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"The difference between the good guys and the bad guys is whether they use human shields or they make themselves human shields."

- Unknown

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2015 Kinda Flew By, Didn't It?

I was out there and active, so active that--um--I didn't sit down as often as I should have to let you know just what a Cracker Jack year it was.

So let's try to fix that, shall we? It was as full of a year as we have ever had in the Red Bull, and I saw a lot of you driving by, wearing oil-stained smiles, and generally having fun with the rest of the wonderful folks who make up our don't-call-it-a-club-for-tax-purposes.

We had several new events this year—Trucksploration in St. Louis Park—a few that entered into their first repeat performance—John & Kathy Bizal's Pumpkin Cruise—and others that steamed along nicely, including our largest consistent annual gathering in the Edina 4th of July Parade. In this issue and the next, we'll try to recap the highlights for you (so that you'll be inspired to come out and participate even more in 2106).

No matter the age of the event, they all just keep getting better--well, except for how some people reacted to this year's Home Depot event in Plymouth—and the circle of new and younger participants grows. Getting new people interested and involved, especially those for whom white is an underwear and not a hair color, is vital to the life of our hobby. Even more importantly, it is vital to keep the stories and the history of our veterans alive and relevant.

Thanks to everyone who gets their Thelma Lou out of the garage, takes the time to answer the questions of the curious, and explain where it was driven and by whom. We neither limit our membership nor our activities to those who have an HMV, so those of you who simply enjoy our OD steeds and camaraderie, you are welcome to keep coming back, hopping in, and riding along. -John Currie, Editor

FRONT COVER: A few years ago, an amazing treasure trove of WWII vintage photos were rediscovered, all part of a project to document the home front during WWII by the Office of War Information. All were shot on Kodachrome film, and the colors are as rich today as they were over seventy years ago. This photo by **Alfred Palmer** is labeled, "June 1942. Fort Knox, Kentucky. "Infantryman with halftrack. A young soldier sights his Garand rifle like an old-timer. He likes the piece for its fine firing qualities and its rugged, dependable mechanism."

We come by this courtesy of Al Hansel, who I am delighted to say sends me emails and links throughout the year with wonderful contents, most related to our hobby. Please go to page 18 for our "Follow That Web Link" section and get the web link info to go and see the rest of these stunning shots, along with a number of other links to other fascinating sites. There are even links to a few movies which you can view on-line in their entirety.

ABOVE: You've heard about jeeps in a crate, jeeps in C-47s, jeeps on rails and jeeps that swim, but have you ever seen a jeep in a tree? This photo was found on the g503 site, and guess what? A link for the story about crazy fun Down Under also will be found in our "Follow That Web Link" section. Pull up your keyboard, settle back, and enjoy!

News Dispatches: The Red Bull Conquers Home Depot...Sort Of







Our first official 2015 Red Bull gathering outside of a group meeting was at the second annual Salute The Troops Day at the Home Depot in Plymouth. The first collective drive-in each year is always a bit hit and miss. A lot of the vehicles are still dormant, and their drivers, dusty, or vice-versa. We invite everyone, few respond, fewer register, and then we wait and see who actually shows up.

This year, the inveterate Lynn Mccall, hereafter to be known as the Guy Who Attends More Events Than Anybody Else, signed up on-line; that was it. I did respond with a "can't-be-there"; I don't know about anyone else. The day of the event, he drives in with his CUCV II and M101A2 trailer, pitches his awning, puts up a coupla folding chairs, and awaits the throngs, a king in his castle. Low and behold, two other members show up (sorry, Lynn doesn't remember the fine gentlemen's names) with a long-wheelbase Land Rover ambulance and an M151A1, thereby tripling our presence.

But. The Home Depot person who organized the event was expecting a much larger group and had laid out a nice collection of vittles to feed us. When no one else showed up, she was a bit perturbed, and let Lynn know it. It was truly unfortunate but not really within his or our control. When you have a group of folks who volunteer to do things and show up at their own expense, it kinda takes the fun out of it if some one says, "Hey, you with the truck, get your OD butt over here and park by the fence." Better back-and-forth communication up front might manage a host's expectations and help them appreciate what it takes to show up. Hopefully, we'll get past this speed bump and all will be well. If we don't—all will still be well. It's just MVs and a store full of hammers, after all.



