

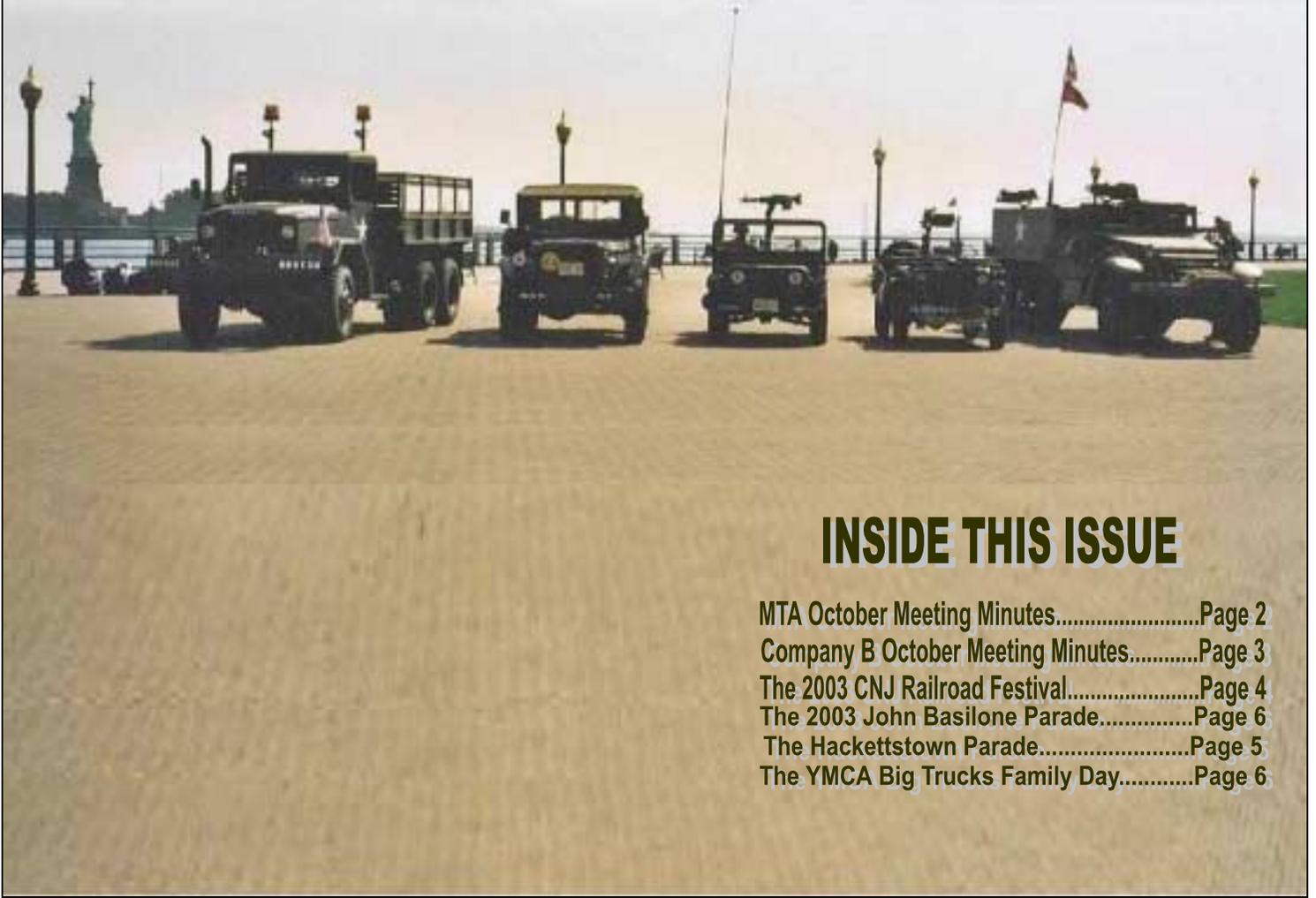
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**ON THE COVER: MTA Members line-up their vehicles at Liberty State Park for the CNJ Railroad Festival (Photo courtesy of Jim Moore)**

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**NOTICE: The November MTA monthly meeting will be held on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Whippany American Legion Post, Legion Place, Whippany NJ. Refreshments at 7:00 PM-Meeting at 8:00 PM. The November Company B meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Somerset National Guard Armory, 1060 Hamilton Street, Somerset, NJ.(7:00 PM Meeting)**

## TOYS FOR TOTS

**This year the MTA will again be contributing to the US Marine Corps "Toys For Tots" Campaign. The MTA will be accepting toys at both the November and December MTA meetings. Please contribute to a great cause!**

### Minutes of the October 2003 MTA Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were 33 members plus the Berendsens who were apparently escaping from the bankrupt state of California after Arnold's election win.

