

IMVPA NEWS

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Dick Bengoechea Honored as First Life Member



By unanimous vote of the Board, Dick Bengoechea, WW-2 veteran and long-time IMVPA member became the club's first Life Member! He was followed by Bruce Gates, Alex Gordon, and Mike Breshears. All received framed certificates at the club's December meeting. Life memberships are available for \$200. Congratulations to our first batch of "lifers!"

Meet Ron Powell

Ron Powell, is new to Idaho and our club. But he's not new to military vehicles—he was a member of the Utah military vehicle club.

Ron and his family moved to Meridian recently from Salt Lake City. He runs an e-commerce business from his home and his wife, Dawn, is a nurse practitioner. He's a veteran and current Army reservist with 25 years service.



His military vehicle? A restored 1944 GPW that he acquired in Utah as “yellow and a pile of parts and rust.” He knows little about its history other than it was purchased originally in Idaho. The two-year restoration in his garage assisted by some friends with mechanical expertise resulted in “My Love Dawn” pictured below, named after his wife.

Ron says his wife “resisted the project from the start but its hard to resist it now when her name is on it.” Look for “My Love Dawn” to be a part of the club’s 2014 parade and show circuit! “I’m itching to get out and meet everyone, and see their vehicles,” Ron said. “My hobby is Jeeping!”

In the meantime, please introduce yourself at the next meeting and make him feel welcome. Also, he’d appreciate help with his “wish list” of GPW parts: The box that goes under the passenger seat (for the radio suppression system?); a pintle hook for a Ben Hurr trailer; and one wooden top bow.

Contact him at rondoin_98@hotmail.com or 801-243-6753



SEMA Works on Behalf of Collector Vehicle Enthusiasts

Below story is verbatim from an e-mail I got from SEMA Action Network, a group that supports all collector vehicle hobbies. Please note in the “read more” link as this organization was effective in the last session of the Idaho Legislature in helping to defeat an increase in vehicle registration fees, and nationwide SEMA works to defeat ethanol fuel mandates.

“Another year of threats and opportunities affecting car enthusiasts throughout federal, state and provincial legislatures has come to a close. Despite increasingly difficult odds in some cases, the widespread forces comprising the SEMA Action Network (SAN) have earned an impressive number of victories. A comprehensive recap is highlighted in the new issue of [Driving Force](#) featured on the right. These accomplishments range from the protection of specialty parts and backyard restoration projects, limiting vehicle and property tax increases, increasing recreational access to public land, as well as limiting federal and state-level ethanol fuel mandates. Perhaps the greatest symbol of our hobby’s effort to unite lies in the expansion of jurisdictions recognizing Collector Car Appreciation Day. “ ([Read more](#))

High Desert Harley-Davidson Invites IMVPA Back in 2014

After two successive years of shows at High Desert Harley-Davidson in Meridian, the dealership contacted me this week to ask that we come back again this Summer. "I know it's early, but we would love to have your club back this year," said Todd Godfrey, the dealership's events manager.

These shows have been well-attended by our club and there's a natural affinity between Harley-Davidson riders, veterans and military vehicles.

Traditionally the High Desert H-D show is later in the summer after the "summer show rush" is over. Our participation will be a new business item at the next meeting.

IMVPA Participates in Boise Veteran's Day Parade

As customary, IMVPA turned out to participate in the annual Boise Veteran's Day parade. Pictured below is Dick Bengoechea's deuce and a half leading the way.



December 2013 Meeting at Vintage Airframes

It's always a special treat for IMVPA members to get to visit one of Mike Breshear's Vintage Airframes hangers at Caldwell Airport. Pizza was served during the dinner portion of the December meeting, and after a brief business session (hey, there's not as much business during the winter doldrums!) members walked around the hanger where the storied P-47 Thunderbolt, "Dottie May" (pictured below) is under restoration. A Hellcat was also in restoration (in background).

For those who have not had the pleasure, Mike is world-renowned for his meticulous war bird restorations and the level of complexity and detail is, in a word, mind-boggling.

While the goal is to use as much of the original aircraft as possible, many replacement parts down to the smallest fittings must be manufactured by Mike and his team using military blueprints. As many of us said to each other in awe as we walked around looking at the various components under restoration, "How would you even know where to begin with this?" But then, this is why Mike Breshears is considered a grand master in his specialty business!

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AMAZING WW2 Photos!

Military history buffs (and who's not in our club?!) will enjoy these post WWII photos:

☐☐☐ <http://www.theatlantic.com/infocus/2011/10/world-war-ii-after-the-war/100180/>

Back by Popular Demand!

At the December 2013 meeting, the existing Board was re-elected unanimously to another term. IMVPA Officers for 2014 are:

Bruce Gates	President	(208) 890-2249 / bruce@gatesassoc.net
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Save the Dates

IDAHO MILITARY VEHICLE ASSOC. ANNUAL
VINTAGE MILITARY SHOW

JUNE 4-7, 2014



IDAHO MILITARY TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM Grounds
Fruitland, Idaho

ADMISSION FREE
Open to the public Fri & Sat

Honoring All U.S. Services



Vintage Vehicles – See Real WWII, Korean, Vietnam, Desert Storm Jeeps, Big 6X6 Trucks, Tanks, Half Tracks and many more up close.

Raffle– Military items 1:30 Saturday

Swap Meet –Vehicles, Dealers selling military vehicle parts, tools, uniforms, field equipment, manuals, clothing, camping equipment. Bring your own to sell – spaces available.

Transportation Museum open free to the public

Desert Trail Rides – Daily trail rides

Military Displays

Vintage Vehicles on Display

Demonstrations

Car Crushing Friday & Sat 1 PM

MUSEUM Displays



Vehicles, parts, uniforms, equipment, tools

Open 9am to 5pm
Dealer/Vendor Spaces:
\$40.00, 20' X 25'
(\$30 if Pre-Registered by June 1)
Dealer setup Wed &
Thur
Open to Public Fri &
Sat



Exhibits of equipment, uniforms, photos, more!

Stuff to Buy

Location: Take Interstate 84 to ID/OR Border. Take Idaho Hwy 95/Exit 3 North ¼ mile. Motel list available on web. Dry Camping on site.

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1941 Carryall Available for Trade

We received this info from Derek Gore (406-660-1551 / derekgore1943@gmail.com who wants to trade a 1941 Dodge Carryall:

All original, starts, runs and drives excellent. We use it in every show, and use it daily during the summer. We win every show we take it to, and it gets the most attention. This vehicle is all original and unrestored. Great as it stands and ready to take to shows, and would make an excellent candidate for restoration. This truck IS NOT rusted out or trashed. Was appraised for \$17,500 by Jim Causey in California. We are looking to trade for another military vehicle from WWII to Present. Or a unique military piece(s) like artillery, heavy weaponry, etc. Tell me what you got.



Golden Corral Veteran's Appreciation Day

A few shots of the IMVPA contingent at the annual Golden Corral Veteran's Appreciation event at the Caldwell Golden Corral.





Help!! Member Profiles / Newsletter Content Wanted

Okay, Ron Powell got profiled in this issue because he's the new guy! But I'd like to start including a profile on a member in every issue of the newsletter, so everyone can know others better and what vehicles they own.

Just need a brief write up about your background and vehicles.

And, we would also like to feature vehicles and equipment for sale, and anything else you would like to share with the other members. The newsletter is only as good as the input we get from you!

If you are interested in being featured, please let me know by e-mail:

bwmccahill@me.com.