Last year as well as this year, Home Depot set up a space for us at the far end of the parking lot, only visible from the highway, so folks driving by on the city streets or swinging in for a new electric yardstick might not even have seen us. Nonetheless, we still drove in with three cool HMVs and gave those who could find us something more interesting than a shiny lawn mower to look at.

Oh-you-shoulda-been-there: The Red Bull Had a Great Time in Wayne's World



Don't let this photo fool you; these guys are having FUN! This is just how men who are mostly German & Scandinavian show it. The year's first Red Bull meeting was hosted by Wayne Mincke in his South St. Paul shop. And oh, whadda shop! This was the first time that he has invited us in and we are ready to BEG him to have us back. There were nearly a dozen MVs in his main building, along with benches and tools and parts and militaria, with lots of room in which to move around and work. Lifts and jacks and hoists were at the ready, as was a rest room cleaner than any gas station this side of Monaco. One great joy in being a Red Bull is being able to see and other's collections and shops. I remember



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my first times in the inner sanctums of Kevin Kronlund, John Bizal, Louis Larson, Al Hansel, and Gary Wirth, and thinking that I simply have a *garage*. When these guys open up their places to us, it's an entirely different world.

Wayne has a second building filled with fire trucks, a DUKW, a German Flak 39 cannon, and a generator powerful enough to run Donald Trump's ego. Everything was open for perusal and he welcomed this gaggle of snoops with open arms.

We held a Board meeting—endlessly fascinating, I assure you—followed by a general member's meeting where we reviewed some association issues, entertained questions, and discussed such things as new get-together and convoy ideas. All of this was accompanied by coffee and soda and enough snacks to fill a piñata full of piñatas. Lunch was served on silver with doilies, after which we hung around, took a guided tour.

On that tour, we also met his son, his partner in a top-line custom prosthetic limb company that they own. Every limb they make is custom made, with surgical-quality materials and precision, including the life-like silicone skins painted to exactly match the unique skin tone of the intended wearer.

See what you missed?



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News Dispatches: Have You Put This Tool In Your MV Glove Box?





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We completed these nifty printed brochures for you to hand out to those who are interested inmore information about the Red Bull and the hobby. All you need do is ask for some to distribute!

We had these written and produced for your driving and dancing pleasure, and they are yours for the asking. With an exciting new season of HMV events opening this year, and with our commitment to taking care of our members and augmenting our ranks with new ones, this brochure tells folks who we are, what we do and how easily they can join our ranks. This 8.5" x 11" brochure folds down to 8.5" x 3.75", perfect for carrying in a jacket or shirt pocket or storing in your glove box. When you participate in a parade, drive in a convoy, or stop at the Grab & Gulp for some groceries, you'll now be able to easily field those often-heard queries: "What is that you're driving?", "How can I join?", and "Will joining make me as handsome as you are?"

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

We'll have them at all Member Meetings and also can send them out to you via snail mail. We haven't figured out those details for the latter, but these won't do anyone a lot of good if they all sit in my basement. Let us know if you'd like to have some by writing us at our general email address, info@redbullhmva.com or send a request to our snail mail address: The Red Bull HMVA, 3025 Southbrook Drive, West Bloomington, MN 55431

Tribute in Place: Edina Dedicates Its Beautiful Veterans Memorial

After years of planning, Edina's proud commitment to remember and honor its veterans has come to fruition, now and forever

On Memorial Day, more than a thousand residents and guests came together to bless the unveiling of this tribute in granite and bronze. The ceremony as led by Mayor James Hovland, with our State and Federal Representatives, General Dennis Schulstad (Ret.), other representatives of our Armed Forces, and accompanied by the John Phillip Sousa Brass band. Four Red Bull members were there—Verne Nordholme, Jeff Schwedes, John Currie and Louis Larson, seen at bottom right—accompanied by their HMVS, honored to be a part of this day.









