



MOTOR POOL MESSENGER

Military Transport Association of North Jersey

November 2000

George Wagner, Acting Editor

Minutes:

Minutes of the October 9, 2000 meeting of the Military Transport Association of North Jersey.

In the side room of the Godfather's Pizza Restaurant, President John Sobotka rapped the meeting to order at 8:06 PM.

A total of 29 members were in attendance including:

Keith Adams	Dave Ahl	Al Axelrad
Brian Bancale	Peter Berendsen	Joseph Botto
Al Burghardt	Mark Burghardt	David Coward
Frank Eichenlaub	Randa Enr	Tom Fisher
Philip Francis	Neil Frei	Rick Frei
John Headley	Dick Ivory	Mark Jezewski
Bob Macanga	John Petersen	Bob Rooke
Wendy Scarpan	John Sobotka	Dave Steinert
Michael A Solomon	George Wagner	Tom Weaver
Jack White	David Young	

The minutes from the September 11 meeting, as printed in the newsletter was approved. Mr. Sobotka read a rather humorous letter from the Santa Fe Chapter of the MVPA, in Missouri. They thanked us for sending them a copy of the Motor Pool Messenger; their members really enjoyed it. Mr. Sobotka directed Secretary Mr. Ahl to continue the exchange of newsletters with the chapter.

Mr. Frei presented the treasurer's report. It indicated an opening balance of \$5,087.78, deposits of \$730.00 from two parades, new members dues and the 50/50, disbursements of \$174.46 for newsletter printing and postage, leaving a new balance of \$5643.32.

Committee Reports

For the parade committee, Mr. Axelrad passed around a notice for the Clifton Veteran's Day parade to be held on Sunday, November 5th. It will honor all veterans, especially those of the Korean War, as this is the 50th anniversary of the start of that conflict. Enclosed is further information on when and where.

Mr. Sobotka mentioned that the annual Toys for Tots program is underway. The MTA supports the U.S. Marine Corps. Program to collect toys for children in need. Any member who would like to participate can bring a new wrapped or unwrapped toy to the next two meetings.

Old Business

Mr. Sobotka provided a report of our recent Breakfast, Trail Ride, and Pumpkin Picking event. There was a zero hour change as to where the breakfast was held, due to a change in venue at last years establishment, this year it was held at Denny's on RT 10 in Randolph. The restaurant has a room, separate from the main dining area, which can accommodate up to 100 people. The MTA estimated that the number of participants, based on last year's attendance, would be 40. The number of people who showed was 70. The Denny's staff was not prepared for almost twice the number people for breakfast. So there was a delay in the chow line as additional food was prepared. Mr. Sobotka filled that wait time with drawing 36 door prizes along with the 50/50.

After breakfast, everyone left on the convoy to Ort's Farm. There were 16 military vehicles up front, and several civilians following in the rear. The column of MVs, in touch with each other via radios provided by Mr. Eichenlaub, made it to the farm without incident. The weather that day was great, clear and crisp, good picking weather. Ort's farm was packed with pumpkin picking people. There was a long wait on line for the hay wagon to take us out to the pumpkin fields. Mr. Sobotka brought up the idea, that perhaps next year; the MTA should ask Mr. Harvey Ort if it would be okay to take a couple of Duce-an-Halves out, instead of riding on a tractor pulled hay wagon!

Refreshments, hot chocolate and canned soda, were available at the back of Mr. Sobotka's Duce-an-Half. A good time was had by all. A special thanks goes to Vice President Brian Bancale and his wife Anna Marie for handling the financial end of this event out of their pockets. The MTA will reimburse them ASAP.

The American Truck Historical Society sent the MTA a check for the money the club earned helping out at last September's show.

New Business

There was NO new business discussed.

For The Good of the Club

Jack Pellington's mother had passed away on Oct. 8th. Mr. Sobotka circulated a sympathy card, which was signed by all present at the meeting.

Mr. Berendsen provided a report on two car shows that he recently attended, one at Carlisle PA and the other at Hershey PA. He noted that there was very little present for military vehicle enthusiasts. The attendees had to deal with the rain and mud but their spirits were not dampened by the rainy overcast weather.

Jeep Magazine, a publication that is provided to new Jeep purchasers, is requesting article submissions from WWII veterans. Any one who had experiences they wish to share can send in a letter. Future articles will relate the stories, in the context of how the Jeep served in WWII.

