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FROM THE PRESIDENT

by "Big Lou" Sliazis

Prior to Lowell, this has not been a good year for rallies. The cold, high winds and threatening rain kept a lot of people from the Delaware rally this year.

The same thing happened at the Connecticut rally. Wind and rain for the first day kept people away. By the way, both rallies were very well run. A lot of people put a great deal of work and effort into them. It's a shame that the weather held back the crowds.

The 4th of July parade in Florham Park was great. Excellent attendance, but not all the chapter members attended the picnic that had said they would...what happened?

Lisa and Harold Ratzberg did an outstanding job as hosts of the chapter picnic. No one who attended was left wanting for anything. Lisa Ratzberg is really a great hostess. I know of the effort that went into the picnic, including a new pool cover to keep the water warm. If you didn't attend, you missed a great time.

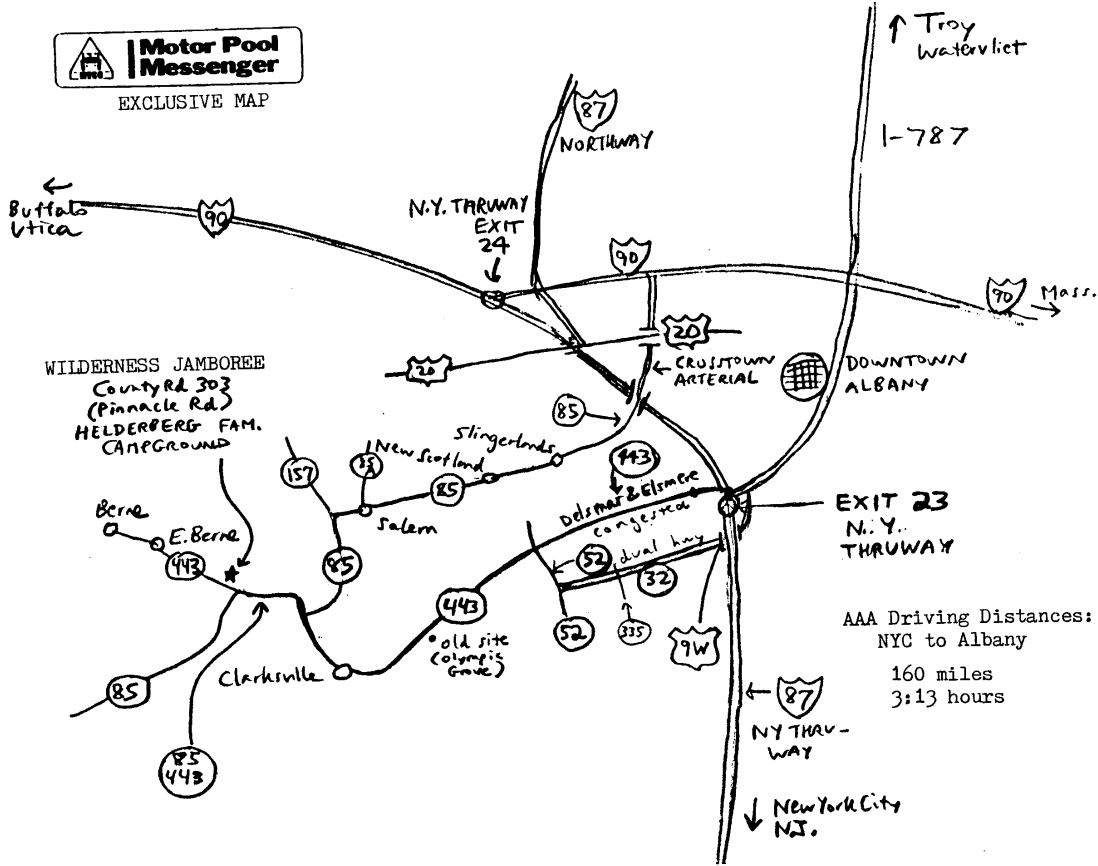
Next year: maybe we should change the date of the picnic so that more members could attend. Think about it!

