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Rob Love's A1 at "The Battle of the Bulge" shoot in Shilo

## DEBRIEFING

We had eight members out for the January meeting. Several items were discussed including discussion about our meeting day (Sunday or Monday), upcoming events and possible club activities. No determinations were made. Don Trueman tossed out the idea of meeting at the local go-kart track for a little fender-bending and hi-speed fun in lighter than air type vehicles. (hey! I can whup your HUP anytime amigo!).

Arguing for Sunday meets is the possibility of a daytime meet with our MV's vs. post work days and having time to gather the MV from home and heading out to a meet. . Sunday's may

be a good choice during the summer and in the past year we had the Prairie Dog Central, Princess Auto, Oakbank and Transcona Hi Neighbour events on Saturdays. The consensus was to leave things as they are on Sundays so no change there. June is a very busy time for events in Mb...

Joyce Briercliffe forwarded Bill's records and files to Don Trueman. We note that there are club decals and several PC crested shirts on hand. Please let us know what you may want when you send in your membership dues...we have also sorted thru Trueman's debris field and have copies of old newsletters available...(free, to paid up members!)

We are going to incorporate the Buy'n'Sell back into the mailed copy of

the newsletter. Pres. Jeff who has been formatting the newsletter says it's a major chore to organize into the actual newsletter layout, so we'll insert it as a stand alone page when there are items to sell. Let us know what you have to offer or what you are looking for and we'll get it out. It will still appear on the website but in two forms (I guess).

As of this day, more than half of the members have sent in dues...I know I'm getting repetitive...

## NEXT MEETING

Monday February 4 at 19:30 hours 17 Wing Museum. Check your last newsletter for the map location. Also be aware that the security at the base entrance has you on their list from the club membership roster... did we mention membership? Paid up?

## EVENTS

➡ Nothing Scheduled

## DISPATCHES

A nice note received from Doug Weatherston in Ontario. Doug has quite a bit of traffic for Mb members and promises some pictures along for the newsletter. Doug is working hard on a Gun Tractor restoration and like all of us waiting for spring.

A letter from Ed James including an account of the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual "Battle of the Bulge" shoot at Shilo (PC guys did pretty well) and news clippings about an Art Show featuring some of Ed's hundred-thousand photo negatives taken over forty years (a selection

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printed for the show). Ed also collects old cameras and reckons about a thousand or so.

The pictures in this edition are of Rob Love's A1 recently acquired from George McGowan. Period equipment and dress is an important part of the shoot with team James taking best dressed honours. While the jeep isn't quite right for the period the snow sure is! (ed. gets an aside here. I have a picture of my late uncle wearing hip-waders and several ducks and shot gun draped over his motorbike. He is wearing a tie (a necktie!). Whenever I see Ed, he's wearing a tie and probably regulation issue in this picture of him in the A1. Some guys are always classy no matter what they're doing!

Membership dues for NAAACCC and MAAC have been sent...these are based on last year's membership numbers.

The good folks at Princess Auto have asked us to lend a hand this June for their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year and to support the Tallman Foundation.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well the first meeting of the year has come and gone, and currently the weather is warming up. It won't be long until it is time to get the MV ready for the season. Our first request for a show is from Princess Auto who would like as big a turnout as we can manage at their new Panet road store on June 14th for their 75th anniversary celebration. Please plan for this event and in addition to vehicles it would be nice to set up some equipment displays. I am going to look into getting a special event Amateur radio license and will set up a Ham station on site for the day. More details as they become available

At the last meeting we discussed membership cards and business cards for members. We are still looking into that item and hope to have something ready for this years events.

We have also been pushing hard for folks to send us pictures of their vehicles or projects under way. Seems there is a significant shortage of film as we never seem to get anything sent in. If it is a matter of photo skills call Don or myself and we will drop by and take the photo's for you. If we can get enough variety and quality we would like to get a calendar printed, so send some snaps or give us a call.

Holding meetings at members workshop or project locations was brought up as well to allow folks to have a look at your projects or your pride and joy. Our default location is the museum at 17 Wing however a "road show" is always welcome. Anyone want to host for the March meeting?

## TECH TIPS

Get one of those new type lite bulbs for your trouble lamp. They are much more durable (bang it, drop it) than the incandescent bulbs and they don't get the shield so hot as to burn you. Be careful if you do break it though. Something about mercury...

Got squeaky springs? This tip from G503.com might help. Slather grease thickly on the leaf springs then wrap them in plastic and duck tape then take the MV for a ride. The spring action helps move the grease between the leaves and effectively lubes them without removal or disassembly. Afterwards, wipe off the excess grease and paint them. No more squeak!

