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The Military Transport Association
Of North Jersey

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On The Cover- A 1916 Albion A10 War Department Troop & Goods Carrier; the only one of three that still survive in their original livery from 6000 that were built.

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Parades / Events: Members are reminded to check the MTA Events Website for upcoming events. They are also encouraged to contact either Randy Emr or **Pete Schindo** to add any events that are of interest to our club members. Remember the NYC Veteran's Day Parade and Convoy through the Lincoln Tunnel is coming up fast!

Toys for Tots: Check the Events Website for upcoming *Toy for Tots* events. Additional *Toys for Tots* events are being planned leading up to the December *Toys for Tots* Train runs. Christmas will be here before we know it!

OMS7: **Steve Vidam** addressed the members regarding the maintenance and trouble shooting of the M-35 Duece's clutch pedal system. Steve discussed the proper procedures to safely inspect, maintain and adjust the clutch pedal and linkages on these great vehicles.

Swap Meet: And so it begins...**Bill Murphy** reports that he has the Sussex Fairgrounds contract for 2015 and he will bring it to the November meeting to be signed by Randy. Dates of this year's show will be Saturday, April 18th and Sunday, April 19th 2015.

Bill reports that he is in the process of contacting the MV related magazines for placing ads for the show.

Newsletter: Randy Emr thanked **Dave Steinert** for his continuing contributions to the club's newsletter. **Jack Stuart** asked to acknowledge Dave Steinert and **Steve Kuhn** for their efforts in researching and composing the outstanding article on the HUEY Helicopter that appeared in last month's newsletter. *Great job to Dave and Steve!*

New Business: The MTA Website has been renewed under the Platinum Plan for the calendar year 2015.

Good of the Club: Jack Stuart spoke about the great time everyone had at last weekend's trail ride through Sussex County. Jack advised that 18 members and 12 vehicles participated in the event. The participants started their day with a breakfast at Yetter's Diner paid for by the club, followed by a scenic drive through Stokes State Forest, High Point Park and ending back at Yetter's Diner. Jack Stuart, **Chris VanOrden** and **Gary Schultz** were recognized for their efforts in planning and coordinating this excursion through beautiful Sussex County. *Great Job Gentlemen!*

A special guest at the meeting was George Mullins. George is a member of the LING Preservation Site in Hackensack, N.J. and a friend of Steve Vidam. George was also a Chief Torpedoman on board the USS Tusk #426 from 1960 to 1965. George recounted some of his experiences as a young submariner including being depth charged during the cold war on one of his classified missions. George can't say who or why his boat was attacked due to Navy Secrecy Restrictions, but it was fascinating to hear what he and his shipmates had to endure.

After George spoke, he was presented with an MTA Challenge Coin by President Emr and Vice President Vecchiarelli in appreciation for his service to our county. Randy concluded the meeting at 9:05p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by **Dennis Vecchiarelli.***

THE NEXT MTA MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH 2014 at 8:00 PM AT THE WHIPPANY AMERICAN LEGION, LEGION PLACE, WHIPPANY, NJ. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED BEGINNING AT 7:30PM.

Military Transport Association

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, October 2nd 2014

The meeting was called to order by President **Randy Emr** at 8:05p.m. A Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence was led by President Emr.

The minutes of the previous MTA meeting were approved as they appeared in last month's newsletter.

The Treasurer's Report was supplied by Vice President **Dennis Vecchiarelli** and the figures are listed below:

Beginning balance from August 2014 was:

Military Transport Association, Inc.
Summary of Funds Activity
For the Month Ending Sept 30, 2014

	Swap Meet	Operating
Beginning balance from last month	\$ 52,856.33	\$ 4,093.07
Income		176.92
Expenditures		(1,061.00)
Closing balance	\$ 52,856.33	\$ 3,208.99



1. The following MTA members deployed for this action:

Chris Tamburro (and family)
Jack Shuart
Ken LaSoine
Peter Peterson (and daughter)
Andy Wagner (and son)
Fred Castenschiold
Andy McNeil
Peter Woolsey (and son)
Bill Murphy (with his black lab Buddy)
Gary Schultz
Chris Van Orden (with wife Glenda providing supervision)

2. Duration of Deployment: 0900 to 1500 hrs, 28 September 2014

3. Sources of Supply: Breakfast mess logistics and staffing supplied by Yetters Diner in the village of Augusta. Members enjoyed a variety of breakfast foods accompanied by friendly conversations between old friends and new acquaintances. Fuel supplies were obtained from local dealers before the convoy formed. Coffee flowed freely.