ABERDEEN

The Aberdeen Proving Ground tour on July 16 was a great success. It was conceived and conducted by Lee Holland of the Central Virginia Chapter. Over 300 people viewed the famous Munson test course (with a demonstration of an M-1 tank climbing a steep 60 degree slope), a display of current military vehicles (listed below), and the rebuilding shops of Soviet-bloc military vehicles (rides offered on a GAZ-66 two ton truck, and a BTR-152 wheeled armored personnel carrier), and lunch at the Officer's Club, and lastly, the Ordnance Museum.

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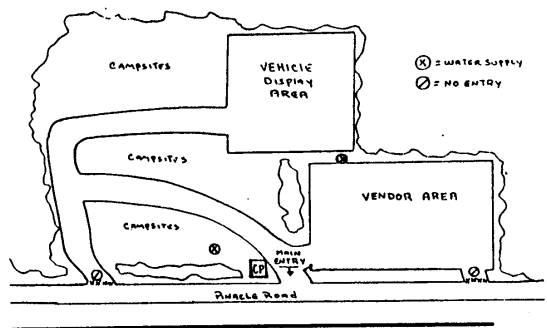
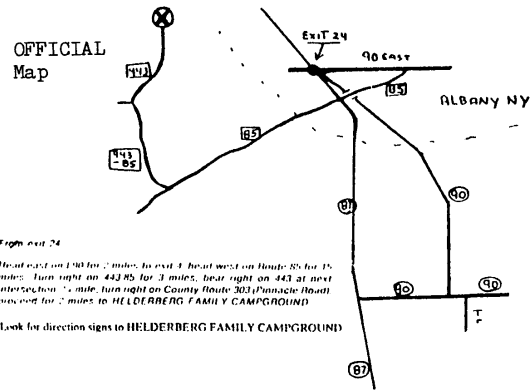
- M60A3 Main battle tank
- M1 Abrams main battle tank
- M88A1 Recovery vehicle, tracked
- M109A3 Self-propelled howitzer
- M998 "Hummer" 1¼ ton vehicle, example built 1985 by AM General
- M911 Tractor truck (C-HET), example built 1979 by Oshkosh
- M977 Truck (HEMTT), example built 1984 by Oshkosh



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WILDERNESS JAMBOREE

Presumably sponsored by the Upstate New York Chapter, MVCC, although this is NOT mentioned on the official flyer. Further information (again not on flyer): Bill Davis, 518-783-7152. Deadline for pre-registration was July 21. Gate prices "will be 20% higher than pre-registration prices..."



WILDERNESS JAMBOREE

FRI SAT SUN
AUGUST 15-16-17 1986
CLARKSVILLE, NEW YORK
 (near Albany, N.Y.)



PRE-REGISTRATION PRICES (already past)
Family registration for weekend @ \$25.00
Vendor campsite/sales area @ \$25.00
Additional 15 x 30 vendor site @ \$10.00
Vehicles for judging @ \$3.00 each \$ ____

A FAMILY FUN MILITARY VEHICLE RALLY INCLUDING SCENIC CAMPING, GIANT FLEA MARKET, SOCIAL EVENTS, VEHICLE JUDGING, COOKOUT AND BOTH FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NITE BONFIRES.

Camp in the beautiful Helderberg Mountains and enjoy panoramic views of the Hudson Valley and the Catskills. You can view four states from our camping area. Visit our huge flea market, walk in the woods and attend various social events throughout the weekend while enjoying our crisp, cool mountain air. A campground store is within walking distance. Port-a-johns are conveniently located throughout the campsite areas. Ice is available at the camp store. Potable water is available in the camping area.

