



MOTOR POOL MESSENGER

Military Transport Association of North Jersey

November 2001

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A Moral Question:

This is an imaginary situation, but it might be worthwhile to consider what you would do if it were real.

The situation: You are in the Middle East, and there is a huge flood in progress. Many homes have been lost, water supplies compromised and structures destroyed. You are a photographer taking still photos for a news service, traveling alone, looking for particularly poignant scenes.

You come across Osama bin Laden who has been swept away by the floodwaters. He is barely hanging on to a tree limb and is about to go under. You can either put down your camera and save him, or take a photograph of him as he loses his grip on the limb.

So, here's the question and think carefully before you answer it. . . .

. . . Which lens would you use?

Please send in your MTA officer election ballot and 2002 dues by November 9.

When Your Bark Is Worse Than Your Bite, Expect to Be Bitten.

After the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, which killed six and injured 1,000, President Clinton promised that those responsible would be hunted down and punished.

After the 1995 bombing in Saudi Arabia, which killed five U.S. military personnel, Clinton promised that those responsible would be hunted down and punished.

After the 1996 Khobar Towers bombing in Saudi Arabia, which killed 19 and injured 200 U.S. military personnel, Clinton promised that those responsible would be hunted down and punished.

After the 1998 bombing of U.S. embassies in Africa, which killed 224 and injured 5,000, Clinton promised that those responsible would be hunted down and punished.

After the 2000 bombing of the USS Cole, which killed 17 and injured 39 U.S. sailors, Clinton promised that those responsible would be hunted down and punished.

Maybe if Clinton had kept his promise, an estimated 7,000 people in New York and Washington, D.C. that are now dead would be alive today.

An Interesting Question:

This question was raised on a Philly radio call-in show. Without casting stones, it is a legitimate question.

There are two men, both extremely wealthy. One develops

relatively cheap software and gives billions of dollars to charity. The other sponsors terrorism. That being the case, why is it that the Clinton Administration spent many, many times as much money chasing down Bill Gates over the past eight years than Osama bin Laden?

Toys for Tots !!
Bring unwrapped toys to the next MTA meeting (Nov. 12)

From the Trail Team . . .

This just in from Randy Emr: "October 14 was definitely another day to remember. Look for a complete writeup in a special Trail Team newsletter. Also, come early to the next meeting to see the video and photos. Video at 7:30 p.m. sharp."

500+ Boy Scouts Overrun MTA Position.

On Saturday, October 13, five intrepid MTA members with their vehicles made their way to Rivers Bend Campground near Walpack on the Delaware River. John Sobotka and Dan Muchmore brought deuces, Bill Best brought his M37, Brain Bancale brought his M8 armored car, and Sheila Zelaskowski brought a borrowed Jeep. What these hardy adventurers did not know was that the mission of their station was to explain the role of military vehicles in the history of the world for 52—count them, 52—patrols of Boy Scouts descending upon them from dawn to dusk. Did things get out of control? "Well, just a little bit," admits John Sobotka. But, he adds, "now we know what's expected of us next year."

Non-Sanctioned Events:

At the **Hackettstown Fire Dept. Car Show** for the benefit of NYC firefighters lost on Sept. 11, Gary Kuipers showed his very nice M37 and M416 trailer and Dave Ahl showed his M151. This was a large show with high-quality judging. In the special interest class with ten entries, Dave Ahl's M151 took first place (although he received the trophy for the best hand-drawn fire apparatus).

At the **Morris Co. Police Chiefs Ass'n Car Show**, Randy Emr, Keith Adams, and Dave Ahl set up a nice MTA display in one corner of the Warnock Dodge lot. We received a lot of attention, some donations in the jar, and each member got a Top 50 Trophy. Randy also got the President's Choice Trophy.

At the **UPS Car Show** on Oct. 14 to benefit United Way's Sept. 11 Fund, Dave Ahl displayed his M151. Despite being put in the special interest class with two brand new Prowlers, a gorgeous Cobra kit car, and some other exotic machinery, Dave Ahl got the participants' choice first place trophy. UPS wants the MTA in the show next year and will create a class for us.