To spice things up and discourage people from nodding off, president **Randy Emr** took agenda items in random order starting with a report from **John Sobotka** for the **Locomotive Restoration Committee**. At a work session on Sept. 27, four club members replaced the alternator, mounted new front and rear foot boards, got the cab windows working, and started scraping off the old paint. The next work party is scheduled for Sat., Nov. 1 at which time John wants to change the bodily fluids, scrape more paint and start priming. John noted that Atlantic Diesel, a company that had worked on the engine many years ago, donated \$350 worth of oil, filters, paint, etc. to the MTA for

the restoration. The goal is to have the engine finished for a gala dedication ceremony in mid-June.

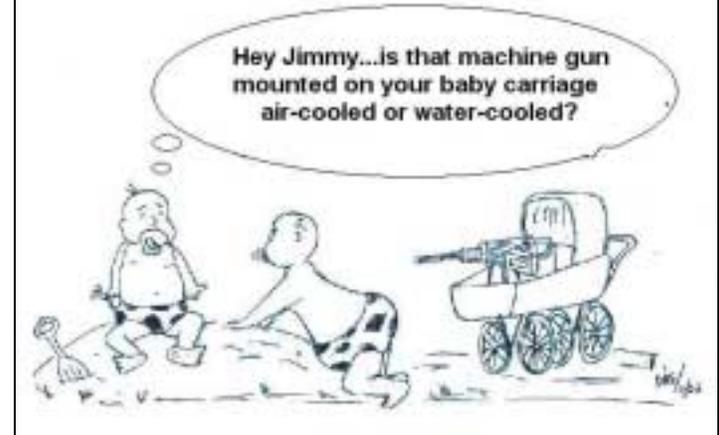
**Mr. Emr** reported at some length that a subset of the **Executive Committee** met on Friday to discuss the deteriorating financial position of the club, cutting the expenses of the newsletter, covering only part of the expenses of the annual pumpkin picking event, and other cost-saving moves.

For the **Gun Truck Committee**, **Mark Jezewski** reported that the truck will be moved to **Vinny Schwartz'** yard for further work. **Frank Nasto** and **John Peterson** both donated parts for the restoration effort (applause) and the committee has raised around \$500 for paint, etc. In return for the help given us by the National Guard, the GTC gave MTA sweatshirts to the members of the Guard.

**Ellen Moore** presented the **Treasurer's Report** which indicated an opening balance of \$917.32, expenses of \$696.30, revenue of \$1,037.93, for a closing balance of \$1,258.95.

For the **Trail Team**, **Mr. Emr** said he is shooting for a trail ride on Saturday, October 25.

### Future Members of the MTA...



**Newsletter Editor Dave Steinert** reported that he found a cheaper printer for the newsletter in Chester that will save us about \$100 per issue. There was a lengthy discussion about the newsletter centering around cutting costs by possibly going to a bi-monthly publishing schedule with a single sheet on the in between month with just a calendar, ads, and abbreviated meeting minutes. Also discussed was selling ad space for business card ads, limiting the length of classified ads, and several other ideas.

**Event Coordinator Frank Eichenlaub** talked up doing an event for the Parsippany Cub Scouts as a way to meet the requirements of our new non-profit educational status. He also noted the Sussex Co. Salute to Veterans on Sat., Nov. 8 and the Clifton Veteran's Day Parade on Sun., Nov. 9. **Mr. Dave Ahl** chimed in with a report of the trucks of five members being very popular at the Big Trucks Family Day at the Morris Center YMCA.