Mr. Adams gave a presentation about military bicycles. He detailed how he converted a mid-seventies "English racer" into a very presentable copy of a British military bicycle. The conversion was done very inexpensively and can be a way to start in the Military Vehicle hobby.

Mr. Berendsen read a "Penguin Story" about Steve Greenberg's DUKW sinking in Oregon back in 1993. It was an interesting tale that provided many of us with something to think about. It would take quite an ordeal to top this gentleman's adventure. Getting stuck on the side of the road pales in comparison.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

-respectfully submitted, George Wagner

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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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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 type-face. (All dates are listed in **bold**.)

Sun, Oct. 29: Fort Hancock Day, Sandy Hook, Monmouth Co, NJ. Contact Mr. Axelrad for further information.

Sun, Nov 5: **VETERAN'S DAY PARADE**, Clifton. Meet at the Burger King on Rt. 46 in Clifton @ 12:45pm. Assembly is at 1:00pm on Huron Ave. and parade starts at 2:00pm.

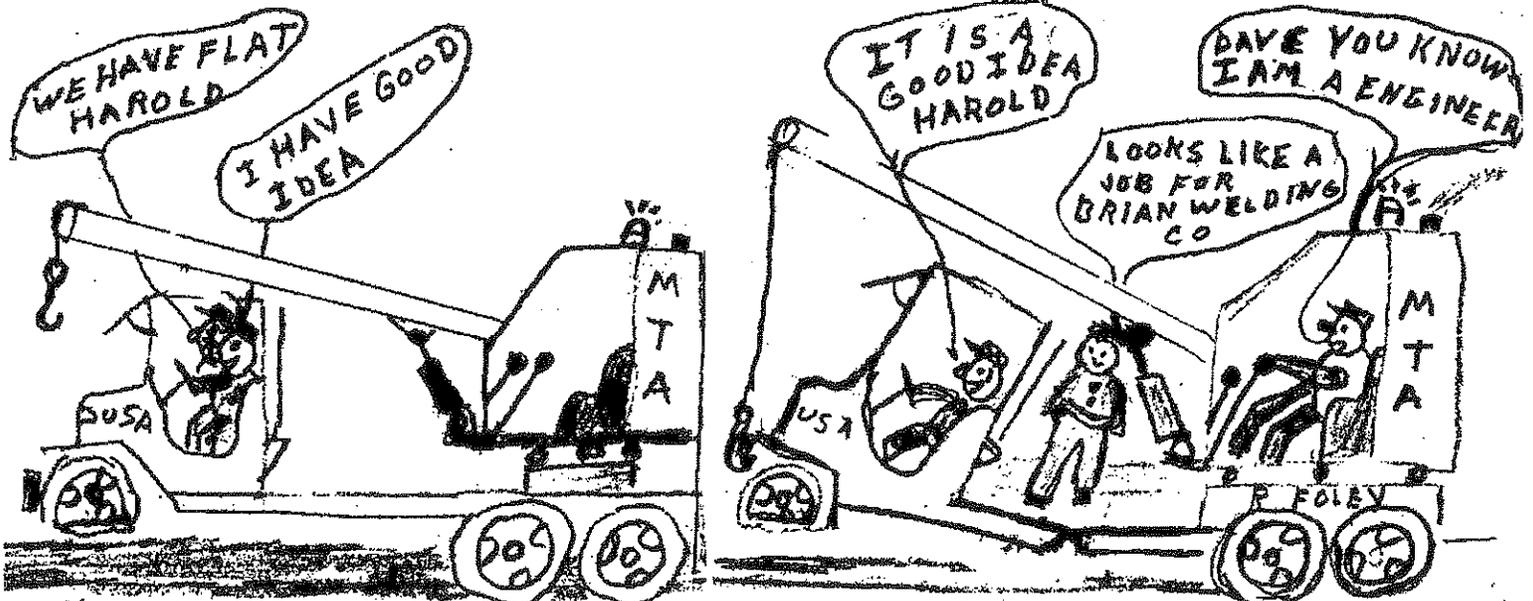
Mon, Nov. 13: **MTA MEETING**. Godfathers Pizza, Pharmore Plaza, Rt. 10, East Hanover (7:00 dinner, 8:00 meeting)

Sat. Dec. 2: **Recruiting Drive at Dover Armory**. Open House. Rt. 15 in Dover NJ, 10am to 4pm. It may or may not be indoors, so be prepared for either case.