Minutes of October Meeting

The 36 members in the can't-shut-off-the-damn-music side room of Godfathers Pizza at the October 8 meeting of the Military Transport Association of North Jersey were called to order by John Sobotka at 8:10 p.m. This was followed by a moment of silence (except for the damn music) in honor of those who died in the September 11 terrorist attack. Instituting a new policy, Mr. Sobotka then called for members to pledge allegiance to the flag. Mr. Sobotka then gave an upbeat talk about the club and its future viability and growth.

The minutes from the September meeting were accepted with the correction that it was Lou Smith (not Hal Smith) that went with the crew to the City after the attack.

Mr. Frei gave the treasurer's report which indicated an opening balance of \$5,355.97, receipts of \$180 for jackets, \$65.50 for the restoration fund, \$19 from sales of patches, \$52 from the September 50/50, and \$10 from a new member. Disbursements were \$27.72 for food at the AHS Show, \$53 to Ed Pavlick for misc. expenses, \$500 to the United Way Sept. 11 Fund, \$100 to the Pinnacle Health Hospice, and \$40.67 for newsletter expenses. New balance is \$4,961.08.

Committee Reports

For the *Parade Committee*, Mr. Eichenlaub had a summary sheet of 2001 event participation through October 6. He asked that members check this to make sure they were receiving proper credit for dues and jackets. (If you participate in five or more club sanctioned events in 2001, your dues are free for 2002.) Sign-up sheets were sent around for the Pumpkin Picking, displays at Mt. Olive, Roxbury, and Roseland Lester C. Noecker Schools, the Sussex Co. Salute to Veterans, the Clifton Veterans Day Parade, and the trail ride. (See calendar.)

For the ad-hoc *Locomotive Moving Committee*, Mr. Sobotka reported that some of the important parties to the move at Butler have not answered his calls. He described the move: a rail would be cut in half and anchored on Phil Francis' trailer after which the switcher locomotive would be winched and pushed up on the trailer. After transporting it to Whippany, the process would be reversed and the locomotive unloaded at the railway museum. This all will take place starting at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20 right off Main St. in the center of Butler.

The *Restoration Committee* reported that the Jeep(s) are currently stuck at the Dover Armory due to the tight security at Picatinny where it was to have been moved. (I hope those of you planning to attend the Picatinny Car Show on Oct. 13 found out that it was canceled before getting turned back at the gate.)

For the *Trail Ride Committee*, Mr. Emr noted that 25 to 30 people with 10 to 15 vehicles had signed up for Sunday, Oct. 14.

Old Business

Mr. Sobotka reminded all MVPA members to get their ballots in for board of directors. (Please note on our combined dues/ballot form if you are or are not a member of the MVPA.)

It was noted that Mr. Coward and Mr. Jezewski have MTA window stickers and POW/MIA flags for sale.

Members were reminded to bring in unwrapped gifts for the Toys for Tots campaign which starts at the November meeting. Mr. Bancale suggested that the club have a one- or two-day display at Willowbrook Mall to collect for the Toys for Tots campaign. We have permission to do this from the mall management, assuming we can show them a copy of our liability insurance form. Mr. Bancale to follow up on this and announce a date at the Nov. meeting.

Mr. Emr said he had talked to some AHS officers and they

were interested in the possibility of a joint show at the parking lot at the intersection of Howard Blvd. and Route 46 in Ledgewood/Kenvil (by Ramsey Outdoor). More later.

Elections

Mr. Ahl explained the election procedure in which all club members may cast a ballot at the November meeting or beforehand by mail, fax, or e-mail. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the ballots should come to the secretary (Mr. Ahl). On behalf of the nominating committee, Mr. Eichenlaub presented a slate of five nominations (president: Randy Emr, vice president: John Sobotka, secretary: David Ahl, treasurer: Rick Frei, and Sgt at Arms: Mark Jezewski). Additional nominations were received from the floor of Sheila Zelaskowski for secretary and Bob Rooke for treasurer. It was announced that we would accept volunteers and/or nominations for the next week and a third candidate for treasurer was proposed, namely John Peterson.

