

# RUSTBUSTERS GAZETTE

Indiana Military Vehicle Preservation Association

August 2011

## **PRESIDENT'S NOTE** By Don Hartzell

As I write this, the Dayton MVPA convention is beginning. I can hardly wait for my chance to walk down row upon row of juicy MV merchandise and salivate, and at times even buy. So much merchandise, so many projects, so little money—we can all relate to that, I think! For me, though, it all centers around the hunt—looking for those parts that I just can't find anywhere else. MVPA conventions are certainly a great place for all this to happen.

Of course, for those of us here in Indiana, Dayton marks just the beginning of an exciting part of the season. If you doubt it, just check out the listing of events on our website. You'll find plenty to keep you busy well into the fall, with our annual rally at Ropkey's topping it all off. The rally promises to be bigger and better than ever this year.

One last thought stems from an experience I had in Carmel at the July 4 parade this year. Jim Mulligan, Deb and Roger Woodward, and my wife, Sue, and I had our jeeps at this event. In addition, just behind us in the parade was a deuce and a half carrying several veterans. One in particular told me something that reaffirmed for me the reason why we do what we do in this hobby. He was a 91-year-old WWII Air Corps vet who flew a B-17 named *Warzend*. He wore his original officer's crusher cap and his leather flight jacket complete with the name of his plane and several bombs signifying the many missions he and his crew flew in Europe. What he told me made me swell with pride: "I really want to thank you for bringing those jeeps out today. I truly felt honored by it. Thanks for remembering what we did."

I believe his words should inspire us all to "keep those MVs rollin'"!

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**NEXT MEETING: 17 SEPT 2011 – 10 AM, ROPKEY  
ARMOR MUSEUM, CRAWFORDSVILLE.**

**\$25 DOOR PRIZE TO BE AWARDED**

## **MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING – JULY 9, 2011**

The July meeting of the INMVPA was called to order on July 9, 2011 at 10:15 a.m. by President Don Hartzell. The meeting was held at the Ropkey Armor Museum in Crawfordsville, IN. There were 18 members in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The minutes from the meeting in March were approved and seconded by Tom Stolz and Larry Dorsey. There was no Treasurer's Report as our Treasurer Deb Woodward was out of town.

## Old Business

Don asked for Rally updates. Larry Dorsey brought more fliers for the Rally which is being held Sept. 16-17, 2011 at the Ropkey Armor Museum in Crawfordsville. He said he would take additional fliers to the National Rally in Dayton, OH in August. We will also have ads running in Supply Line and Military Vehicles up to Rally time. He brought 3 more trash cans. He also stated that because his wife has been seriously ill he will not be able to do as much this year at the Rally so we are going to need more volunteers to help out.

Port O Pots have been ordered from Midwest Rentals.

There was a discussion about having specific areas for Vendors and one for vehicles brought in for display. It was agreed that this would be a very good idea.

Fred talked about the Fly In/Cruise In held at the museum in June and told the group that we had 18 airplanes and 75 cars registered for the event.

Admission for the rally was the next topic. It will be \$5.00 per day or \$10.00 per car load. A group of Korean veterans from Lebanon is coming out by bus and the group voted unanimously to waive the gate fee for them.

Ted suggested that the officers should set up a gate schedule for volunteers.

The Rally will be Friday and Saturday with Sunday as a tear down and clean up day.

## New Business

Gary Bussell invited the chapter to attend the Indiana Warbird Campaign at the Academy of Model Aeronautics on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 3-4, in Muncie, IN. He offered that their club would once again bring their radio controlled aircraft to our Rally two weeks later.

August 21, 2011 in Noblesville, IN - They are having a rededication of the Viet Nam Memorial Wall and would like us to bring some military vehicles to the event.

Sept. 30 - Oct. 2 in Louisville, KY. Chuck Leppert of the Kilroy Chapter of the MVPA has invited our chapter to bring military vehicles to the Concours De Elegance car show.

Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, 2011 is also when the Newport Hill Climb will take place this year in Newport, IN.

Don announced that elections for officers is coming up in November. Offices for re-election are Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Nominations are due in Sept., ballots will be mailed in October and voting will take place in November.

Dues- Deb and Roger have suggested that we waive the membership fee once again. It was pointed out that why should someone renew their membership when the newsletter is on the website. Someone suggested that we have membership cards at the gate during the rally. Steve Shaw suggested that we offer a special sign up initiative: sign up for 5 years and get the 6th year free. Several people liked that idea. It was agreed that we will table this topic until after the rally.

The next meeting will be held during the rally at 10:00 a.m. in the museum shop.