Apropos of the MTA's **financial situation**, **Mr. Emr** noted that the person responsible for renting the American Legion hall to us informed him earlier that the rent would increase. After some discussion, a call to the Post Commander, and some "reasoning together," the fellow

backed down and agreed to a reduced rental rate of \$25 per evening of use.

Regarding the **Dover Swap Meet**, **Jim Moore** reported that he has \$1000 in the kitty, an ad in Military Vehicles has been placed, and everything is set to go for March 20-21. He did note that **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** for all aspects of the show.

For the **Safety Committee**, **Don Covart** and **Brian Bancale** noted the importance of getting and using wheel chocks, having a working fire extinguisher, and the need for people to volunteer to be the safety coordinator for our various parades and events.

**Mr. Sobotka** noted that those going to the **pumpkin picking event** on Sunday, Oct. 19 should meet for a pancake breakfast at 10:00 a.m. or before at the Ralston Fire House on Route 25 (County Route 510) exactly half-way between Mendham and Chester. After breakfast, we will convoy to Alsted's Farm in Chester to pick pumpkins.

Mercifully, there was no **old or new business**.

Introduced were **James Jensen**, a new member, and **Doug Rose**, who was attending his first meeting.

For the **Good of the Club**, **Mr. Sobotka** reported that **Phil Francis** just purchased an M123 10-ton truck from **Wally Carter** and wants to have it ready for the Dover show. **Mr. Sobotka** also mentioned that if your dash airflow indicator is in the red, you may well have a family of mice living in your air clearer as he did. **Dave Coward** suggested that mice can be kept at bay with little bags of mothballs hung in strategic places.

For the **Nominations Committee**, **Harold Ratzburg** placed into nomination for the 2004 year the following names: President: **Randy Emr** and **Jim Moore**, Vice President: **John Sobotka**, Corresponding Secretary: **Dave Ahl**, Treasurer: **Ellen Moore**. There was no nomination for Recording Secretary and **Mr. Ratzburg** encouraged an interested member to volunteer. He noted that other people would be willing to act as backup, but we really need someone to raise his or her hand for the job.

**Mr. Ratzburg** also noted that voting will be done at the December meeting and only those members who are present may vote. The comment was put forth that if a member is truly interested in the club, he should get to the December meeting to vote. In a sharp rejoinder, **Mr. Ahl** noted that while that policy may have been fine when the club had only 20 or 30 members, that today with a membership approaching 300, many members are very interested in the club but because of distance, business or other obligations cannot attend the December meeting. He felt it was unfair that they should not be allowed to vote. **Mr. Pavlick** made a motion that only members at the December meeting be allowed to vote; it was seconded and passed by a vote of 15 to 11 (33 members were present, so apparently 7 did not vote or the count was flawed). **Mr. Ahl** unkindly noted sotto voce that the vote was biased because the only people voting were those likely to be at the December meeting.

Our **Toys for Tots** campaign starts NOW. Bring in unwrapped toys at the next two meetings (Nov. and Dec.)!

**Bill McKelvey** presented a two-part slide show of moving the switcher locomotive from Somerset to Morristown and moving a National Guard locomotive to the new NJ

(Ground) Transportation Museum to open in the future at Phillipsburg.

I don't think the minutes of the last meeting were ever approved, but I could be wrong. The meeting came to a close at 10:00-ish.

—**Respectfully submitted, David Ahl, Acting Sec'y**

**NOTICE: The decision to elect this year's officers by those only attending the December MTA meeting is based on the rules of electing officers established in the MTA By-Laws. So we hope to see a big attendance at the December meeting.**

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### Minutes of the October 8<sup>th</sup> 2003 B Company Meeting

The meeting opened at 1900 hours with a lively discussion on the legality of replica firearms on vehicles and in public displays. **John Peterson** reported contacting the State Attorney Generals office. Their response was that there were no laws on the books, but they weren't willing to publish a letter to that effect. Further discussion was tabled awaiting the arrival of **John Dunay**.

Under upcoming events, **John Peterson** announced:

1. MTA Breakfast and Pumpkin Picking outing on October 19.

2. Watchung Hills Regional High School Veteran's Day Celebration Sun, Nov 9, 2003

The question of whether a front license plate is required on historic vehicles was brought up. Discussion followed, but was again tabled awaiting the arrival of **John Dunay**.

