



MOTOR POOL MESSENGER

Military Transport Association of North Jersey

August 2000

David H. Ahl, Editor

Minutes:

Minutes of the July 10, 2000 Meeting of the Military Transport Association of North Jersey.

In the side room of Godfather's Pizza Restaurant, after checking to see if the secretary still had a messy piece of pizza dangling from his note-taking hand (he didn't), President John Sobotka rapped the gavel at 8:19 p.m. to bring the meeting to order (loosely speaking).

A total of 27 members were in attendance including:

Dave Ahl	Rick Frei	Harold Ratzburg
Al Axelrad	Dick Ivory	Wendy Scarpan
Pete Berendsen	Mark Jezewski	John Sobotka
Tony Bradley	Harvey Lawshe	Michael Solomon
Al Burghardt	Tom Markert	David Steinert
Mark Burghardt	Jim Moore	Brian Volonte
David Coward	Bill Peaslee	George Wagner
Tom Fisher	Jack Pellington	Tom Weaver
Bob Foley	John Peterson	David Young

The minutes from the June 12 meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

The treasurer's report presented by Mr. Frei indicated an opening balance of \$3,041.90, deposits of \$882.00 from two parades, three new members, and our secret internal fundraising device; disbursements of \$24 Mr. Sobotka's parade-related expenses, leaving a new balance of \$3,899.90.

Committee Reports

For the parade committee, Mr. Axelrad commended members for participating in four Independence Day parades (five if one counts Brookside, aka Mendham Township and the six of us who drove in it *are* counting it. Even though the club did not get paid for our participation, the WWII vets who rode in our vehicles were mighty happy we were there).

Complaints were registered by several members that the posted reporting time for several parades was 1½ to 2+ hours before the parade actually started. Even if one uncharitably thinks of us as an unruly bunch that take a great deal of time to line up properly, 45 minutes is probably enough to get even our most incorrigible member in line (you know who you are). Mr. Axelrad said he'd look into this problem next parade season.

The 4H Fair at Schooley's Mountain Park July 27-30 was mentioned in passing, but it was not at all clear whether we would or would not be participating. I'd bet "not."

Despite the absence of the chicken bar-b-que committee (Mr. Bancale and Mr. Headley), the event was discussed and a sign-up sheet passed around. This joint event with the Red Ball Club is scheduled for Saturday, August 19 at Sven Johnson's farm in Johnsonburg, NJ (see map). 16 members signed up with an additional 7 spouses and children. This is a *family event*, so bring the whole crowd. If you did not sign up at the meeting but wish to go, please call Brain Bancale at 973-209-0454. Chicken, etc. will be provided, but members are encouraged to bring a

dessert (cookies, brownies, pies, fruit, etc.).

Mr. Axelrad requested reimbursement for parade-related expenses (phone, mail, etc.) and Mr. Berendsen moved that the club approve \$100 for this. Mr. Sobotka upped the amount to \$150. A vote was taken and the measure passed.

Mr. Sobotka reported that member turnout for the Paramus Veteran's Home event was sparse (4 vehicles), but fortunately there were not large numbers of veterans either. Three of these vehicles went onto the Wings Expo 2000 at Teterboro Airport. Mr. Sobotka noted that at the Teterboro show and at several parades the club picked up a new member, which suggests that all members ought to carry extra membership forms around in their vehicles to give to interested enthusiasts.

Mr. Ahl mentioned that the activities director at the Lyons VA Hospital would like to have a display of vehicles some day for patients. Mr. Ahl to follow up.

Mr. Sobotka said that he had been contacted by the American Truck Historical Society, the sponsors of the September 10 truck show in Ledgewood (popularly known as the Ray Bentley show), asking if we would help with the traffic and parking in return for some \$\$\$\$. There was much spirited discussion which I will not attempt to summarize here except to say that some members felt that we oughta get in free in exchange for our services and others feeling that if you want to compete for an award, you can afford to pay the nominal entrance fee. Bottom line: the club will help, conditions to be determined.

Old Business

Recalling the discussion from last meeting in which he was blamed for the disappearance of the club's non-profit corporation number, Mr. Ratzburg brought a copy of the year 2000 annual report showing the ID number as 0010-3849-26 (and the vice president of the club as "B B"). No other old business.

