

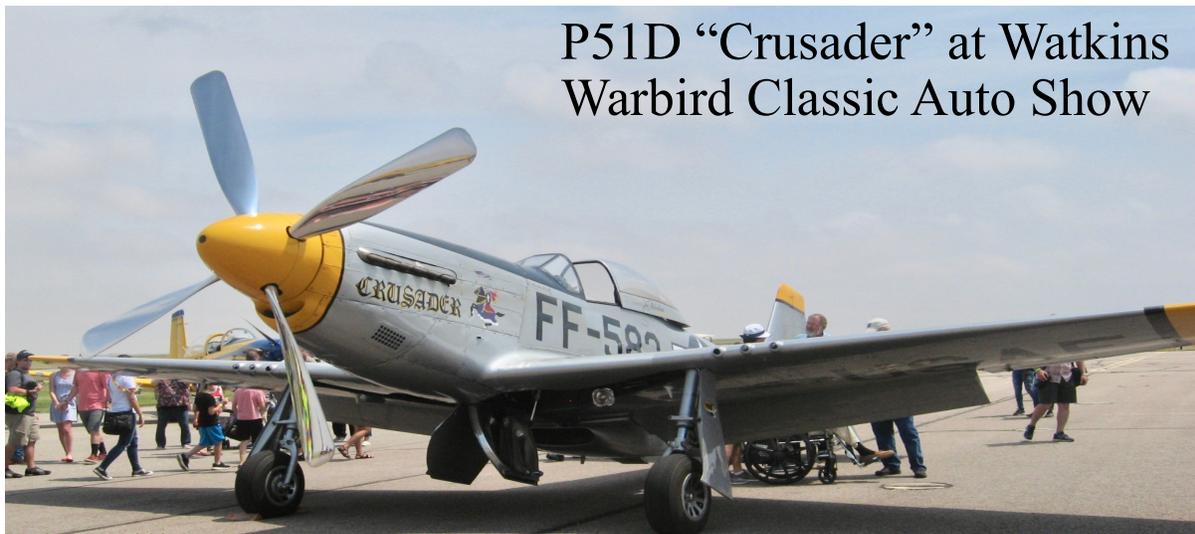
# O.D. NEWS



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P51D “Crusader” at Watkins  
Warbird Classic Auto Show

The Allies, the Germans, the Partisans, and the Home Front  
at D.A.Russell Days, Cheyenne, WY



**Excitement should be on the cover page, but the most exciting photo I had for this quarter would be horses again. The D.A.Russell Days re-enactors tied with the P-51 for 2nd.**

## FROM THE COMMAND POST



Dog days of summer seemed to have limited the MVCC to only one signature event this quarter. The Warbird Auto Classic at the Front Range Airport in Watkins began as an instruments only flying day and stayed wonderfully o br



### MILITARY VEHICLE COLLECTORS OF COLORADO TO SUPPORT 2018 WARBIRD AUTO CLASSIC!

The Military Vehicle Collectors of Colorado (MVCC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of vintage historical military vehicles from all periods, conflicts, wars and countries. Learn more about them by visiting their website and stay up to date with their events by liking.....

cool and overcast all day. There was no damping of classic car entries or aerial activities. The MVCC was well represented by the Movish collection: M998 and M1078 Stewart & Stevenson (Phil's man cave is a hanger at the airport). Frankie and Lou brought the M29 Weasel, Greg and Geff McDaniel and team Herbertson brought their Gamma Goats, Dan Daru and his GPW "Recon Duck". Ted Hutton got a lot of attention with his assemblage of WWII gear attached to his recoilless GPW



rifle equipped GPW. Ken Chavez had his MB and Ernie Covington unveiled his NRPT\* M-38A1 jeep. We were joined by Jeff Franta on a Royal Enfield army model motorcycle and J.R."Grumpy" Webb, a re-enactor we met at the Aurora Freedom Memorial event. Providing "Aid to the Valiant"\*\*\* Chris and Kathy Raasch's M1010 ambulance. "Vehicle Vault" brought their Bennett-Jackson auction perfect M-37. Steve Stuchell - "I just talked to Phil", not yet MVCC member, has a M35A3 daily driver. Steve got the deuce with 800 miles, now it has 40K. Oh, and Bob Fetters stopped by to tell us what he didn't bring (his brother was exhibiting a car).