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As Veterans Day approaches please keep in your prayers the family and friends of all the fallen U.S. Service Personnel, most recently those of the USS Cole.



This is a recent letter from club member Joe Botto to the North Jersey Herald & News.

Letters to the Editor

Give Veterans What They Deserve

Now that the new millennium is upon us, I think it's time for everyone, young and old, to remember this nation wouldn't be free to have gone through the past millennium if not for our veterans, past and present. And in an age when our politicians can vote themselves a hefty raise without voters' approval — and in an age when it takes a referendum for the veterans to get a measly tax credit stretched out over four years — something is wrong.

Politicians who took part in the "silly sixties" anti-American demonstrations with no respect for authority or our beautiful flag (or for themselves, for that matter) are now controlling our White House, the media and the schools.

Let's please put God back into the schools, start to revere life as something sacred and especially show our veterans the respect due them. We are paying our former enemies thousands of dollars for so-called injustices during the second World War and either don't know or don't give a damn about the Bataan Death March, etc. Kids are being taught in school today that we Americans are the bad guys! Some pupils have been known to ask, "Who won the war?"

From now on, on Veteran's Day, let's honor all vets. Let's not just make the retailers richer.

And to all politicians: How about putting your raises on a referendum? And if passed, stretch it out over four years, like the veterans' measly tax break.

In closing, I would like to note that they are actually making heroes out of the sick hippies of the sixties — who's only accomplishment was prolonging the Vietnam War, giving aid and comfort to the enemy and calling our fighting men killers.

Where else but in America could you see teen-age hippies making love in public on the ground, laying next to a sign: "War is Immoral." But they sure do enjoy their freedom thanks to those so-called killers.

Joseph Botto
Paterson

Classified Ads: For Sale

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No contact information provided.

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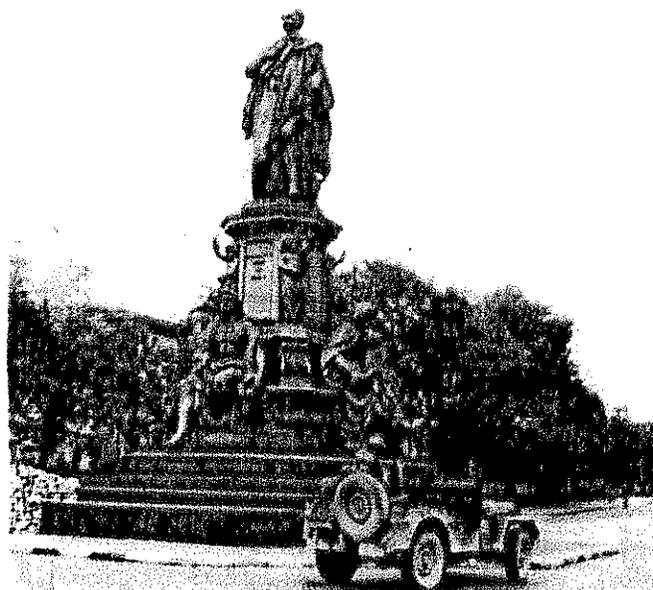
Classified Ads: Wanted

One or two garages to rent for Jeep and Tow Truck. Need soon!
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Please leave message.