John P. then recounted the last two events, which Co. B supported. The Living History Encampment at Woodbridge was reported to be very relaxing, though participation was light. The John Basilone Parade in Raritan was reported as an excellent time. Club members and vehicles were well received. It has been reported that this parade could be a major MTA parade event next year.

The subject of Co. B T-shirts was next discussed. Pocket T-shirts are not available. OD Green shirts with black lettering was decided on. Two club members are looking into pricing to see where we can get the best deal.

**John Dunay** arrived to answer the tabled discussions. Complete with photocopies of MV regulations, John D. quoted regulation 39:3-27.4 Registration of Historic Motor Vehicles:

"...an owner of a vehicle registered as an historic vehicle...shall not be required to display more than one special license plate issued for that vehicle, which plate shall be displayed on the rear of the vehicle." (eff. 1/4/2000)

When asked about replica firearms, John D. responded, speaking as a police officer, that in the state of NJ, REPLICAS FIREARMS ARE NOT CONSIDERED A FIREARM. However, depending on the situation, if a replica is used in the commission of a crime, then it falls under the Graves Act. The meeting was adjourned at 1935 hrs.

**Submitted by John Peterson**

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## The 2003 CNJ Railroad Festival

By David Steinert



For the second consecutive year the Military Transport Association of North Jersey was invited to attend the CNJ Railroad Festival at Liberty State Park, NJ. This year the festival was held on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> 2003. Like last year the plan was to have MTA members meet at the Home Depot parking lot in Union, NJ and from there convoy down to the event at Liberty State Park.

The day of the festival began as a beautiful late summer day with bright sun and cloudless skies. MTA members with their military vehicles started arriving at the designated meeting spot at about 8:00 AM. Early to arrive was MTA Events Chairman **Frank Eichenlaub** and his wife **Eileen** in his 1945 Jeep MB. Also arriving early was **Frank Eichenlaub Jr.** driving his 1973 M35A2. Arriving shortly was MTA members **Jim Moore** and his wife **Ellen** in his recently restored 1967 M35. MTA President **Randy Emr** with his son **Jesse** soon arrived in his M38 Jeep. Also

joining the gathering MTA group was **Vinny Schwartz** and his wife **Linda** in his 1967 M35A2, **John Peterson** driving his M1008 Chevy military pickup, **John Dwyer** driving his M151A2 Jeep and **Don Covart** and family arriving in his 1953 M37. Recent newcomer to the MTA, **Andrew Torrieri** arrived hauling his WWII M3 Halftrack on a trailer followed by a friend driving Andrew's M151A2 Jeep. After some quick introductions and hobby chitchat the M3 Halftrack was quickly removed from the trailer and the command was given to "start your engines". At about 8:30 AM club members quickly took their positions in line as the Union police arrived to escort the ten-vehicle convoy safely through Union to Route 78.

The trip on Route 78 to the New Jersey Turnpike Extension was uneventful other than the usual gawking motorists who reacted as if they never saw a WWII M3 Halftrack clanking past Newark Airport before. The convoy maintained a speed of about 30 MPH and only stopped for the appropriate tolls. As the convoy entered Liberty State Park, club member **David Welch**, driving his 1942 GPW Jeep joined the procession.

With the approaching New York City skyline in front of them, the convoy made its way down to the Liberty State Park riverfront where MTA members were asked to pull their vehicles onto the grassy area next to the beautifully restored CNJ train station. It was now about 9:30 AM. Some club members began unpacking and arranging their static displays as the general public made their way into the MTA display area. The weather continued to co-operate as the rising sun reflected off the glass skyscrapers standing majestically along the opposing riverfront.



By noontime the swelling crowds congregated into the MTA display area showing a genuine interest in the vehicles and the history they represented. As always, the dependable **Vinny and Linda Schwartz** supplied refreshments to hungry club members and their families.

