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Van, Lorry 3rd Type Cab - General Motors of Canada

details yet. Member at large Bill is following up on their request.

## DISPATCHES

A sympathy card was sent to the Briercliffe family from the club.

Still some outstanding membership dues...

The Fast brothers are featured in a video found on Maple Leaf Up website. Go to MLU, then WW2 Military History, Canadian Army News and find a link to the Fast Brothers. This is great!

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well folks I am on the mend after a few weeks of flu. Hopefully this means the end of the cold and flu season and we can start getting our machines tuned up for the spring.

The Boston Pizza meeting seemed well received and so we will give it a try again next month.

## DEBRIEFING

Our meeting held at Boston Pizza was successful. A dozen members showed up over a period of time, some had already had supper and some had problems with the menu limits but all told we had a good time. There was a formal process but no new business.

## NEXT MEETING

MARCH MEETING CANCELLED. Unfortunately after a number of on the road trips your president got sick AND your treasurer took Mrs treasurer on an I'm sure well deserved vacation to a warmer climate. We will be back on the

ball for April.

With the positive response from last meeting we will do the Boston Pizza location again and then with the warmer weather start looking for members to host meetings at their workshops or homes. A summer event calendar will probably be set up...and speaking of calendars, we have some left at \$10!

## EVENTS

20th Anniversary BBQ Dave Dunlop to host. Details to follow.

The management of the Brooklands Cemetery have asked if we will help them again this spring...not sure of

Well it won't take you long to figure out that we have hit the bottom of the barrel for information in this month's news letter. Luckily I have a CD with over 500 photo's of CMP's Carriers and more vehicles from GM and Ford. When info gets short, photo's will be used to fill the gaps.

If you haven't run across it yet have a look at this URL - [http://www.army.forces.gc.ca/LF/English/6\\_1\\_1\\_1.asp?FlashEnabled=1&id=3256](http://www.army.forces.gc.ca/LF/English/6_1_1_1.asp?FlashEnabled=1&id=3256)

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There you will find a video of the Fast brothers to compliment last months article and it ends with a nice plug for the club.



By the way we do get letters and I'm not the only club member with a sense of humour. Dave Dunlop wrote in about last months tech tip featuring Parker Fillmore's new Combination lathe/milling machine. Dave was seeking some clarification wondering "Where do you put the money in, and where does the Espresso come out???"

That is all the news that's fit to print this month. I trust that by next months newsletter we will be on the verge

of spring and thoughts of road trips will be in peoples minds. We are looking to identify some back roads routes that end up at a restaurant or coffee shop for lazy summer weekends. Stay tuned!

## TECH TIPS

Lost one of your 12 volt batteries in your 24 volt system? Or maybe just one of them appears ratty and in need of replacement. Should you get one now and the other later? Info from the knowledgeable folks at G503.com says don't do it! Both batteries in a 24 volt system should be replaced at the same time. The older one will take longer to charge, over charging the new one shortening its life!

When you go and get your vehicle this spring will you be using a tow bar? Does it skid around corners? If so these tips from Wes at G503.com may be of help. While Wes writes about jeeps I suspect it is good info for other vehicles as well!

"The skidding is quite common. As is the tendency for the wheels to not return straight ahead coming out of the turn. There many factors that affect towing such as tow bar length, speed in the turns, radius of your turns and etc.

Try reducing speed into and out of the turns, make turns as wide as the space will allow, make sure front steering linkage is tight, alignment (especially toe) is correct and make sure tire pressures are correct and equal.

These problems will get worse if the front end is lighter than usual (ie engine out). When that happens I like to use bungee cords to help the wheel stay centered and return to center after the turn."



**We Are Trying To Convince Bill Spence That This Is The Proper Trial Run For His Burma Buggy**