Tom Stolz and Ted Pontius moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.  
The meeting was adjourned at 11:10.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lani Ropkey

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER:** Gary Lahrman, Speedway, IN.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** We need members to help out at the Rally in September. This would include helping at the gate or other locations as needed. If you are attending and would like to help, contact Larry Dorsey at 317 291.0521. Volunteers get **FREE** admission and staff privileges.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS** (Watch for updates on [www.indianamvpa.com](http://www.indianamvpa.com))

<b>August 21, 2011</b>	<b>Noblesville, IN</b> Courthouse	<b>Vietnam Memorial Re-Dedication</b> Setup 9AM-Noon, Ceremony 1:30PM. Contact Ronald Wilson - memnpap@hotmail.com or visit <a href="http://www.HamiltonCountyVeterans.com">www.HamiltonCountyVeterans.com</a>
<b>August 26-28, 2011</b>	<b>Hallsville, OH</b> 6587 State Route 180	<b>Hallsville MV Show</b> at Sam Werner Museum Contact (Office) 740- 655-2666 or (Evening) 740-703-0619 or floater@horizonview.net.
<b>August 27, 2011</b>	<b>Sunbury, OH</b> I-71 North @ exit 131	<b>Mercy &amp; Grace on Wheels 3rd Annual Gospel Car &amp; Motorcycle Show</b> Contact 614-269-8567 or <a href="mailto:mercygraceonwheels@yahoo.com">mercygraceonwheels@yahoo.com</a>
<b>September 2-4, 2011</b>	<b>Muncie, IN</b> 5151 East Memorial Drive	<b>Indiana Warbird Campaign</b> Contact Dennis Crooks 765-739-6842
<b>September 10-11, 2011</b>	<b>Vincennes, IN</b> Indiana Military Museum	<b>Salute to the Veterans of WWII</b> Sat 10AM-7PM, Sun 10AM-4PM
<b>September 10, 2011</b>	<b>Indianapolis, IN</b> Valley Mills Driving Range 4897 Kentucky Ave.	<b>Church Car Show</b> Starts at Noon. HMMVs are welcome. Contact Don Anderson 317-710-7917
<b>September 16-17, 2011</b>	<b>Crawfordsville, IN</b> Ropkey Armor Museum	<b>Indiana MVPA Rally and Swap Meet</b> See next two pages.
<b>September 16-18, 2011</b>	<b>Kokomo, IN</b> 8313 E. 400 S. (Greentown)	<b>29th Annual Vietnam and All Veterans Reunion</b>
<b>September 17, 2011</b>	<b>Fountaintown, IN</b>	<b>Heritage Day Parade</b> HMMVs are welcome. Contact Bob 317-965-2519
<b>September 17-18, 2011</b>	<b>Grosse Ile, MI</b> Naval Air Station Grosse Isle	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Annual WWII &amp; Veterans Weekend</b> Parade on Saturday, visit <a href="http://veteransweekend.com">veteransweekend.com</a>
<b>September 30-October 2, 2011</b>	<b>Grissom ARB, IN</b> Grissom Aeroplex	<b>Victory Days</b> 8:30AM-7PM Daily.
<b>September 30-October 2, 2011</b>	<b>Louisville, KY</b> Churchill Downs	<b>The Louisville Concours d'Elegance</b> See <a href="http://www.concourslouisville.com">www.concourslouisville.com</a> for more info.
<b>November 12, 2011</b>	<b>Evansville, IN</b>	<b>Veteran's Day Parade</b> Contact River City Thunderbolt Club for details.

## **CLUB NEWS** (Keep current at [www.indianamvpa.com](http://www.indianamvpa.com))

**Next IMVPA Meeting.** 17 September, 10AM at the Rally & Swap Meet in Ropkey's Armor Museum, Crawfordsville, IN. See the website for a map link or the next page for the address.

**\$25 Door Prize Winner.** Congratulations to Rick Miller for winning the 9 July drawing.

**Elections.** This year is election year! We have three openings on the board: Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice-President/President-Elect (to be President in 2014). Board positions are for two years. If you would like to help manage our club, please be ready to nominate yourself or a candidate at the September meeting at the Rally. To be eligible, board candidates must have attended at least three meetings this year and be a MVPA member. That's about it. No birth certificates, security clearances, or references needed. The ballots will go out by October and must be returned by 1 November. Election results will be announced at the November meeting.

# Indiana Chapter MVPA 2011 Rally 20th Annual Show & Swap Meet September 16-17 Ropkey Armor Museum in Crawfordsville, Indiana

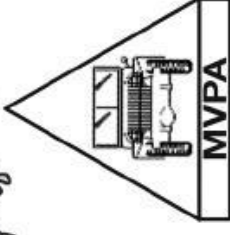
\$20 Unlimited vendor  
spaces available  
Contact Fred and Lani Ropkey  
for details.

