



ND-MVCA News

The 2005 MVPA convention

By Maurice "Stan" Stansbury

Wow what an adventure. Being this was my first time attending and showing a vehicle of any kind I was quite nervous. We had worked all through July on the 68 Kaiser M35A-2, mostly on paint and the exterior. In fact we did the primary color on thurs, camo colors on sat, touch-up tues before departing wed morning. To protect the paint we wrapped most the front end in saran wrap and sprayed Pam on the rest. It did look quite silly. Joe and I took turns driving there, it's a great feeling watching your truck going down the road, as I took my pickup with also. Oh, everyone seems to ask, it does 62 MPH and gets 8 MPG.

We arrived just in time to hear the tornado sirens going off as a sever thunderstorm was skirting the city. After pulling the truck under a walkway so we started unwrapping. We decided to arrive a day before so we could check into the hotel and prep the truck for the show the next day. It

took us 2 hours to find a coin car wash, to clean the truck and do some paint touch up. I hadn't painted the lug nuts, in case of a flat, or installed the pioneer tools or jerry can.

Speaking of tools, I have been in the Air Force 25 years and



"Stan" Stansbury and Joe Wierenga next to their award winning 2 1/2 ton 6x6 at Duluth.

have never seen tool on the M-35 tool rack, or in fact had any of my buds. It figures typical of the military, the rack is basically the same for all mil vehicles, and was originally intended to be mounted vertically. On a Deuce its horizontally and at an angle. We had the shovel and mattox but had to

buy an axe at the Home Depot on the way to the car wash. On the way to the convention center, aprox 10 miles, the mattox handle had vibrated its way out, gee no wonder I've never seen tools before.

Arriving at the center, we had to go through prejudging, this is were the truck's lights, gauges, wipers, horn and its operation is checked. When we entered the arena I felt better after doing excellent on the pre judging. I was surprised to see we had one of the only desert camo'd vehicles there. They had us line up behind an 85 M-35, Korea War era CCKW and next to a WWII CCKW airborne model with the split frame. Friday was the actual judg-

ing, we were there with the judges, It makes you feel good when you get positive comments right from the start. We were entered in the Motor Pool post WWII division. Our judging took about 30 mins, they really liked our display, especially the easel

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Museum Displays

ND-MVCA vehicles are on Display at two North Dakota Museums. The Fargo Air Museum set up a display honoring the 60th anniversary of WW II. They heard about the equipment of a couple of our members and contacted Ken Yuly.

As a result of that contact they have Dennis Sundby's M3A1 White half-track with two 30 cal machine guns and one 50 cal gun, an M3A1c with a mounted 106mm recoilless rifle, and an M42 Radio command vehicle with mounted radios and command post equipment.

The Air Museum in Fargo, located near the airport on 19th Ave, is looking to double the size of their display area.

In Minot, the Air Museum on the North end of the airport has a M38A1 with radios and an M100 trailer and a M151 with a mounted 50 cal machine gun and a m416 trailer.

Stop out and take a look at these displays of our efforts of our history and our members equipment.

Upcoming events

4th Quarter Meeting!!!

The 4th Quarter ND-MVCA meeting will take place on **Saturday, November 12th, at BISMARCK**. The meeting will be held at "The Great American Steak House" on North State Street. It is located about 2 blocks South of the I-94 interchange on US-83. We plan on starting at 12:15. We hope to see you there. (Military Vehicles not required, but not discouraged!)

Special Services Available????

If you have any special talent or service that you would like to advertise, or any items for sale, let Jerry know. We will publish advertisements that are of interest to Association members. We can't accept for publishing or sale any live ammunition or explosive devices. The advertisement of working fire-arms will be accepted on a limited basis. Non-operational or Display weapons can be listed.

Carb Repair: Call John Pitner at 701-852-8515 for repair of Military Carburetors.

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Do you have e-mail? Do you have a website with pictures of your vehicle?

Let the newsletter editor know and he will put your site and or email address in the newsletter.

We can also arrange for you to receive the newsletter via e-mail rather than "snail mail"

Need Help with Equipment ID? Need help identifying Military equipment or parts? Call Ken Yuly at 701-725-4915. Leave a message and Ken will get back to you.



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boards. I did see some of the jeep judging take over an hour per vehicle, mostly in the factory and recondition class. As a side bar, we drove our truck over 300 miles, and were proud of our oil leaks.