Shortly after lunch the Superintendent of Liberty State Park invited the MTA to drive their vehicles behind police escort to an area of the park that is generally unauthorized to vehicle access. This area along the riverfront provided a perfect opportunity for club members to take pictures of their vehicles with the Statue of Liberty proudly standing in the background. After an extensive photo shoot the vehicles were driven back to the MTA display area near the train station where the general public continued to mingle its way among the military equipment.



By 2:30 PM the crowds slowly dissipated and club members started packing their gear. At 3:00 PM the vehicles lined up for the convoy back to the parking lot of Home Depot in Union. The return trip was uneventful and Andrew's M3 Halftrack was loaded back onto its trailer as MTA members said their goodbyes and headed for their respective homes.

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### The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual John Basilone Memorial Parade Sept. 28, 2003

Written by John Peterson & Tim Everett

On Sept. 28, 2003, Company B of the MTA attended the largest Marine parade in the United States, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual John Basilone Memorial Parade in Raritan Boro, NJ. One of New Jersey's largest parades, the parade through Raritan Boro honors the heroics of its own homegrown hero, Gunnery Sergeant "Manila John" Basilone.

Club members met at "Full Metal Jacket", the newly opened militaria store of member **Mike Bileckyj** in Middlesex, NJ. Members in attendance were **Ivan Dixon** with his 1943 GPW Jeep, **Mike Bileckyj** with his 1967 Kaiser M35A2C 2 ½ Ton, **Joe Di Giovanni** with his 1944 WC51 ¾-ton Dodge and **John Peterson** with his M1008 Chevy.

The convoy left the parking lot of the "Full Metal Jacket" and proceeded down Route 28 West through Bound Brook, Somerville and into Raritan Boro, reaching the staging area at the Raritan Train Station at 1230 hours. The parade started at 1300 hrs. Company B MTA was one of 125 parade units, 12 military bands and 13 Marine & Army veterans groups from three states that were present.

Called a "one-man army" by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Basilone was awarded the Medal of Honor for defending a narrow pass that led to an airfield on Guadalcanal against

an overwhelming Japanese attack in 1942. By the time reinforcements arrived, Basilone's small force had withstood the repeated attacks of an entire Japanese regiment, leaving it broken and bleeding at the foot of their defenses.

Basilone returned home to a heroes welcome, complete with parades and front-page photos. Turning his notoriety to the war effort, Basilone toured the country on a War Bond Drive.

But Basilone felt his duty was back with his men in the Pacific. A letter on display at The John Basilone Museum in the Raritan Public Library quotes the Gunny: " I keep thinking of how awful it would be if some Marines made a landing on the Manila waterfront and "Manila John" Basilone wasn't among them."

Basilone volunteered for combat and was killed in action on Iwo Jima Feb 19, 1945 after single handedly destroying a Japanese blockhouse while under heavy enemy bombardment. He was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross. A Destroyer, the USS Basilone was named after him in 1949.

The parade ended approximately 14:30 hours and all Company B members dispersed.

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### The 2003 Hackettstown 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade

By David Steinert



On Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 2003, the town of Hackettstown, New Jersey celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a nicely organized parade. Unfortunately the weather gods did not cooperate and the day began dark and rainy with temperatures in the 50s.

Since it was scheduled as a rain or shine event, members of the Military Transport Association of North Jersey braved the negative aspects of the weather and gathered at the parade staging area starting at about 10:00 AM. Hackettstown resident and MTA Member **Gary Kuipers** arrived at the staging area early in his military police car. MTA Vice President **John Sobotka** arrived next driving his 1970 M35A2. Club member **John Dwyer** and his wife **Gail** arrived in his 1952 M43 Ambulance followed in convoy by **Dave Young** in his 1944 Jeep MB, **Dave Steinert** driving his 1944 Jeep MB and **Gary Schultz** in his 1941 Dodge WC12. With the rain becoming steadier, MTA member **John McHugh** arrived driving his dad's 1952 M38A1. Accompanying John was his son **Travis**. Arriving from Blairstown was club member **Richard Coughlan** driving his 1967 M35. Finally arriving from Rockaway was longtime MTA Member **Tom Weaver** driving his 1943 Jeep MB.

