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How Last Month's Front Page Photo Was Taken

nically. A putt-putt in the exhaust led to a compression check, that looked worrisome. Follow up involved removing the valve-tappet side cover and finding less than 2 thou. clearance on at least one ex. valve. Re-lashing all ex valves took away the putt and smoothed the engine nicely. Could someone have misplaced the decimal when setting the gauge? Intakes to follow!

Gord Falk out of the hospital a couple of days early and now prowling the halls of the Malls in Steinbach. Barry Smitke also recovering well, hope we'll see these guys for the next meeting, or at least January!

Lorne Ertle making progress on two fronts as respective parts arrive. Its hard to imagine vehicles better than factory...

Bill Spence busy too with his Burma buggy. Into electrical issues (upgrades-turns signals) and sticky hard to remove detail parts...the big heavy basic stuff is in place.

DEBRIEFING

Our November meeting was well attended by 14 members at the McGregor Armoury. The meeting was followed by a tour of the Fort Garry Horse Museum and archives. The meeting was informal and no new business was discussed. Attendance award goes to Parker Filmore who arrived in his A1 on a cold evening...the museum tour is always interesting and member Derk Derin was able to show us some of his contribution (labour!) to the halls. Also present to meet was friend Gord Crossley, 38th Brigade Sgt Major and a museum director. As we departed, Doug Young was keeping the library open doing some research ref. long box M37's, several of which appeared in Canadian service (this would be fitted to the ambulance/van chassis).

We have received next years NAAACCC membership application. Three dollars/year per club member. MAAC will also be along soon. These groups are important for us as both work with government to keep us old

timers rolling.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at Parry's Restaurant 2731 Main St at the Shooters Family Golf Centre at 18:00 December 1. This is our annual Club Holiday Dinner and this year we have been assured that we will be the only function booked. Derk will by now have contacted you all to see who wants to attend, If you haven't heard from him, give him a call!

EVENTS

None Pending

DISPATCHES

A nice note from very active club member Ed James. Ed spent summer months overseas and forwarded some of his pictures from Europe, including battle areas and monuments. Also pictures of his "entertainment" jeep. We'll bring these along for the next club meet.

Parker Filmore's MD coming along



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We have a new member from the fine state of Virginia. Randel Hovey of Culpeper, VA. Randel has Daimler DAC and a CMP, belongs to the 15th RECCE living history group. This group has three Dingos, an M2 and a Humber Armoured Car. You can reach him thru rwhovey@vabb.com More info with the membership list out in a couple of months, or call me ed. for more info. And welcome aboard to Randel, how about some pictures?

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Never has a photo generated so much interest! I was flooded with hundreds of questions (Well 1 actually, but ...) as to how we achieved artistic mastery with the overhead shot of the Brookside Cemetery group photo. Page one lets you in on the secret! Bill Spence and I got an opportunity to take a trip on the Aerial platform, helmet required.

Since last newsletter the snow has fallen and MV events have come to a standstill. I like most of you are preparing for the holiday season (I just finished putting up Christmas lights at 2 above on November 23rd - if this is global warming count me in!). Time seems to be screaming by and before you know it our holiday dinner is upon us. Thanks in advance to Derk for his efforts in getting this arranged and I hope all of you will be able to come out and share an evening with your club mates.

As noted elsewhere Barry Smitke had some personal headlight work done, and Gord Falk had a mid-life engine overhaul and we wish them both a speedy recovery. Remember Gord you can now reset the odometer to zero!

We are in the midst of putting together a club calendar for 2009 and are still looking for some good photo's of your vehicles to be included. First come first serve and unless you want it to be all jeep pictures, get the photo's coming.

As well the countdown continues ... 9 more issues until our 200th newsletter! We will want photo's for that memorable publication and as well we are looking to host a club event to mark the 20th year the club has been in existence - August 10th 1989 marked the beginning. Alright you founding members, time to get the anecdotes and stories flowing.

Since the next time I write this column will be after the holidays, let me wish you all the best for this holiday season and for the new year.

TECH TIPS

Ever had a stubborn bit of rust you wanted to remove? I had removed the speedometer from my universal carrier and noticed that the face was covered in rust (top photo). Some seemed to simply have washed over the paint, but other parts had clearly eaten into the metal. I tried rubbing, buffing compound and other gentle attempts to remove it with no

success. A visit to the Internet came up with a few suggestions including vinegar and other mild acids. One suggestion that caught my attention was a 20% solution of molasses and water. The mild acids seemed obvious, but molasses? Since I had already planned to renew the face with a decal, I thought what the heck and tried the molasses. I put the face in a plastic tub with the solution and checked it every day for 5 days. After 2 days the rust began to wipe off with a damp towel. Had I stopped at 4 days I think I would have had a pretty good job, but by 5 it had started to lift the paint (bottom photo). All in all it was pretty amazing and I am now trying a rusted knurled fitting used to secure the engine panels to see how it works on a rusted surface. Stay tuned.



Before



After