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photo courtesy Grant McAvoy

Restored ferrets of the Lord Strathcona's Horse at the Change of Command Parade at the end of June. These vehicles are part of the Historical Vehicle Troop.



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Staghound on the left reviewing more current armour.

please renew your membership



The Executive:

President - Harry Moon
Vice President - Ian MacArthur
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150th Anniversary of British Columbia Celebration

”Salute to our Veterans”

Burnaby Village Museum

The Burnaby Village Museum welcomes all members of Western Command and their families and friends to British Columbia’s Largest Military History event, “*Salute to our Veterans.*”

We are hosting the City of Burnaby’s Official BC Day 150th Anniversary Celebration on Monday August 4th from 11:00 to 4:30. Over 30 veterans’ organizations, historical societies, museums and government agencies are taking part.

Displays from 25 groups bring to life military history from past to present, they include the Hong Kong Veterans, Burma Star , Nursing Sisters, Korea Veterans, Peace Keepers, Canadian Museum of Flight, HMCS Discovery Museum, CFB Chilliwack Historical Society, Seymour Battery and Veterans Affairs Canada and many more.

Musical performances by the 15th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA, Vancouver Navy Veterans Band, Pipes and Drums of the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada and 78th Fraser Highlanders will entertain museum visitors.

Western Command is considered to be the premier military vehicle collectors club in British Columbia and as a member, your participation will greatly help “Salute to our Veterans” become a great success as we pay tribute to the men and women that dawned cap and uniform to serve their country.

Burnaby Village Museum is located just a short distance from the Trans Canada Hwy beside Canada Way at 6501 Deer lake Ave, Burnaby. For more information please contact Guy Black (604) 937-7673 gblack@telus.net or Harry Moon or Vince Hands

Event Schedule

- Event Date, Monday August 4, 2008
- Museum open to event participants for display setup and final preparations Sunday August 3rd from 9:00 to 4:30 and Monday August 4th from 7:00am to 10:30
- Military Vehicle Convoy departs Museum at 9:30 to travel to Burnaby Central Park
- Korean War 55th Anniversary Memorial Service at Burnaby Central Park 10:00 – 10:30 (Boundary & 46th Ave East)
- Military Vehicle Convoy returns to Museum, arrives 10:50
- Museum Open to General Public 11:00 to 4:30
- Veterans Parade 11:45
- Official Opening Ceremony 12:00 – 12:30
- All events take place at Burnaby Village Museum except Korean War Memorial Service
- Western Command Members may stay overnight at the museum Sunday August 3rd
- Western Command display area, Carousel Grass Meadow
- Military vehicle entrance, next to Carousel building, Deer Lake Ave

Canadian Military Education Centre open house, June 21st

Several hundred people showed up on opening day for the ceremony and to tour the displays presented inside. This culminates the hard work of the CMEC team led by Grant McAvoy. The museum is open to the public on Sundays from 1000 hrs until 1700 hrs. For directions and further info check out their website at www.cmedcentre.ca



Legion Colour Party

Some of the many visitors



Not all displays are vehicles



Anyone for a gun tractor ride

CMEC Campout

As some of you already know, the Canadian Military Education Center has invaded the former CFB Chilliwack and taken over the old QM building as a place for WESTERN Canadians to get a look at Canada's military history without having to set foot in an armoury, with support from local collectors and well-wishers associated with a score of different groups throughout the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley. CMEC had its grand opening on June 21st of this year, which, unfortunately, collided with the long-scheduled WCMVHS Galiano Campout and Target Practice event.

CMEC is holding a campout event for the weekend of July 26th and 27th, and has invited the members of Western Command. Members are invited to arrive Friday night and overnight to Saturday, stick around for the public opening of CMEC on Saturday, then stay Saturday night over to Sunday morning. WCMVHS/ CMEC member George Clark can take over from here:

"We would love to invite every one to Two Nights at the Museum....July 25 ..26 and Sunday. We are hoping everyone from the Club -- the Island boys and the Washington state club can come too as we are on a fenced secure area with live-in security. We have all of the amenities and enough room for 50 people inside if the weather is badalso we are having JUSTIN's Famous PIG ROAST! I do believe Ian MacArthur suggested we put together a Convoy as there are endless areas to convoy around Chilliwack. CMEC will be open to the Public on Saturday and then lock the gates and the real party will begin. Let everyone know also lots of room to camp so come one come all!"

