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1943 BMW R75 FOR SALE IN ONTARIO (2013-09-10) See for sale section.

U.S. BORDER ALERT

Although Canada Customs CBSA will apparently allow Canadians to import a certain amount of ammunition, the Americans no longer allow us to export ammunition and reloading supplies from the USA. If a roadside stop detects it in your vehicle, you are in deep "doo-doo" and likely to be a guest of the U.S. prison system. Cabela's will sell it to you, saying it is OK with Canadian Customs but it is illegal apparently to export it from the USA without special permits.

EVENT REPORTS

- **Arlington Fly-In** - Good event. Harry Moon, John Hawthorne, Chuck Ingram and Dave Beale attended. A P-47 Thunderbolt was there from Paine Field. There was a mock tank battle between an M3A1 Stuart tank, a WWII German Hetzer Tank Destroyer and German 8.8 cm Gun
- **C.M.E.C.** - Jeff Davis brought his Universal Carrier and gave rides. Andy Hill and Guy Black were there. Dan Jahn had his searchlight out which was very popular and gave rides in his half-track. The T-55 tank was running and apparently did a car crushing. Dan needs searchlight arc rods and Ron Baker may have some. There will be a gun show at CMEC the last Sunday of September.

- **MVPA Convention in Portland, Oregon, July 2013** Your Editor has an article in the next ARMY MOTORS issue about the convention. Ian Newby took his British RB44, Ferret Scout Car and some lorries down, wanting to show a British presence. Bob Sutherland's Dingo went as a "work in progress" Walde Libera took his lovely rare Field Artillery Tractor. John Hawthorne had Old Pokey and a Unimog. Al Nicholson from Alberta showed up in a British 8-tonner. Colin Stevens took his two Welbikes Mk. II (Series 1 and Series 2). A special thanks to Ron Baker for overseeing getting the two NOS (thus very stiff) Dunlop tires put onto one of the Welbikes. A previous tire shop had given up but Ron has a friend at a tire shop who got the tires on in a snap - a 4-hour long snap! Reportedly there were about 12 members from Vancouver Island and about 20 from the BC mainland. There were about 9 from Alberta, some from Manitoba, Ontario, Italy, Australia etc.
- **Abbotsford Air Show** - 12 vehicles. Light on members so staffing the exhibit was a problem. The club was allocated a space further back from the flight line which made crowds easier to control. Your Editor was a roving photographer. The show was smaller and quieter as the U.S. military was absent due to budget restraint.
- **Royal Canadian Legion** in McLeod Park, Langley - Ian Newby attended this with M38, 5-ton 900 series, Bedford and CCW (?).
- **Chilliwack Flight Fest** - Harry Moon's CMP, the RCE Museum's CMP "Tipper" and Brook Quam were planning to attend.
- **North Vancouver** - Monty Black was planning to attend Aug. 25
- **Comox Air Show** - After a 5-year gap, than plan to hold it every 2-years. No members were planning to attend.
- **Yorke Island** - Ian Newby was not planning it this year. 5-8 Sept.
- **Fort Worden** - Same weekend as Yorker Island. Monty was the contact.
- **Concours at Van Deusen Gardens** - No members were planning to attend. The club members are stretched very thin with events.

- **Vintage Aircraft Weekend**, Paine Field, Everett/Mukilteo, WA, USA - No Canadian vehicles were present. David King brought out 4 vehicles./ When asked how, he said "Very long legs." Your Editor was a roving photographer at the event.

