



MOTOR POOL MESSENGER

Military Transport Association of North Jersey

September 2000

David H. Ahl, Editor

Minutes:

Minutes of the August 14, 2000 Meeting of the Military Transport Association of North Jersey.

In the side room of Godfather's Pizza Restaurant, President John Sobotka rapped the meeting to order at 8:12 p.m. (Would some of you prefer that I said 2012 hours?).

A total of 28 members were in attendance including:

Dave Ahl	Tim Everhart	Gary Schultz
Al Axelrad	Tom Fisher	Jack Shuart
Brian Bancale	Philip Francis	Lou Sliazis
Pete Berendsen	John Headley	John Sobotka
Joe Botto	Mark Jezewski	Michael Solomon
John Boyle	Harvey Lawshe	George Wagner
Al Burghardt	Jim Moore	Tom Weaver
Mark Burghardt	Frank Nasto Jr.	David Young
David Coward	John Peterson	
Frank Eichenlaub	Harold Ratzburg	

New member Jack Shuart was introduced to the group. Jack is with the NJ Forest Service, very involved with the Boy Scouts, and owns several Dodge Power Wagons and an M37.

The minutes from the July 10 meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

The treasurer's report was presented by Mr. Berednsen as Treasurer Frei was working late. It indicated an opening balance of \$3,899.90, deposits of \$636.00 from two parades, two new members, and our secret internal fund-raising device; disbursements of \$150.00 to Mr. Axelrad for parade organization expenses and \$201.36 for the newsletter (3 months), leaving a new balance of \$4,184.54.

Committee Reports

For the parade committee, Mr. Axelrad passed around a plaque honoring the club with a "Patriotic Civilian Services Award," which it received from Picatinny Arsenal for participation in Armed Forces Day events

Mr. Axerad noted that he had not contacted Mendham Township, but that we would probably be participating in their Labor Day parade on September 4. Also, he has tentatively signed us up for a Veteran's Day parade (Nov. 5) in Clifton.

Mr. Ahl noted that he had met the person in charge of the Chatham July 4th parade and they want us to drive in their 2001 parade and are happy to pay for us to do so.

Mr. Bancale reminded members of the upcoming chicken bar-b-que at Sven Johnson's farm on August 19. He noted that we had about 50 people signed up to come, urged people to bring their military vehicles, and noted that the club would set up a table with our photo album and other material.

Old Business

Mr. Sobotka reminded members of the American Truck Historical Society Show on Sept. 10 in Ledgewood (popularly known as the Ray Bentley show), and asked that members try to be there by 8:30 or 9:00 a.m. to help with the traffic and

parking. The ATHS will pay the club. If you wish to simply park and display your vehicle, it is free but if you want to compete for an award, you must pay the entry fee (\$5 in advance, \$8 at the gate).

New Business

As a result of our aggressive recruiting of new members, we have practically run out of T-shirts. A motion was made, seconded, and haphazardly voted upon approving ordering four dozen more shirts, with at least a dozen to be in XXXXL size.

A member asked (sorry, I didn't note who) if the club had ever produced decals of the club emblem. The answer was no. The discussion did not continue, but let me add my two bits: vinyl "decals" are *very* easy to do. If we bring in a master to a sign-making shop, they can easily produce sheets of decals at very low cost. I'll try to get a quote before next meeting.

Mr. Sobotka gave a early heads-up on our annual breakfast, trail ride, and pumpkin picking outing. We'll meet 9:30 at the Sizzler across from Rockaway Mall for breakfast, convoy south on back roads to Ort's farm in Chester for pumpkin picking Tentatively set for Oct. 8. More details next newsletter.

For the Good of the Club

Mr. Ahl urged members to participate in local car and truck shows to get out the word about the club and military vehicles in general. He also gave a brief summary of six local shows and noted which ones welcomed MVs and which ones didn't. (We'll print the summary next spring before the summer show season.) He also reported on the national MVPA Convention.

Mr. Sobotka told of his experience in Trenton getting QQ plates—reasonably painless but you now need two photos of your vehicle from different angles.

Mr. Sobotka also noted that Johnny Lightning had introduced a line of six die-cast 1:83 scale military vehicles and Mr. Ahl mentioned that Corgi had struck up a deal with the MVPA to release a line of MVs; four to be released this fall.

On a recent National Guard military vehicle convoy, a 5-ton truck turned over, creating havoc and injuring the driver. Mr. Sobotka mentioned this as a lead in to stressing care and safety as we drive our older MVs. Use your seat belts (install 'em if you don't have 'em), check to make sure your lights and directionals are working, and learn the limitations of your vehicle.

A member asked if we had a new roster noting vehicles owned by members and Mr. Ahl responded that he had received practically no updates from new or old members since the previous roster was published in the spring.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

—respectfully submitted, Dave Ahl, Secretary

Classified Advertising

It seems that everyone must be happy with what they have in their yards and garages, because NO classified ads were submitted for this issue. I'm always looking for toy and model military vehicles and tow trucks, so if you come across any, please call Dave Ahl at 973-285-0716 or 973-538-3385.