There were 3 main areas in the arena, jeeps, bikes and motorcycles then more jeeps, pickups and Deuces and bigger vehicles including Half tracks, APC and a Sherman Tank. First thing Saturday morning we gave a small talk about our experiences in Iraq, we got a very warm reception and had a lot of great questions. We spent most

of Saturday looking at the other vehicles and then went on a Harbor tour and visit of a Great Lakes coal freighter. In the evening was the banquet, which was nicely done. The greatest part of the evening is when we received first place in our division. It was a great culmination and affirmation of a summer short on time and long on sweat. Sunday started a fun ride home, hot windy but with two big smiles all the way. Lastly I really need to thank my friends for all the help. Lt Joe Wierenga, George Stansbury, Ray Yost (USAF Retired), Paul Anderson and Pat Farrell.



Ken and Dennis take a break from the convention

Bismarck Folk Fest

Four members of the ND-MVCA took the opportunity to display their restoration work at the annual Bismarck Folk-fest. Frank Waldner had his CJ2, set up as US Navy, Lyle Torno brought one of his M151s, Jerry Schempp had his 1953 M38A1, set up as A Battery 188 Field

Artillery, and Dennis Sundby had his White M3A1 half-track.

As one person mentioned, the cars and hotrods on display had a number of different "groups" of people admiring the work, but EVERYONE found our dis-

play interesting. Everyone could relate.

We were enthusiastically offered more space for next year. Mark the 2nd weekend of August on your calendars, and plan on bringing your "baby" to this show.



Dennis Sundby dusts off his White M3A1 1/2 track.



Dennis Sundby's White M3A1 1/2 track and Jerry Schempp's 1953 M38A1



Frank Waldner with his CJ3, Dennis Sundby and Lyle Torno with his M151

ND-MVCC & Iola 2005

By Brian Carlson

Our chapter had 5 members who made the trip to the annual Iola Vintage Military Vehicle show on August 13th & 14th. Dennis Sundby was still in the state from the MVPA show the weekend before up in Duluth, and was returning from visiting a collection near Kenosha. Ken Yuly, Lyle Torno, and Stu Lenzke piled into Lyle's van, like they have for the last few years, and met up with me, as I live en-route. That's pretty good chapter attendance for a show that's two states away.

And what a show it was! This was the 15th year of the military vehicle show, as it is an offshoot of the famous Iola Old Car Show & Swap meet that is held every weekend after the Fourth of July. Originally started by Old

Cars Weekly and Krause Publishing founder Chet Krause, that show has grown to the point of it being run by a non-profit foundation that benefits the local charitable organizations. In the late 1980's, Chet (a WWII vet of the 555th Anti-Aircraft Battalion in Europe) started seriously collecting WWII vehicles. The military show was a natural extension of the Car Show, as this was back when there were only a handful of MV shows in the country (including the annual MVPA convention).

Four years ago, Chet started selling off his collection of MVs and collector cars. At his zenith, he had approximately 75 pieces of restored equipment, from a selection of early jeep derivatives to a Sherman tank. Almost the entire collection was sold to Kevin

Kronlin and ended up in the Geo. C. Marshall Museum in Holland. Today, Chet only has jeeps & a complete set of Dodge VC series trucks, and since pairing down this collection, has actively sought out one of each variant of jeep used by the US Armed Forces. His current count is at 16, and his breakdown for what he feels he needs is 22, so he's got a pretty good start.

Since he sold off his collection, there's been some concern that the show would start to dwindle. There is no need to worry about that. While there may be few MV's on display, the swap meet had grown exponentially. It's become a venerable **MUST AT-TEND** for the majority of vendors in the MV marketplace.

Ken and Lyle certainly weren't un-

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Ken Yuly, Dennis Sundby, ?, Lyle Torno, Joe Wierenga and ? At the 2005 MVPA Convention, Duluth, MN



Case SI Aircraft tug



Vietnam reinfactors at IOLA



WWII reinfactors at IOLA



Air Field vehicles

Membership cards

Your Membership card for the North Dakota Military Vehicle Collector's Association is enclosed here. I have attached the card with "REMOVABLE" tape, so you should be able to pull it off of the sheet with no problem. When your membership comes due, send the Club dues to me. You may include your MVPA dues at the same time, and I will forward them to the MVPA.



Member Listing

| Last Name | First Name | Address | City |
|-------------------|------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Yuly | Kenneth | 13310 86th ST NW | Minot |
| Wierenga | Joe | 1460B Nevada Dr | Grand Forks AFB |
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Also on the "Gee" Check out
<http://www.g503.com/forums/> We have our own ND-MVCA section.

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scathed when it came to buying, as this is one of their major re-supply missions for the year. This time, Ken was the big buyer, as he came home with a pretty nice M274 Mule (which we are gathered around in the photo below).

Base Camp for the chapter was the back yard

of Stu's parents, Jim & Nancy Lenzke, in downtown Iola. Being 5 blocks away, one could walk to the show if the desired (or were running late like Stu and missed the Ken & Lyle shuttle to the site).

Overall, if you have the opportunity to make the trip, which is about 4 hours past the Twin Cities, it is certainly worth the effort.



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