

# MAPLE LEAF UP

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**WESTERN COMMAND  
MILITARY VEHICLE  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**



What type of WWII vehicle is this? Note: The user modified it. Answer is on page 13.

## **EVENT REPORTS**

### **Italian Day, July**

The club participated in this and there were lots of members of the public milling about.

### **Vintage Aircraft Weekend, Paine Field, September**

The local US MV collectors put on a good little display. David King had five vehicle on display and your Editor teased him about how he drove them all there. "Long legs" was the answer. Colin Stevens was there taking photos.

### **Yorke Island, September**

Yorke Island is a WWII coastal defence installation between Vancouver Island and the Mainland. Being posted there was a lonely outpost and the term for someone who had trouble adjusting to the isolation was "Going Yorkey." Four people went but none from Western Command this year.

### **Concours at Van Deusen, September 6-7-8**

None of the club members participated. The organizers wanted the vehicles left in place for three days, so one needed an alternate means of getting home (BSA bicycle anyone? See FOR SALE.;-) With a few exceptions (acknowledging John Hawthorne here) most of our vehicles are not "Concours" class, shown in mint condition.)

### **B.C Lions "Salute to the Veterans," November 1**

Those who planned to attend were Vince, David, Harry, Fred, Andy, Dean, John, Chuck and Ian. Thank you to Dean and Ian for the submissions.





## From Ian Newby:

November 2, 2013

Bravo Zulu to all those who braved the traditional cold and wet evening to support Western Command and the Royal Canadian Legion in this worthwhile event!

Western Command established a new record for our attendance, ten vehicles drove onto the field and received many compliments for their meticulous preparation and precision of operation. The WW2 Jeep I followed was quite overloaded with Veterans testing the limits of the rear suspension. Our Vice-President, David Beale, recorded the names of all those attending, the vintage and descriptions of their vehicles, and photographed all for inclusion in our newsletter.

The results of the poll regarding the fare for our Christmas celebration are so far overwhelmingly in favour of a traditional turkey dinner. A final vote will be held at the next meeting.

Cheers!



## Thank-you from the Royal Canadian Legion:

**From:** [Sharel Fraser](#)

**Subject:** "Salute to Veterans & Military Valour"

WOW ~ you all rocked! What a performance! And we broke a record with 1,024 on field for the "Salute".

Words truly are not adequate to express our gratitude for the herculean volunteer effort from everyone in making the "Salute" such a resounding success and one of the public's favorite annual Remembrance tributes. We are in awe of your passion and commitment, each and every one of you.

As the health of our traditional war Veterans wanes, it becomes even more important to show them that their sacrifices were not in vain. And as equally important, that the legacy of Remembrance will be carried on for current serving Members of our Canadian Forces by an adoring public. The "Salute" affords all generations this sense of pride and responsibility.

I am sure I have missed some in this communication and I apologize. May I respectfully request, you to pass this on to whomever should be thanked and thanked and thanked.

With admiration and respect,  
Sharel Fraser  
Director, Community & Government Liaison  
BC/Yukon Command  
The Royal Canadian Legion  
[604.899.1585](tel:604.899.1585)

Ian

### CMEC Event

It RAINED! Dan Jahn turned on his searchlight. They had notified the RCMP in advance. Just as well as the searchlight beam zipping around in the clouds was reported as a UFO to the RCMP by concerned citizens. Don Olsen attended from the USA. Some others who were present included Dan Jahn, Chris Brown, and in uniforms: Guy Black, Harry Moon David and Cassandra.

### Fort Rodd Hill Lantern Tour

Guy Black and Mark Ivins attended that event.

## TREASURER

- Bank balance was \$15,240.41 The club received an inheritance from the Estate of Jack Gentle. Some of the money was sent by the Executor to another destination. Western Command objected on two grounds. 1. The Will stated that all of this portion was to go to Western Command. 2. The other group, CMRS, has not been registered as a society for several years and therefore does not legally exist.

