



MOTOR POOL MESSENGER

Military Transport Association of North Jersey

February 2001

David H. Ahl, Editor

You Are A Winner. . .

. . . if you pay your \$10 dues to the MTA for the year 2001. If we do not hear from you, this is your LAST newsletter.

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Dave Jenkins	Scott Thompson

Minutes:

Minutes of the January 9, 2001 Pizza Party and Meeting of the Military Transport Association of North Jersey. In the vastly overcrowded side room of Godfather's Pizza Restaurant, President John Sobotka called the meeting to order at 8:09 p.m.

Three new members were welcomed: Steve Stecko, Harold Alle, and Hank Douma. Hank recently purchased a '46 or '47 CJ2A which he and Harold intend to restore as a military jeep. Steve has 20 years with the National Guard in Morristown as a mechanic but has no MV of his own at present.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter. Both the secretary and backup secretary were absent, so a second alternative (Anna Marie Bancale) was enlisted for the recording of the minutes.

The treasurer was also absent, but had sent along his report via President Sobotka. It indicated an opening balance of \$3929.47, deposits of \$360.00 from renewal memberships and \$37.00 from the 50-50; a disbursement of \$101.69 for the January newsletter, leaving a new balance of \$4224.78.

Mr. Sobotka announced that he had the list that Mr. Ahl had created of the 50 members who owed dues for 2001 and that he would be happy to take their money to give to the treasurer.

Because of the season, there is not yet much parade activity, but Mr. Axelrad would like to know what vehicles are going to be available for parades this coming spring and summer. It was noted that the turnout for the Clifton parade was quite astounding. The MTA really made a lasting impression and people are still talking about our showing.

The jacket committee is working on getting together a proposal to obtain jackets for club members. The committee is leaning toward a khaki jacket to match our hats with the MTA

logo embroidered on the back and maybe an American flag on the shoulder. The thinking is that the jackets would be free to members for driving in a certain minimum number of parades while others would pay a nominal amount for one. Details to be spelled out next meeting.

Kudos were offered for the January newsletter with the color photo insert. Thanks to Dave Steinert and Dave Ahl.

Looking further into the M38A1 restoration project for the National Guard museum, Mr. Sobotka and Mr. Bancale took another trip down to Lawrenceville to inspect the vehicle. The final assessment is that the restoration is a doable project. It will take a lot of elbow grease and maybe some bartering, but there should be little or no monetary cost to the club. Sandblasting (John Peterson) and painting (Joe Botto) has been offered and Sherwin-Williams has offered to furnish paint. Twelve members have volunteered to work on the project. Mr. Sobotka asked for and received a vote of confidence to proceed.

As a club, we did great for the USMC Toys for Tota Program. We donated a deuce-and-a-half load of more than 150 toys to the program on behalf of the MTA (photos on pg 2).

Field jacket zippers were donated to the club by Joe Botto. If you need a zipper, see Mr. Sobotka.

Mr. Sobotka also announced that he had T-shirts available for any member who did not get one. See him after the meeting.

It was mentioned that some vendors give discounts (sometimes as much as 25%) to MTA members on their purchases. The opinion was expressed that we should patronize these vendors or they may stop offering a discount. Weebie Webbing, for example, offers a discount to club members on canvas items; stop by their table at Tobyhanna.

Details were not available, but a trail ride is in the works for later this year near the town of Jefferson. Current plans call for marking out several trails over both easy and rough terrain.

Remember the Red Ball Swap Meet at Tobyhanna on Saturday, February 10. It *always* snows, but don't let that stop you.

Jim Moore bought an M37 for restoration from Don Covart. Go to it, Jim!

Frank Eichenlaub donated a number of military-type video tapes to the club. If you want to borrow one, see Mr. Sobotka. And please return previously-borrowed tapes!

A suggestion was made to try and find another place for the monthly club meeting as we have outgrown Godfather's Pizza. Two people suggested the Whippany American Legion Hall, which is free on Monday. It has lots of room available for showing videos, offering seminars, holding mini swap meets, and more. It will cost money (about \$75/month), but it may be possible to work out some kind of barter arrangement. Mr. Sobotka will look into this.

Patches were not in at the meeting, but they are now. Jude Meehan showed off a Jets T-shirt with a photo of his military truck. Pizza was great and the price was right. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53.

—respectfully submitted, Mrs. Brian Bancale, Acting Sec'y

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WC54 left and right running boards & heater, WC54 & WC63 floor pans, 1976 Blazer parts (bumpers, lights, etc.) Dave Jenkins, 732-424-9222 eves, e-mail GPW1942@bellatlantic.net

Trailers, Jeep stuff and more. All great condition. Jim Diamond, Mount Holly (near Ft. Dix), 609-654-5070.

