

## President's Message

Hello everybody.

They say time flies when you are having fun, well, I must be having fun then :-). This winter just flew by.

We now have 77 members in the club, and we received a certificate recognizing the NCMVPA as an affiliate of the National MVPA.

The first Saturday of the month get together is turning to be a Cabell & Amnon meeting. I know the weather has not been cooperating with us, so let's blame it on that and see what happens in the future. In the last "Meeting" we had at the Golden Coral, Cabell and I discussed how to publicize and have more activities statewide. One important step is for each and every one of you to get in touch with your local Museums, Chamber of Commerce, or any other entity that you think could incorporate us into some of their activities during the year. Let them know about us, and let them know that we are eager to come out and "Enhance" any of their activities. Leave a contact number or email address with them and ask them to just let you know when something comes up. If they want to know more about the club send them to the website ([www.ncmvpa.com](http://www.ncmvpa.com)) so that they will all get the same info, and by all means, if you have any other info to add to the site please forward it to me.

Amnon

## MV's go to Church

Cabell and his M37 and me and my Ferret, decorated the entrance to the Brooks Avenue Church of Christ on Friday March 21st during their annual youth rally (Cabell was finally in a situation where his MV was bigger than mine). I know that if the Ferret could speak it would say, "What do you think I am, grand central station"? Kids were just going in and out of both the M37 and the Ferret. Since these were teens they were asking a lot of relevant questions about what/where/how these vehicles were used. I never thought that teenaged girls (who normally are interested in what shirt or shoes to put on) would be so interested in details of MV's. Parents took their kids pictures next to the vehicles, inside the vehicles and on top of the vehicles. It was a good experience, one that I hope left good and lasting impression on the youngsters.

Amnon

## Tips

If you park your MV for long periods at a time here are a few tips.

1. Purchase a 24V Solargizer and hook it to the batteries to keep them charged.
2. Set up a mouse trap on the floor (pass. side) and check it daily.
3. Start your engine once a week and let it run 10 minutes or so.

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## 2003 East Coast Convoy and the Churchville Rally

It was a cold and dark Golden Coral parking lot in Cary at 3:00AM on May 8th when Kenny Grantham and I motored over in my M37 to join Brandon Cobb in his M35 for the ride up to Churchville via Doswell, VA. In Doswell, we were met by a friend of the convoy organizer who had baked cookies and other goodies for us, and we joined up with several other military vehicle owners from Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina (such as Joe Trapp and Tony Casey) for the ride up toward Maryland. In Millersville, MD, we again stopped and met a group from West Virginia, Maryland, and northern Virginia and rode up through Baltimore toward Aberdeen (went through the harbor tunnel). In Churchville, we lined up in a long single file line in a Golden Coral parking lot and waited for the folks who were convoying down from north of the rally site (some from as far away as Canada). We all got a charge out of seeing the other guys come down the hill to the parking lot in a big ol' column, and we all did a lot of horn honking and waving, before we all settled down and headed out for the short ride to the rally site.

At the rally, we had three days of rain, some sun, a lot of mud, and great bull sessions, parts purchases and trades, and a lot of fellowship. It was great to be able to put faces to names of folks that I had only known from email or phone conversations.

On Saturday, our group from the Carolinas, joined by some of the folks from Maryland and Virginia, pulled out of the rally area since we had already made our purchases, sold most of our spare parts, and wanted to get home before the weather got really nasty (forecast was calling for more severe thunderstorms...). We drove back down toward home with folks turning off along the way to go to their respective homes with much honking and hand waving at each parting. Along the way, we drove through extremely hard rain and hail at times so

heavy that we could hardly see the front bumpers, but the water washed most of the weekend's mud off of the trucks and our shoes (my cab still leaks a bit...).

All of the members of the convoy from the south (the Yellow Serial) made it up and back safely with only a dead electric fan in my M37 (bad socket in the fuse block) and a gear lube leak in Joe Trapp's M35 transfer case (lost its gear oil a few miles from home on the return trip but made it back under its own power) to detract from the trip.

Cabell



Participants from South Carolina to West Virginia lined up in Churchville waiting for the groups from north of Maryland.



Gathered around the WLA in the middle of the NCMVPA campsite...

## Roof for your MV

If your MV is not under a roof (and you can't afford a couple of thousands to build one) purchase one of them portable canopies (around \$100) and park the vehicle under it. My M1009 is under one of these and a strong wind moved the canopy, so I am now strapping the four corners of the canopy to four corners of the vehicle to keep it on the ground. Last year I bought a 20X20 canopy and parked my pickup under it, but it couldn't hold the weight of the ice from the storm we had, and the legs buckled. I put eight 4x4 posts in the ground and mounted the top of the canopy to them, eliminating the weak legs, and since then I put four more posts and added another 20x20 next to the existing one. Since the 4x4 can be cut at any height, I made it so that I could pull the M35 under it. Only problem it is not long enough, so the tail end of the bed sticks out, but it is covered with canvas anyway. Now the cab, gun ring and gun are protected. We will see how this holds. I had estimates of \$3600.00 to build a wooden shelter with shingle roof for the truck only and I was worried that a hurricane will blow it off, so I figured I could always take the tarp off in the case of a hurricane coming, and even if I didn't, I will only lose a couple of hundreds. A replacement tarp for the 20x20 is only \$54.00 and replacing it every few years is not too bad. The 10x20 tarp replacement is only \$19.95. With the amount of rain we had this year, these are handy. You can check Harbor Freight for pricing on these and buy them on sale.