No Gun Dealers Please.  
The Ropkey Armor Museum  
5649 E. 150 North  
Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
(765) 794-0238

[www.ropkeyarmormuseum.com](http://www.ropkeyarmormuseum.com)



General Admission \$5.00 per day, \$10.00 per carload.  
Current Military personnel FREE with ID.





Guide to 2011 Indiana MVPA  
Rally and Swap Meet

Dates: Friday, 16 Sept. & Saturday, 17 Sept.

Hours: 9AM-6PM Daily.

Entry: \$5/Person or \$10/Vehicle. Free: Current Military with ID; Kokomo VN Reunion with wristband; Military Vehicles and drivers.

Area Lodging:

Hampton Inn (765-362-8884),  
Holiday Inn Express (765-323-4575),  
Quality Inn (765-362-8700).

Limited Primitive Camp Sites available.

Facilities:

Local food vendor and public restrooms will be available on site.

No electrical drops at sites this year.

Activities: (check website for updates)  
Ropkey Armor Museum Access – Daily.

Muncie-based Henry County Wright Flyers will be flying their Warbirds from the airstrip.

Amphibious Vehicle Swims. A pond is available for amphibious vehicles (check with the Ropkey museum to make sure they can accommodate).

Jeep Trail Runs and Local Jeep Routes – Daily. Both, on site trails and roads within the local community, will be open for use.

Swap Meet – Daily. Parts & Militaria. Vendor sites available. Bring your spare items down to trade or sell. \$20 for unlimited vendor space.

Historic Military Vehicle Displays – Daily. Besides the museum displays, attendees with military vehicles are invited to display them. There is no formal vehicle judging planned for this year. A “public’s favorite pick” vote is planned.

Technical Advice & Camaraderie – Daily. Come meet your fellow enthusiasts for the hobby. Get advice from others who have been there and done that project. Hang out with the cool kids with the cool toys.

For more information watch our website or contact Fred and Lani Ropkey at (765) 794-0238 or Larry Dorsey at (317) 291-0521.





**INSPECTOR'S CORNER** Technical tidbits that help you to stay accurate to your vehicle's era.

From PS magazine, 1966. The **5" round mirror** begins phase out. So, if you have a 5" x 8" mirror, it reflects a post-1965 era. The 5" mirror would eventually be retired from service.

From PS Magazine, 1954. The **tire bead clip** begins phase out. Though not definite at this point, it hints official guidance is pending that will instruct units to disregard them. Pre-1954 depicted vehicles would likely have them.

*New Arm and Mirror*  
Drivers of  $\frac{3}{4}$ -ton,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -ton, and 5-ton tactical trucks can now get a bigger rear-view mirror than the round types on their trucks. It measures  $5\frac{1}{2}$ -in by  $8\frac{1}{2}$ -in. To fetch 'em, ask for Mirror, FSN 2540-952-7035 and Arm, FSN 2540-952-9034. The West Coast type mirror mentioned in PS 145 is not here yet.



**MV SHOW REVIEW – MID-OHIO MV SHOW AT MARENGO, OH** by Mike Lusty

I had the opportunity to attend this year's show on 22 July. IMVPA members Rick Miller and Don Hartzell were also in attendance. A skeet range adjacent to a campground served as the show's venue. Most of the vendors were at the Findlay show (annually held in May). Being centrally located, just above Columbus, it also drew in a few vendors not at Findlay. The parts were aplenty including some hard to find items, like a NOS M37 heater kit and a fording kit (both still boxed) and the prices were very competitive (no shipping or tax either). The spread looked mostly  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton with a sprinkling of larger truck parts. For the collectors, there were plenty of militaria items (military surplus) as well. A lesson learned comes from Rick Miller and Mike Foor who also attended last year. This year they brought their swim trunks and enjoyed a swim at the campground's pool before heading home. It made all the difference after being out in the hot sun all day. If you can't get to the Findlay show or just can't get enough of this stuff, this is a good show to catch. Don't forget your towel.



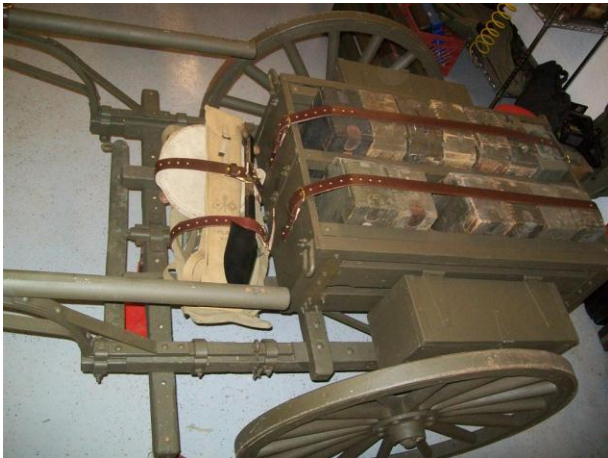
**M1917 Machine Gun Cart Update.** In the last issue, we featured Len Grummel's two M1917 Machine Gun Carts. Outside of the Ropkey Museum, these are believed to be the oldest HMV held by an Indiana MVPA member. Here are some photos of the carts as they currently look.



