull Military Appreciation Day**

*Honor the National Guard's*

*Red Bull 34th Infantry Div...*

Location: Central Park

North Branch, MN

Hours: 1000 - 1800

- Sponsored by the CSOAF: Citizens Supporting Our Armed Forces
- Classic Car Show & Street Rod Trophy Show
- Static military vehicle & memorabilia displays
- Veterans support organizations
- Free Public Admission
- Silent Auction, Food & drinks • Proceeds support shipments to deployed troops as well as needed assistance to their families at home
- All donations tax deductible
- Details at 651-317-9892 or email [Chairman@csaof.com](mailto:Chairman@csaof.com)
- Please register @ [www.redbullhmva.com](http://www.redbullhmva.com)





# Calendar of 2016 Meetings & Events: P.4

So many great things to do, we just can't stop!

## June 8 - 9, Sat.-Sun.

### Ft. Snelling WWII Weekend

*Come add some OD to the Limestone Fort*

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

Hours: 1000 - 1700 daily

- 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](http://www.redbullhmva.com)
- Event news @ <http://events.mnhs.org/calendar>

## June 17, Sat.

### Manitou Days Parade

*Community Parade made better with MVs*

Location: TBD Downtown

White Bear Lake, MN

Hours: 1830

- Looking for MV drivers to host vets & officials
- Admission free
- Details @ <http://www.manitoudays.com/parade.htm>
- Please register @ [www.redbullhmva.com](http://www.redbullhmva.com)

## June 18, Sat.

### Rochester Hangar Swing Dance

*WWII AIRCRAFT & MVs*

Location: Rochester Airport

Rochester, MN

Hours: 1730- 2300

CAF WW II Warbird fly-in 0900

- Fundraiser for Rochester Military and First Responders Museum
- Admission \$20, \$15 in advance
- More details @ <http://www.mvesm.org/events.php>
- Please register @ [www.redbullhmva.com](http://www.redbullhmva.com)

## July 3, Sun.

### Edina Honor the Vets Dinner

*The night before their July 4th parade*

Location: Braemar Golf Course.

Edina, MN

Hours: 1700 (est.); TBD

- The city hosts a free dinner for Edina vets and their families with BBQ and live music
- Bring your MV and join this tasty tribute
- Please contact John Currie for details; very limited space; must register with him and the Red Bull site
- Please register @ [www.redbullhmva.com](http://www.redbullhmva.com)

## July 4, Mon.

### 4th of July 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
- The Edina Parade is historically our biggest MV turn-out for the year; 36 vehicles in 2014
- For Edina & Richfield, contact John Currie
- Please register @ [www.redbullhmva.com](http://www.redbullhmva.com)

## July 14, Thurs.

### 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 - 2100 Thurs

- Host vets in your MV
- Warbird flyover, floats, marching bands
- Check their website for daily schedules & more details: [http://www.mgco.org/event.php?page=pb\\_parade&title=Pierre\\_Bottineau\\_Parade](http://www.mgco.org/event.php?page=pb_parade&title=Pierre_Bottineau_Parade)
- Please register @ [www.redbullhmva.com](http://www.redbullhmva.com)

## July TBD

### 4th Annual Tonka Jeep LTD Holiday Drive

*Sometime after the July 4th parades*

Location: Wayzata

Start: TBD

- All vintage 1941-65 jeeps and variants welcome, but no vehicle is required; riders welcome!
- Contact [sales@tonkajeepltd.com](mailto:sales@tonkajeepltd.com) for details

## July 9 - 10, Sat. - Sun.

### Duluth Air Show 2016

*Minnesota's largest annual air show*

Location: Duluth International Airport

Duluth, MN

Hours: 0730 - 1800

- Historic military and commercial planes from WWII - today
- Flying Acrobatic teams
- Family events all day, each day
- Plenty of food & drinks, and Port-o-lets
- Details @ [www.duluthairshow.com](http://www.duluthairshow.com)
- Please register @ [www.redbullhmva.com](http://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. How long has it been since you rubbed greasy shoulders with our friends in the Red Arrow? We hope to link up this June for our first multi-day Red Bull Convoy; that's a great start!*

*Who cares if they like the Packers? Remember, they have all of that really tasty cheese...*

# Calendar of 2016 Meetings & Events: P.5

Who knows? There's so much going on, you've still got one page to go!