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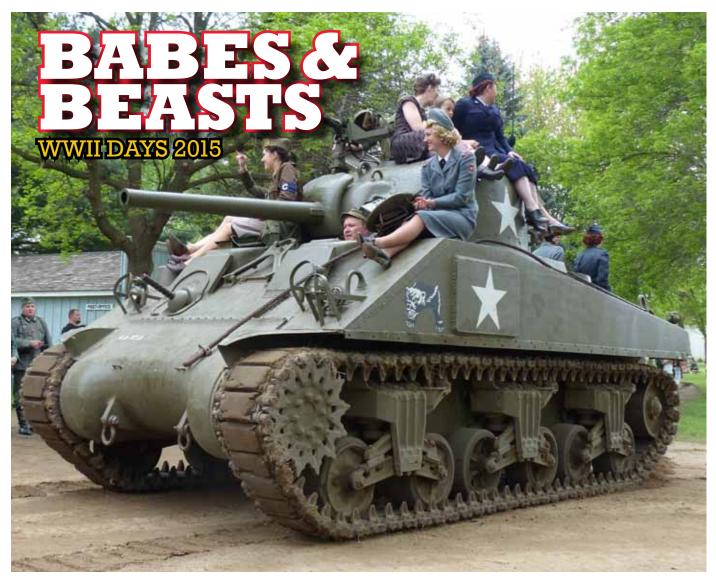




Gen. Schustad and Edina Memorial Committee Member Marshall Schwartz created a unique tribute to the 33 Edina men who have given their lives since WWI. 33 Boy and Girl Scouts each held a photo of one of the fallen and each was ready to share a brief history abut their man to anyone who asked.

It was a profound way to remind all that this isn't just a sculpted tribute to the men and women who have served and serve now, but is here to remind us all that some of our veterans also are the fallen. Each was an individual, and each came from and left family and friends behind. Relatives of Alfred "Bernard" Johnson came from all over the country, the family of one who gave his life to protect us and all that we hold dear. So this memorial is a tribute to the many and to the few, to the living and the dead, to those who survived and those who gave all. Each one has a face. And each one is, and will be, remembered. RB





WWII Days at the Dakota County Fairgrounds this year delivered everything they ever had in the past, and even more

This event in Farmington has become the largest WWII reenactment and living history display in Minnesota. This year, in addition to lots of MVs, extensive encampments, weapons demos and mock battles, there was a larger than ever swap meet and home front fashion shows. Add in killer BBQ ribs, and you had a weekend worth the drive from anywhere in the Upper Midwest. Here's a glimpse of the weekend.



















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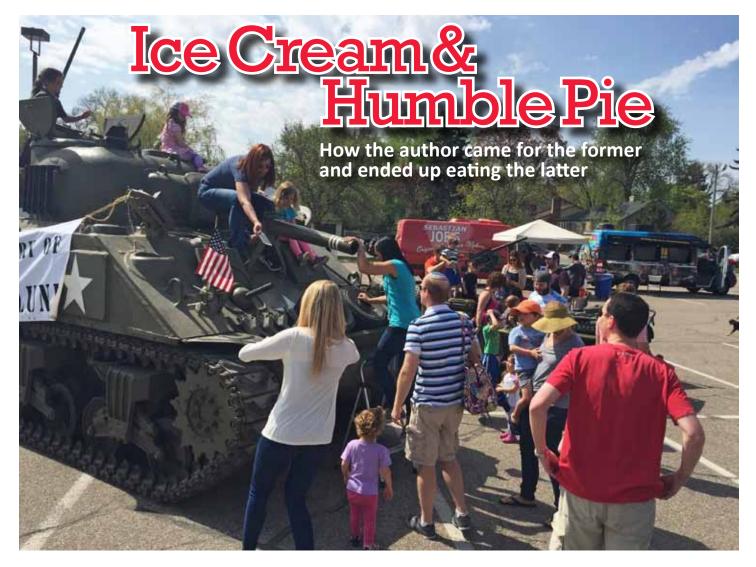






WWII Days is like a County Fair with death and mayhem. The nice part is, the dead rise twice a day and meet their dispatchers afterwards for burgers, just in time for a nice fashion show and swap meet.

