

# MOTOR POOL MESSENGER

## Military Transport Association of North Jersey

March 1999 Peter B. Berendsen, Editor, 152 Rockwood Rd., Florham Park, NJ 07932, 973-966-1862

### Minutes:

Minutes of the February 8, 1999 meeting of the Military Transport Association of North Jersey.

At 8:10 p.m. President John Sobotka rapped his substitute gavel (a spoon) on the table in an attempt to call the meeting to order. Seventeen members were present including Bob Foley, Tom Fisher, Pete Berendsen, Harold Ratzburg, Lou Sliazis, Jack White, Al Axelrad, Frank Nasto, Frank Eichenlaub, Dick Ivory, Don Covart, Rick Frei, Neil Frei, Dan Lacey, Dave Ahl, and one anonymous member who didn't sign the sheet.

Mr. Sobotka waived a reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and asked for corrections. A voice from the far end of the table pointed out that the armory was in West Orange, not East Orange, a correction which was duly noted.

Rick Frei gave the treasurer's report which noted an opening balance of \$4,971.42, deposits of \$200.00 from the Hawthorne display, \$260.00 from membership renewals, and \$12.00 from the January 50/50. One disbursement of \$550.00 was made for the club sign, leaving a balance of \$4,893.42.

Mr. Sobotka called upon Jack White and Don Covart for the sign committee report which was as follows: "There it is." "We did it." And there it was at the end of the room, a gorgeous 5' x 4' metal sandwich-type sign (fits in a 1/4-ton trailer) with the club name, logo, and address in colorful vinyl. Don pointed out that he specified commercial quality vinyl because it would last longer in the weather and the red color would not fade as quickly. Our applause to Jack and Don for a job well done! But now what project can we leave to our grandchildren as an ongoing legacy?

Mr. Sobotka raised the question of magnetic vehicle signs. Mr. Covart said that he could get such signs for about \$15 each. Mr. Nasto said that if the club pays for sign, people don't take responsibility for them and they get damaged and lost. Mr. Frei said that in the past the club paid for signs, but later the members had to pay for them. Mr. Axelrad said that maybe the club could pay for half of the sign. Discussion ensued after which Mr. Ahl moved that the club pay for half of the cost of magnetic vehicle signs and the member pay the other half. Mr. Sliazis seconded the motion and it was carried.

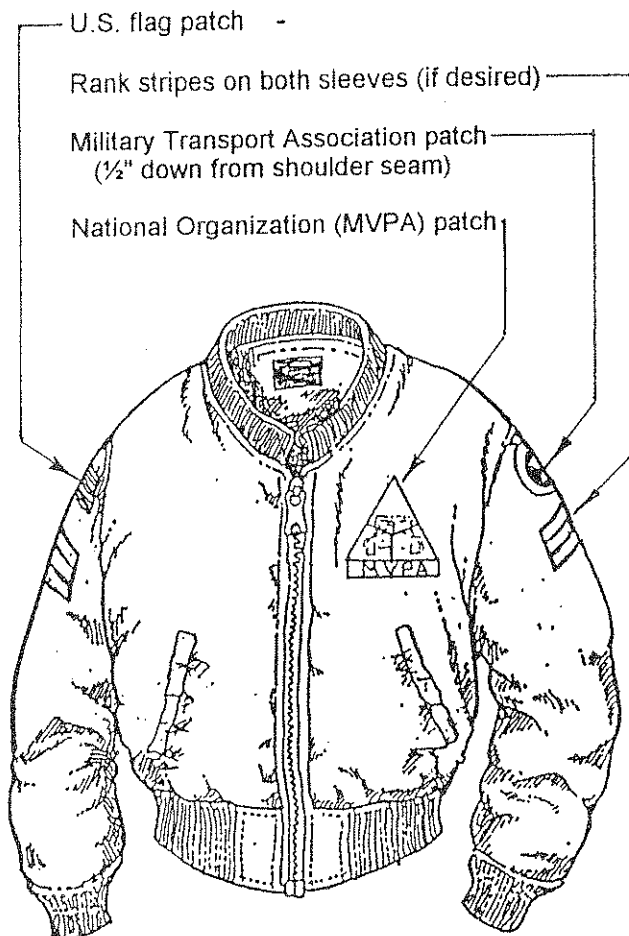
On the subject of parades, Mr. Berendsen said that his company had received some tubing packaged in plastic bags that were the perfect size in which to carry a rolled up flag and that he would bring these bags to the next parade to hand out.

