

## **EAST COAST CONVOY/RALLY**

I had a great trip to Aberdeen...

I left my house at three on Wednesday in the M35A2C and drove over to Amnon's house only to find that he hadn't managed to fix his transmission problem in Blazer and would not be joining me for the ride up. I suggested that he leave his truck and ride up in mine, but he wanted to keep working on his in the hopes that he could drive up on Thursday... I did borrow a turn signal controller off his M35A2 since mine decided to stop working between my house and is we agreed that I could get him a new one at the show...

I then drove up to Henderson where I waited about a half-hour for the group driving up from Florida, South Carolina, and Western North Carolina to arrive. After they had arrived and refueled, we all left and headed up to South Hill in order to meet up with Bjorn who was heading in from Western Virginia. He had called to tell me that he was running late, and we were running late, so when we didn't spot him at the rendezvous, we went on to Doswell where we met him later on that evening (he and his son got there just in time to have supper with us at the Denny's in the Best Western next to Kings Dominion.).

Next morning, we all got up and headed over to the truck stop across the street from the hotel in order to fuel and to meet Blake who had just driven up from Portsmouth in his deuce with a MUTT in the back. We all then headed up US301 through Fort AP Hill toward Millersville, MD. In Millersville, we collected three other guys, one in a M35 like the rest of us, one in a M37, and one in a M38A1... The addition of the M37 and

M38A1 kept the Southern Serial from consisting entirely of deuces as everyone to that point had been driving a M35... All of us then rode up through Baltimore to Aberdeen where we met the Blue Serial of about twenty that had driven down from as far north as Canada.

After collecting our convoy shirts and other goodies, we all got together in a big line with the smallest trucks first working up to the larger trucks in the rear, we drove the last three miles over to the Military Vehicle rally at the Ripken Baseball Stadium just down the street from the Army's Proving Grounds.

We had a great time parading through the display area and up to the hill where we all camped out for the weekend.

The weekend was spent socializing, looking at other folk's vehicles, and trading parts.

On Sunday morning, those of us from the south who had not left on Saturday pulled out for the ride home. When we stopped at the rest area just north of Richmond we noticed that the generator extension on Sonny's trailer had come loose, so the generator was removed and placed in the back of his truck with the assistance of Bjorn's knuckleboom. We then decided to have lunch at the same Denny's that we had eaten at on Wednesday...

I parted company with Bjorn and Sonny after lunch, they to continue on down I95 to visit John Winslow (Bjorn to collect the tires that he won in the convoy raffle and Sonny for some assistance with an oil leak and his continued trip towards Florida) and I to head down I85 toward Raleigh.

-Cabell

## WOOD TIPS

The following is a reprint from the BigElectric M37 forum where a discussion was held on how to stain wood for cargo bows and seats that seemed applicable to any MV with wooden troop seats or cargo bows...

The wood in the bed of our M37 was oak. We couldn't bring ourselves to paint oak, it has too nice a grain and it's expensive compared to pine.

I've rebuilt a couple of wooden boats and followed the finishing technique that we used on the boats.

1. Sand down to a 240 grit finish
2. Put about four coats or more of West epoxy on them.
3. Sand after the final coat of epoxy cures. You'll take a lot of the epoxy off in the sanding process to get it smooth.
4. Get some Interlux 2-part marine polyurethane. Put about three coats on. It flows pretty well and is similar to DuPont Imron. It has good abrasion characteristics and good UV protection characteristics. You can use this for everything if you don't want to go the epoxy route. It can be purchased from BoatUS or U.S. Marine. Any marine store will have it. It runs about \$45 a quart and a quart is all you will need. Bear in mind to only mix up what you are going to use.

When you are done, the wood will really be protected and will be pretty abrasion, UV and chip resistant. It looks pretty good with the clear finish on the oak wood.

Pete Ruffing

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## TROUBLE HEARING YOUR PASSENGER?

After driving home with my son from Weare [NH] for 4+ hrs without being able to hear one another, We decided it was time for a cheap intercom for the M35A2.

Another GMMVC'er has a set of aviation headsets + the com unit, beautiful but beyond my budget. Mr. Waterman at MVMVC described using an old CB in PA mode, which works well but I think I found an even simpler alternative. I use two noise canceling headsets that I purchased at Radioshack (\$20 each includes ear bud and throat mike), a "mini-amplifier" (\$10 each), four batteries, and two y-connectors. The two mike plugs go into one Y that is plugged into the amp input. The amp output goes into a y and out to the two earbud plugs. Total expense was about \$60.

Not elegant but it gets the job done! I was going to build my own IC, but this is quick and it works. Bash away!!