4. Transportation and Communication Resources: MTA members provided vehicles to meet transportation needs. Military and civilian vehicles assembled for the trail ride convoy. Military vehicles included MB, M38 and GPW jeeps (with Buddy providing K9 support in the GPW), supported by a WC series command car, a M1009 CUCV, and a M923 troop carrier. Civilian vehicles included a CJ2A, Ford Bronco (full-sized) and a Jeep Liberty. Cellular phones and FSR radios were utilized by convoy personnel to maintain unit communication during deployment.

5. Specific Problems Anticipated/Encountered: Convoy formation was hindered briefly by local civilian traffic fleeing chaotic conditions east of operations area for more favorable weekend conditions in the western highlands and the Delaware River Valley. Convoy vehicles encountered minor operational problems resolved through unit teamwork; The M38 experienced starting problems overcome by two push-starts; Loose lug-nuts on the MB caused a brief halt to search for a lug wrench; An improperly secured gate blocked convoy access to CCC Camp 218/1266, with personnel using the M38 to improvise a route around this obstacle to acquire keys from command personnel at the camp. Bathroom facilities were readily available within the deployment area. Provisions and water were sparse but obtainable from local vendors.

6. Objectives Achieved/Failed: The convoy moved unhindered through the village of Branchville and to the targeted objectives in Stokes State Forest. A halt on the road to the Sunrise Mountain Pavilion offered an unparalleled view of the western mountains, Delaware Valley and eastern Pennsylvania. All agreed that civilian refugees moving into the area would find ample respite from hardships in the east. The convoy continued to more favorable tactical positions at Sunrise Mountain. Regions observed at this objective were: The entire Kittatinny Valley and the townships of Frankford, Augusta, Wantage, Lafayette, Hampton, Vernon, Hardyston, and Jefferson. The convoy advanced to CCC Camp

objective where a detailed report on the success of CCC operations was given by J. Shuart (To quote Capt. Nathan Briddles, "A good clear report. It'll show on your record when you come up for that extra stripe in 10 or 12 years."). The convoy advanced through Camp Ocquittunk to Deckertown Turnpike and an advance on Sawmill Pond and unit objectives at High Point State Park. All vehicles arrived at the High Point Monument objective and utilized an unobstructed 40 mile view of the NJ Highlands and Tri-State Area. The convoy proceeded down the mountain, past "Volcanic Hill" to Lusscroft Farm (site of the former Rutgers University Agricultural Research Station) and an orderly tactical redeployment and halt at Space Farms Zoo and Museum (the final unit objective) before 1500 hrs. After attaining all mission objectives, the convoy dispersed to the base of origin for each member deployed for this action.

7. Weather Conditions: Operating conditions were ideal with fair skies and unseasonably warm temperatures.

8. Medical Issues: Chris reported experiencing sunburn on his bald head while leading the convoy in the operational area. It was pointed out (by his wife) that sunscreen, and wearing the hat that was in the CJ2A, would prevent a more serious sunburn. Domestic and marital discussions ensued regarding the need for bald men to wear a hat and use sunscreen in an open jeep. This topic will not be addressed in this AAR, but may be the subject of an addendum to this report at a later date. Concern developed regarding the status of "Fred's nuts", but this turned out to be a mechanical problem and not a medical concern related to his personage.

9. Mission Success: In all operational areas, the MTA Fall Trail Ride was considered a success by those deployed. All objectives were attained. All members gained a better understanding of the history and geography of the operational area. Unit morale was high. Weather was very favorable. Mess and other logistical operations were very good. All vehicles were mission capable. Deployed members returned to their bases of origin safely and in good spirits. Additional operations of a similar nature were discussed. All agreed that additional operations would be beneficial to the MTA.

10. This AAR prepared by:
G. Schultz
C. Van Orden



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The next MTA monthly meeting
will be held on **Thursday, November 6th,**
8:00PM at the Whippany American
Legion Hall



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A Chapter of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association

The Military Transport Association is dedicated to the education and preservation of historic to present military vehicles. Members enjoy restoring, displaying, and operating military vehicles of all types, from bicycles to tanks!

You do not have to own a military vehicle to be part of this exciting and active hobby, just a desire to do your part in helping keep our military history alive. All you need to join is a member in good standing to sign this form, fill out the rest and you are ready to start enjoying all the MTA has to offer!

If you are not already sponsored by a member in good standing, please check out our website and you are welcome to come to a meeting introduce yourself and start enjoying all we have to offer!

You may mail this form to the address below signed by a member in good standing.

Member in Good Standing _____

Membership # _____

Are you a member of MVPA Yes No

Membership # _____

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