Officers for 2000:

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Treasurer Rick Frei
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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?

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John Peterson Enterprises, 732-777-6828

Contributions Needed:

I see many other club newsletters and almost all of them have a little item like this one begging members to submit something for publication. Well, I'd like to say THANK YOU to Dave Steinert for submitting several book reviews, two "Hollywood Goes to War" items (see next page), and some humor pieces which you'll see in future issues. Also, thanks to Bob Foley for his drawing of a typical MTA convoy (below).

Calendar:

This calendar 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.)

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**, 9:00 a.m.. The club is directing exhibitors and spectators and we have a table. Adam Metal Products Co., Orben Drive, off Rt 10 west, Ledgewood. (See detailed map last issue)

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

Sun., Sept. 17: Collector Car Show, swap meet, and car corral. Two truck classes, pre-registered vehicles \$10; \$15 at gate, \$5 adm. Flemington Speedway, Rt. 31. Info: Lee, 610-837-2890.

Sun. Sept. 24: Morristown Antique Auto Alley Show. On the green. Info: Ann or Ryan, 973-455-1133.

Sat., Oct. 7: 10th Madison PBA Car Show. No classes; awards to top 50 vehicles. Pre-registration \$12; \$16 at gate. Kings Rd. Ambulance Corps lot. Info: Pete, 973-377-4037.

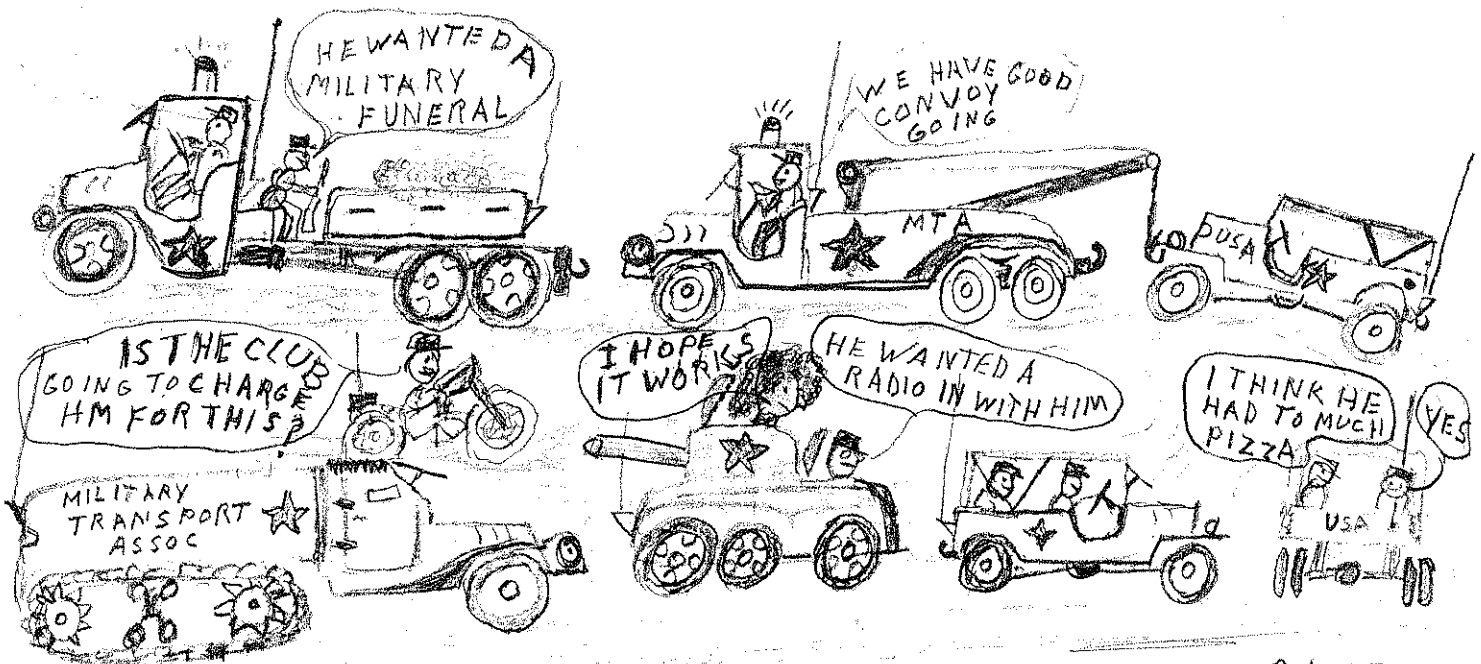
Sat.-Sun., Oct. 7-8: Long Island MV Club Show. VFW Post, Wickham Ave. (off Rt 25), Mattatuck, NY. Info: Rich Miller, 631-727-2792 or Bill Macomber, 631-298-5916.

Sun., Oct. 8: **MTA FALL TRAIL RIDE**, 9:30 a.m. breakfast at Sizzler across from Rockaway Mall, trail ride to Chester, pumpkin picking at Ort's Farm.