Wanted: Spot light for 1942 WC54, map table for WC54 & WC63, both front seats for WC63, both running boards for WC 63, spare tire carrier for WC63, bed for WC63, fuel pump heat shroud and wiper blades & arms for WC54 & WC63, regulator noise supressor for GPW, mine rack for M2A1 half-track, pulpit & gas tank for M2A1, reflectors & holders for WC54 and WC63, driveshaft & yokes for WC63, toggle switches for WC 54, fan & heater switches for WC54. Dave Jenkins, 732-424-9222 eves, e-mail GPW1942@bellatlantic.net

Wanted: 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.

Member Services:

Starting in 2001, business card size ads (2" x 3½") for member services (and others) will cost \$10 per year (a bargain!).

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11 Godfrey Ave., Roseland, NJ 07068, 973-228-7086

Record Meeting Attendance:

Jan. 2001 Pizza Party & Meeting: 36 members plus 8 guests!

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**.)

Sat, Feb 10: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Red Ball Indoor Swap Meet, Mack Fieldhouse, Tobyhanna Army Depot, PA, Exit 7 off I-380, North off I-80. Lotsa good fun. Count on snow.

Mon, Feb 12: **MTA MEETING.** Godfathers Pizza, Pharmore Plaza, Rt. 10, East Hanover (7:00 eats, 8:00 meeting)

Mon, Mar 12: **MTA MEETING.** Godfathers Pizza, Pharmore Plaza, Rt. 10, East Hanover (7:00 eats, 8:00 meeting)

Sat, Mar 24: Conference on WWII "Through the Eyes of Those Who Helped Make History." Whitaker Laboratory, Lehigh Univ., 5 East Packer Ave., Bethlehem, PA. 8:30 am - 5:30 pm. For info, call Ed Root, 610-282-4576, rjmchugh@erols.com



John Sobotka's deuce-and-a-half was full of toys for the USMC Toys for Tots campaign. Here they are being delivered to the collection point at Picatinny Arsenal. Incidentally, on John's trip back home, his transfer case let go and getting home was no joy. But that's a story for another time.

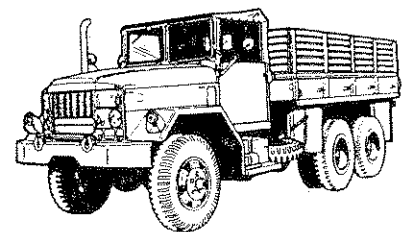
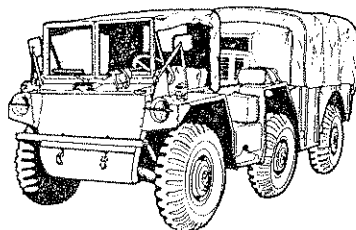
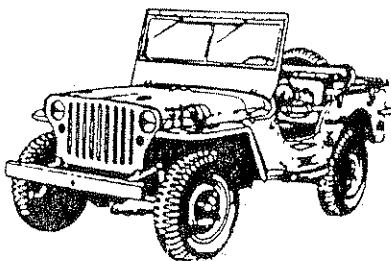
Junkyard Wars

Some of us in the club are considering applying to compete as a team on the TV show, Junkyard Wars. If you haven't watched the show, do so! It's on TLC Monday nights at 8 pm. Our videotape application is due in Feb 28. Wish us luck.