Vehicles for TV and Movies

Mr. Ratzburg told members that he had recently received a letter from Jerry Immersi of Cars for Film looking for people with military vehicles to put onto his database. [Ironically, a few days later I received a similar request from Joe Sargo of Movie-time Cars.] If you are willing to make your vehicle available for TV shows or movies, here's how you register. Put together one page on each vehicle including the following:

Vehicle make, model, color, year

Your name, address, phone

Can you transport the vehicle? Can other people drive it?

Two or three representative photos (min. front ¾, rear ¾)

Send your registrations to:

• G. Jerry Immersi, Cars for Films, 166-174 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Newark, NJ 07104, 973-484-9755

• Joe Sargo, Movietime Cars, 759-763 Riverside Ave., Lyndhurst, NJ 07071, 201-964-0177.

Mr. Sobotka's wife went away for a week so he painted his M35A2. We should all be so lucky.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

—respectfully submitted, Dave Ahl, Secretary

Officers for 2000:

President John Sobotka
37 Mountain Trail, Hopatcong, NJ 07843, 973-398-3692
Vice President Brian Bancale
56 Newton Ave., Sussex, NJ 07461, 973-875-6985
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12 Indian Head Rd, Morristown, NJ 07960, 973-285-0716
Treasurer Rick Frei
P.O. Box 628, Blairstown, NJ 07825, 908-362-5045

Member Services:

We are considering running business card ads for member services (and others) at the rate of \$10 per year (a bargain!). Any opinions?

Landscaping, Retaining Walls, Patios, Walks Don Covart,
Fox Hollow Landscaping, 973-263-8106, 335-4367
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Calendar:

Please note that this calendar is a much-expanded version of the one that usually appears here. It lists many events of interest to members, not just "official" club events. Meetings, parades, and events that are officially sanctioned by the club are listed in **BOLD UPPER-CASE TYPE**, while other events are listed in standard typeface. (All dates are listed in **bold**.)

Thurs.-Sat., Aug 10-12: MVPA National Convention, Kansas City, MO. Info: Kay Willard-Hinga, 816-737-5111.

Sun, Aug. 13: Antique Truck Club of America Regional Show. Fireman's Field, Route 15, Jefferson Twp. Pre-registration \$10. Contact Russ Fisher, 81 Rt. 46 West, Fairfield, NJ 07004. Fax: 973-227-4978.

Mon, Aug. 14: **MTA MEETING**, Godfathers Pizza, Pharmed Plaza, Rt. 10, East Hanover (7:00 dinner, 8:00 meeting)

Sat., Aug 19: **MTA/RED BALL BAR-B-QUE**. Chicken bar-b-que, softball (bring you glove, ball and bat), and family picnic at Sven Johnson's farm. Arrive late morning and stay the day. Bring a dessert. Sign up with Brian Bancale at 973-209-0454. (See detailed map).

Thu.-Sat., Sep. 7-9: Red Ball Rally and Flea Market, Tobyhanna, PA. Displays, vendors, trail rides, camping. For infor, call George Sebring, 570-421-8980.

Sun., Sep. 10: **AMER TRUCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY SHOW**, Ledgewood, NJ. At Adam Metal Products Co., Orben Drive, off Rt 10 west. (See detailed map)

Mon, Sep. 11: **MTA MEETING**, Godfathers Pizza, Pharmed Plaza, Rt. 10, East Hanover (7:00 dinner, 8:00 meeting)

Sat.-Sun., Oct. 7-8: Long Island MV Club Show. VFW Post, Wickham Ave. (off Rt 25), Mattatuck, NY. Info: Rich Miller, 631-727-2792 or Bill Macomber, 631-298-5916.

News From Trenton:

A new threat to classic car and military vehicle owners are the "remote sensors" that are being installed on New Jersey roads. So far, three have been installed in this area of I-287 near Martinsville, Route 206 in Mount Olive, and Route 46 near Hackettstown, with many more to come. These are cameras with an infrared unit that checks vehicle emissions as you drive by. They work like remote radar, where you don't even know you got caught until you get a ticket in the mail. The units check carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons, and nitrogen oxide. Tickets are automatically issued for any vehicle that measures above the levels imposed by the Clean Air Act of 1990, which means just about every military vehicle and every car with a QQ plate on the road. Three of these tickets and you lose the vehicle registration because it is considered a "gross vehicle polluter."

