NATIONAL MILITARY VEHICLE COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

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INTRODUCTORY ISSUE

Plans are well underway within your North Jersey Chapter, for an active and lively assemblage of U.S. military vehicle enthusiasts. The newly-elected executive board met on December 10 to begin to implement the expressed desires of the membership at the initial meeting on December 4. Membership lists are being distributed, and the By-laws put into final form.

For better or worse, these are the fellows that were elected on December 10: Chairman - Dennis R. Spence Secretary - Charles Gausten Vice-Chairman - Harold Ratzburg Treasurer - Jack Tensen

Beginning in the next issue of MOTOR POOL MESSENGER, we will include a WANT LIST for the benefit of chapter members. Let the Editor know.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND- The NMVCA had its first meeting in October 1970 and began accepting charter members in December 1970 as the Military Vehicle Enthusiasts Organization (M*O*V*E). President since the beginning has been Frank Bricker, of Whittier, California, a Los Angeles suburb. There are now over 300 members throughout the U.S. and the world. There are presently chapters of NMVCA in Kansas City, Sacramento-Bay Area, Chicago, New Orleans, and Washington, D.C. area.

NEXT MEETING- The next general meeting will be on Monday, January 15 at 8pm sharp at Jack Tensen's motor pool. Mark it now on your calendar.

PAY UP- It is not enough just to pay your dues to the chapter, you must belong to NMVCA, and that also costs \$5, and that includes a subscription to "TM", a very worthwhile publication compiled by the President of NMVCA. The address is NMVCA, P.O.Box 23491, Los Angeles, California 90023.

HANDY INFO- Since some of the chapter members are relatively new to the military vehicle field, and others come from geographically remote areas, we are listing here some "basic" addresses and other useful info for the benefit of all:

Selected list - Dealers in military vehicles and/or parts

Van Dine 4wd center - 155 State Hwy.17, Paramus, N.J.07652 (201)265-4249. Next to Tool Town, north of Sate Hwy.4.

Sarafan - 23 No. Madison Ave., Spring Valley, N.Y. 10977 (201)265-1777.

Supreme Surplus Sales - P.O.Box 174, Metuchen, N.J. 08840 (201)548-8282. On U.S.1, Edison. Linden Equipment Co., Box 574, Linden. Texas 75563

Book titles by Olyslager Organisation's Part Vanderveen, and published by Warne & Co. Observer's fighting vehicles directory, World War II. Out of print, but a while-they-last supply at Linden Equipment for \$5.95 postpaid.

Observer's military vehicles directory from 1945. To be published in U.S. in February 1973 at \$5.95.

The Jeep. \$4.95.

The Wall Street Journal ran ads recently for "quality transportation bargains" with a box number. The "factory new army jeeps" are new CJ-3Bs apparently built in India, effered at \$2530 each, FOB Asian port. Oh, yes, cannot be sold in the U.S.

The last page is self-explanatory; in some states, any vehicle on a public street must be licensed. It might prevent an accident to use a "Car in Tow" sign and to have brake and directional lights on the rear of the towed vehicle.



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PHONE 292-4537

Mr. Donald P. Schlachter 23 Overlook Avenue West Orange, New Jersey 07052

Dear Mr. Schlachter:

Your letter of April 12th concerning a 1944 Ford Military $\frac{1}{4}$ ton Jeep has been referred to me for reply.

If you are merely going to tow this vehicle behind your car it would not have to be registered and licensed. However, you must make sure that the hitch is safe.

If you restore this vehicle to the original 1944 specifications, it is possible that it could be registered and licensed for driving on the public roads. Headlights must be approved type sealed beam headlights which meet the SAE Standards. Some Military Jeeps were equipped with special type headlights which are not approved for use on the public highways. However, if necessary, you could obtain approved type sealed beam headlight units for your Jeep at any automotive supply store.

We hope the information in this letter will be helpful to you.

Very truly yours,

John A. McLaine, Chief

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