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Don Trueman's M38A1 gets prepped for a "floorectomy" with the replacement parts from Midwest Military ready to go in.

## DEBRIEFING

December was our Annual Dinner. About 35 members and guests were able to attend and our new venue seemed to be a success. Certainly our caterer did a fine job and thanks to Derk for making it happen.

Unlike previous years, the temperature was a little kinder, which made it easier for Rob Love and Jack Mavins to do a flat tire fix...recall last year Jack had fuel pump issues...happens when you switch up to a newer vehicle I guess! We were very pleased that Joyce Briercliffe agreed to join us for dinner as our special guest.

President Jeff had some remarks which probably constituted the formal part of the meal. I don't believe there was any business activity except the collecting of club dues.

Long distance hauler to the dinner was Ed James in from Elkhorn. Ed has a camera and likes to use it (there's a hint for other members!) I think he develops his own as well. Ed brought many pictures of his vehicles and illustrating some obscure pieces of kit to suit his Jeep.

In keeping with our demographic, most of us left at a reasonable hour and went straight home!

## NEXT MEETING

Monday January 14th 2008 at 17 Wing Museum, 19:30 hours. Check attached map (watch that North arrow!)

## EVENTS

Nothing Scheduled

## DISPATCHES

The NAAACCC and MAAC organizations are looking for our club renewal. MAAC has asked for any car club events that should be in their calendar. Also the A&W Root Bear has been active sending along their discount coupons.

A local publication for Mb area Car Clubs, titled Wpg Cruise was received. It includes a picture montage of (probably) the Fabulous Fifties Car Show. Derk's Carrier shows up and a further picture shows his MG in better detail...looks good among the chrome surroundings. Check this out at [www.wpgcruise.com](http://www.wpgcruise.com)

Convoy Magazine has a spread on Mark Perry's HUP in the current issue. There's a wee bit of confusion about names, but it is our guy...I understand it's a good read.

Don Truman turned some of his "Big Time Movie Actor" money into winter storage for the M38 (to make room in the garage) and a new passenger floor for the A1. Glad to see fame hasn't changed Don. We were a bit worried that Don might succumb to the siren call of Hollywood celebrity money, but I think we can safely say that Brittany will

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have no local competition for the front pages of the Gossip papers!

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

While the newsletter is the last official one for 2007, by the time it gets to you it will be 2008 so I will start with a Happy New Year wishes for all. The annual dinner was great and a special thanks to Derk is in order for arranging things. A number of folks used the occasion to pay their membership dues and we would very much appreciate it if the rest of you could get your checks in ASAP. We have to have this wrapped up by the end of Feb '08. Then we can generate a membership list and get our fees out to NAAACCC and MAAC which is based on membership numbers.

The first meeting of the season is next week and we need to start discussing this years plans since spring will be here before we know it. Your executive is here to work on your behalf, but you need to let us know what you would like. I hope to see you all there (see map below)!

## TECH TIPS

Some thoughts. If you have a M series vehicle with an ammeter that doesn't work, it's probably the meter. The ammeter gets its signal from a shunt in the regulator. The shunt is a very unlikely piece to fail.

I'm assuming that your vehicle actually charges its batteries! If the ammeter doesn't work AND the motor won't crank, well,

don't worry about the ammeter just yet.

The replacement for the ammeter was the coloured instrument (yellow, green, red face) which is a voltmeter and needs only one wire connection plus the case to ground on the instrument panel. I understand that a M series with a working ammeter gets extra points at MV shows.

My A1 had a busy year with several issues to fix. Bad ignition condenser. Breaker point spring tension almost none existent. Dead (new) battery...dealer forgot to fill one cell of one battery...not sure how that works! And finally, low and dead batteries...found that one quickly by removing cables at the starter and measuring resistance to ground. (disconnect the batteries!) There are only two cables and one terminal, quick process. Also I had a hunch, the battery cable terminal on the starter switch was shorting to ground. I just now took it apart and found there to be considerable contact debris inside. The contacts were pretty much toast, a new (J B parts dep't.) switch put it right. Second time in my career for this one. Last one was 25 years ago, pretty close.

## CORRESPONDENCE

A thank-you letter was received from the Springfield Legion Branch, #146 for presenting a display vehicle at their Remembrance Day Service (Note: You can't buy diesel in Steinbach on Sunday mornings. Maybe in the afternoon.)