Because this test is mandated by the federal government and not the state, vintage vehicles are not automatically exempt. The state told the Classic Vehicle Advocate Group that QQ vehicles will eventually be exempt, but the group feels it must keep the pressure on because promises have been broken or delayed before. For example, over two years ago DOT, EPA, and the NJ DMV agreed on the conditions for issuing a restricted use license for collector cars driven less than 5000 miles per year but that are less than 25 years old. It still hasn't happened. Write to your congressman!

On a related issue, John Sobotka tells me that you now need two photos of your vehicle with your application for QQ plates. Your insurance company will want a couple of photos, so take some extras or get double prints for the Trenton gang.

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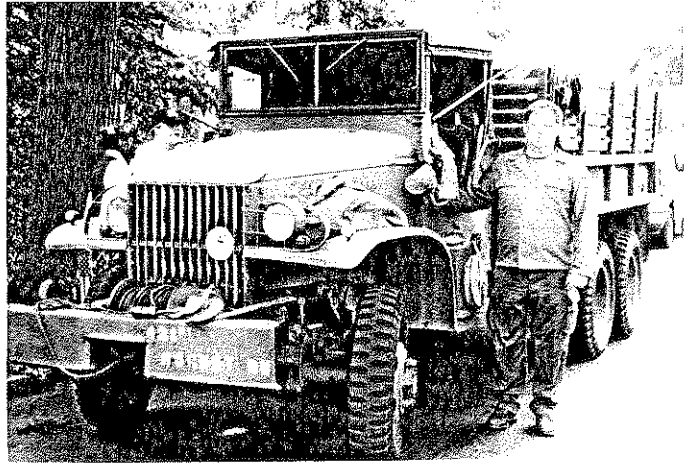
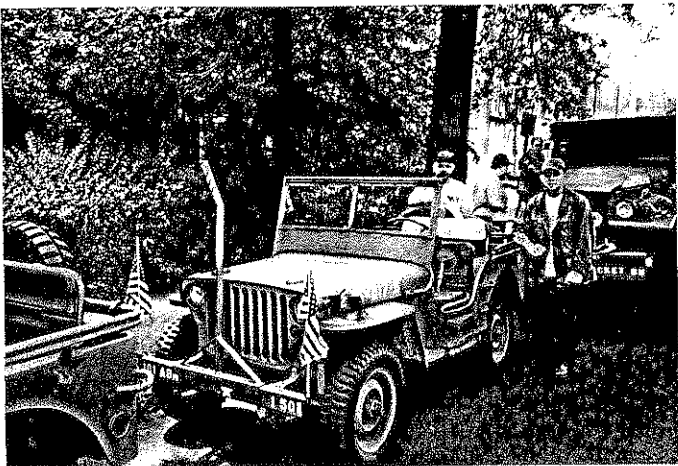
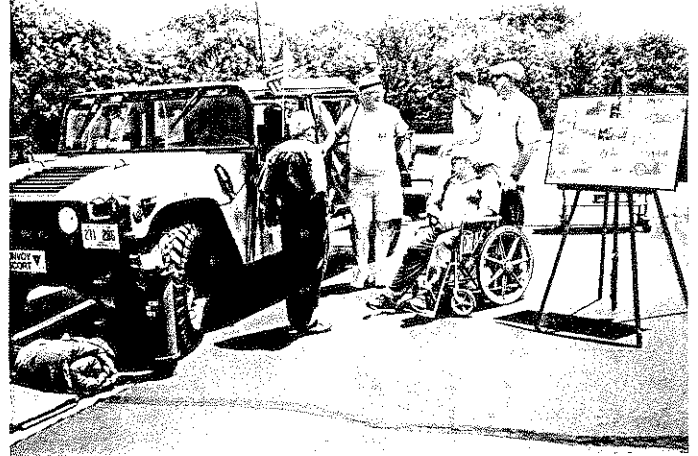
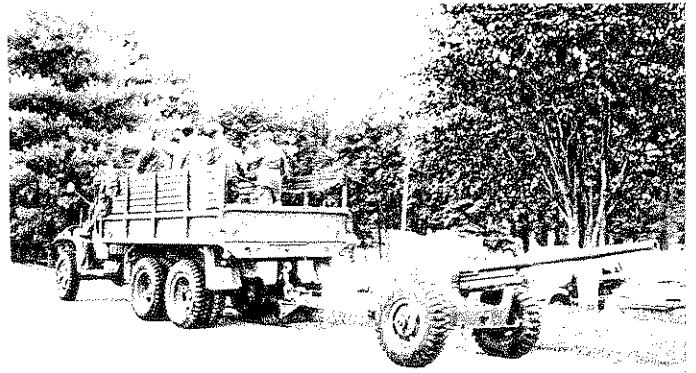
A new threat to drivers in the year 2016 is Justin Covart, 7 lbs, 13 oz, born Wednesday, July 19. Don is beaming and Nicki is doing well. Congratulations to the proud parents!



