



The Sentinel

Spring 2025

Summer Meeting:

The Summer General Membership scheduled for June 14, at the Summer Show was canceled. The next meeting will be at the American Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Rd., Clarkston, MI, on October 4, 2025. The next Sentinel will be published in August 2025.

The Spring General Meeting

The MVCCMI Spring General Meeting was held on March 29th at the Legion Post 63 in Clarkston, MI.

Assembly: The meeting was called to order at 11:46AM. All rose, faced the U.S. flag and recited the pledge of allegiance.

Quorum: A quorum was established with four sitting Board members present. Treasurer, Kitter and Trustee Seabolt were unable to attend. In total, twenty-three members were in attendance, with everyone happy to see Eric Richardson and Loren Roberts again. There were two guests, Muriel Shelswell, and Kim Lusty.

Minutes: A Motion was made to accept the minutes from the Winter Meeting by Terry Pitts & Doc, second by Terry Rosner.

Financial Report: The club's finances and roster were reviewed. With fifty-eight paid members, the roster is currently down a little, but will likely rebound as the year progresses. At present, 74% of the club are MVPA members. XO Nutting spoke about the current status of the guest membership program, which has seen over twenty participants and yielded several new members.

In Kitter's absence, CO Shelswell relayed the financial report. No surprises were announced, and the balance remains healthy, and moving in a positive direction.

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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CO Shelswell turned the floor over to Mike Lusty, (*sitting MVPA board member*) who spoke about some of the issues currently confronting the MVPA. Everyone was encouraged to do their own research, and cast their vote in the "Save the MVPA" ballot.

Old Business: CO Shelswell briefly reviewed this year's second MV Workshop, which took place on March 15th, at his home/ shop in Holly, MI. He 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.

Merchandize: The 2024 edition of the MVCCMI Calendar was available at the blowout price of five dollars a piece, and they didn't last long. Once again, thanks to all who participated and helped make this year's project successful. *Continued ->*

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





Meeting Continued:

“For Sale” The current listings were reviewed. They include Thatcher’s enclosed trailer, and now Curt Kitter's 1972 M35A2C. Loren Roberts has decided to keep his M38A1. I also understand Koenig's amazing chuck wagon trailer is for sale.

Upcoming Events: After a club provided lunch of pizza & salad, the meeting was reconvened with a rundown of upcoming events for the next three months. Key among these was the private tour of the Ford Piquette museum, April 19th. (See event calendar, page three.)

New Business: CO Shelswell gave a Power Point presentation of some of the results of the recent Membership Survey. Not all of the results were reviewed, however a discussion ensued for about 45 minutes concerning what was covered. Analysis of other parts of the survey will be presented at a future meeting.

A design for a personalized "club" MV display sign was presented to the club, headed up by J. Reuter. Both the presentation and the response was good, and a list of interested parties was soon generated.

An initial presentation was made of a proposal to generate a "scatter diagram" of club member locations, with the goal of making it easier for members find others in their area. An "opt in" policy would most likely apply.

23 Members attended the Winter Meeting.. picture: J.Tweedie



CO Shelswell displays the prototype MV sign. picture: J.Tweedie



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

Finally, the 50/50 raffle was held, and the winner, Scott Redman, used his prize to raid the PX, then donated the rest back to the club. Kudos to you!! An extra drawing was also pulled for a club T-shirt, won by Bill Thatcher.

Adjournment: After a request for any other business, comments or questions, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting was scheduled for June 14, 2025, during the Summer Show at the American Legion Post 63, Clarkston, MI

Winter Meeting Attendees:

Terry Shelswell	Terry Pitts
Bill Thatcher	Bob Thatcher
James Tweedie	Bob Zbytowski
Bill Nutting	Don Carter
Steve Koenig	Loren Roberts
Chuck Chapman	Ernie Roesner
David Pawlowski	Dan Brown
Ed Pash	Sue Pash
Matt Hobig	Zack Howey
Scott Redman	Chris Van Dan Elzen
Eric Richardson	Matthew Butkis
Mike Lusty	(G) Kim Lusty
(G) Muriel Shelswell	

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.)

