



N Y - P E N N M I L I T A R Y V E H I C L E C O L L E C T O R ' S C L U B I N C .

2010 HOLIDAY ISSUE

As we wind up 2010 I have taken a moment to reflect on the past year. What has been most rewarding is the sense that our group of members and our friends in neighboring clubs can come together and enjoy each other's company and passion for military vehicles. In describing this as a passion, perhaps I am illustrating that for some of us we are drawn into this hobby for reasons that are greater than simply owning and restoring a piece of iron and steel. We hold the history, and the heritage of these inanimate objects as precious memories of our lives, or the lives of those we care for. For some, it is the connection that these vehicles create to the great things that this nation stands for. Perhaps it is the freedoms fought for and the lives given to preserve home and hearth; for the safety and the preservation of our own community and the entire nation. It can be the value we place on the pure logic and ingenuity that created these machines for the purpose of protecting and preserving our nation. In some cases it is simply because we enjoy the work of keeping these beasts alive so they can tell their own tales to those who see them on display. This passion is greater than merely for the vehicles we own and care for.

I remember a time at an event last year where an old veteran walked up to my truck, and he stroked the fender as if reuniting with an old friend. Everyone who is in this club has seen this themselves at one time or another. I have no idea if he served in Korea, Viet Nam, or some other time in our history, but I am quite sure that for a moment, he was transported back to a time he remembered vividly, if only for that moment. In preserving the vehicles we do, we allow others to re-ignite memories, or to reconnect with a loved one. No matter what the reason, in our keeping the vehicles as we do, we honor those we care for, and those who have served and our nation. An added bonus is that we all become a part of the MV community and the great friendships we make when we gather together.

Hudson-Mohawk Report November 2010

Next Meeting : Sunday December 5, 2010, 1:00pm, Bob Mueller's "Vehicles of Victory" Marcus Road, Delanson, N.Y.

**2011 Meeting : Sunday January 23, 2011 , 1:00 p.m.,
New York State Military History Museum , Lake Avenue, Saratoga Springs, New York**

No November meeting due to scheduling problems. Wanted to let all know that there will be an end of year meeting on December 5, 2010, 1pm at Bob Mueller's Vehicles of Victory site. Bob will be demonstrating the applications and benefits of "corn grease" in your Military Vehicle maintenance schedule. This should be very interesting to those who need a good gear grease. Agenda will include reports on the most recent NY-PENN Board meeting held November 7th in Binghamton and the status of a 2011 Wings, Wheels and Tracks Show.

Chapter participation in Veterans' Day parades November 11, 2010:

The City of Albany Veterans' Day Parade pairing with the Watervliet Arsenal was once again a great success. A check in the amount of \$150 was accepted from the Arsenal sponsors for Hudson-Mohawk's participation for deposit in the NY-PENN account. Our members turned out 11 vehicles including armaments with the Arsenal's floats and staff leading the parade in the 1st division. Traveling east on Central Avenue to the State Capitol thousands of spectators lining both sides of the street honored the Veterans with cheers, flag waving and signs in appreciation of our Veterans and our efforts. Military Vehicles included Jack Pollard's M-4 with Long Tom, his jeep along with Jack Powell's two M-35's filled with flag waving kids and adults while towing Jack's newly acquired WWI Howitzer. Bill Mischler's M151 towed a Howitzer. Uncle John Kolanchick turned out with his WWII WC 1/2 ton 4x4. Dave Nigriny and Paul Blanchet rounded out the field with Dave's M-35 "Black Beauty" and Paul's 1977 Dodge M886.

Bob Muller reported that the City of Amsterdam Veteran's Day Parade and Memorial service was attended by 4 dedicated members with their vehicles including Bob Muller, John Tennis, Sherman Day and Becky Whiting. The crowd was smaller than anticipated, but no less appreciative or respectful of the honored veterans. Due to the decreased crowd the Amsterdam parade committee will be considering a return to their Saturday date for future Veterans Day Parades.

Our condolences and prayers to Linda Pearson at the loss of Rob after such a valiant fight for life.