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

- **NEW MEMBER - Dale Scwartz** dale031@hotmail.com Abbotsford. Has
- Iltis. For 2013 we have 35 paid members on the Mainland and 13 paid on Vancouver Island. Total 48. We have about 10 members who have not renewed for 2013. Dave King (USA); Alf Alfeld (health issues); Rod Boles (selling off his jeeps); Andy Hill; Grant \_\_\_; Ron Lacey; Pat Papworth; Drew Swan; Ken Thompson (recovering from an injury) and Dave R.

## NEWS



- **Why is the CJ-7 in front of the Armoury in Richmond painted white?** The CJ-7 was not used on United Nations' peacekeeping missions so this one should not be painted white BUT Ian Newby advises us that the Land Element (aka Canadian Army) painted it white for an Armed Forces display at the PNE. This photo was taken in 2006 when it was still white.



- **The British built Mosquito bomber** that has been under restoration for years, should be ready to fly now. Your Editor viewed it on September 30. It was apparently painted by former member Grant Hopkins in Sidney, BC. There are only two other flying Mosquitoes in the World - one in the UK and a Canadian built one in the USA. The owner also has a restored Spitfire Mark XIV. Unfortunately, like some art collectors, the owner is reclusive, so we may not have the rare privilege of seeing these aircraft fly.



## CLUB MEETINGS

**B.C. Mainland - 2nd Wednesday each month,  
8 pm ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, BRANCH 263,  
1025 Ridgeway Ave., COQUITLAM**

**Vancouver Island - 2nd Wednesday each month,  
7 pm BRITANNIA LEGION 780 Summit Ave.,  
Victoria.**

## NEW ADS ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW

### FOR SALE (listed by size, smallest to largest)

- **BSA Airborne Bicycle, folding, RARE FIRST Model (circa 1942)** as used by British and Canadian airborne forces, by Commando, by Canadian 9th Infantry Brigade on D-Day and by various other units in Sicily, Italy, North West Europe etc. Includes pump but not tools or tool pouch. Needs repainting. **\$2,000** Colin Stevens, Richmond, BC seaforth72@gmail.com 604-341-1917 [Revised 2113-11-06]
- **BSA Airborne Bicycle, folding, SCARCE SECOND Model (circa 1942-1943)** All original except for rear wheel and tires. Original paint and decals, original seat (poor condition - not suitable for riding), spare modern similar tires and tubes. [Modern leather seat that is almost identical is available for about \$250 locally. Dean Wilcox got one.] . Includes pump but no tools or tool pouch. This bike can be made into a nice parade and re-enactment bike, or even a "spare tire" for a jeep or CMP.. **\$1,000**. Colin Stevens, Richmond, BC seaforth72@gmail.com 604-341-1917 [Updated 2013-11-06]
- **Motorcycle, Royal Enfield 500cc "Bullet 500"**ex-Indian Military Police. 1996 \$4,500? Looks new. Controls are opposite to North American motorcycles. Westley's Surplus, New Westminster. 604-521-8883



- **Soviet military DNEPR MT11 650 motorcycle with sidecar-** The Dnepr must be seen. It is a Russian military motorcycle with sidecar. I acquired and assembled it in 2001. Shipped from the factory in Kiev, the MT11 is classic "Soviet Iron". As it is military surplus, I am the first and only owner. ... It is a 650 Boxer Twin. 12 volt. Has Reverse drive. Modifications such as, deep oil pan, chrome bar with floodlight and highway gearing. Always parked indoors. I have all manuals on disk, and parts are easily found online. Comes with, tonneau cover, spare tire, original tool kit, mint rubber, and may be converted to 2 wheel drive. Hand painted in the USSR. Seats 3.... Collector plates! Was mainly used on short adventures, pleasure drives and parades. Has an easily fixable buckle in sidecar fender. Also having a problem with charging this season, suspect generator or voltage regulator, both easily sourced, have just been driving around with extra battery in the sidecar... From CRAIGSLIST Vancouver Vancouver's West End. 2013-11-06 Posting ID: 4174526309 Posted: 2013-11-05, 10:02PM PST  
Reply: [rrrx-4174526309@sale.craigslist.org](mailto:rrrx-4174526309@sale.craigslist.org) **\$7,000**