Kerry



Bjorn's knuckleboom (the Superduece) being used to load an item into Sonny's M35 at the East Coast Rally in Aberdeen. Blake's MUTT is in the foreground.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I could never get any information about any 4th of July activities in Raleigh. Around 1pm, just when Cathy and me were walking out to the car to go to her brother's for a cookout, one of my old friends called and asked me if I was planning to drive the Deuce today. I wasn't planning on it, but he told me they were at the Capitol having fun. All these years I thought Dale was a member of a motorcycle club called Rolling Thunder, since he always talked about it. Well, to make a long story short, I jumped on the occasion and told Cathy to drive her car, and that I will be there later after I make an appearance with the Deuce down town. As I was driving around the Capitol to get to their trailer, I couldn't believe all the people, music and uniforms I saw. When I got to their area, I was almost attacked by a few guys in camo uniforms, who couldn't hold back their feelings about the Deuce. Well, it turns out that Rolling Thunder is a Vietnam Veterans organization, whose focus is to publicize the POW/MIA issue. Their web site is at <http://www.rollingthunder-nc4.com>. They have quite a few activities in the area during the year. We were invited to join them for their monthly ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the Capitol Grounds that they hold every first Sat. of the month at noon. I figured we could do it and then go to eat at the Golden Coral (Convoy anybody ? :-)

I also met members of the NC chapter of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association, but they were too busy with the public looking at the two helicopters they towed there. Look at their web-site at <http://www.geocities.com/ncvhpa/>. I think we should also try and hook with them for some of their activities.

All in all it was a fun day, I stayed there for about two hours, met some very interesting people who own MV's and are interested in joining us.

-Amnon

## **VIETNAM VETS MONTHLY MEMORIAL**

It was only Cabell and I this month. We met at the Capitol Grounds for the Vietnam Vets Monthly Memorial. And a Rolling Thunder there was. I got there at about 11:35 and Cabell was already there. The Thunder was rolling as more and more members of the Rolling Thunder Club showed up, riding their big Harleys. What a site!! They asked us to park on the sidewalk right next to the memorial.

At 12 sharp the ceremony started, with the color guard, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance lead by four REAL young Marines. Remembrance of KIA/MIA from past wars, and then the reading of the names of all MIA's from NC, followed by an explanation of the items on the Missing Man Table in front of the memorial. You had to be there! I was not in Vietnam (at the time I was still in Israel fighting in another war) but somehow I was moved, and even though I didn't have any drink in my hand, I kept having to swallow (well, you know what I mean). In their closing announcements the group thanked the NCMVPA for our participation.

We then met David and his wife (our newest member to be) who just moved here from Kansas, and talked for a while. We then let our trucks add to the thunder, and drove to the Golden Corral in Cary. We got there at 1pm (for those of you who want to come to the meeting but not the ceremony). We left the Golden Corral at about 3pm and drove to my house to check and adjust Cabell's Deuce electrical system.

All in all it was a good day, and I am glad we are going to do it as a regular activity from now on.

I just wish there were more of us!

-Amnon

## WHAT DO YOU DO WITH IT?

When all the wrenching, painting, rebuilding is through what do you do then? Stand back and admire your work from the vantage point of the garage door? Drive it around the HOOD to impress the neighbors? Drive it through the old loggers' trails (and go where no-man has gone before) Take the wind out of the classic car show buffs by showing up at one of their events?? This question is asked in some form or fashion every time I take a truck out of the yard... Here is how I use mine.

I use mine to commute to the office often enough that folks at work no longer drop their jaws when I pull into the parking lot... I use mine to move furniture and junk for friends and to pick up stuff at Lowes/Home Depot, Sears, and other outlets. I use mine to run to the tire shop, Agri-Supply, and junkyards when I need to haul parts for use on other MV projects. I use mine to haul Scouts and Veterans in parades.

I use mine for display at restaurants, car and truck shows, and schools not only for the enjoyment of meeting new folks and talking about what the truck can do, but to learn from the Veterans and their families who always want to share a story and who get a certain gleam in their eyes, and to educate those who will pay attention to the role that these vehicles and their users played in preserving our way of life.

I use mine to go off road camping, fishing, or to get away from the crowd.

I use mine to drive down the highway because the view is better than that in my lower slung VW sedan...

I use mine to drive in convoys with other owners of Historic Military Vehicles of all types for the enjoyment of their company, the drive, and to remind folks of the events that provided for the creation of these vehicles.

I use mine as an excuse to travel and participate in rallies and other "get togethers" with other folks who own similar

vehicles so that I can socialize with their owners.

Similarly, I use mine as an excuse to converse with folks I likely will never meet in person but whom I know only through the ether of the Internet.

Oh yes, I also spend considerable time just looking at it in the yard...