- **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)
- **Addison Twp FD Strawberry Festival - July 19** *Leonard, MI* (Shelswell)
- **Easy Rodders Car Show - July 20** *Packard Proving Grounds, Shelby Twp., MI* (Reuter)
- **Goodrich Car Show - August 2** *Goodrich, MI - "Potluck Dinner" @ Shelswell's* *After the Goodrich event.*
- **Firebase Chesterfield - August 8-10** *Chesterfield Township - Living History* (Causley)

- **Gilmore Museum MV Show - Aug 8-10** *(Static) Hickory Corners, MI (S. Pash)*
- **Oakland Co. Airport Event - Aug 10** *Waterford, MI (Gryparis)*
- **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 -** *American Legion Post 63 - Clarkston MI "Solo Cup" Auction* (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



2018 Middlebury
24' enclosed trailer

Bill Thatcher

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Veteran's Day at Mission BBQ

More locations welcoming club members

- By Rick Forsys Troy pictures by Bill Thatcher

For the fourth year, Military Vehicle Collectors Club of Michigan, (MVCCMI) members observed the Veteran's Day holiday at Mission BBQ. For the first couple years, the Northville Twp, location was the only one in Michigan. Then the Troy store opened, followed more recently by the Sterling Hgts, store. It hasn't taken long for members to find their closest Mission BBQ, and it seems we now have a contingent at each.

Over in Northville Twp., it was a chilly, blustery day, but six vehicles managed to make the trip. Things followed a familiar pattern of positioning the vehicles and waiting for the veterans to start to arrive. It didn't take long for them to start appearing around the vehicles, taking pictures and asking questions. Soon, the doors opened and people queued up to warm up and get some food. With the cold weather, all ceremonies were moved inside, including singing the national anthem, recognizing present veterans, including a WWII vet, and the flag folding ceremony.

Loren Roberts, Wells Werden, Tom Roberts, Jim Turza, Ed & Sue P., and Tim Tomlinson displayed their vehicles in Northville Twp. Bill Thatcher, Jeff Benton, and Andy Peitsch established base camp at the Troy location, while Jim Reuter held down the fort in Sterling Hgts., and is looking for reinforcements for next year!



Loren Roberts 1953 M38A1.



Wells Werden CJ-5.



1944 Studebaker M29C Weasel displayed by Tim Tomlinson.



Ed & Sue P's very nice 1941 Dodge WC15 Command Car.



Tom Roberts brought his 1990 M923A2 five-ton, DUDE out to play.



Jim Turza drove his 1941 Dodge WC27 Ambulance to Northville Twp.



Over in Troy, Jeff Benton, Andy Peitsch and Bill Thatcher enjoy the day.



Oxford Holiday Parade

The MVCCMI wraps up 2024

- Photos By Bill Thatcher

Once again, the club wrapped up the year with a trio of holiday parades. On December 7th, the Oxford Parade ran during the day as usual, and later Lake Orion held their annual night-time, lighted parade. The following day, the Rochester Parade took place, so it was a busy weekend for club members! Bill Thatcher provided some pictures from the Oxford Parade that he attended with his 1950 M38. Joining him were Remi Seabolt and Jeff Benton with their 1953 M37s, along with Jim Tweedie who drove his M1078 LMTV 2.5-ton truck with trailer.

With the running of the holiday parades, the club's 2024 event list was complete. In the next *Sentinel*, we'll catch up to 2025 with the Ford Piquette plant tour, and the Pine Ridge show.



Remi Seabolt leads things off with his 1953 Dodge M37.



Jim Tweedie drove his M1078 LMTV 2.5-ton truck w/trailer.



The club had four vehicles in the parade.





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