



The Sentinel

Winter 2025

Spring Meeting UPDATE:

NEW DATE! Saturday, March 29, 2025: The Spring General Membership meeting is scheduled for Noon at the **American Legion Post 63**, 8047 Ortonville Rd., Clarkston, MI. The next *Sentinel* will be published in April 2025.

The Winter General Meeting

The MVCCMI kicked off 2025 on Saturday, January 4th, with the Winter General Meeting at Oakland Twp. Fire Station #2, 1888 Rochester Rd., Oakland Twp., MI. Thanks go to Jim Tweedie for the venue.

Assembly: All rose, faced the U.S. flag and recited the pledge of allegiance.

Quorum: A quorum was established with six sitting Board members present. Trustee Hobig was unavailable. In total, twenty-two members were in attendance. There were four guests, Beth Turza, Matt Butkis, Cliff Finkle, and Eugene Puvalowski.

Minutes: The minutes of all meetings are available on demand.

Financial Report: The club's finances and roster were reviewed. With seventy paid members, the roster is up by a couple from last year's total. In addition, we had twenty-one guest members by the end of the year. Kitter also reported that all bills have been paid and the Non-Profit status renewed, resulting in a modest increase in the account balance over last year.

CO Shelswell reminded members that dues were due, and they were also encouraged to join the MVPA (or renew) for the good of the club and the hobby. Furthermore, XO Nutting covered the details of the MVCCMI "guest" membership program.

Military Vehicle Collectors Club of Michigan

The MVCCMI is a non-profit educational organization created to promote the preservation of antique military vehicles. The group meets at least four times a year at various locations.

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Club Dues

All members: \$30 yearly - \$5 Discount for MVPA Members

Meeting Place: Locations vary.

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Old Business: CO Shelswell briefly reviewed the events from the last quarter of 2024, and also reminded members that an email will soon go out to renew their permission to include cell & email info on the publicly available club roster.

Merchandise: The 2024 edition of the MVCCMI Calendar was available at the blowout price of five dollars a piece! Once again, thanks to all who participated and helped make this year's project successful. Get yours while they last!

CO Shelswell introduced a different approach to our MVCCMI "uniform shirt". The shirt would be offered with the patches already attached if wanted for an additional fee. A good response was received from a sign-up sheet passed for those interested. Baseball caps and "booney" caps as well as updated sweatshirts were also discussed. *Continued ->*

Be sure to renew your MVPA membership. If you don't belong, join up today!





Meeting Continued:

Members review the 2025 event schedule. picture: J.Tweedie

“For Sale” The current listings were reviewed. They include Thatcher’s enclosed trailer, and Loren Roberts’ M38A1 and related gear. Several members indicated interest in listing additional items. Koenig announce that his chuck wagon trailer was for sale. Puwal said he had parts, and a water buffalo trailer, and J. Leonard has a mule for sale.

Upcoming Events on our 2025 calendar were outlined event by event. (*See event calendar, page three.*) A discussion about the Stahls Museum ensued, with talk of the MVCCMI doing more things there in 2025. The Gilmore Museum was also mentioned but the distance caused some concerns. CO Shelswell reminded members to RSVP for events they play to attend, with a goal of having a 75% response.

New Business: The fuel reimbursement request to SRI from the AoFF’24 event has been submitted to SRI for payment.

Safety meetings will now be conducted at the beginning of all multi-day events to verify registration, discuss the plan for the day, any weather issues, or other announcements. Group texts will also be used at multi-day events to improve internal communications.

A discussion regarding “*What do our members want from the MVCCMI?*” was held. J. Nutting was interested in putting together a questionnaire for members.



The history of the M816 5-ton medium wrecker was presented by the CO, followed by a discussion.

The annual membership drawings were held. Jeff Puwal won a free year of club membership. The MVPA electronic membership drawing was won by Bob Thatcher.

Finally, there was no 50/50 raffle this time around.

Nominations and Elections of Officers and Trustees: Terry Pitts announced a motion to maintain the board as it currently stood. It was seconded by Jim Tweedie, and approved by popular vote. Done!

Adjournment: After a request for any other business, comments or questions, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting was scheduled for April 5, 2025, (*now moved to Mar. 29*) 11AM, at the American Legion post 63, Clarkston, MI. Lunch to be provided.

Winter Meeting Attendees:

Terry Shelswell	Curt Kitter
Bill Thatcher	Remi Seabolt
James Tweedie	Chuck Chapman
Bill Nutting	Jan Nutting
Steve Koenig	Art Pope
Jim Turza	(G) Beth Turza
Bob Thatcher	David Pawlowski
Ken Kline	Jim Reuter
Chris Scalise	Terry Pitts
Jeff Puwal	Dan Brewer
Andrew Peitsch	James Leonard
Bob Zbytowski	(G) Matt Butkis
(G) Cliff Finkle	(G) Eugene Puwalowski

2025 Events

Here is a brief rundown of the events we are planning for 2025. More will be added as the details become clear. (POCs in parentheses.)