With the start time of the parade scheduled for 11:00 AM, MTA members gathered under one of the large oak trees that lined the parade staging area on Madison Avenue for protection from the drenching rain. I'm sure these large oak trees were here when the first settlers of Hackettstown cleared the land to build their log houses. Purposely leaving these trees to protect present day parade participants from the elements of bad weather. Time passed quickly with the air filled with conversations of the hobby and the history of each member's respective vehicle.

Soon the signal was given to "start your engines" as club members hurried between rain drops to their vehicles and took their proper positions in the parade procession. As always, there was another long wait as the rest of the parade made it way onto Main Street. Finally the MTA was ready to roll. By now the rain had let up as the residents of Hackettstown began to spill out of the protection of their homes and line the sidewalks of the 150-year-old village



The crowds were quiet but appreciative. I'm sure the weather had something to do with their dismal spirits. The largest crowds were found standing along the storefronts on Main Street. The MTA was again warmly received as it made its way past the Grandstand. The parade procession turned off Main Street and made its way through the residential areas of the town and ended at the campus grounds of Centenary College. By this time the rainy skies had returned so after some quick goodbyes, MTA Members headed for their respective homes.

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### The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual YMCA Big Trucks Family Day

By David Steinert



The Morris Center YMCA in Cedar Knolls, New Jersey held its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Trucks Family Day on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 2003. This year the Military Transport Association of North Jersey was asked to commit several military vehicles to the event. MTA Member **Dave Ahl** coordinated the club's participation. This annual event provides an opportunity for Morris County residents to bring their young children to "see and touch" a variety of different

trucks and vehicles. The vehicles being represented were fire trucks, buses, racecars, police and construction vehicles, ambulances, and telecommunication trucks. And, of course, military vehicles provided by the MTA.

Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 2003 was a beautiful fall day with mostly sunny skies. Representing the MTA at the event were the following members and their vehicles: **Dave Ahl** and his 1987 HMMWV, **Don Covart** and his 1953 Dodge M37, **Harold Ratzburg** and his 1942 Jeep GPW, **John Sobotka** and his 1970 M35, and **Dave Steinert** and his 1942 Dodge WC-54 Ambulance.

The event was well attended by many Morris County residents escorting or should I say being "dragged" by their young children from vehicle to vehicle. The children especially loved climbing into the cab and through the cargo compartment of **John Sobotka's** M35. It did not take them long to find the air horn switch on John's truck. Throughout the day John could be seen scurrying from the front of his truck to the rear of his truck trying to coordinate some type of crowd control.

Despite keeping an eye on their over enthusiastic children, many a parent found time to ask questions and show a genuine interest in the history of the military vehicles presented. Many a photo was taken of a toddler sitting in the driver's seat of one of these vehicles while wearing an army helmet in such a manner that the only visible feature on a cute little face was a chubby little chin. I'm sure we planted a seed for some future MTA members.

There was a constant flow of parents and children until about 2:30 PM. By this time the autumn sun was setting and a cool breeze made it uncomfortable for those not wearing a sweatshirt or jacket. At this point the crowds started to diminish. At 3:00 PM the event was officially over as a few of the parents found it difficult to drag their reluctant children away from the vehicles. Members of the MTA began packing their displays, saying their farewells and heading for their respective homes. The day ended with the MTA being invited to the 10th Annual Big Trucks Family Day in 2004.

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### Rain or Shine-The Events Go On Regardless

Reports David H. Ahl

After the rainiest spring and summer since 1950, we were ready for a beautiful autumn. But it was not to be. A few beautiful days, but mostly just more rain. Brief aside: I remember that summer of '50 very well. I was at a sleep-away camp in Vermont for the summer. After the first two weeks of rain, everyone had exhausted all the inside crafts and activities, and the counselors, who were just a few years older than us campers, were tearing their hair out. Old wives' tales flew that the weather would change after the full moon (it didn't) or after the new moon (it didn't) or after hurricane season ended (it didn't). Finally we gave up and played softball in the rain, went to campfires in the rain, and shot bows and arrows in the rain. Which is what happened here this fall as show organizers decided to hold car shows rain or shine, go trail riding in the rain, and generally press on regardless.