Sherman Tank on Display at Chilliwack - After active service, this tank was briefly on the anti-tank ranges as a target at CFB Chilliwack. It used to sit in front of the old CME Museum. Nicknamed "Caroline" post-service, this tank was given to CMEC by the Army with certain understandings. The Army later broke its word and took the tank back onto strength. It languished for a couple of years in the back parking lot of the ASU and has recently been put back out on display

Mystery Collector - Harry mentioned that there is a collector in the Abbotsford area (?) who has an M4A3E8 "Easy 8" Sherman tank, M113 and a British APC. Does anyone know who this is? We should recruit him!

ex-RAF/RCAF WWII Queen Mary Aircraft Trailer Mystery Solved - Part 2

THE MYSTERY - Missing from the July Edition was the fact that after Colin Stevens had donated the WWII Queen Mary Aircraft Trailer (the ONLY one he knows of in Canada) to CMFT, and asked about it later, he was told that it had rotted at their farm site and had been scrapped. No-one seemed to know what scrap yard it had gone to and no-one had apparently bothered to save the rare WWII aircraft parts that were on it. This year the volunteers at the museum were more friendly and better informed and said the trailer was now in the possession of Bill Thompson in Pender Harbour. He hauled a Saunders aircraft on it. At least it has not been destroyed which they originally claimed. Given that this was one of their largest artifacts, it is amazing that the museum had lost track of it.

New volunteers at the museum have informed Colin that the trailer went to Bill Thompson at Pender Harbour and he uses it to haul aircraft. At least it was not scrapped!

The situation made me very angry with the CMFT as they could not account for a 39 foot long trailer! Very sloppy museum work indeed. Museums are accountable for what has been donated to them.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

- 32 paid up on Mainland and 13 on Vancouver Island for total of 46. Ken Thompson - He was reportedly injured in a ladder accident.
- NEW MEMBER Chris Small. Likes the big trucks. He has M211 and M135. abacus_roofing@yahoo.ca 604-462-9009

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

ACQUIRED

- **1942 White WWII Halftrack M16** with Quad .50 turret and deactivated .50 cal. Built as an M15A1 and converted by the US Army. Acquired by Ron Baker of Maple Ridge from Don Gordon, Victoria [2013 July]
- M29C Water Weasel SN 8761 by Ron Baker.

FOR SALE (listed by size, smallest to largest)



Fig. 2.—Jumping position from Dakota

Typical BSA Airborne Bicycle photo shown from WWII.

- **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. **\$2,500** Colin Stevens, Richmond, BC seaforth72@gmail.com 604-341-1917
- **BSA Airborne Bicycle, folding. SCARCE SECOND Model (circa 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 bike. **\$1,500.** Colin Stevens, Richmond, BC seaforth72@gmail.com 604-341-1917
- **1943 Welbike Mark II** British airborne motorcycle 98cc with original War Department number still visible on the tanks. NOS original Dunlop tires installed but front inner tube is flat. 99% original (except for 1 tube, inner cable for clutch, 1 washer and gas vent plug.) VERY RARE. Developed for SOE in WWII and then used by the British Airborne and Commando forces,. A few were used by RAF. Not running. Original paint in many places on it, and it looks like desert sand. It had later been painted a dark British Brown in the army. It was displayed at the MVPA Convention alongside my other Welbike Mk. II. **\$9,000** Colin Stevens seaforth72@gmail.com 604-341-1917
- **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

• **RARE WWII GERMAN MOTORCYCLE FOR SALE**
1943 BMW R75 3rd Version 1943 BMW R75 3rd

Version. Engine # 759253, Frame # 7513310, Type 27572. Purchased in 1995 from a Polish repair shop and shipped to Canada. The bike was obtained from Russia and therefore has no previous history. All repairs were made by reputable restoration specialist both here in Canada and Germany. All parts original to the bike were preserved and refurbished by these firms. There are (fewer) than 25 miles on the engine. The bike is plated, insured and running. Contact us by e-mail for one page summary of work performed and request additional photos. **\$39,995.00**

This is a dealer so one has GST plus shipping. Seller is: Collector's Source There are more photos at:

<http://www.collectorssource.com/1943-bmw-r75-3rd-version.html>

- **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 - M101CDN, 1/4 Ton type?] Rod Boles rgboles@telus.net [2012 Summer]
- 1939 BSA M20 Motorcycle in Nevada, USA. British military. Totally rebuilt by Bill Botello, former BSA dealer in 2001. Imported to USA from Germany in 1970. \$11,000 USD. Jim 1-775-750-0426 jbhreno@aol.com