"Dear, I think I've been very patient and understanding about your collecting and restoring old military vehicles...but do you have to dress like that?"

Photos of Recent Club Activities

1. Rick Frei's CCKW deuce pulling the Sparta VFW howitzer in the Sparta Memorial Day Parade.
- 2, 3. Veterans look over Brian Bancale's M20 and Dave Ahl's HMMWV at the Paramus Veteran's Home, Saturday, June 17.
4. Club vehicles in the Brookside Independence Day parade.
5. At the Teterboro air show, Joe Rizzo (with family and M37) signed on as a new member of the club.
- 6, 7. Montville Independence Day parade: Mark Ziegler and his Willys MB and Rick Frei with his GMC CCKW.

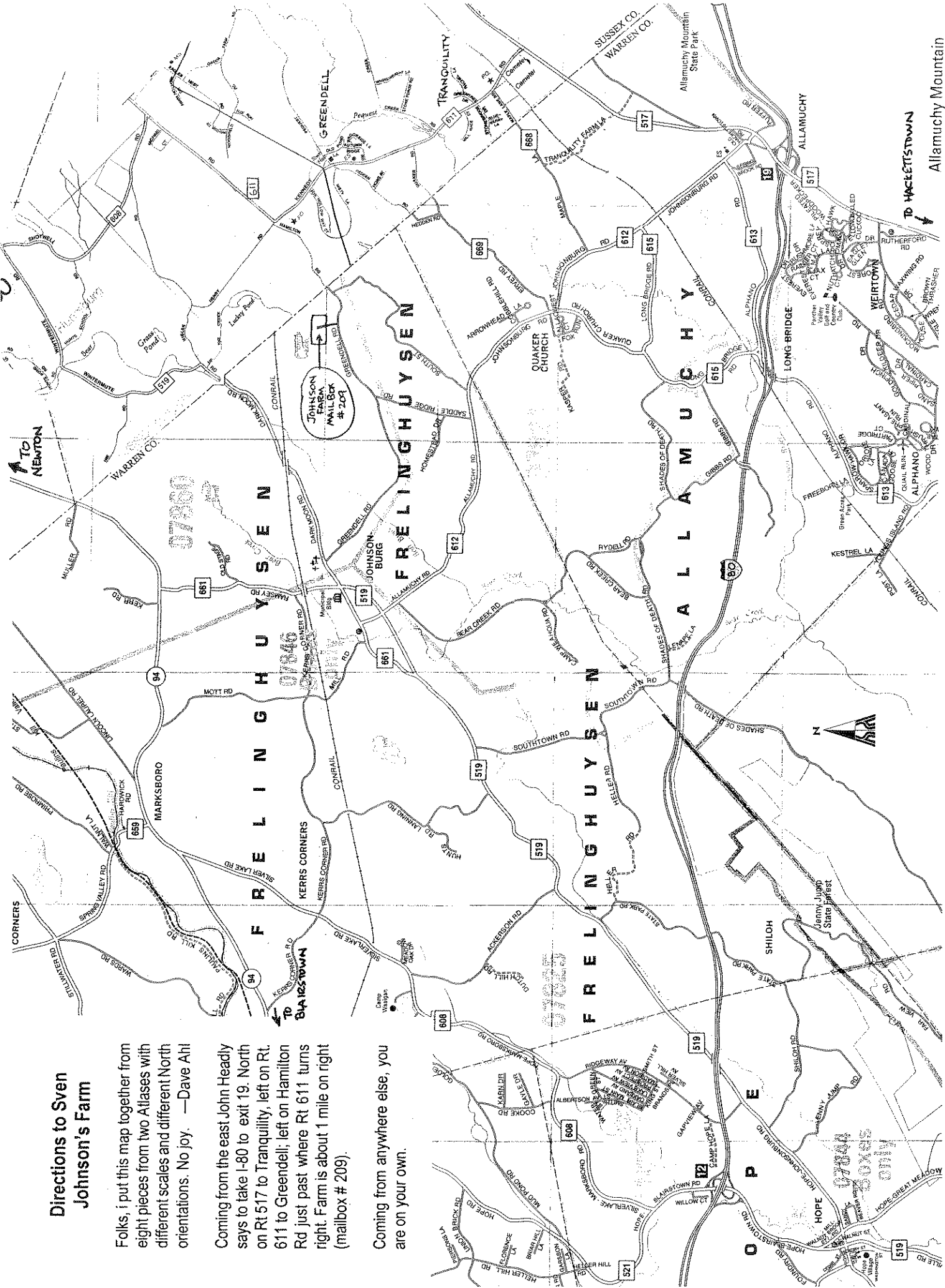


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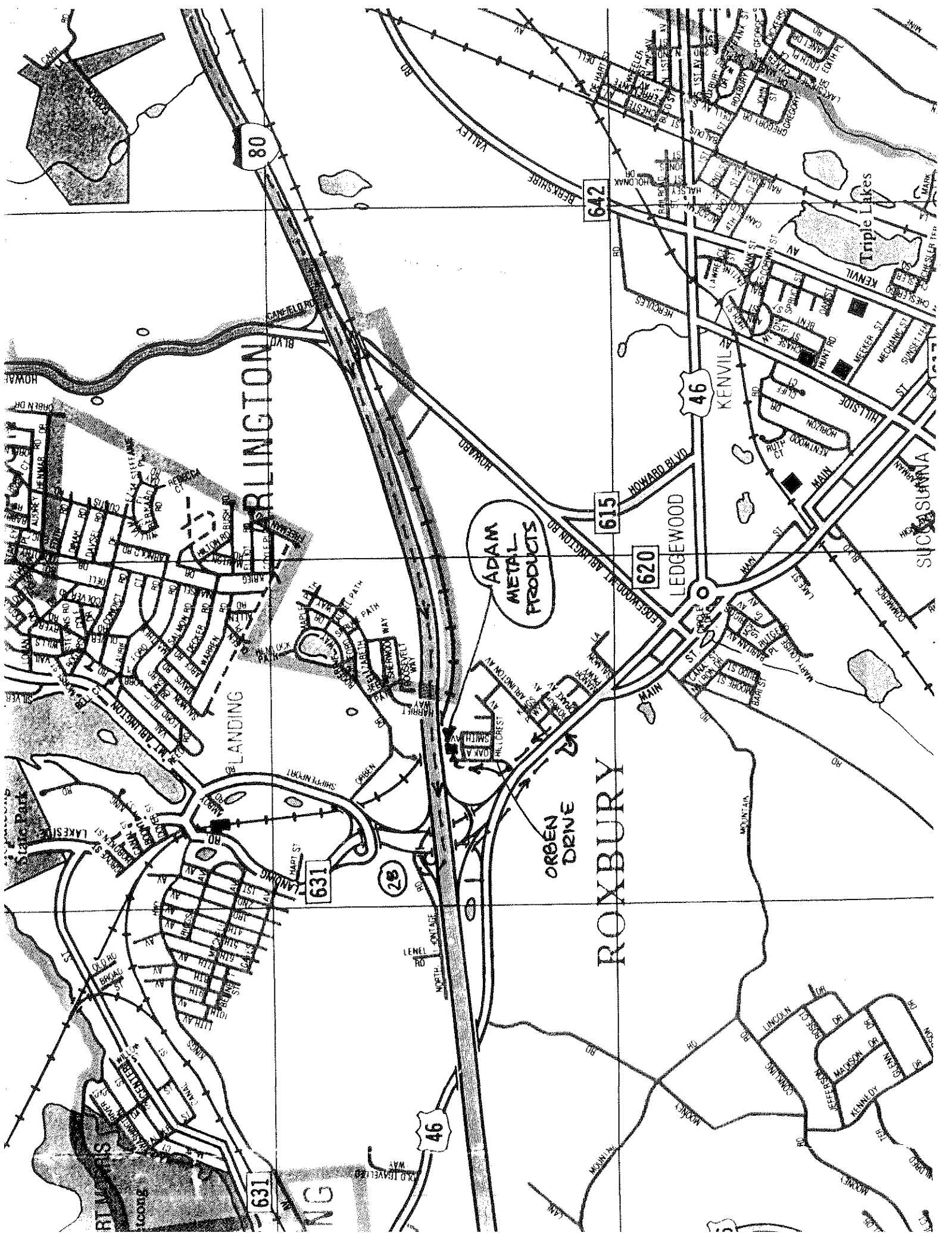
Folks, I put this map together from eight pieces from two Atlases with different scales and different North orientations. No joy. —Dave Ahl