Mr. Emr read a political speech extolling his candidacy for president and Mr. Ahl encouraged people to vote for Sheila Zelaskowski for secretary as that would give him more time to devote to the newsletter. None of the other candidates did any overt electioneering, although there was some covert mumbling at the meeting and phone calls the following week.

For the Good of the Club

Mr. Adams noted that he had talked to someone from the Red Cross that was very impressed by the activities of our club. The person said the Red Cross would be willing to do a seminar for club members on disaster aid. Mr. Adams to follow up.

Mr. Emr told in great detail the story of taking supplies into the city after the terrorist attack (see last newsletter).

Mr. Ahl told members that he and his wife Betsy were very moved by the plight of the victims and rescue workers and to raise money for them, he sold much of his collection of military vehicle books, had a large garage sale, and put out a collection jar at several car shows. He then gave the proceeds of these efforts—\$1,000—to the MTA with the request that half of it be given to the Salvation Army and the other half to the NYC Rescue Mission. (This was done the following week.)

Several members told of the somewhat abortive event at Linden Airport. Abortive because the planes couldn't fly and the VA hospitals wouldn't release their vets to attend. Nevertheless, two separate convoys connected up, which shows that with the proper planning we really can do successful convoys. At the airport, members gave rides to visitors in their trucks. You don't often see a deuce lumbering down a main airport runway!

Mr. Sobotka suggested as a result of an incident in the convoy that the club should get a couple of additional tow bars, especially ones that can be used by vehicles smaller than a deuce.

Ms. Zelaskowski said that the club had been asked to provide rides for Marines (vets?) at the Sussex Co. Salute to Veterans.

Someone mentioned that Roxbury Wrecking (Dewey Ave. near Wharton) has a 5-ton M?? For \$3500 and a bunch of take-out M151 engines.

There were a bunch of catalogs, handouts for upcoming car shows, and other free stuff that I can't begin to describe here. The meeting that started with a bang went out with a whimper at 9:40.

Honor Role

Meadowlands Militaria Show 9/22

Dave Ahl	Bob Macanga
Dave Coward	John Peterson
Frank Eichenlaub	Harold Ratzburg
Randy Emr	Dave Steinert
Mark Jezewski	Jack White

Calendar:

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.

Sun., Oct. 21: PUMPKIN PICKING. 10:00± a.m. Breakfast at Denny's on Route 10 west in Randolph, convoy to Ort's Farm in Chester, pick pumpkins. MTA picks up the tab for everything.

Wed., Nov. 7: MT. OLIVE MIDDLE SCHOOL. Static display.

Wed., Nov. 7: ROXBURY HIGH SCHOOL. One Bryant Dr., Succasunna. Static display, 8:00 a.m. - noon.

Sat., Nov. 10: Meadowlands Militaria Show. Boys & Girls Club of Union, 1050 Jeanette Ave.

Sat., Nov. 10: SUSSEX CO. SALUTE TO VETERANS. Parade and static display at Sussex Co. Fairgrounds (off US 206 in Augusta/Northrup). Meet at parking lot by greenhouse at 9 am. Marine vets will ride in our vehicles; parade starts at 10 am.

Sun. Nov. 11: CLIFTON VETERAN'S DAY PARADE. Meet at 6 Brothers Diner on Rt. 46 east in Little Falls (just before Route 3 turnoff) at 12:45 pm.