What's your reason for owning yours? Send your answers to your newsletter editor for publication in a future issue...

▪ Cabell

## HERITAGE HILLS FOURTH OF JULY



Gregg Weiner's '62 Swiss 404 UNIMOG participating in the Heritage Hills annual July Fourth Parade. It's a fun, old-fashioned neighborhood parade with lots of kids, decorated bicycles, awards, and watermelon at the finish! Greg's Mog was the only military vehicle in the Heritage Hills parade this year, but he hopes that a few more NCMVPA members can make the event in 2005. Heritage Hills is just south of Chapel Hill

## CNC 4x4 SHOW

Evan, Amnon and Greg attended the CNC4x4 show at the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh on June 26. Big congrats to Amnon for landing the "Club Choice" award for his M35! This award is given for the favorite vehicle chosen by CNC4X4 club members at the event and is massive. The trophy that Amnon took home consisted of a ring and pinion gear mounted on a flywheel... Evan and Gregg displayed their Unimogs.



## UPCOMING SHOWS/EVENTS!!

### KUBEL KORPS REUNION

Aug 26-29, Gregg Weiner and his brother-in-law, Ben LeFever (who is also a NCMVPA member) are heading to Ohio for the 16th annual Kubel Korps Reunion of German vehicles on August 26-29, 2004. They are BOTH trailering Unimogs up there. Ben reportedly is almost through restoring his vintage Kublewagen...but it won't make it to Ohio this year... The Kubel Korps has proclaimed this to be "The Year of the Schwimmwagen"...and they are expecting nine to ten Schwimmers up there this year and probably as many or more Kubels. Look for a report of this event in a future issue...

### ATHS/NCMVPA SHOWS

Fall Show - Sept. 18, 2004  
Spencer NC - NC Transportation Museum  
Attend the event, show off your truck (restored or not) and drool over the hundred or so civilian and military trucks on display. The Transportation Museum will also be open for visitors... Cabell will be leading a convoy from Raleigh to the show, contact him at [cgarbee@ipass.net](mailto:cgarbee@ipass.net) if you'd like to join the group for all or part of the route. Show starts at 9:00AM and runs until 4:00PM.

Winter Show - Nov. 6, 2004  
Greensboro NC - NAPA Warehouse Hwy on the corner of NC68 and Gallimore Dairy Rd. Cabell will be leading a convoy from Raleigh to the show, contact him at [cgarbee@ipass.net](mailto:cgarbee@ipass.net) if you'd like to join the group for all or part of the route. Show starts at 9:00AM and runs until 4:00PM.

## CELEBRATE FREEDOM

Join other NCMVPA members at Celebrate Freedom in Camden, South Carolina on November 4-7, 2004. The air and ground show look to be bigger and better than ever. Information can be found on the event's website at:

[www.celebratefreedomfoundation.org](http://www.celebratefreedomfoundation.org)

NCMVPA participation information may be found in the "events" section of the NCMVPA website forums...

### VETERANS' DAY PARADE 2004

Once again, the NCMVPA has been invited to participate in the Veterans' Day Parade and ceremony in downtown Raleigh on November 11<sup>th</sup>. The group has been asked to help transport veterans in the parade and to display the vehicles at the Capitol after the parade. Contact Amnon or Cabell for information, or check the website forum...



Amnon's M35 at the 2002 ATHS show in Spencer. It will be the featured truck on this year's dash plaque for the event (as chosen by the ATHS membership)...

## **FIRST SATURDAYS IN RALEIGH/CARY**

Standing Saturday Meetings in Cary  
The First Saturday meetings in Cary (held on the first Saturday of each month at the Golden Coral. The group is now going to gather at the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in downtown Raleigh at noon and will then convoy to the Golden Coral for lunch. The gathering in the parking lot of the restaurant is at 1:00PM, and then we will go in to eat as a group and to continue whatever discussion(s) the group is interested in.

### **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...)

### **Directions to the Vietnam Memorial:**

From I40 on south side or Raleigh, take the Wilmington Street exit and head toward downtown Raleigh. The Memorial is located on the Capital Square on your left. From I440 on north side of Raleigh, take the Capital Blvd. exit and head toward downtown Raleigh turn left on Hillsboro Street. At the Capital Square (end of Hillsborough Street), turn right, then left, then left again (going around the Capital

Square) to the memorial that is located on the opposite side of the Capital building from Hillsboro Street.

## **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



Joe Trapp's M35 at the staging area in Aberdeen. Joe installed an air conditioner in the bed of his truck (powered by a generator in the trailer) so that he could enjoy cold air in the cab for the ride up to Aberdeen...



NCMVPA member Chris Land in Baghdad