I hope to have a map closer to the date(s), but in the interim, CMEC member Dan Jahn gives the directions to CMEC as follows:

"The museum can't be found on map quest as we don't have a street address. The building can be found on Google Earth. We are in the south east corner of the former base in sight of the Chilliwack/Vedder bridge. Off Keith Wilson road in Vedder you head south on Garrison which turns into a T intersection at the museum."

Military Vehicle Preservation Association 2008 Convention

The 2008 convention is rapidly approaching. Western Command is organizing a convoy to make the trip. If you haven't viewed the info on the MVPA website now is a good time. There are some side trips and events where reservations are required. Admission for members is US\$20, couples \$30 and families \$35. Come to the meetings for current info or stay tuned to the website.

This newsletter is available via email in a PDF document format. This has the advantage of fast delivery and colour pictures are in colour.

if you wish to be added to the email list send an email to the editor.

Western Command also has a forum hosted by Convoy Magazine. Convoy is a Canadian publication with lots of good articles. Published quarterly for an annual \$25 subscription.

Check out the website at www.convoymagazine.com

Red Fridays - wear red to show your support

For Sale

- Iltis parts - tires, mirror, fuel pump, rad hoses, door covers, etc. Some parts are NOS, others take-offs.
\$200 for all but must take all.
- radio gear M series. 426 trays, headsets, speakers, mics, cables, AMU, antenna mounts and poles. \$400 OBO
- Dodge WC parts \$25 and up
- Carryall body and frame \$500
- 2 Carryall frames \$100 each
- KD (WC64) frame on rolling chassis \$150
- WC61 Dodge 6X6 cab and frame \$800
- Carryall WC54 in running condition. Has had new brakeshoes, wheel and master cylinders, rebuilt transmission and transmission case. Rebuilt front end hub to hub and rear end hub to hub. It has all seats front and back, original wood floor, all window cranks, good rear tail gate, good battery box, original 12V generator. It has good sheet metal with some rust on driver's side body panel. It comes with spare tire carrier, 5 combat rims and good rubber. Asking \$12000 OBO

For all the above contact Ian MacArthur - home 604-582-6401 or cel 604-313-2801

- Ben Hur trailer. Good solid trailer, axel has been flipped (axel on top of leafs). No fenders or handbrake handle or tail lights. Lunette may not be correct. It has landing leg, spare tire and rim. \$650 or open to trade. Call Vince Hands 604-463-1537 or email 42mbjeep@telus.net

Wanted-

- any Sherman tank parts. Contact Brooke Quam, Dan Jahn or George Clark
- need someone to transport a G506 Chevrolet cargo box from Oregon to the Lower Mainland. Contact Brian Campbell at 604-594-5525 or email G506@shaw.ca

Recent events

- Fort Rodd Hill - no report on this event but I know that some showed up.
- Hyaak Parade - 5 people - all jeeps and 1 gama-goat
- the Island people have been busy averaging 10 vehicles to the Oak Bay Teaparty, the Buccaneer Parade, May Day parade and Sidney Day Parade. They've also been asked to do a military display in two upcoming large car shows.
- about 30 people showed up for the Galliano weekend increasing the lead content of the soil.



Latest from Dewalt, a nail gun with 100 round mag. It can nail 50' of fencing at 100 yards in less than a minute.

Western Command Kit Shop-



For sale:

"Western Command" vehicle sticker - truck size	\$10.00
"Western Command" vehicle sticker - jeep size	\$5.00
"Western Command" embroidered patch	\$2.50
"Red Ensign" flag stickers - 4" wide	\$3.00

Please send payment made out to Western Command Military Vehicle Historical Society along with order including your name, mailing address and contact number to:

Kit Shop
Western Command MVHS
2837 St. James St.
Port Coquitlam, B.C.
Canada V3B 5G5

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 10th, 2008. The new location is the Royal Canadian Legion branch 263. The address is 1025 Ridgeway Ave., Coquitlam. Meeting time is 2000 hours (although the pre-meeting crowd gathers at the bar first). We meet the second Wednesday of every month. This is a nice venue with good parking and easy access to highways, etc. **Please note:** The August meeting date falls during the MVPA convention so it will not be held.

Website address is www.westerncommand.com

This newsletter is your newsletter. Your participation is very valuable. If you organize an event or take pictures at an event please share your info to the other members via the newsletter or website.

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