Mr. Axelrad reported that both Livingston and West Caldwell wanted us to participate in their Memorial Day parades on May 31. After some discussion it was decided that participants would be rewarded to lunch at the 94<sup>th</sup> Bomber Squadron restaurant. However, the club will pay for the lunch of parade participants *only!*

Mr. Axelrad also asked that people to sign up tonight for that "thing in Brooklyn." What thing in Brooklyn was the obvious question and it finally came out that people who had military Jeeps with tops were being sought to drive in a parade as part of

a Levi's jeans commercial on Thursday, February 18 and that they were to meet at the Staten Island ferry before 7 p.m. the evening before. The company shooting the commercial was offering to pay \$750 per vehicle. Five club members eventually signed up.

Not wishing to repeat his fashion modeling debut of the previous meeting, Mr. Ratzburg brought a drawing of a tanker jacket showing where the various emblems should be placed. Mr. Axelrad felt that rank designations should not be put on an essentially civilian piece of clothing whereas Mr. Sobotka felt that that was a decision to be made by each individual. Three years ago when the club bought jackets from U.S. Cavalry, they cost \$110 each; about half of the club members present have one of those jackets. At that time, the cost of the jacket to each member was proportional to his participation in parades and club events and attendance at club meetings. Thus the price to members ranged from absolutely free to a high of about \$100. There seemed to be sentiment that this procurement process be repeated, but nothing was decided.



An embroidered club emblem was also discussed with many people offering input. Mr. Sobotka asked that members who knew of sources of patches get prices for 2½" and 3" ones before the next meeting.

Mr. Sobotka reported that Port Morris is still in the running as a possible location for the state transportation museum, but that Phillipsburg is still the front runner. He has been asked to put on a 15-minute slide presentation for the museum committee in April on what we would like to see in it. Someone mentioned Ike's remarks about the four vehicles that won WWII (bulldozer, CCKW, DC3, and landing craft) and felt that would be a good starting point.

Current president Mr. Sobotka reported that he talked to former president Mr. Krentler and that he is happy in his new job just 8 miles from his new home in Bethlehem, PA.

Mr. Sobotka gingerly raised the issue of whether the club should hold a full-fledged MV rally/flea market. Not this year, but maybe next. Much boisterous discussion ensued which I will not even attempt to report. "The seed has been planted."

The 50-50 took in \$30 and, after some confusion in drawing non-existent tickets, Mr. Nasto went home \$15 richer and Mr. Lacey got a beautiful sheet of holographic MV stickers.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

—respectfully submitted, Dave Ahl, Secretary

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### Calendar:

13/6/99 - Saturday - Meadowlands Militaria  
3/8/99 - Monday - Meeting, 8 pm, Gionna's, East Hanover  
4/12/99 - Monday - Meeting, Gionna's, East Hanover  
4/22-25/99 - Thurs.- Sun. - Spring Carlisle  
5/10/99 - Monday - Meeting, Gionna's, East Hanover  
5/20-22/99 - Aberdeen  
5/31/99 - Monday - Parades, Livingston and West Caldwell

Please remember that Gionna's deserves to have our dinner business. The best part of the meeting is the social exchange. Please plan to come early and have dinner. Come to the next meeting and learn what happened to those who went to the Dockers Promotional.

Included herewith is the 1999 membership listing. I suggest that you detach this and keep it near the phone. Add to it as we gain new members and their names and phone numbers are published in this newsletter. The 1999 list will not be printed again this year.

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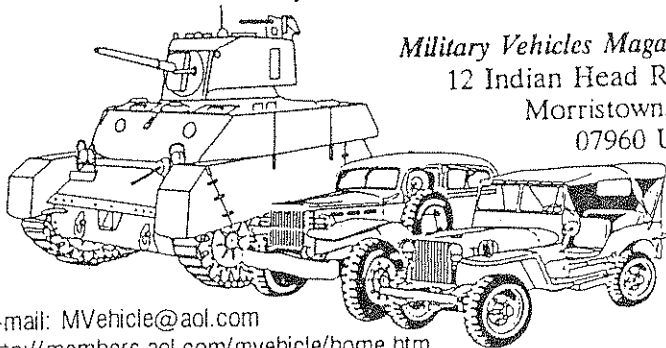
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