The other things at the show, for you who might be interested - twenty vintage aircraft: P51Ds "Stang Evil" and "Crusader", a couple of YAKs, three T-6 Texans, one PT-17 Steerman, a sharknose Navy T-34C1 "Charlie", "Stealth" a Korean War L-17B, twin engine SNB-5 "Sonoran Beauty", a French CM-170 jet trainer. Most interesting to me was an export model of the Curtis P-36, re-configured as USAAF; originally the export model had a fixed landing gear.

\*not ready for prime time

\*\*Motto of the 406th Cbt Spt Hosp

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## EDITOR'S SITREP

**This issue's big story is Ken Kafka's solo "Alcan Adventure". Ken is one of our far flung MVPA members. Besides the WC-10 that is the subject of the story, Ken drives a WWI Nash Quad. I met Ken at the Cheyenne stop over of the 2009 MVPA Trans Continental Convoy. There was a mini gathering of the WWI contingent. The MVPA is doing another reenactment of that 1919 convoy next year - Washington DC to San Francisco. I am thinking of doing the atg**



**Regional Section 4 next year; 587 miles from Gretna, NE. to Laramie, WY., Aug 27-30th.**

**My 2009 attempt with a 1919 Dodge did not get out of Denver.**

**In coming issues I will feature some of the vehicles involved in the 1919 convoy and the stories of woe after the convoy crossed the Mississippi River.**

**The story on the D.A. Russell Days at Warren AFB, Cheyenne certainly reinforced my desire to do this event next year. Through MVCC member Fred Harlow I have been aware of the event but never pursued it. Russ Morgan sent me the group shot (on the cover) and gave me a verbal picture. Paula Taylor, curator of the Warren AFB Museum, completed the story.**

**Russ also had his traveling WWII show out at a Colings Foundation air show at the Loveland, CO. airport. Imagine buying stick time in a TF- 51D, that is a dual control P-51 Mustang.**

**Fred LaPerriere brought his weather station van to the Air Weather Association reunion in Colorado**

In the past Fred has expressed getting hands on knowledge from the weatherman; it appears to me now that Fred is the person with the wisdom. Later, in Denver, Fred did a presentation on “Forecasting the D-Day Weather” and certainly could have been one of those WWII weathermen.