- **Military Air Force 4 wheel trailer** \$1,000 obo Call 604-618-4428 From CRAIGSLIST Vancouver Posting ID: 4145604536 Posted: 2013-10-22, 4:05PM PDT Updated: 2013-11-04, 9:03AM PST



- **1990 Mercedes Benz / Puch Military 230GE G-wagen, LWB** (long wheel base)removable army canvas soft top, spare soft top included, 4 cyl., 4X4, locking differentials, seats 8 'soldiers', 2 front, 6 in the back, 2-12V brand new batteries, 67,000 original km's, built to army specs, a true all terrain vehicle, absolutely NO RUST, great climbing ability of about 80% and can reach top speed of abt. 140 km/h. Will retain its value for many years to come. Since some people that phoned offered PART trade, I guess it is OK. Small car preferred. Have some spare parts, even though they can be purchased locally. Reduced to \$23,500. Location: Burnaby CRAIGSLIST VANCOUVER Posting ID: 4132343301 Posted: 2013-10-15, 11:41PM PDT Updated: 2013-11-03, 9:36AM PST
- **1942 Ford GPW** older restoration. Rod Boles of Langley is selling his jeeps. All these come with manuals and some spare parts. \$15,000 each. (1) *1942 early production GPW*, older restoration, ,mostly original with MB engine, runs well but leaks oil; (2) **1947 CJ2A original**, never repainted, overhauled, or in any accident. No rust, windows still have the 1947 dated glass. \$15,000.00; (3) **1952 M38 CDN** Off frame restoration by Vince Hands. Proper engine. 24-volt water proof ignition. Was not rusted out when restored and has been kept inside since. Comes with Cdn. military trailer(don't remember the model # but it is the one for the Iltis) [EDITOR - M101 CDN?] Rod Boles rgboles@telus.net [2012 Summer]
- **1970s Dodge military ambulance** with winch. Phone Doug in Nanaimo 1-250-619-6739
- **1950s Dodge M-37CDN parts; three engines for M35A2 multi-fueler**, turbo diesel, 6 cyl. Clutch to fan belt. Rebuilt by Tooele Army Depot (TEAD). Low hours. Rick Rice, Mission, BC 604-820-7026 milspec@telus.net [2012 Summer]
- **1986 Humvee trailer**, The slant back California Gold Hard top to Humvee and one of the **Command tents**. Don and Katrinka Gordon, Victoria, BC. 1-250-592-2622 ww2mv@shaw.ca

- **BOOK - "Camp Vernon" A Century of Canadian Military History** by Hugh Rayment & Patrick Sherlock 2003. Hard cover large book with 524 pages. Lots of photos. Unsigned \$35; Signed \$50 Thomas Houghton 604-522-0128 [2012 Summer]
- **Jerrican (post-WWII) with "SEAFORTH" stencilled on the bottom. Came direct from the late LCol E. Rod Vance.** M-Series vehicle tool pouch (ex-Canadian for 38/38A1/37/135/152/151 etc.) \$25; **WWII 1943 Canadian vehicle map case** (opens up and has brass stiffeners in back and a hook to hang it.) \$75; **WWII German M-42 steel helmet**, all original and complete. Decal had been removed under German orders during the war; **WWII 1943 dated RARE British Mk. II "Turtle shell" helmet** as worn by 3rd Canadian Division on D-Day 6 June 1944. This one was later issued to the Dutch and repainted for Post Office First Aid. \$175; **Bren Mk. I tool** \$10.; **Jeep evolution poster US MILITARY JEEPS** - A concise history. Produced for the late Roy Van Wicklin. Only a few left. \$15 each **Original manuals for the Ford Lynx Scout Car.** Operator's Manual and Maintenance Manual. Very rare \$400 each. Contact for prices on following: Colin Stevens in Richmond 604-341-1917 seaforth72@gmail.com [Revised: 2013-11-06]