Before (left)

The previously unpainted cart, the Ammunition Cart, is now painted and equipped with ammunition boxes and accoutrements for the guns.

Now (left and below)



The painted cart, the Spare Gun Cart, is now equipped with two gun chests and tripods. Very nice job!



Before



Now

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**GOT SOMETHING TO AD?** Send it! We are always looking for articles for the Rustbusters Gazette. Send in your articles, ads, tech tips, bios, information about your vehicle, or anything you would like to share with us by sending it to Mike Lusty via email or to 1440 Sylvan Dr., Marion, IN 46953-2510. Photos are welcome!

**FOR SALE / WANTED** (Also posted at [www.indianamvpa.com](http://www.indianamvpa.com))

**For Sale:** Submit your ads by sending to Mike Lusty via email or to 1440 Sylvan Dr., Marion, IN 46953, or use the website "Contact Us" page link.  
**Bring it to the September swap meet!**

**1958 M56 Contact Maintenance Truck.** Complete with heavy duty 3/4 ton chassis & box, good NDT tires, winch & cable, and generator/arc welder set up. VN era OD paint scheme with Signal Depot (39th SIG BN) markings. 3000 miles, good title, will meet requirements for IN BMV permanent Military Vehicle registration. Will include 3/4" drive socket set and a case of oil. \$9000 - Located in Indianapolis.

**Contact Jeff Niese – 317.244.3630 after 6PM.**

**M35 Steering Wheel.** Used, in good condition. Looks to be an early style steering wheel for a 5 ton or 2½ ton truck. Some scuffs, scratches, and paint stains from storage and handling. 18" diameter, .980" ID (unsplined end), 35 spline, bottom marked 12028 and spoke marked WARCO. \$50 – Located in Marion.

**Contact Mike Lusty – 765.664.3380**

**Military Generator.** Like new condition. **Contact Ted Pontius – 317.873.2994**

**1952 M-100 Trailer.** 1/4 Ton Cargo Trailer. Trailer has been sand blasted, undercoated, rhino lined, painted OD Green Semi-gloss, and stored inside since restored. Has current issue, 12 volt lighting, on it for being towed being non military vehicles. Pictures available upon request. \$1500 - Located in Indianapolis.

**Contact Dave Burton at 317 997.9870 or burton449 @ yahoo.com**

**Wanted:**

**GPW Seats.** Looking for GPW seats. **Contact Don Hartzell – 765.643.7059**

**Cushman Scooter.** Looking for fully restored Cushman Model 53 Airborne or any other model of military Cushman. **Contact Dick Lavanture – 574.903.8222**

**FROM LAST YEAR'S RALLY & SWAP MEET:**





**INDIANA MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (       ) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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TODAY'S DATE \_\_\_\_\_ NEW / RENEWAL MPVA MEMBER? \_\_\_\_\_, MVPA # \_\_\_\_\_

Dues per year: Single \$10, Family \$12. (circle one)

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1. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

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- ✓ Access to information on Indiana Military Shows and events.
- ✓ Connect with individuals that are versed in military vehicles and can help with your problems and fixes.
- ✓ Enjoy the support of local members and events.
- ✓ Help protect your rights to own and operate vintage military vehicles.
- ✓ Receive quarterly newsletter with free classified ads.

**Send completed application and dues to: Lani Ropkey, 5649 E. 150 North, Crawfordsville, IN 47933-8089**

Make checks payable to **IN MVPA**. Memberships are for one calendar year. Please do not send cash.

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**BUSINESS MEMBERSHIPS:**

- ☐ U.S. Associate: Second Class Postage - \$70.00
- ☐ Canadian Associate: Economy Airmail - \$US80.00
- ☐ Overseas Associate: Economy Airmail - \$US90.00

**Attention active MVPA Members:** Recruit a **NEW** member and receive a gift; include your name and membership number below!

*\*Memberships are for one calendar year and are pro-rated after the beginning of the year.*

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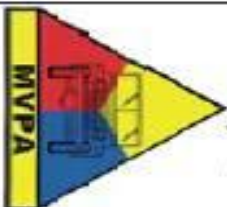
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WILL YOU HELP THEM PRESERVE IT?  
Whether you own, aspire, or simply respect the  
history they represent, join the MVPA to further  
their legacy. Help preserve their place as lessons of  
history. **Join today and keep history in motion!**



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