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**Prairie Command Display at Brookside Cemetery Re-dedication Ceremony** (photo with the assistance of WFPS)

## DEBRIEFING

The October meeting was held at Derk Derin's home in W. St. Paul. Eight members made it out and had quite a time as several have reported on Derk's historical efforts. His displays are second to none and well worth a visit

(see the mortar pit photo below).

No new business was passed (or generated!).

Bill Spence gave an update on the event scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> of October ref. Brooklands.

Mike Wolter submitted the annual bill for our website. (\$102.++)

Derk has arranged for our November (3) meeting to be held at Minto Armouries, December (Christmas) meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December with help from Skip Lynds, site not yet determined, and for January we may attend to Bill Spence in Headingley.



On Saturday October 18 we provided 7 vehicles for the City of Winnipeg on the occasion of their development of the Military portion of the Brookside Cemetery in North-west Winnipeg. We had good weather, good appreciation from the attendees and some fun with several members being hoist by the Winnipeg Fire Department (pics included!).

## NEXT MEETING

November 3 at Minto Armouries in Winnipeg, 19:30 hours. We should have a museum tour before (or after?) the meeting.

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## EVENTS

Likely none till spring.

## DISPATCHES

Rob Love is off to help the Canadian Forces repair vehicles over seas, can't seem to quite retire!

Lorne Ertle is busy with several restore undertakings and readying for several more. Got to give up that farming! When the restore is better than the original construction, it does take time.

Dave Dunlop is busy with the radio side of MV's. WS 19 Set variants and in to the future, Dave has set up a display venue that is quite good, serviceable and ranges from the forties thru the eighties. Dave is actively pursuing a radio amateurs license and this line-up could soon appear on the 160/80/40 and 6 meter bands. Not all at the same time tho!

Several visits from Dave Thomson over the past year have been a nice occasion. Dave had his carrier out for the Princess Auto event, and popped in on several other events.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well as you read this most of you will be getting your vehicles ready for winter storage and planning projects for the winter to make the time go by. How about having us stop by and see what you're up to? Last year we tried a standard location (the museum at 17 Wing) and managed to attract around 6 members to each meeting. It was suggested this year to try going back to the rotating visit approach. So we are looking for volunteers who wish to host the group. While we there we'd be happy to help put on the tub, box or whatever!

The last event of the year was our display at Brookside Cemetery to help the City of Winnipeg during the re-dedication of the field of honour. Brookside is one of the largest (if not the largest) veteran's cemetery in the country and a short drive through the grounds was a reminder of the

sacrifices of our ancestors, as well as those of the men and women serving today. Lest we forget!

Not a bad turnout, unfortunately Gord Falk's trailer became unavailable at the last minute and he was unable to attend. I parked my carrier (which is in the early stages of restoration) next to Derk's very complete one. I think our visitors got a good idea of the level of effort it takes to restore these old warriors. Both Derk and I appeared in period uniform (Derk's far more complete than mine!) and I think it helps to get visitors to identify with the vehicles and recognize that as nice as they look they were built for a purpose and that they were operated by people who, repaired, rode and fought in them.

Let the count down begin ... 10 more issues until our 200th newsletter! Now is the time to start going through those boxes of photo's and give us a look back over the last 20 years! Not sure yet what we are going to do, but we will be working hard on making our 200th a memorable issue. Any thoughts?

Well that is it for now, I hope you have all been able to prepare for winter before the snow flies. See you next meeting!

**TECH TIPS** - Lots of folks do not like the original Cuno Oil filter installed in some of our vehicles and replace it with a cartridge type filter. For those of you who are purists don't forget your regular servicing. The service manual says to change oil every 6,000 miles or twice a year. As for the filter itself it says remove the bottom plug and drain every 1,000 miles. What is that "T" on the top for? The filter is made up of a series of fine metal plates with wipers of the same material in between the plates. Turning the "T" handle wipes dirt out of the filter and lets it settle to the bottom of the bowl. How often do you turn the handle? I do it every time I am under the hood.

The filter should be removed and cleaned when you change the oil. There are no special tricks to cleaning the filter, just remove it, take it apart and clean it with solvent. Reassemble with a new gasket (take care to properly align the bowl) reinstall it and your good for another 6000 miles.



“ ... Beneath the Crosses Row on Row ... ”