## SOLD

- Colin Stevens is selling one of his Welbike Mk. II motorcycles to Lex Schmidt in the Netherlands.
- **Ferret Scout Car Mark I, Canadian Army 54-82591** Hull # 388.B.5.4 COYOTE Sold by Doug McAvoy, Edmonton of to **GEORGE HARVEY** who is connected with CMEC in Chilliwack.

## WANTED

- **Military Police (Provost) white armlets.** David Beale. davidb1@shaw.ca [2013 June]
- **WLC or WLA 42 Harley Davidson motorcycle.** Would consider a trade deal involving his Dodge WC-12. Jeff Davis 604-465-2373 [2012 Summer]
- **WANTED Parts for 1942 Ford CMP 15 Cwt.** Radiator, shroud, mounting bracket, expansion tank, right rear knee action shock. Bob Estabrooks estabrooksrobert@yahoo.ca
- **Chevrolet CMP 15-hundredweight (C15A) Cab 13** Ron Krywiak 604-377-5341 [2013 July]
- **Stuart M5/M5A1 tank hull and turret.** Ron Baker 604-462-8344 [2013 July]
- **WANTED - CCKW parts - wheel rims (3) seats, fuel tank, air cleaner cargo box or ideally maintenance body Harley-Davidson WLC parts especially sheet metal such as fenders and fuel tank. ; NEW AM813 power steering pump; Waukeshaw GZ145engine for M6 gun tractor.** Rick Rice, Mission 604-820-7026 rickrice@shaw.ca [2013 July]

## MEETINGS

- We meet the second Wednesday of every month. Meeting location is the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 263 at 1025 Ridgeway Ave., Coquitlam. Meeting time is 8 PM (2000 hours) (although the pre-meeting crowd gathers at the bar first).

## CALENDAR

- **EVERY SUNDAY IS A CLUB DRIVE. Minimum 1 vehicle. Notify the President or Vice-President in advance by email so that it is on record. Also of course, invite other club members along.**
- **Remembrance Day - Ian Newby and crew will be at Aldergrove; Jeff Davis will be at Maple Ridge (a short parade only a couple of blocks long); Monty Black will be on the North Shore.**
- **Nov. 30 CMEC Gun Show at Branch 6, Cloverdale Legion.**
- **14 Club Christmas Party at Newby's in Aldergrove after the Christmas Parade in Aldergrove. For those wanting to go in the parade, meet at Newby's at 5 pm. Parade is at 6. Dress warmly! Seats available on the Double Decker bus.**
- **A&W EVERY THURSDAY IN THE IN SUMMER, MAY ? to SEPT ? - A&W at 228th and Lougheed Highway in Maple Ridge. May be at other A&Ws as well.**
- **2014 JUNE - D-Day 70th Anniversary in France. Harry Moon and several other members plan to attend this event in France.**
- **MVPA Convention 2014** in Louisville (pronounced "Lou'ville by the locals), Kentucky
- **2014 OCT. 04 Parade and dedication of new "Wait for me, Daddy" war memorial in New Westminster.**
- **MVPA Convention 2016** California
- **Alaska Convoy 2017**

## ANSWER TO THE QUESTION:

- This is a Canadian built, Modified Conventional Pattern (MCP) Ford C11ADF station wagon. This one was Field Marshall Alexander's vehicle in North Africa and Italy. He had the roof removed in North Africa. Churchill is riding in the car with him. Amazingly, this car survives. It is in the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa.

**REAR COVER PHOTO:** One of 10 pre-1946 concrete ships in floating breakwater at Powell River.  
Photo by Colin Stevens, 2013

## SOCIETY EXECUTIVE

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