Coming from the east John Heady says to take I-80 to exit 19. North on Rt 517 to Tranquility, left on Rt. 611 to Greendell; left on Hamilton Rd just past where Rt 611 turns right. Farm is about 1 mile on right (mailbox # 209).

Coming from anywhere else, you are on your own.



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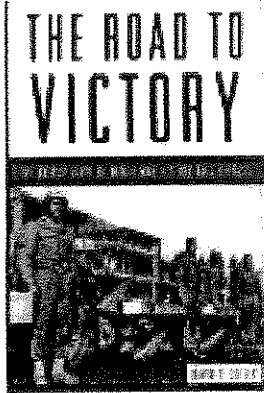
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BOOK REVIEW

By David Steinert

The Road to Victory: The Untold Story of WWII's Red Ball Express by David P. Colley. Hardcover-256 pages.



The central theme of this book encompasses the origin, organization and the short history of the Red Ball Express. After the Normandy breakout in the summer of 1944, Patton's Third Army moved quickly east towards the German border. To keep the army moving on the heels of the retreating German army, tanks needed gas and the infantry needed ammunition, food and supplies. The Red Ball Express was created to meet these demands by transporting supplies from the cargo ships docked on the French coast to the frontlines of the army. With the use of first-person accounts from army personnel who drove trucks for the Red Ball express, the author describes the long and tedious hours spent transporting gasoline, food and equipment to the constantly moving frontlines of the allied army. The trucks ran continuously 24 hours a day. Drivers, having little time for sleep, were asked to operate trucks in all kinds of weather and circumstances. The demise of the Red Ball Express came in the fall of 1944.

The majority of the drivers of the Red Ball Express were African-American. The author exemplifies many of the prejudices that were experienced by the drivers in a segregated American army during WWII. Many African-Americans wanted to fight on the frontlines but were not permitted because of the segregation of the army. Driving a truck for the Red Ball Express was an opportunity for many African-Americans to contribute to the war effort and many of the drivers risked their lives when delivering cargo near the frontlines.

Some of the interesting chapters of the book describe the history, construction and maintenance problems associated with the General Motors 2-1/2 ton trucks. The difficulties keeping the hard-driven "Jimmys" maintained during the peak months of the allied offensive across France are explained through first-person accounts from mechanics and support personnel. The appendix of the book has excellent photographs of the different types of trucks used by the Red Ball Express.

I found the book to be informative and interesting on a subject that not much is written about. After reading the book, military vehicle enthusiasts will gain a new respect for the widely overlooked contribution of the 2-1/2 ton trucks during WWII. The book pays tribute to the dedication of the drivers who risk their lives supporting the American army as it steam rolled across France in the second half of 1944.

Price Shopping: \$25.95 @Amazon.com
\$16.86 @Buy.com
\$18.86 @Barnesnoble.com

Honor Role: July 2000 Event Participants

Independence Day Parade Fairfield, June 30

Dave Ahl
Al Axelrad
Peter Berendsen
John Boyle
Al Burghardt
David Coward
Frank Eichenlaub
Frank Eichenlaub III
Mark Jezewski
Jim Moore
Jim Mundy
Ed Pavlick
Jack Pellington
John Sobotka
Dave Steinert
Tom Weaver
Dave Young

Independence Day Parade Montville, July 1

Dave Ahl
Al Axelrad
Peter Berendsen
David Coward
Frank Eichenlaub
John Headley
Mark Jezewski
Jim Moore
Jack Pellington
Dave Steinert
Tom Weaver
David Young

Independence Day Parade Montclair, July 4

Brian Bancale
Al Burghardt
Mark Burghardt
Ken Frei
Rick Frei
Jack Pellington
Dave Smith
Tom Weaver
Mark Ziegler