Mon, Oct. 9: **MTA MEETING**, Godfathers Pizza, Pharmore Plaza, Rt. 10, East Hanover (7:00 dinner, 8:00 meeting)

Sun., Nov. 5: **VETERAN'S DAY PARADE**, Clifton. (This might possibly be on Nov. 12. Details next issue.)

Mon, Nov. 13: **MTA MEETING**, Godfathers Pizza, Pharmore Plaza, Rt. 10, East Hanover (7:00 dinner, 8:00 meeting)



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Hollywood Goes to War

Hanks enlists as director on HBO 'Brothers'

LOS ANGELES (The Hollywood Reporter) --- Tom Hanks will direct one of 10 episodes that make up the HBO original World War II miniseries "Band of Brothers," a true-life tale of heroism based on the Stephan Ambrose best seller of the same name. Hanks, who is co-executive producer along with Steven Spielberg, will be directing "Cross Roads," the miniseries' fifth episode, expected to air on HBO next year.

The Academy Award-winning actor has directed several projects, most notably "That Thing You Do!" for 20th Century Fox Filmed Entertainment and an episode of the HBO miniseries "From the Earth to the Moon."

Directors Richard Loncraine, Phil Alden Robinson and Mikael Salomon have each been tagged to direct an episode. HBO president Chris Albrecht has yet to announce director picks for the remaining six episodes of the \$110 million miniseries being filmed at the Hatfield Aerodrome in England, which served as the location base for Spielberg's production of "Saving Private Ryan."

"Band of Brothers" features nearly 500 actors in the 10-part miniseries that tells the story of Easy Co., 506th Regiment of the 101st U.S. Army Airborne Division, which parachuted into France during the early-morning hours of the historic D-Day Allied invasion. The miniseries focuses on a U.S. combat unit that took 150% casualties, including reinforcements.

Pearl Harbor Movie Filming Begins

[LatelineNews: 2000-4-5] HONOLULU - With vintage World War II planes rumbling overhead the stars, director and producer of Disney's \$135 million epic "Pearl Harbor" kicked off their Hawaii filming schedule on Sunday with a solemn wreath laying ceremony on the Arizona Memorial, Reuters reported. The movie, which will use high-tech special effects to recreate the Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, is expected to showcase the battle for a whole new generation of moviegoers. "It is something we have to pass on to future generations," said producer Jerry Bruckheimer at a news conference after the ceremony. "It's a seminal film in my career, to get this."

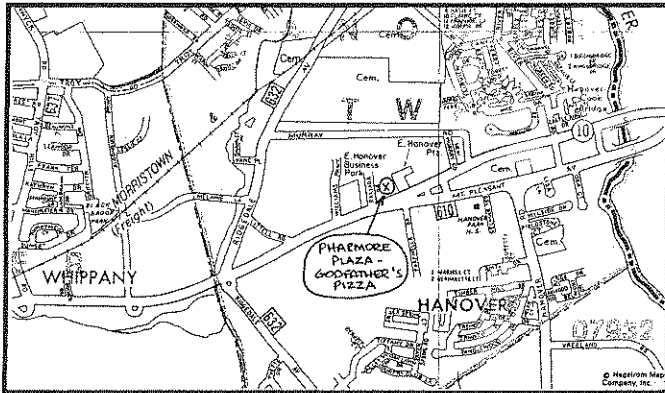
"Pearl Harbor" will star Cuba Gooding Jr. (News) , Ben Affleck (News) , Kate Beckinsale and Josh Hartnett, all of whom attended the ceremony Sunday. They were joined by Hawaii Gov. Ben Cayetano, Adm. Thomas Fargo, commander in chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, and Richard Cook, chairman of The Walt Disney Motion Picture Group. "It was a very moving, very humbling and profound experience for me. It was an added reminder that you owe a great debt to the men and women who died in the attack," said Affleck, who had not previously visited the memorial, which was built over the sunken battleship Arizona.

The movie to be directed by Michael Bay is expected to be released on Memorial Day 2001. The plot will follow the lives of two pilots who are best friends. The pilots, played by Affleck and Hartnett, both fall in love with an Army nurse, played by Beckinsale. The fictional story will be interwoven with actual events. "We've done enormous amounts of research," Bruckheimer said. "It will be very accurate. We're trying to toe a very strict line." Several of the film's key stars said they were so moved by the film's message, that they agreed to be paid later. "All of the key people have taken no money because we really like the script," Affleck said. "The story seemed important, it seemed to resonate. It seemed like the right thing to do."

Much of the filming will take place on Ford Island in Pearl Harbor. During the attack, U.S. battleships were berthed all around the tiny island and were easy targets for Japanese dive-bombers. The filmmakers have brought in about 15 vintage aircraft and will stage explosions on several inactive Navy ships currently stored in Pearl Harbor. Scores of additional aircraft like the P-40 Warhawks that flew a missing-man formation Sunday, will be added through digital effects. Additional ships and harbor action will be created the same way. Five Pearl Harbor Survivors Association members -- all veterans of the attack -- attended the ceremony, including Ralph Lindenmeyer, who praised the script. "Even though we have a speakers bureau this will reach far more people," he said. "The legacy of Dec. 7 is being pushed forward by this film."

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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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