- **Spring Gen Member Mtg. - Mar 29**
American Legion, Clarkston MI (Shelswell)
- **Ford Piquette Ave. Plant Tour - Apr 19**
Detroit, MI. (Shelswell)
- **Findlay Military Show - May 15-18**
Findlay, OH (Chapman/Forys)
- **Memorial Day Parades - May 24-26**
Support your local parade
- **USO Veterans Dinner - May 31** *Pine Ridge Villa of Shelby Twp., MI* (Reuter)
- **MVPA National Convention - Louisville, KY - June 4-7**
- **MVCCMI Welcome to Summer MV Show - June 13-15** *American Legion, Clarkston MI* (Shelswell)
- **Summer Gen Member Mtg. - June 14**
American Legion, Clarkston MI (Shelswell)
- **Independence Day Parades - July 4**
- **MVCCMI Summer Social & Trail Ride - July 12** *Casa Pawlowski, Clarkston MI* (Pawlowski)
- **WWII Breakout - July 12-13** *Chesterfield Township - Living History* (Causley)

- **Easy Rodders Car Show - July 20** *Packard Proving Grounds, Shelby Twp., MI* (Reuter)
- **Goodrich Car Show - August 2** *Goodrich, MI*
- **Firebase Chesterfield - August 8-10**
Chesterfield Township - Living History (Causley)
- **Gilmore Museum MV Show - Aug 8-10**
(Static) Hickory Corners, MI (S. Pash)
- **Veterans Appreciation Event - August 30**
Jimmy John's Stadium, Utica, MI (Scalise - Nutting)
- **Good Old Days, Richmond, Sept. 7 -**
(Kitter)
- **MV Show & Tribute to First Responders - Sept. 12-14** *Mueller's Orchard, Linden, MI* (Lentz)
- **Autumn Gen Member Mtg. - Oct 4 -**
TBD - ?, MI (Shelswell)
- **MVCCMI Fall Colors Tour - Oct 11 -** *East side* (Nutting)
- **Veteran's Day Event - Nov. 8** *Stahls Museum - Chesterfield Twp* (Seabolt)
- **Detroit Veteran's Day Parade - Nov. 9 -**
Detroit (Shelswell)
- **Veteran's Day Event - Nov. 11** *Mission BBQ - Northville Twp, MI* (L Roberts)
- **Veteran's Day Event - Nov. 11** *Mission BBQ - Troy, MI* (Benton)
- **Veteran's Day Event - Nov. 11** *Mission BBQ - Sterling Hgts, MI* (Reuter)
- **Oxford/Lake Orion Parades - December 6**
(Seabolt)
- **Rochester Parade - December 7** (Tweedie)

FOR SALE

1953 Willys M38A1
1956 M100/M367 Trailer
1942 replica M3A1 37mm ATG
1945 Bantam T3-C trailer project
Package Deal! - Loren Roberts

2018 Middlebury 24'
enclosed trailer - Bill Thatcher



2024 Arsenal of Freedom Festival!

The MVCCMI Returns to Owosso

- By Rick Forsys

For the second year, the Military Vehicle Collectors Club of Michigan, (MVCCMI) joined forces with the Steam Railroading Institute, (SRI) at their location in Owosso, MI to produce the Arsenal of Freedom Festival. The show mixed military vehicles with the iconic Pere Marquette locomotive 1225, now back in service after a lengthy rebuild. For those not familiar, 1225 was built in December 1941, and is the last to remain of the thirty-nine 2-8-4 "Berkshire" type steam locomotives produced.

Attendees were welcomed by sunny skies and very pleasant conditions for the event, which saw a nice influx of new vehicles. Bucking recent trends, Jeeps were very popular with a handful of Ford GPWs on display. Also, while last year's show featured three half-ton Dodges, this year saw three post-war, three-quarter ton Dodge trucks make the trip. Another vehicle of note was the Willys M38 owned by Jim Reuter, which enjoyed its debut show appearance, following restoration with the help of a number of club members.

The most striking vehicles at the show however, were tracked. Phil Hagen delighted the public, and other vehicle owners with his well-kitted, WWII M2 half-track, while the most unusual vehicle on hand certainly had to be the 1960 M548A1 owned by Roy Bissen, who traveled all the way from Elroy, WI to attend the show.



It is always great to see Ken Kline's beautiful wartime GMC CCKW.



Christopher Heckman from Galesburg, MI showed his 1942 Ford GPW.



1943 Ford GPW owned by Doug Lentz.



AFF 24 Continued:

On the train side of things, the big news of course was the return to service of the legendary Pere Marquette 1225. The SRI rolled out their crown jewel Saturday morning, capturing the attention of everyone in attendance. Within a short time, a crowd of railroad enthusiasts had gathered by the train, queuing up to board for a planned excursion. Soon, the whistle screamed and clouds of smoke

Vehicle owners enjoyed the opportunity to tour the area in their MVs.

billowed, as the mighty locomotive crept into motion, gaining momentum as it lumbered down the tracks. Besides the train itself, the SRI's workshop and authentic steam-era turntable, originally built in 1919 for the Pere Marquette Railway, were also on display, and lunch was available in a vintage railroad dining car.