The January 23rd, 2011 meeting will be held at the New York Sate Military History Museum Lake Avenue, Saratoga Springs at 1:00 p.m. Charlene and I will host our last official meeting . The year end 2010 NY-PENN Financial Report including detailed itemized expenditures and income will be presented to the membership as well as other NY-PENN information. At that time the direction of the Hudson- Mohawk Chapter of NY-PENN will be turned over to Jack Pollard, 1st VP and John Tennis, 2nd VP. Please give them your support in keeping Hudson-Mohawk moving forward.

See you December 5th at Bob's.

"Nick"

John Nichols



Bob and Karen Messersmith at the new sign installed on New York State Route 38 known as the Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Highway of Valor. Route 38 passes from Owego to the shore of Lake Ontario at Fairhaven and is a beautiful and scenic ride. It is very appropriate that the veterans of Viet Nam were recognized for the valiant and courageous service.

In Memoriam Rob Pearson



Thanks for the memories Rob!

HONOR THE VETERAN by SUNNY PAULA BARNHART USMC

**Veterans are easy to recognize By their special swagger
And their shattered eyes**

By the way they stand so tall when the flag is raised

And how they bow their head When the Lord is praised.

They may have clabbered voices and brown and mottled skin

A missing arm or leg or eye

But you can see the youth within. What horrors did they see?

What hell did they endure to keep my flag and liberty secure?

What would our nation be like without veterans such as these?

Let us remember each of them when we bow our knees

And may we give all reverence due To the brave men and women

Who defend the Red, White and Blue!



2011 NYPENN OFFICERS

Here are the incoming officers for the year 2011. Please remember that each Company officers have the NYPENN merchandise and you can get the Hats, T-Shirts and decals from them.

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2nd Vice Pres. John Tennis

If you have not already, please submit your NY-PENN MVCC 2011 dues as soon as you can. We encourage all our members to join the MVPA which is the National organization we are affiliated with. This organization is our advocacy group for national and state issues and they also help promote our group and the hobby in general .

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Albany Veteran's Day Parade 2010



Amsterdam Veteran's Day Parade 2010



Dogs, Snow, and MV's



EASY CO: Syracuse Veteran's Day Parade. Several members of the company brought their vehicles to the event held Nov 6th. Jack Downings 1944 MB, Driven by John Middleton USMC ret., Jack drove his 1948 USMC Chevy P/U. Bob Hill drove his USMC M38, Leon Rutkowski's drove his M1009 and Larry Ruth with his M151A1. Winning the hardy driver award is Bob Hill who drove 37 miles one way in an open jeep to get to the parade. Our vehicles were featured in the local newspaper who did refuse our use of their photos in our own newsletter despite pleadings by your editor. You can check them out here: http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2010/11/syracuse_parade_honors_veteran.html



ABOVE: Here are Gerald McDonald's great looking M135 and M37 along with a beautifully restored 1941 Plymouth Staff car all getting ready for the Veteran's day parade in Corning NY. I am sure that Plymouth is a rare MV these days.



Message from your editor:

I remain trapped here with my dog, behind enemy lines, hoping for relief forces in the form of warm sunny weather to break through to our position. The enemy attacked a few days ago hurling salvos of snow and cold and forcing us to maintain our position as taking the chance of going outside was a sure bet that you would get frozen or at least semi frozen. This battle seems to occur every year when the "Arctic lows" seem to think that they can take over our land and dominate our lives. Our major ally (Old Sol) seems to retreat at the same time the initial attack occurs but always marshals forces and returns in strength to drive the invaders out but only after we have fought this enemy in a bitter battle to see who perseveres.

Even in knowing that Sol will come and help us win eventually, the battle is tiring for us old soldiers who have fought the war for what seems to be forever. Some of our troops have resigned and headed south trying to avoid these evil "Arctic" forces but It seems to find them no matter how far south they go, even in Florida.

Besides, the "Arctic lows" have an equivalent in the south known as the "tropical lows" who are their bad attitude relatives that seem to get anxious and need to travel around disrupting lives like Mexican banditos. This is a phenomena that occurs after 'Ole' Sol' has already come to our aid. Thank God we don't have to deal with those "tropical low banditos" normally.

Alas, this is the burden we are forced to live with living here in the northern regions of NY and PA. The battle will never be won, only fought to a stalemate every year. I remain at my post, waiting for orders from command hoping that this season is mercifully short and that we suffer few casualties. Keep warm and keep the home fires burning. That is all!

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL & HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



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