Mon., Nov. 12: LESTER NOECKER SCHOOL. 100 Passaic Ave., Roseland. Static display, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Member Services:

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

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

Tree Services John Boyle, Boyle Tree Service, 908-964-9358

Welding, Sheet Metal Work, Machine Work Brian's Custom Fabricating & Repair, 973-209-0454

Used Cars & Trucks—Buy or Sell Dan Lacey, Empire Auto Sales, 800-94EMPIRE, 201-440-3323

Add-A-Level, Additions, New Homes Randy Emr, Emr Construction Co., 973-663-5130

Vehicle Repairs & Restoration Joe Detauda, 570-686-3121

Mobile Sandblasting—Commercial, Residential, Metal John Peterson Enterprises, 732-777-6828

Auto Repairs & Service Alex and Greg, 1610 Park Ave., S. Plainfield. 908-668-8996

Custom Metal Fabrication & Repair Steve Yavorski, S.A.Y. Racing, Newark, 973-481-5550

NYC Air Tours, Photography, Resupply. Stephen Lind, "Mile High Club", 973-386-9213.

Officers for 2001:

President John Sobotka
37 Mountain Trail, Hopatcong, NJ 07843, 973-398-3692

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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

Sergeant of Arms Mark Jezewski
11 Godfrey Ave., Roseland, NJ 07068, 973-228-7086

Classified Advertising:

M35A2s. Lost my storage. Several to choose from. Priced to move. Call for details. Jude Meehan, 732-528-5422.

Four 7.00x16 NDT tires, about 70%. \$80 Tom McHugh, 908-852-1964. Tmmchugh@juno.com

M38 doors & side curtains for full top, \$100. Also MB winter top (no doors or sides) \$75. Mark Burghardt, 973-812-3097.

OD uniforms, many sizes & styles. John Peterson, 732-393-1959

Five matching 6.00x16 NDT tires with 90% tread, run on MB to Ft. Lee, VA & back in 6/01. With 3 tubes. All for \$125. John Headley, 973-479-3353.

Lots of stuff cheap or FREE!. 1985 Mustang beater, 2.3L OHC engine, \$300. Everything else is FREE: Ford 351 cid V8 engine, Ford 460 cid V8w/auto trans, GM 460 cid V8 w/auto trans, GM 305 cid V8 engine, 1958 Willys 134 cid inline 4 engine (cracked block), 1963 Willys 134 cid inline 4 engine (also with cracked block). Robert, 201-236-9289 (phone # might be 201-226-2989)

1983 Chevy van G20, straight 6 cyl. \$800. Louis Smith, Stanhope, 973-347-0923.

Misc. stuff. NDT tire (50%) mounted on wheel for M151 or M416, wheel & tire for \$25. Tan pith helmet, brand new, \$10. Large metal storage container (11 x 11 x 29") with tight sealing top, gray, made for Navy, \$20. Electrical test set for M-series with adapter kit, NOS (paint chipped on top of test set), cost me \$300, asking \$150. Dave Ahl, 973-285-0716, DaveAhl@aol.com.

Winter storage. 10' x 30' x 7' high door in Mt. Olive. \$60/month. John Headley, 973-479-3353.

FMC Model 9000 Visualiner 4-wheel alignment system. Allen Machine computer test center with emission analyzer & scope. Lincoln Air grease gun. Priced to sell. Also free used 318 engine. Dave or Bob, 908-245-7988.

Signal Corps Onan generator. Power unit PE95-G, 4-cyl Jeep engine, 10K watts, 1 phase, 115/230 volts, 355 hours on unit. Best offer. Chas Alpaugh, Succasunna, 973-584-8805.

Wanted: 6-volt voltage regulator for MB/GPW. Al Burghardt, 973-236-0462.