Feeding the beast! Pere Marquette 1225 is fueled.



Chris Van Dan Elzen came to Owosso with his 1953 Dodge M37.



Jim Reuter from Shelby Township, MI debuted his 1951 Willys M38



1960 M548A1 owned by Roy Bissen from Elroy, WI.

AFF 24 Continued:

The nicer weather featuring clear skies, also enabled the club to hold a lot more road tours around the Owosso area. These were extremely popular with the vehicle owners, and the few lucky show attendees who were able to snag a ride. There is no doubt that the road runs were certainly a highlight of this year's show. Curious town's folk stopped to watch, as they tried to apprehend just what they were looking at. Many smiled and waved, while others just looked and scratched their head, as a column of green army trucks snaked its way through town, with the theme from Kelly's Heroes blaring from a period-looking megaphone speaker mounted on Phil Hagen's half-track. (*Priceless!*)

Back at the show, the very impressive camp layout featuring sharply erected tenting infusing the air with that special canvas fragrance was highlighted by the living history display of the 45 Infantry Division Thunderbirds, I & R Platoon. The public came through the camp in a slow but steady flow, which lasted basically all day long. They seemed to enjoy seeing the trucks, and the owners liked talking to them and answering questions. It turned out to be a very pleasant weekend, which gave the owners a lot more opportunities to run their trucks, which really made them happy!

Phil Hagen and Remi Seabolt patrol downtown Owosso in Phil's M2 half-track.





Muller's Orchard Show

Photos By Maya Mead

The Military Vehicle Collector's Club of Michigan, and Mueller's Orchard joined together over the weekend of September 13-15, 2024, to host the third annual Military Vehicle Display & Swap at the orchard in Linden, Michigan. Altogether, there were twenty two vehicles, and seven trailers, along with six vendors on-hand for the event. The weather was perfect with no rain, and public attendance was good with hundreds of spectators.

Thanks to Dan Brewer, Joel Gardener, Tom Roberts, Jim Tweedie, Bill Nutting, Ernie Roesner, Steve Cooper, Bill Thatcher, Tim Hester, David Lawhead, and Doug Lentz for bringing their vehicles.

This was the third year for the Mueller's Orchard MV Show in Linden, MI.



Ernie Roesner displayed his 1943 Ford GPW.



Steve Cooper also brought his 1943 Ford GPW.



Dan Brewer poses with his Jeep .



Bill Thatcher attended the show with his 1950 M38.



Dan Brewer brought his M38 too.



Tom Roberts made the trip with his 1990 M923A2 Dude.



Of course, Bill Nutting brought his own motel room.



Cummins Inc. Employee Family Day & Car Show

Troy, MI



MVCCMI

August 15, 2024

Cummins Employee Family Day

by Rick Forsys

The MVCCMI was invited to take part in a Cummins Employee Family Day & Car Show at their former Meritor location in Troy, MI on August 15, 2024. They were especially interested to see any of our MVs with Rockwell axles and suspension springs (M-series deuces, 5-tons & HMMWVs) and / or Cummins engines (M-series 5-tons). Besides the family open-house aspect of the event, there was also an employee car show, which was impressively large.

Cummins also arranged for ND Defense, formally Navistar Defense, to bring a few vehicles to the event. The three included an MXT-MV all-terrain armored MV, M1235A2 MaxxPro Dash MRAP, and an ATLAS LT Cargo vehicle.

We managed to gather five vehicles for the Thursday event, which started out brisk, but warmed up as the day unfolded. One was a 1990 M998 HMMWV ->



The ND Defense MXT-MV lost out to the Oshkosh L-ATV in the JLTV selection process.



The Atlas LT, displayed with armored cab, is part of ND Defense



M1235 MaxxPro MRAP displayed by ND Defense, formally Navistar.



Terry Shelswell's 1980 M816 Wrecker.

brought by Jim Tweedie. CO Shelswell arrived with his 1980 M816 Wrecker powered by a Cummins NHC-250 diesel, and Rockwell-Standard double-reduction axles. Early 900 series trucks like Bill Nutting's M934 followed suit. *Continued Pg 12 ->*



1993 M998 HMMWV brought by Jim Tweedie.



Bill Nutting's M934



Above: Tom Roberts 1990 M923A2 Sweet
Left: Tom Roberts 1990 M923A2 Dude





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Cummins Continued:

M939A2 series five-tons like the two 1990 M923A2s displayed by Tom Roberts, were built by BMY featuring the newer and smaller Cummins 6CTA8.3 (8.3 L) turbocharged inline 6 cylinder diesel engine delivering the same 240 horsepower, and a similar axle with the same ratio, produced by Meritor.

It turned out to be a very pleasant and interesting day, and our host Cummins, was extremely accommodating. The MVCCMI was happy to attend, and enjoyed the opportunity to show our vehicles. The car show was larger than expected, with a wide variety of make, model, year, and category. Employees took great pride displaying their vehicles, and everything from classic stock to customs, to a rock-climber to a show car could be seen. The employees were also very happy to see our vehicles, with some even getting excited. I've never seen so many people point at axles and smile! It was a pretty good day.

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