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## DEBRIEFING

March meeting: 14 members were present at Rob Fast's nearly completed shop. What a terrific place, Rob has made an effort that the décor appear as a RAF ready room and hanger. Members will remember his home has a similar "war room" appearance and Rob has given his hanger the same character. The spring day was a bit on the cool and damp side but the well equipped (rubber boots) were able to forage in the debris field of next projects. Our thanks again to Rob, always a great host.

Rob had an interesting piece of history, a piece of "chaff" used to jam Nazi radar during the second war. It measured 18.5 inches in length and here's a clue. This would be a half-wavelength at the radar frequency to be jammed. What frequency would they have been using then? For you real radar guys, that would be about 47 centimeters or say 100 cms for a full wavelength. How many megahertz would that be?

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the club will be on Sunday the 6th of May at 1300 hrs (1 PM) at the 1 Canadian Air Division HQ

museum Bldg 25 (enter via the Whytefold road gate and ask for directions - Jeff Helps will be there at 1300 hrs to lead the way if folks want an escort). The Division's History and Heritage staff have graciously agreed to come in on Sunday afternoon to show us around. To gain access to the base all members wishing to attend MUST get their names and vehicle license numbers to Don Trueman by Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Hope to see lots of you there. (Yes Rob you will get to see the Battle of Britain tapestry !!!)

## EVENTS

Keep the Show'n'Shine part of the Mb Classic and Antique Car Club in mind. This is May 13<sup>th</sup> and is known as the Red River Valley Swap Meet at the Red River Ex grounds.

The Portage Airshow folks were unable to see a way to have us participate this year. Our suspicion is that this will be the way things will be as long as the show is in Portage.

Transcona Hi Neighbour parade is Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> Contact Bill Briercliffe or Don Trueman.

We have been asked again to provide a display for the Prairie Dog Railroads tribute on Armed Forces Day, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Last year we had half-a-dozen vehicles turn out, good time had by all. If you can provide a vehicle, give Don Trueman a call at 832-2857. There may be other events on this day too, we're looking about as the PDR is done with us when the train pulls out...

For those who don't want to make the trek into town the Steinbach Car Show is also on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Gord Falk is the contact for this one as well.

"Princess Auto Day" which is scheduled for Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>. The theme is a customer appreciation day mixed in with some fun events and displays. If enough interest we can do displays at both the Panet Rd location and the Portage store as well.

The Springfield Days Parade is also on June 16<sup>th</sup> in Oakbank. We have done the Springfield parade several times however missed last year. In the past we had vets riding in our vehicles. Call Gord Falk if you want to attend this event.

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☛ All British Car Meet is at the Forks on July 8th. Last year Gord's Ferret was entered.

## CORRECTIONS TO MEMBERSHIP LIST:

Gil Fontaine was missed, please add to your list. PO Box 293, Letellier, Mb R0G 1C0.

Rob Fast phone number is 204 326 5673

Rob Love is 204 763 4720 and [cmpman@goinet.ca](mailto:cmpman@goinet.ca)

Ed James to the missed membership list section of the newsletter...PO Box 69, Elkhorn MB 204 845-2630.

## DISPATCHES

Jim Harrison went shopping for an old tractor and came home with a new CMP 15cwt, from the bowtie company. Details to follow...

Paul Heise is looking for an engine for his Ford CMP...

Bill Spence revising the construct of his CMP.

Gil Fontaine has acquired a half-track to add to his collection of same. Not sure of the details, but this may have come up from the US.

Editors jeep insurance for the driving season as a ¼ ton truck (T plate) is \$203 for April 1 thru Oct 29. Storage insurance in the off season brings it up from that number, but not much.

Derks carrier will now run with a repaired radiator. No more just on and off the trailer, get ready for a new kind of "burn-out"

Note from Ed James puts the average selling price of a MB/GPW in Great Britain as 9912 GBP and the M38 and A1 at 4325 GPB Currently (!) that's 22,000 and 9,645 \$CDN respectively..

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well the spring weather is finally here and it's time to get that MV out of winter storage. And if you're like me your starting to deal with the list of repairs you meant to get to over the winter. While I did change all the ball joints in the steering (the shimmy is gone!!!), I still have to add the footman loops, reflectors and get the oil pressure sender working properly. The hood could use a coat of paint and ... Oh well I guess we never really finish a restoration. The good news (for me anyway) is that the 19 Set works perfectly and Don Trueman and I have done jeep to jeep coms at around 6 miles. Not bad for these sets and well within specs.



**Jim Harrison's "John Deere"**

There are a lot of events coming up for this season and I hope many of you can get out. While all are official events, we decided at a previous meeting to designate one per month as the club primary event. Unfortunately the ones to choose from are all worthy events. So for June we have two events that we would like to highlight, the Prairie Dog Central on June 3rd and the Princess Auto Day on June 16th. This does not mean the others are not important (I get to as many as I can) but if you absolutely must choose, those are the ones we would like to see max participation at.

After 3 years the Commander of 1 Canadian Air Division is being posted and a new Commander will be arriving to take his place. While not yet firm, I have offered club vehicles to participate in the change of command parade in July. Hopefully my proposal will be accepted and we can showcase some of our vehicles at this major military event.

We are in the process of developing a calendar for the website so all these events will be posted on the Prairie Command site for the show season. Stay tuned for updates.

That's all for this month, hope to see you out at some of the club events. I'm headed back out to the shop to try and find that oil sender!

## FOR SALE

six 13 cabs in various conditions (\$200 each),  
a 11 or 12(?) cab fire truck (\$200),  
a 60 cwt (\$500),  
truck boxes for a 13 cab and a 60 cwt (\$100 each),  
an ambulance box (\$100),  
a body for a bren gun carrier (\$100),  
and a bren gun carrier, running, but missing some armour plating (\$7,500).  
Call Ken Heiberg at 306-585-3406