Honor Role:

Randolph Parade 7/7

Dave Ahl (2 vehicles)

Al Axelrad

Pete Berendsen

David DeFerrari

Frank Eichenlaub

Eileen Eichenlaub

Bob Lefferts

Tom Markert

Dan Muchmore

Jack Pellington

Ed Potvin

John Sobotka

Tom Weaver (2 vehicles)

Sheila Zelaskowski

Linden Airport 9/23

Al Axelrad

Al Burghardt

Mark Burghardt

Dave Coward

Frank Eichenlaub

Eileen Eichenlaub

Randy Emr

John Headley

Mark Jezewski

Bob Macanga

Jim Moore

Ellen Moore

Dan Muchmore

Frank Nasto

Ed Pavlick

Washington Parade 10/6

Keith Adams

Dave Ahl

Randy Emr

Gary Kuipers, John Sobotka

John Peterson

Lou Smith

John Sobotka

Sheila Zelaskowski

Military Transport Association of North Jersey

a chapter of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association

The Military Transport Association of North Jersey is a non-profit membership organization for people interested in collecting, restoring, displaying, and operating historic military vehicles. Members of the club participate in 15 to 20 parades every year as well as educational events, militaria and truck shows, rallies, trail rides, and visits to veteran's homes.

Members also participate in projects such as restoring a jeep for the National Guard Museum, the National Night Out, USMC Toys for Tots campaign, fund raising for the National WWII and Korean War Memorials, Boy Scout projects, and National Guard recruiting campaigns.

Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at Godfather's Pizza, Pharmore Plaza, Route 10 West, East Hanover, NJ. You can come between 7:00 and 7:30 p.m. to eat pizza, spaghetti, a sandwich, or a full dinner. Bring your own beer or wine if you wish. The meeting starts at 8:00 p.m. and is normally over by 9:30 p.m.

Join the MTA now and receive:

- FREE MTA baseball hat, T-shirt, and embroidered patch (when you come to an event or attend a meeting).
- 12 issues of the *Motor Pool Messenger* newsletter.
- FREE classified sales and wanted ads in the newsletter.
- Notices of parades and events in which you can participate.
- FREE annual picnic and FREE annual pizza party.

To join the Military Transport Association, send this form (or the same information on a blank sheet of paper) with \$10.00 annual dues to the address below. Dues are for the calendar year.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____

E-mail _____

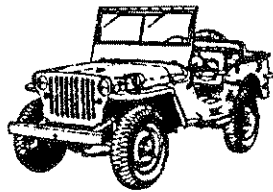
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Membership/Subscription: \$30 in USA
Visa, MasterCard, or Discover okay.

Please mention MTA of NJ when joining!

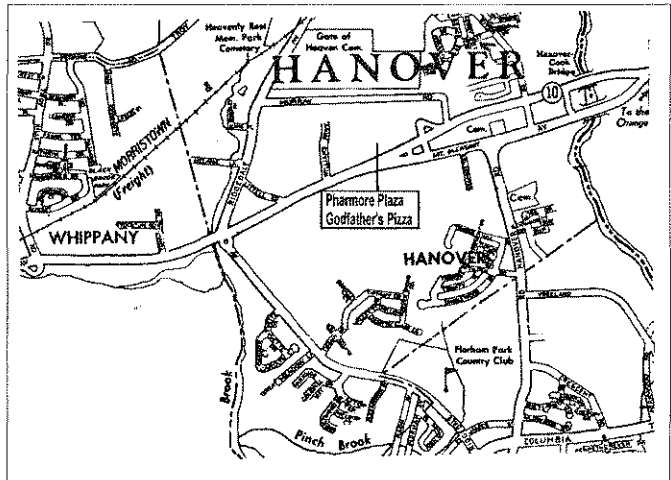
Phone: 800-365-5798 or 816-833-MVPA

Fax: 816-833-5115 Website: www.mvpa.org

MVPA

P.O. Box 520378

Independence, MO 64052



MTA Meeting Directions

Pick up NJ Route 10 at any convenient point and head toward East Hanover. Coming from the east (Newark, Orange, Livingston, etc.), just past East Hanover Plaza and Home Depot, make the next right into Pharmore Plaza. Godfather's Pizza is about two thirds of the way back. Coming from the west (I-287, Whippany, etc.), just after Warnock Dodge-Chrysler, bear right onto Mt. Pleasant Ave., make an immediate left just beyond the Burger King, another left onto Route 10, and an immediate right into Pharmore Plaza.

Eating starts at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting starts at 8:00 p.m.