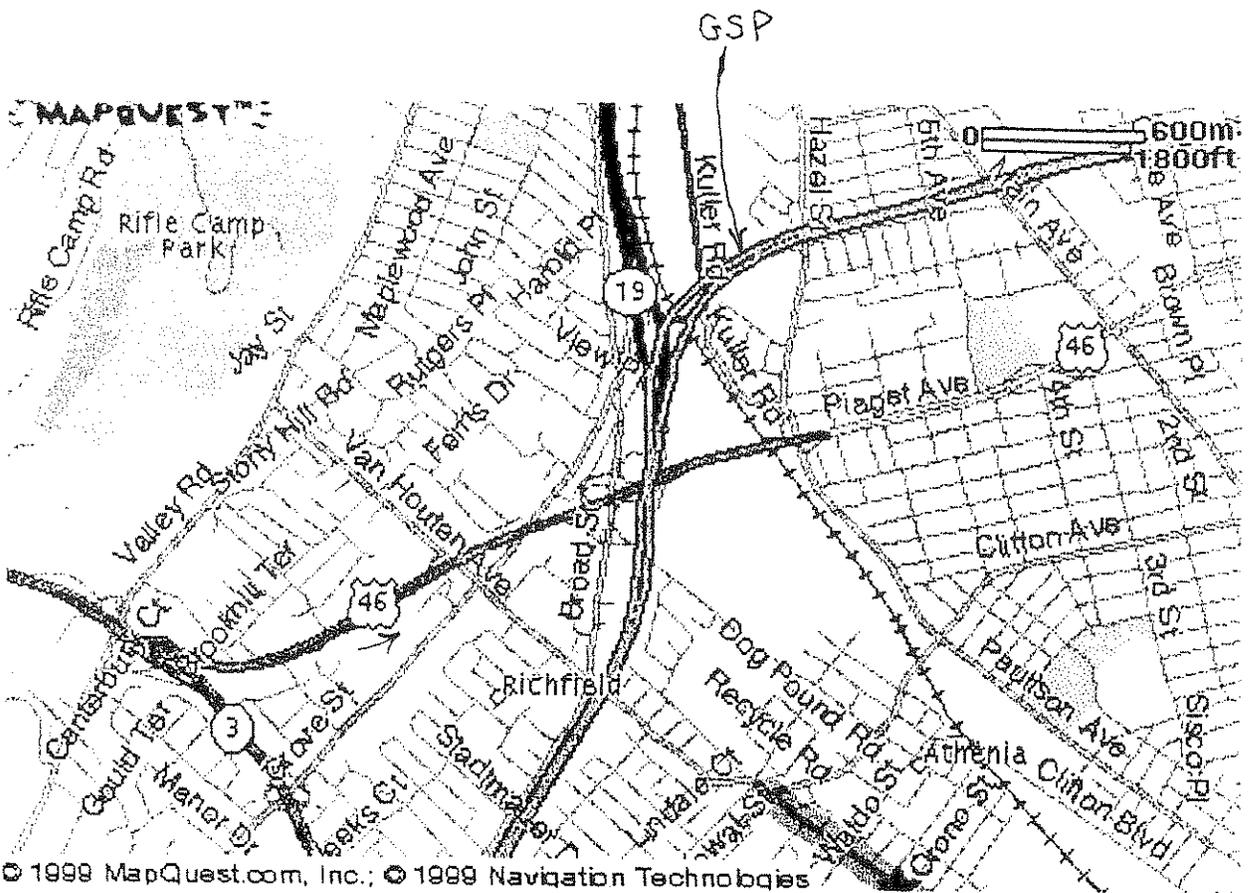
M 37 Fuel Filter Assembly, DR Strap, M.35 Air Horns.
Mike Solomon 908-233-1498

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Randy 973-219-4499 (days)