*So this is what we know so far; pretty cool, right? There are more events coming in all of the time, so be sure to check the Events page on our web site and look here again in the next issue.*

**July 16 - 17, Sat.-Sun.**

## **Wings of the North Air Expo 2016**

*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; from WWII - today
- Flights on historic aircraft
- Drivers with MV get in free
- Details @ <http://www.airexpo-mn.org>
- Please register @ [www.redbullhmva.com](http://www.redbullhmva.com)

**July 19 - 23**

## **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
- Details: [www.thewarandpeaceeevival.co.uk](http://www.thewarandpeaceeevival.co.uk)

**July 23, Sat.**

## **Home Depot MV Show & Military Appreciation Event**

Location: Plymouth Home Depot  
1705 Annapolis Lane  
Plymouth, MN 55441

Hours: TBD

- Static display to complement their tribute to military service people
- Free lunch likely
- Details and final date & time TBD
- Check here and on our website
- Please register @ [www.redbullhmva.com](http://www.redbullhmva.com)

**July 29 - 31, Fri.-Sun.**

## **Camp Hastings/Log Village Event**

*Drive in, camp out*

Location: Camp Hastings in Hastings, MN

Hours: 0800 - 1700 daily

- Living history displays including WWII encampment
- Street rods, tractors, trucks, HMVs & small engines on display
- Swap meet
- Details @ <http://www.littleloghouseshow.com/general-information/>
- Please register @ [www.redbullhmva.com](http://www.redbullhmva.com)

**Aug. 10 - 13, Wed. - Sat.**

## **MVPA Convention**

*The biggest national HMV event*

Hours: Vary by day

Location: Alameda County Fairgrounds  
Pleasanton, CA

- Vehicle display & trophy show
- Giant parts and vendor sales event
- Motel and other arrangements via MVPA
- Details and show & hotel registration on their website: [www.mvpa.org](http://www.mvpa.org)
- Please register @ [www.redbullhmva.com](http://www.redbullhmva.com)

**August 8 - 9, Sat.-Sun.**

## **Iola, WI Military Vehicle Show with Vintage Tractors & Equipment**

Location: Iola Old Car Show Grounds  
130 Jenson Dr., Iola, WI 54945

Hours: 0800 - 1800 each day of family fun

- MVs, collectible vehicles, games, gun show, mock battles, encampment & family camping
- Admission \$8 Adults; 12 & under Free
- Contact [www.iolavms.com](http://www.iolavms.com) or MVPA for details
- Please register @ [www.redbullhmva.com](http://www.redbullhmva.com)





# Calendar of 2016 Meetings & Events: P.6

OK, we'll stop...for now...Be sure to check our website for updates and even more events.

## August 30, Tues.

### MN State Fair Military Appreciation Day

*Drive in and stand up for our service men  
and women & their support groups*

Location: MN State Fairgrounds

St. Paul, MN

Hours: 0800 - 1600

- Static display & parade opportunity
- Be a vital part of the State Fair
- Hang out with 100,000 of your best friends
- More fun than you can shake a stick at
- Plus lots of food on a stick
- Please register @ [www.redbullhmva.com](http://www.redbullhmva.com)



## September TBD

### 8th Annual Pine Patrol MV Trail Ride

*Dirt trails & pine trees, not concrete & stop signs*

Location: Wheeler/Colfax, WI

Hours: 0800 - 1700

- Over 400 acres of private, rolling hills & trails
- Bring a dish to share
- 13 miles north of Menomonie, WI
- Not hard-core off-roading but easy trails that will put a smile on your face
- 1/4 - 3/4-ton vehicles fer shure; others TBD
- Contact Paul Sanders  
@ [psanders@123m.com](mailto:psanders@123m.com) for details
- Please register @ [www.redbullhmva.com](http://www.redbullhmva.com)



*So is this a great list  
of Red Bull events  
or what?*

*Now, you have no  
excuse to stay home  
or keep your OD  
steed locked up in  
a barn. Come out  
and join us! And  
remember, you're  
just as welcome  
if you don't have  
your own MV. We  
always have plenty  
of canvas for your  
butt, even if it is as  
big as mine.*

## September TBD

### 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, convoy around
- A sleep over for big kids w/ adult beverages
- Reenactor encampment, vehicle displays, drive-in movies, storytelling & myth making
- Details TBD
- Check here and on our website
- Please register @ [www.redbullhmva.com](http://www.redbullhmva.com)



## September TBD

### Rockford WWII

*Public Battle & Reenactment Displays*

Location: Midway Village & Museum Center

Rockford, IL

Hours: Vary daily

- Great guys, real guns and pretend guts
- Multiple battle skirmishes daily
- Safety rules strictly enforced
- WWII reenactor camps, Axis & Allies
- Food & drinks
- Details & tickets:  
<http://www.ww2rockfordevent.com>

## October TBD

### 4th Annual Pumpkin Cruise

*The big Fall sign-off & whoop-dee-doo*

Location: Prior Lake

Hours: 0900 - 2300

- The most colorful convoy of the year with multiple stops
- Breakfast snacks through evening dinner
- Giant—and we mean, *giant*—bonfire
- Hosted by John & Kathy Bizal
- Stay tuned for more details



# Join Us: The Few, the Proud, the Greasy

## Become a Member of 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**

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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email: [hq@mvpa.org](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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