- **M38CDN** which has been on loan to Osoyoos Museum on display. CAR 52-31605 Harold Lang, Osoyoos, BC xk120@persona.ca 1-250-498-6957 [2012 Summer]
- **Iltis Parts (taken off vehicles) and NOS M151A2 parts** - Fred Ogilvie 1-506-459-3409 fogilvie@nb.sympatico.ca [ACMVA NEWS 2012-06-15]
- **Iltis parts, M151A2 parts, M-series jeep and truck parts, M101 trailers.** Niagara Military Parts, Ontario Ralph 1-905-732-4122 cellular 1-289-213-9939 [ACMVA NEWS 2012-06-15]
- **69 Russian Cold War "jeep"** for sale. Iavn Urnovitz 509-710-0545. [PSMVCC newsletter March 2013]
- **1942 Dodge WC-12 1/2 Ton Pick-up ex-US Army.** Good driver. Parade ready. Ex-Ian MacArthur and possibly from Spokane, WA area. \$10,000. Would consider a trade involving a Harley-Davidson WLC or WLA. Jeff Davis, Maple Ridge 604-465-2373 [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]
- **1942 Chevrolet 15 Cwt cargo box CMP** Includes new tailgate. \$500 Jim 1-902-923-2350 in Pictou area, Nova Scotia. [ACMVA NEWS June 15 2012]**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
- **Original manuals for the Ford Lynx Scout Car.** Operator's Manual and Maintenance Manual. Very rare \$400 each. Original manual for the Ford Universal Carrier Mk. I \$150 Colin Stevens 604-341-1917 seaforth72@gmail.com [2012-11-12]
- Jeep evolution poster US MILITARY JEEPS - A concise history. Produced for the late Roy Van Wicklin. Only a few left. \$15 each Colin Stevens 604-341-1917 seaforth72@gmail.com [2013-09-11]
- **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]
- **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;. Colin Stevens in Richmond 604-341-1917 seaforth72@gmail.com [Revised: 2013-09-11]

SPOTTED BY MEMBERS

- **900 Series 5-Ton** in Abbotsford on Highway 11.
- A large army truck for sale at the parking lot on the North side, just before the causeway to the Tsawassen ferries terminal. You Editor also saw it there in August.

SOLD

- Don Gordon sold his Quad halftrack with quad-fifty to Ron Baker.
- George Clark sold the ex-Don Robson half-track (Your Editor remembers from the 1970s that it was originally named JOAD after a character in "The Grapes of Wrath")
- BAR dewat to a collector back East.
- **Ferret Scout Car Mark I, Canadian Army 54-82591** War Department # 36 BA 62 (not actually used as it went directly to Canadian Army from the factory). Hull # 388.B.5.4 (388th Ferret built, Build date May 1954) Served with UNFICYP (UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN CYPRUS) and UNITED NATIONS decal found on side and CAR is listed for UNFICYP in Cyprus) Germany LdSH named it COYOTE Sold surplus April 1981. \$12,000.00 is reported asking price. Ex-Grant McAvoy. Sold by Doug McAvoy, Edmonton of to someone 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).

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- **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.**
- **A&W EVERY THURSDAY IN THE IN SUMMER MAY 9 TO SEPT ? - A&W at 228th and Lougheed Highway in Maple Ridge. May be at other A&Ws as well.**
- **DEC. ____ Club Christmas Party**

FUTURE YEARS

- 2014 JUNE - D-Day 70th Anniversary 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 July Question:

OOPS! The Editor's error. This is a U.S. Dodge WC-51. Thank you Ron Baker for pointing it out. The D3/4 APT has a narrower body, winch and fording cut-out on side of hood.

Club Officials

Executive elected 2013 April. New President and new Recording Secretary.

President - Harry Moon hmoon@telus.net

Vice-President - David Beale 604-856-5326 redhawk_six@yahoo.com

Recording Secretary - Chuck Ingram cgingram@shaw.ca

Secretary-Treasurer - Dean Wilcox 604-942-5808 (Confidential email address)