Amnon

## Navy Reserve Family Day

Family Day was held on Sunday, June 8, 2003 at the Triad Armed Forces Reserve Center. NCMVPA members Cabell Garbee, Joe Trapp and Kenny Grantham participated by attending with family members and MV's at the request of Chief Petty Officer Hicks, USNR, who had seen the NCMVPA participate in the AHS Napa Greensboro show last winter. The event serves to honor, reward, and acknowledge the service

provided by the Reservists and their families. In addition to a formal awards ceremony that was held in the morning, the event had static vehicle displays by the NCMVPA, and the Greensboro Fire Department, two NASCAR show cars, drill and firearms demonstrations, HMMWV rides, and lots of hot dogs, hamburgers, and BBQ...

One of the joys of the event was watching and talking to the Reservists who had used vehicles such as ours both in their active duty and reserve careers, especially when they shared their memories with us and their family members whom they posed in front of the trucks for photos or when they climbed into the trucks so they could explain what it was like to drive one or to operate Joe's 50cal on his M35.

Cabell



NCMVPA vehicles await the arrival of the crowd at Family Day.

## **Letters**

### **Family Day Thank You**

The Naval Reservists and our families thoroughly enjoyed looking at all of the NCMVPA's vehicles that were on display during our Family Day. I overheard many compliments, especially from the NMCB-24 Unit (Seabees). Even though you might not realize it, by displaying the NCMVPA vehicles yesterday, not only did it greatly raise our troop moral, it helped to increase public awareness and retention within the Naval Reserve. For that, we would like to commend and thank the NCMVPA for supporting the Naval Reserve.

Thanks,  
Chief Petty Officer Hicks, USNR  
NMCRC Greensboro, NC

### **More Thanks**

Thank you very much for arranging several of the Military vehicles, to be statically displayed at our annual family day.

Your presence helped us have a successful day for our families! Thank you!

It was also quite interesting to learn how you acquired your trucks and the process you went through to restore them as well as viewing the pictures. Thanks for sharing.

We hope that you will be able to attend next year's event also.

Respectfully,  
ETC(SW) John Dzierzewski

## **Stories and other Submissions**

I'm always looking for stories concerning your use of MV's either at work or play. Send me a note and tell me about something you've done or witnessed recently or in the past and I'll include it here for the rest of us to share and enjoy...

Email may be sent to me at [cgarbee@ncvmpa.com](mailto:cgarbee@ncvmpa.com) or you can call me at 919-733-7091 during the day to get a USPS address for written submissions.

Thanks, Cabell

### **Efl and AHS show**

Wanted to put a word of THANKS in to the two owners that brought out MV's at the Efland Antique Truck Show. I was busy as usual and didn't get time to visit with each of them, in fact my list of owners / trucks is outside in my truck, so don't remember names right now. Had a really nice Jeep/Ford and a deuce, sorry you guys left before the slow race as you might have won.

Also had the guys from "Extreme Off-Road Equipment" out of Asheville (Fairview NC) area with us. They had a tractor trailer load of military parts and also a Deuce and a M37 for sale on the trailer. They said they might try to make the show at Spencer in September and see if they could sell more military stuff.

THANKS AGAIN to everyone that attended, sorry I personally didn't have time to visit or say THANKS!!

Hope to see everyone at the NC Transportation Museum in Spencer, NC on Sept. 13th!! My M43 will be there for sure! YEP for those of you who haven't heard I'm now an official MV owner.

Nollie

### **Upcoming Events - Ft. Fisher**

WWII Vehicle Event at Ft. Fisher State Park on September 6-7, 2003. They are looking for WWII vehicles to be part of a vehicle, equipment, and weapons display. If enough vehicles attend and there is interest, they are hoping to have a parade of vehicles from the Boardwalk in Carolina Beach to the fort. Ft. Fisher was a big anti-aircraft artillery training base and Ft. Fisher Air Force Recreation Area is right next door with camping sites and cottages.

Contact David Thomas for more info or look at the event section of the NCMVPA website forums...

### **Upcoming Events – Spencer**

Fall Antique Truck Show at the NC Transportation Museum in Spencer on September 13. Hosted by the Piedmont Carolina Chapter ATHS with special parking section for NCMVPA vehicles. Convoy to the show from Raleigh with Cabell or meet at the event and park in the NCMVPA section...

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### **Upcoming Events – Greensboro**

Winter Antique Truck Show at the NAPA Warehouse in Greensboro on November 1. Hosted by the Piedmont Carolina Chapter ATHS. Convoy to the show from Raleigh with Cabell or meet at the event and park in the NCMVPA section...

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### **First Saturdays in Cary**

Standing Saturday Meetings in Cary  
The First Saturday meetings in Cary (held on the first Saturday of each month at the Golden Coral) are turning out to be a success... Cabell and Amnon have been regular attendees with other area (and not so nearby) members attending with and without

their MV's. The group is gathering in the parking lot of the restaurant at noon, admiring each other's vehicles, and then going in to eat as a group and to continue whatever discussion(s) the group is interested in. Hopefully, members in other parts of the state will start having regular get togethers at local restaurants so that we can all have an excuse to get together to eat and to socialize without having to travel too far...

Directions to the Golden Coral in Cary:

The restaurant is located in the "Centrum" shopping center off of Walnut street and I-40/440/1/64. If you are coming into the area on I-40, take exit 493 to Walnut St./Buck Jones Road. At the next light turn left (over the beltline) into Walnut St., go through 2 more lights, and turn right at the third light which is Dillard Dr. The backside of The Golden Coral will be on your left, at the bottom of the hill turn left into the shopping center, and immediately take another left into their parking lot.

If you are coming on 440/US-1/US-64 going south, take the Buck Jones Road exit 1a (do not confuse it with the Jones Franklin Rd. exit) and follow the directions above. If you are going north, turn RIGHT at the Buck Jones Road light.

(If you need more detailed directions on the day of the meeting, call Amnon at 852-2121 and let it ring until it finds him...)