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Photos & Text by John Currie

The truth is, I came to the first-ever Trucksploration in May, driving my 43 GPW, *knowing* that I was going to be the coolest ride on the lot.

When we were invited to join in this new fund-raising event at Beth El Synagogue in St. Louis Park, less than two miles from my home, having read their promise of having emergency vehicles and construction equipment and food trucks, it was a slam-dunk. I could be there in ten minutes if I had to push my jeep, and nothing that they were talking about even came *close* on the cool-for-kids scale. An army truck. With guns. That the kids could climb. While I killed an ice cream cone and an all-beef hotdog. I was going to be everything and a bag of chips. I was just about ready to nominate myself for the Congressional Medal of Grooviness.

I was able to squeeeeze my fat head past the windshield frame and drive to their parking lot, practicing my humble smile and "aw, shucks" demeanor. I rumbled through the entrance, starting to scope out the best place to show off my prize, when I saw it.

Oh, crap.

Why hadn't I thought of this?

Who is going to care about my little sewing machine motor on wheels?

Thea Kronlund was there with her Sherman tank.

Arrrrrrgh!!!!!!

Now, truth be told, I was thrilled to see Thea. She and her amazing husband, Kevin, had been the center of the Upper Midwest MV universe from their cranberry bog-cum-MV museum in Spooner,





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Wisconsin, since long before I had joined the Red Bull. And after Kevin was killed in a tragic farming accident three years ago, I hadn't seen much of her. She is the godmother of our dog, ChaCha, and as a Dutch woman bogged down in the Midwest, a kindred spirit of my amazing Peruvian bride. So in-between piles of kids, we had a chance to get caught up.

I also met Lynn Mccall for the first time, the man who has gone on to become the most avid participant in our Red Bull events. If anybody is there, Lynn is. If no one else is there, Lynn is. He drove up in his CUCV II, set-up a couple of folding chairs and was as friendly as anybody could hope for.

So? Once I finished my humble pie, I wiped my face, took my humbled place at the back of the queue, and enjoyed the day's events and the company of friends old and new. And the ice cream was pretty tasty, too. RB



LEFT: That's Thea smiling. For the duration of this touch & feel truck extravaganza, kids were lined up as much as thirty-deep to get their turn to climb on and in her tank. She made hundreds of kids happy.

CENTER: Lynn Mccall, World's Best Event Attender, looks at me and wonders why I am pouting.

RIGHT: These kids tossed me a bone and hopped in my jeep. At least now, I wouldn't be skunked.





Oh, please. Who cares? A fire truck. Some kind of police SUV filled with big dogs and chew toys. A bunch of construction stuff. Kids could see those every day on their way to Target. And mom's minivan probably had as much snacks in it as that food truck. I could out-cool them with my eyes closed. But you know what? After eating an entire humble pie, I realized that these were pretty cool, too. Funny what you can learn after you get your

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

Al Hansel continues to our Web Link Poster Boy, sending in links to fascinating MV and military-related sites. But he's not alone. This time, I've gotten some from Lynn Mccall, too, and dug up a few myself and have gathered up a few of the best ones to share them with you here. *If you are reading this as an e-document, you should be able to click on the underlined link and go right to the page.* If not, carefully cut & paste or copy the link title and paste it into your browser. Thanks, e-pals, and enjoy!

• **DESMOND DOSS, WWII ARMY MEDIC** the only Medal of Honor winner who was a conscientious objector <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JKdwsWdH3A4#t=282</u>

• **OLDEST EXTANT JEEP PROTOTYPE** It's getting some TLC and a some well-deserved publicity http://www.wfaa.com/story/money/cars/2015/12/13/jeep/77233660/

• **MINNEAPOLIS MOLINE SMALL 4X4 PROTOTYPE** Some think—in error, I believe—that this was in competition with Bantam, et al, for the original 4x4 truck. Regardless, it remains an interesting footnote in the history of MV development. https://www.facebook.com/jeepmilitar/photos/a.309273349263044.1073741830.308226896034356/442074789316232/?type =3&theater

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http://www.hemmings.com/hcc/stories/2010/06/01/hmn_feature18.html