The first rain-or-shine event was the American Truck Historical Society show in Ledgewood, New Jersey for which, fortunately, the sun did shine. The show was held on

the grounds of Adam Metal Products owned by Ray Bentley, who also happens to own six or seven tanks, a half track, high-speed tractor, 155mm howitzer, a DUKW, a couple of tank transporters, and some very BIG non-military vehicles as well. Considering that all of us had just been at the big Red Ball rally in Pennsylvania for the last three days, our club, the Military Transport Association of North Jersey, made a pretty good showing at the AHS event with six jeeps, two HMMWVs, an M37, two Dodge WC-12 trucks, and a couple of deuces. **Frank and Eileen Eichenlaub** cooked up their usual excellent hot dogs and sauerkraut and we made a small dent into the several hundred cans of soda we've been passing on from one rainy event to the next.

Two weeks later on Sunday, 16 MTA members in 11 vehicles convoyed 15 miles from Union to Liberty State Park for this year's CNJ Railroad Festival (see CMV #21).

A week later, a few of us showed our vehicles in a small car and truck show in Hackettstown. Fortunately, the show ended early allowing most of us to make it home before the skies opened up once again.

But two weeks later on October 4, the nine club members who joined the Amvets in Hackettstown's Sesquicentennial Anniversary Parade weren't so lucky as rain fell during the entire event keeping away all but the hardiest spectators. That same weekend, also in the iffy weather, 13 members in 8 vehicles (including one brave soul with a half track) convoyed 20 miles to participate in a living history encampment and display in Woodbridge, New Jersey. And on the same rainy day, three more members showed off their trucks at the Bottle Hill Day celebration in Madison, New Jersey.

On the Sunday of this extremely busy weekend, another five of us put our vehicles on display as part of the Big Trucks Family Day at the Morris Center YMCA. Although it had rained nearly all day Saturday and the forecast was for more rain Sunday, the sun poked its head through the clouds and the afternoon turned out quite delightful. We attempted to represent all eras and types of vehicles with **Harold Ratzburg's** 1943 Ford GPW Jeep, **Dave Steinert's** 3/4-ton WC54 ambulance, **Don Covart's** 1953 Dodge M37 utility truck, **John Sobotka's** Vietnam era M35A2 deuce-and-a-half, and my 1987 HMMWV, which saw service with the Marines in Desert Storm and Bosnia.

John had thoughtfully put a ladder into the bed of his deuce and wood steps into the cab, and kids and their parents formed long lines to climb into the bed and cab and, of course, blow the horn. The stretcher and medical gear in the back of **Dave Steinert's** ambulance garnered a great deal of interest as did the display of combat equipment laid out in front of my HMMWV. Boys made an immediate beeline to the hand grenades (dummies, of course) and the tubes for carrying 83mm anti-tank rockets (empty) while the girls, for some reason, were attracted to night vision goggles and cold weather sniper gloves (go figure). All of them were quite intrigued with the idea of taking a shower from rainwater in a canvas bucket hung from a tree. In all, about 500-600 kids and nearly as many parents climbed in, on, and around our vehicles and at the end of the day we had to admit that **Don Covart** was probably the smartest or us all to simply drop off his M37 in the morning and then go to the Giants-Miami football game for the rest of the day.

A week later, five members with their vehicles joined the Whippany American Legion Post and convoyed to Lyons Veterans' Hospital where they put on a display for scores of very appreciative hospitalized and disabled veterans.

Rain and shine, it's been a busy fall

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### The MTA Welcomes the following new members:

**Panos Diamandopoulos** of Wayne, NJ  
**Steve Kite** of Kutztown, PA  
**James Jensen** of Boonton, NJ  
**Robert Zalewski** of Caldwell, NJ  
**Joseph Carbone** of Medford, NJ

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### CALENDAR OF COMING MTA EVENTS

**Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 2003-Sussex County Salute to Veterans Parade and Vehicle Display-Location: Sussex County Fair Grounds-Assembly time: 9:30 AM at the fairgrounds.**

**Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 2003-Clifton Veteran's Day Parade-Location: Clifton, NJ-Assembly time: 12:30 PM at Six Brothers Diner, Route 46 East, Little Falls.**



**Let's support Don Covart, Brian Bancale and the MTA Safety Committee**

# CLASSIFIEDS

-If you miss a meeting and want to post an item in the Classified Advertising column of the newsletter, please feel free to call Dave Steinert at 973-347-9091 or you can email him at: [steinert@worldnet.att.net](mailto:steinert@worldnet.att.net)

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**For Sale**-1954 Willys CJ3B, typical rust, runs well, low miles with plow, asking \$2000-call Tom, 201-866-5322.

