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Fabulous Fifties at Garden City 2007

DEBRIEFING

Our October meeting took place last day of September at Rob Fast's home and hanger. Fifteen people came out and the weather turned fair through the afternoon. Our kind thanks again to Rob for his always interesting home and good cooking.

There was no new business.

Several vehicles (local!) made the BBQ, including a new entry freshly acquired by Gord Krentz. We're not entirely sure what it is, but it seems to have a Dutch ancestry (DAF) and a Continental engine with a modified looking Uni-Mog drive system, apparently American and employs no differential but has two drivelines to the rear wheels. The spare tires rotate on their mounting brackets such that if you get hung up on rough ground, they will take a load and free wheel you over the hump! Neat looking machine!

Scott Sullivan was invited to the BBQ to see first hand military vehicles he would like to have for an upcoming movie shoot in Winnipeg. Scott is a "vehicle wrangler" and locates period vehicles

for the movie industry. He had found us on our website and called the number on the screen. He had a follow up visit with President Jeff the day following the BBQ and did some visits to see some member's vehicles.

NEXT MEETING

The next club meeting will be held at the 17 Wing museum on Monday November the 5th. Detailed directions will follow via e-mail or contact Jeff or Don closer to the event. If you intend to go at the last minute, then go to the Whytefold gate and ask for directions.

EVENTS

☛ The year is winding down and folks are beginning to place vehicles in storage. The only thing on the near horizon is some potential movie work in November for some of the club member's vehicles.

DISPATCHES

Matt Tallman has entered the militaria/kit business. Find him at www.mattsmilitary.com The business name is Matt's Military Emporium and is

strictly on-line. Good luck Matt!

Marc Montgomery has released Convoy Magazine # 28, and a superb job it is! Our contributor is Gord Falk who reported on club events as well as an account of his Ferret problems with transmission. Find out more at convoymagazine@yahoo.com

John Tizzard reports from Moose Jaw that Iltis activity is alive and well. Seems that he has collected a bit of parts inventory and may be a good resource for other Iltis folks.

We had a good turn-out at the Fabulous Fifties Annual Car Show at Garden City Mall in Winnipeg. Eight club vehicles were present. The day was fine and we had many passers-by with questions and curiosity. Mark Perry brought out his new trailer after Rover. Gord Krentz' dog adopted a Hot Dog vendor. Jeff Helps had an amateur radio contest running on some equipment which gave a real ambience as phonetics and numbers were exchanged via short-wave! Reports are that over a thousand classic cars attended the event. This was at least our third trip to this event as a club, and some felt that it should be an annual event for us.

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End of Year Wrap Up at Forward Operating Base "Fast"

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As you read this folks are beginning to put their MV's away for the year. Don't forget to top up fluids and check your anti-freeze. A good trick to keep critters out of the cab is to put a number of moth balls in between a couple of pie tins stapled together at the edges with some holes punched in them. I'm told if you put a few of these through-out the vehicles mice and other vermin will look to live elsewhere.

While not a record breaking year for events, the turnouts at the ones we had were good. Some new vehicles in the fold this year and a few closer to being finished for next year. My personal new item will be a completed M100 trailer and at the rate he is working Bill Spence will likely be ready to debut his "Burma Buggy" at the first show of the new year,

No word yet on a X-Mas dinner, but hopefully we will have something soon.

Next year is shaping up to be a good year for events with two on the books already. We have been asked to keep Prairie Dog Central in our plans for next year (rumour has it that "steam" will be up by then) and a very promising 3 day event at Gimli for the Gimli Modelfest has been talked about. Have a look at <http://www.gimlimodelfest.com/> for more info.

Hope to see you all at the Meeting in November at the 17 Wing museum. We have been invited to use the facilities for our meetings and will try and arrange a Saturday vehicle display there as well in the coming year. And I will try and get a tour of the HQ building set up over this winter for those of you who want to see Canada's Operational Air Force HQ.

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Gord Krentz's Latest MV