TIME TABLE					
<u>FRIDAY</u> - Aug 15		<u>SATURDAY</u> - Aug 16		<u>SUNDAY</u> - Aug 17	
Registration	12 noon to dark	Registration	8 a.m. to 12 noon	Flea market	7 a.m. to 12 noon
Flea market	12 noon to dark	Flea market	7 a.m. to dark	Move out	12 noon
Bonfire social	7 p.m. to 10 p.m. (Free soda and marshmallows) (Bring your own stick)	Vehicle display and judging	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.		
		Cookout included in registration	7 p.m. until the food is gone...		
		Judging awards	8 p.m. to 9 p.m.		
		Bonfire social	follows awards (BYOB)		

Family registration consists of member and guest or spouse and children, all others should register separately. Both family and vendor registration includes a participant ribbon for all members of their party. Ribbons must be worn at all times for identification. All registrations include camp or vendor sites, admittance to events and cookout. Vendors wishing more than a 15 x 30 space may purchase an additional space for \$10.00. All vehicles entered for judging will be issued a dash plaque. No firearms or pyrotechnics are allowed on the premises. Vehicle movement will be kept to a minimum with a speed limit of 5 MPH. We reserve the right to expell persons violating campground rules. You must register as a family or vendor to attend events or have your vehicle judged or displayed.

LOWELL

The MVCC Directors, chapter representatives and some 200 members at Lowell, Massachusetts agreed on July 20 that legal action was the only possible recourse to prevent further erosion and loss of the rights of all MVCC members. Jack Tomlin, President of MVCC since 1984, and Director since 1980, offered to be the chairman of a group of MVCC members that are deeply concerned about the ditching of the Denver agreement last March (which called for democratic geographic elections), and the illegal substitution of a rigged and totally unfair election by the Colorado management.

Because of a September 1 deadline for this rigged election, legal action will be sought to let the courts decide the issue.

In order to fund the necessary legal action, financial contributions are now being solicited from all MVCC members that are concerned about the future of the club. Several MVCC members who are also attorneys have said that any less drastic action than the legal system would only be "spinning our wheels".



Coming Events

- Mon. Aug. 11 - NJC monthly membership meeting, Florham Park's Bonanza, 7:30 (19.30 hr)
- Sat. Aug. 16 - Wilderness Jamboree military vehicle rally, near Albany, New York. Flyer reproduced elsewhere.
- Fri-Sat. Aug. 29-31 - Annual ASMIC and AAMUC convention, Arlington, Va. Usually held near Cincinnati, Ohio. Host this year: George Peterson.
- Mon. Sept. 8 - NJC monthly membership meeting, Florham Park's Bonanza, 1930 hours.
- Sat. Sept. 13 - Meadowlands Militaria show, at new location (same as June show), Paul VI high school, 775 Valley Road, Clifton, N.J. 9AM on.

- Thur-Sat. Oct. 2-4 - Carlisle, Pa. automotive fall swap meet
- Thur-Sat. Oct. 9-11 - Hershey, Pa. AACA automotive fall swap meet.
- Fri-Sat-Sun. Oct 10-12 - 1986 national battle, WW2 Historical Re-enactment Society, Farmington, Pa, 50 miles SE of Pittsburgh.
- Mon. Oct. 13 - NJC monthly membership meeting, Florham Park's Bonanza, 1930 hours.
- Sat. Oct. 25 - Sarafan annual open house, Spring Valley, N.Y.



Classified Advertising

- FOR SALE: GMC CCW 353 6x4 2½ ton truck, 1943, with plow. Offered in Hemmings for \$2200, must sell at rock bottom price of \$1100. Call for further info. Ted Bromage, 201-966-1080
- FOR SALE: Willys MB jeep, 1944 for PARTS. \$100. Sgt. Frank Brewer, 201-888-1417 evenings.
- FOR SALE: Ford GTB bomb truck. At East Hanover Sunoco. Call Harold Ratzburg for details, 201-887-2574
- FOR SALE: Willys MB, 1942, extra parts, Pinto engine, snow plow. Call Bernie Bungler, 201-463-7855

- WANTED: Top bows for ½ ton Command Car - any leads appreciated. Charlie Burke, 718-984-8227
- WANTED: Jeep radio mount (angle iron) for AN/GRC-3 - fit in back of Jeep in lieu of seat - Frank Nasto, Jr. 201-687-9644
- WANTED: Split rim for Ford GPW - with or without ND tire. Dick Ivory. 201-686-9644



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