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**For Sale**-1941 Chevy 1-1/2 ton dump truck. Runs, hoist works good, asking \$1850 or Best offer- Call Bob at 518-872-1352 or email [bmuller@vehiclesofvictory.com](mailto:bmuller@vehiclesofvictory.com). Truck can be seen at [www.vehiclesofvictory.com](http://www.vehiclesofvictory.com).

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**For Sale**-1945 MB engine and drive train parts. Engine has radiator with good-looking core, carb, starter, distributor, etc., condition unknown. Last owner said it ran when parked 25 years ago. Also trans and transfer case complete-take it all away for \$300. **For Rent**-store your jeep for the winter. Share garage with one other MTA member. 8' wide by 7' high door by 12' deep space (jeep size only) at Village Green in Mt. Olive Twnshp \$60 by the month. Available now. Call John Headley at 973-479-3353.

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**For Sale**-NOS M151A2 left & right front fenders-\$70 for the pair or trade. Call Mark Jezewski at 973-228-7086. or email [jaeger-1@comcast.net](mailto:jaeger-1@comcast.net).

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**For Sale**-1970 M35A2 Turbo full canvas, runs good, air shift front axle, spring seat-\$3500. 1970 M35A2 parts truck, major components remain, 3 axles, good cab, partial engine, rear bed-\$1500. Parting out M50A2 water tanker, will sell whole or just parts, call for details. **For Sale**-1987 Humvee M998, 10, 400 miles-\$24,000. Call Jude Meehan day or night at 732-528-5422.

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**For Sale**-Original metal case low voltage tester Model 1-42, works well, 9V-18V-60V-60 amps with data plate & operation manual, asking \$65. Call Tom Mchugh 908-852-1964 or [tmchugh@juno.com](mailto:tmchugh@juno.com).

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**For Sale**-1952 GMC M211 2-1/2 ton Cargo truck with 50 cal. MG-\$6000, 1958 M54 5-ton Cargo truck with gas Continental engine-\$5500, 1969 M54A1 Mack diesel 5-ton Cargo truck with 50 cal. MG-\$7000. 1945 Willy's MB Jeep, complete, runs-\$4000. M151 Jeep curtains-\$50 a set. Complete M151 Jeep engine-\$250. Heavy-duty tow bar -\$200. 1964 American La France Fire Truck, Class A Spartan Pumper (1000 gals per minute). Repowered in 1980 with a Detroit Diesel Engine 6-71N, new power steering, new clutch, new air brakes, kept inside, good condition \$6500. 3 heavy-duty snatch hooks-\$200.Call Wally Carter after 7 PM 973-366-5140.

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**For Sale**-1985 Chevy Blazer-6.2 liter diesel engine, 400 auto transmission, posi-rear, power steering, power brakes, factory camo paint, everything works, needs nothing, excellent condition, 77000 miles, has NJ title. Asking \$6000 or BO. Great vehicle for collector or everyday use. Call Steve 973-948-6170.

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**For Sale**-1943 Ford Jeep-running, asking \$4000, 1967 Troop Carrier-excellent condition, asking \$2000, 1955 Jeep, running, military marked by private party, asking \$1000. Call Gene 973-328-2000.

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**For Sale**-1952 Chevy 1/2 -ton pickup, brass US Navy data plate on dash, starts, stops, & runs, military oil filter on standard 215 flathead six cyl engine, overall VG cond. \$3500 or BO. NOS Vinyl tops for M151-2 avail, \$60 & \$50. M151 wiper arms, NOS-\$5 each. NOS 6V Dodge starters for WC Series 1/2- & 3/4 -Ton-\$100 each. Radio & vehicle mount-one RT67, one PP112, one handset, one connector, one vehicle mount, came off a M151-\$200. Call Ron at 908-927-1092.

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