• A LITTLE JEEP HISTORY with an eye to farming uses post-war http://www.livinghistoryfarm.org/farminginthe40s/machines_07.html

• WARTHOG FLYING TANK STAYS IN THE GAME The A10 Warthog/Thunderbolt is my favorite plane flying, but some nutjobs in the Air Force want to kill it off, thinking that the F35 ZillionAir can replace it while also being an air-to-air, air-to-land, and air-to-budget destroyer. A reprieve to this ground pounder's amazing guardian angel has been granted, at least for now. http://www.popularmechanics.com/military/weapons/news/a18985/a-10-warthog-retirement-plans-stalled/

• HOW NOT TO DRIVE AN MV John and Louie have insisted that I watch this https://www.facebook.com/WeaponSystems/videos/899228633454508/?video_source=pages_finch_main_video&theater

• JAPANESE SOLDIER SURRENDERS AFTER 29 YEARS I remember hearing about this when I was a boy http://www.argunners.com/hiroo-onada-japanese-soldier-who-surrendered-after-29-years/

• FULL-LENGTH MOVIE! "TALI IHANTALA 1944" From Finland. Finns fighting Russians, featuring Stug assault guns and T-34 tanks, plus Suomi sub-guns and more authentic kit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=shapT_IZXH8

• FULL-LENGTH MOVIE! "WHITE TIGER" Russians T-34s fight a mythical Tiger I in a story that is as much allegory as war tale, but it's just darn fun to watch a buncha real vintage Russian tanks in action. Watch your steppes if you don't like burning flesh https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uoQ1jXmpIKc

• NAZIS AT THE CENTER OF THE EARTH! Full-length Grade D war movie featuring Robot Hitler! Endless close-up face peelings! Gary Busey's even less-talented son, Jake! But could the story be TRUE?!?!?!? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6VX4cxzT-Xw

• **THE MAN WHO SLEEPS IN HITLER'S BED** Talk about a collector...this guy has such an amazing collection of Hitler & Nazi memorabilia that it's a wee-bit creepy, such as having that figure of Hitler looking down from his balcony... http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jun/24/the-man-who-sleeps-in-hitlers-bed

• **MY BEAUTIFUL AMERICA: CHARLIE DANIELS** *Mr. Fire on the Mountain shares a peaceful, respectful side* <u>https://www.youtube.com/embed/B2AEkfjc6-o?feature=player_detailpage</u>

• PICTURES OF AMERICA'S HOME FRONT 1942 Back in the mid '70s, someone was working at Hellers Camera in Bethesda MD and had a reference book with a color photo of the battleship Pennsylvania out in the Pacific, around 1944. The quality of the photo made it clear that it was shot with a large format camera. An old Kodak hand (and WWII vet and radioman in Europe) revealed that they had sheet Kodachrome, and that there was only one machine to process the film, located in Rochester. Note who were the primary workers that built the USA's WWII fighting machines. WWII could not have been won without the woman of America stepping up to build the equipment needed to defeat the Axis powers.

http://pavel-kosenko.livejournal.com/303194.html?thread=22669914

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Here are more of the dramatic WWII-era Kodachrome photos that you can find via the last web link on the preceding page



TOP LEFT: "August 1942. Mechanic Mary Josephine Farley works on a Wright Whirlwind motor in the Corpus Christi, Texas, Naval Air Base assembly and repairs shop. 4x5 Kodachrome transparency by **Howard R. Hollem**."

CENTER RIGHT: "February 1943. Working on the horizontal stabilizer of a 'Vengeance' dive bomber at the Consolidated-Vultee plant in Nashville. 4x5 Kodachrome transparency by **Alfred Palmer** for the Office of War Information.

BOTTOM RIGHT: "June 1942. Army tank driver at Fort Knox, Kentucky. 4x5 Kodachrome transparency by **Alfred Palmer** for the Office of War Information."

BOTTOM LEFT: "March 1943. "Santa Fe R.R. shops, Albuquerque. Hammering out a drawbar on the steam drop hammer in the blacksmith shop." 4x5 Kodachrome transparency by **Jack Delano** for the Office of War Information.







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