Independence Day Parade Florham Park, July 4

Al Axelrad
Ray Bentley
Pete Berendsen
David Coward
Gus Davino
Frank Eichenlaub
Mark Jezewski
Jim Moore
John Peterson
Harold Ratzburg
Bob Rooke
Wendy Scarpari
John Sobotka
Dave White
Jack White

Independence Day Parade Brookside (Mendham Twp), July 4

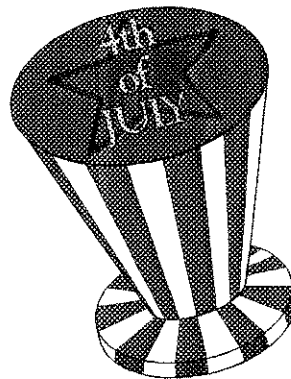
Dave Ahl
Tom Markert
Tim Herrmann
Gary Schultz
Doug Stober
Dave Young

Moonglow/Cystic Fibrosis Show Middlesex, July 9

Dave Ahl

Fire Fighters Foundation Show Morris Palms, July 16

Dave Ahl



Classified Ads. For Sale:

1953 CJ3A: runs and drives great, 5 new tires, 6° snow plow, OD paint. Bob Foley, 401-736-5236.

1985 Plymouth Fury Military Police Car: 318 V-8, cruise, tilt, auto, am/fm, bar light, siren, police package (wheels & suspension), low mileage, \$3200. Steve Mormando, Dover, 973-328-8488.

1952 M38A1: runs and stops great, needs body work and details. Mike Laner, 973-827-2932.

1945? Willys MB w/Ford script tub: 95% tires; summer top; new radiator, fuel tank, seat cushions, tub, wiring harness; rebuilt starter and carb. Also gun mount, oxy/propane .50 cal (no tanks or regulators), .30 cal dummy. \$8000 with guns, \$6000 without.

M3A1 Scout Car: 80% tires, unrestored, good block, .20 over pistons w/new rings, NOS crank shaft, rebuilt radiator, starter, generator, voltage reg; new carb, wiring harness partially installed. All other engine parts still on engine in vehicle. \$6000. Kirk Stinson, 973-627-3264 eves.

1943 White Scout Car: unrestored, SN 260498, 80% complete, perfect frame reweld, 80% tires, rebuilt radiator, starter, generator, new speedo, voltmeter, cluster. \$8000.

1952 M43 Ambulance: SN 80040147, very complete, rust free, runs, drives, all the markings, near new tires, all the bells and whistles, drive home. \$6000.

1972 M151A2: completely restored, never cut, needs nothing, summer and winter tops, 33K mi, runs perfectly, heater. Includes spare t/o A2 engine. \$11,000.

1943 Willys MB: runs, drives, engine knock, spare block included, needs many accessories and ground-up restoration or run it through the woods until it blows, \$1000.

Any of above vehicles can be delivered. John, 973-927-0940.

Wanted . . .

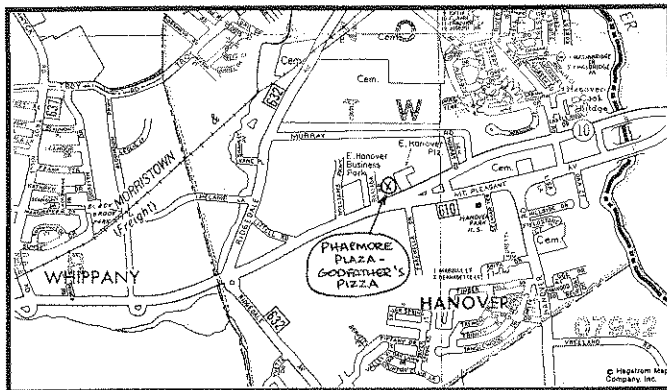
Scintered Bronze Filter Element for M37 Zenith carb filter. Dave, 973-226-0472 home, 973-533-9696 work.

M37 Engine. Mike Solomon, 908-233-1498

Toy Military Vehicles & Tow Trucks. Metal, plastic, any size, scale, or era. Dave Ahl, 973-285-0716.

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a chapter of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association



Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of every month at Godfather's Pizza, Pharmore Plaza, Route 10 West, East Hanover, NJ. Come at 7:00 p.m. to eat: pizza, sandwich, spaghetti, soda (bring your own beer if you want). Meeting starts at 8:00 p.m.

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Military Transport Association

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