Military Transport Association of NJ—Vehicles Owned by Members—Jan. 2001

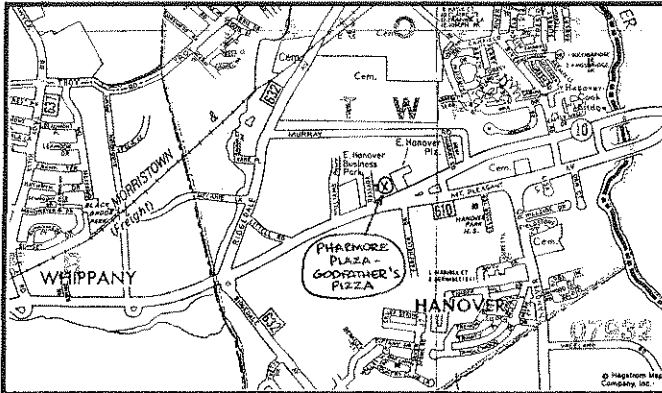
Keith Adams	973-887-4148	Bicycles	Harvey Lawshe	973-338-6159	M416 Trailer, 1956 M3A1
David Ahl	973-285-0716	1987 HMMWV, 1971 M151A2, 1942 Chevy 1½ ton Tow	Stephen Lind, J.D.	973-386-9213	1985 CJ7 Renegade
L. J. Amberger	201-385-6258	1942 WC53 Carryall	Pasquale Lombardi	908-647-8180	M114, M422, M422A1
Al Axelrad	973-884-0051	Ford GPA, Dodge WC 12, M35 deuce	Tom Markert	973-442-0060	M42 Command Trk, M101A Trailer
Mike Baldini	973-334-4185	1952 M37, 1967 M43	John Marko	570-247-7588	GMC M221 dump, M37, GMC M220 tractor
Brian Bancale	973-875-6985	M8 Armored Car, GTB	Thomas M. McHugh	908-852-1964	1952 M38A1
Peter Berendsen	973-966-1862	1944 MB, 1945 MB, 1952 M38A1	Jude Meehan	732-528-5422	5-ton trucks, M35A2
Bill & Linda Best	908-979-1511	????	Dan Muchmore	973-827-7795	1970 M35A2 Deuce
Joe Botto	973-278-6850	1952 M38	Robert Muller Jr.	973-635-7955	1945 MB Jeep
Anthony Bradley	973-759-7901	1952 M37	Frank Nasto	908-687-9644	GPW Jeep, M151A2, 2 trailers
Allan Burghardt	973-256-0462	GPW, CJ2A	Edward J. Pavlick	201-691-1262	1967 M151A1, 1954 M211, 1952 M37
Mark Burghardt	973-812-3097	GPW Jeep	Bill Peaslee	732-928-5029	1953 M37, 1955 M152 CDN
Kenneth W. Conklin	845-357-5609	1952 M38 Jeep	Jack W. Pellington	973-838-1904	M37s, 1968 M151A1, M101A1 Trailers
James P. Conway	908-689-3067	1952 M38 Jeep	John Peterson	732-939-1959	M35A2 deuce
Don Covart	973-335-4367	1953 M37, 1968 M35A2, M101 Trailer	Harold Ratzburg	973-887-2574	GPW Jeep, 1/4-ton trailer
David L. Coward	973-226-0472	1952 M38A2, 1948 CJ2A, 1952 M37	Joseph A. Rizzo	914-359-8559	1952 M37
Hank Douma	201-891-0835	CJ2A Jeep	Robert Rooke Jr.	973-605-8151	1942 MB
John Dwyer	908-730-9629	1946 CJ2A Jeep, 1964 M151A1, 1972 M151A2	Wendy Scarpari	908-322-6689	M37B1
Frank Eichenlaub Jr.	908-276-3412	1945 MB	Gary Schultz	908-852-4520	1942 GPW, MBT Trailer
Randy Emr	973-663-5130	1952 M38, 1967 M35A2	George Sebring	570-421-8980	1943 Ford GTB, 42 Command Car, 1944 GMC CCKW
George Filchak	201-767-7126	1943 MB Jeep, M100 trailer	Jack Stuart	201-489-5464	1958 M37B1, 1968 Power Wagon, 1962 Power Wagon
Thomas Fisher	907-647-7240	1942 MB	Louis Sliazis	732-761-9317	1942 Staff Car, 1942 Gaz 67B
Robert Fitz	908-647-4077	????	Dave Smith	908-813-0924	1961 M151, 2000 Hummer, M416 Trailer
Philip Francis	201-447-5832	M37	John J. Sobotka	973-398-3692	1954 M37, 1970 M35A2, 1968 M416 Trailer
Rick Frei	908-362-5045	CCKW, Mighty Mite, CJ2A	Michael Solomon	908-233-1490	1962 M37B1
John Haldy	973-335-5606	1957 M37CDN, 1952 M35 Studebaker	Dennis Spence	973-579-2886	M38A1 Jeep, M274 Mule
John Headley	973-697-3576	M151A2, M43 Ambulance, Ford GP Jeep	David A. Steinert	973-347-9091	1942 WC54 Ambulance
Dick Ivory	908-686-0449	1942 GPW Navy, 1942 GPW, 1941 GP Jeep	Doug Stober	973-543-9355	M35A2, M37, M104 1½ ton
Dave Jenkins	732-424-9222	1942 GPW, 42 M2A1 Halftackr, 1944 WC63 1½ ton	Don Swanson	570-296-8572	1943 GPW Jeep, 1950 M38 Jeep, 1943 GPW Jeep
Mark Jezewski	973-228-7086	1952 M37, 1967 M416 Trailer	George Wagner	973-927-7616	1953 CJ3A
Gary Kuipers Sr.	908-813-0090	1952 M37, Military Police car	Thomas Weaver	973-627-9448	MB Jeep, M38 Jeep, M37
Gary Kuyper	973-335-3286	1956 M135 deuce	Dave Welch	908-647-1310	1942 GPW
Daniel V. Lacey	973-764-1316	1942 GPW, M151A1	Jack White	908-647-3367	1952 M38A1, 1941 Command Car
John M. Laner	973-827-2932	1966 M151A1, 1952 M38A1 Jeep, M416 Trailer	Dave Young	908-852-3430	MB Jeep
			Sheila Zelaskowski	973-827-7795	1970 M35A2 Deuce
			Marc Ziegler	973-263-1923	MB Jeep, Ford GTB, M725

If you're not on this list, please send info to Dave Ahl. Also, if you're on the list but have corrections or additions, send them to Dave Ahl, 12 Indian Head Road, Morristown, NJ 07960. Or tell me at the next meeting.



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