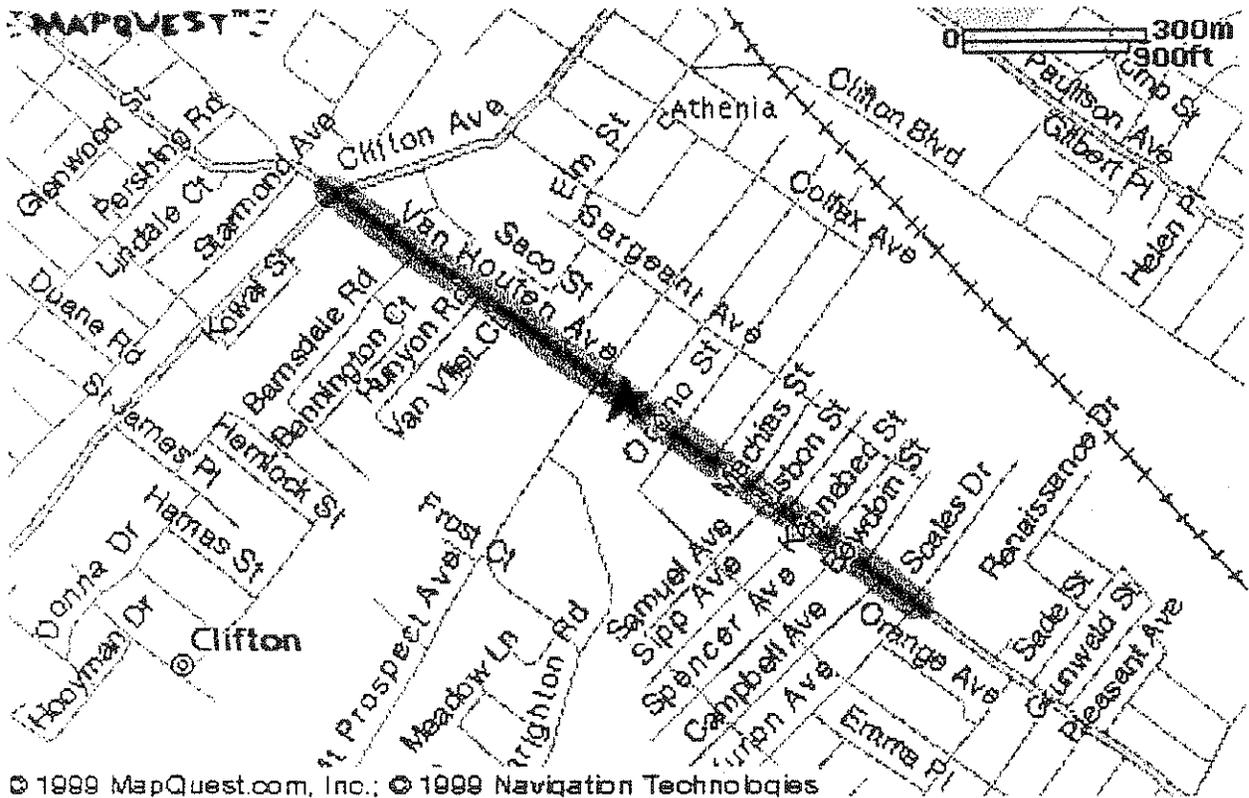
Then and Now By David Steinert



"Ya... We're looking for Al Axelrad. He told us to meet here for the West Caldwell Parade.



Meet at the Burger King in Clifton
 It is on RT 46 right hand side, just after RT 3.



★ Parade Route

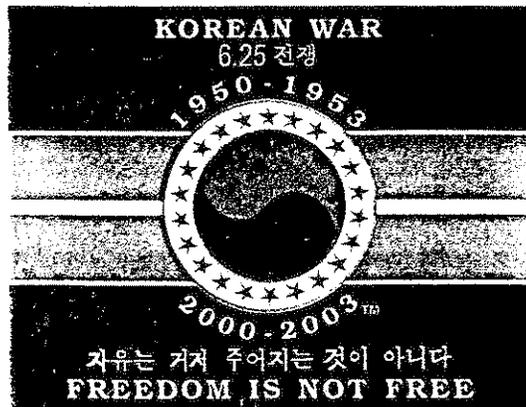
Clifton Veteran's
Parade Committee

Veteran's Day Parade
Sunday November 5, 2000
Korean war 50th Anniversary

Assemble – 1:00pm
Start – 2:00pm

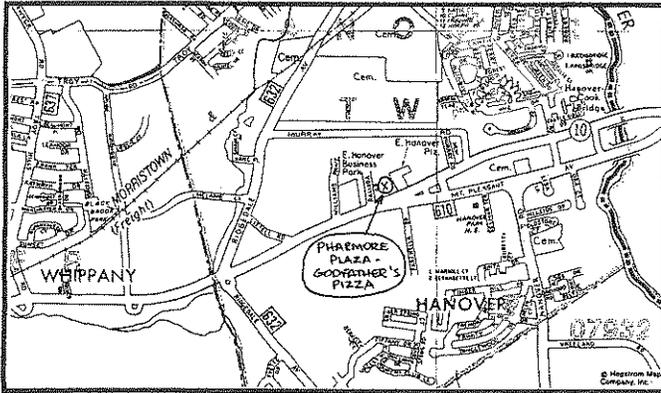
Huron avenue
To
Van Houten avenue
To
Clifton City Hall

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Military Transport Association of North Jersey

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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- ⊗ 12 issues of *Motor Pool Messenger* (this newsletter)
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- ⊗ Notices of parades and events in which you can participate
- ⊗ FREE annual picnic and FREE annual pizza party.

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