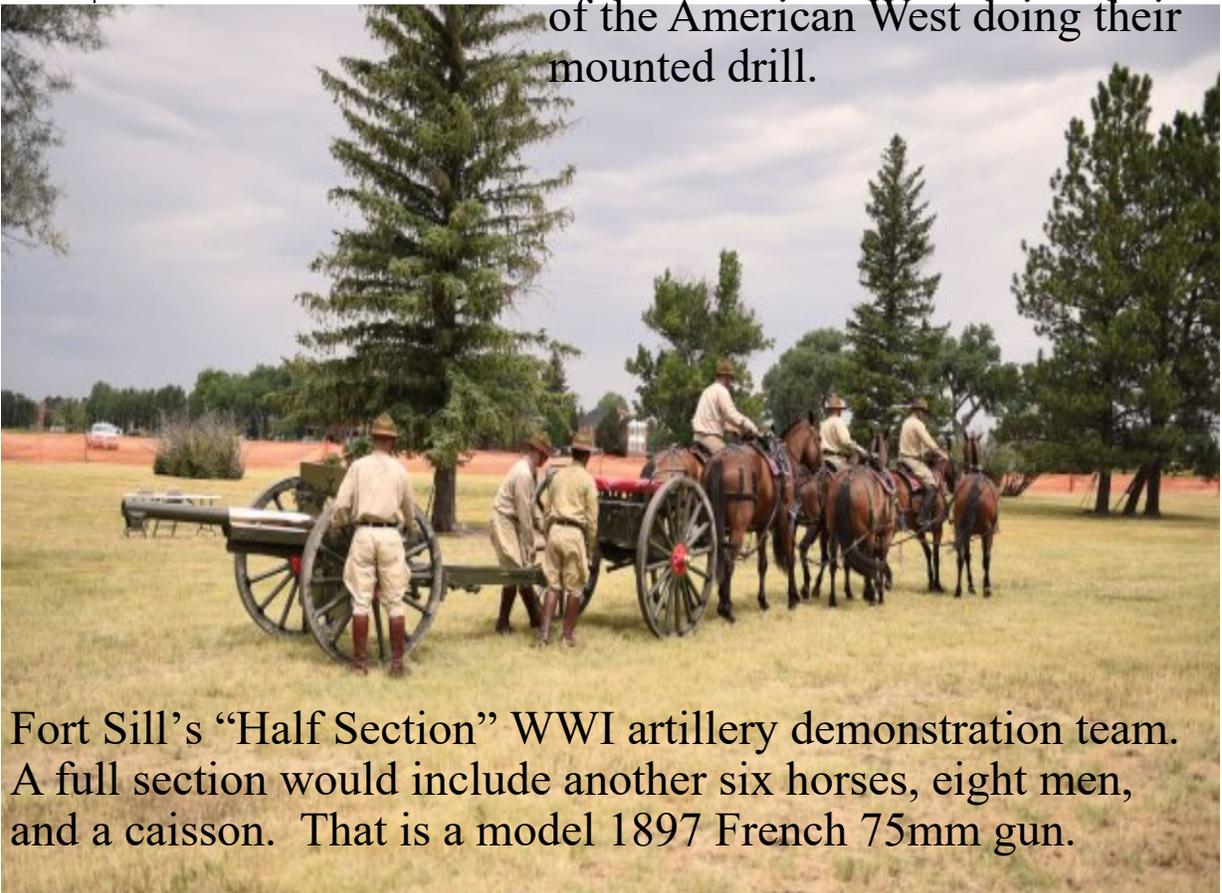
To atone for past sins and omissions in the “OD News” - Jim Waldrep appeared at the Commerce City Parade driving the ex-Movish M35A2. The deuce looks really good with those super singles. Dan Daru and his daughter, Bella, came to the Aurora Freedom Memorial event in WWII dress. Dan was pretty OD drab but Bella looked crisp in her Red Cross volunteer uniform.



## FT. D.A. RUSSELL DAYS JULY 20-22



Now that would have been my cover picture - Buffalo Soldiers of the American West doing their mounted drill.



Fort Sill's "Half Section" WWI artillery demonstration team. A full section would include another six horses, eight men, and a caisson. That is a model 1897 French 75mm gun.



Vietnam, the Cold War, Korea, WWII (both sides), WWI, the Civil War (units from MN, Iowa, MO), 1836 Dragoons from Ft. Carson, and the Revolutionary War all had camps at the Ft. D.A.Russell event.



# FORT D.A. RUSSELL DAY

First my thanks to Paula Taylor, Fred Harlow, Russ Morgan and FE Warren AFB Public Affairs Office for information and photographs.

Fort D.A. Russell Days happens in conjunction with Cheyenne Frontier Days, on the grounds of FE Warren AFB, originally Fort D.A. Russell (1867-1930). The Fort was built to protect the building of the transcontinental railroad and as a supply depot for other western forts. Much of the 19th and early 20th Fort is still evident and has been repurposed. This year civilian access to non strategic areas of the base was made easier. Paula Taylor reported an attendance of 10,000 visitors and 140 reenactors. The CCMV/MVPA was in limited evidence: Frank and Kurt Scholer were WWII German soldiers, opposing them were the Allied Forces represented by Russ Morgan and company (see cover photo).



**Fred Harlow was the embodiment of the Cold War and Korea. Other MVs - Johnny Johnson brought his half track from Wray, CO.; Marc England had his 1/2ton WWII pickup; Steve Mount and his closed cab WC-1. The gun truck “War Wagon” was part of the Vietnam encampment.**

**Other activities besides war - The Wyoming Widowers demonstrated their quick draw and gunfighter skills. The Trotter’s Calvary performed classic riding drills. Paula’s gang of volunteers, in colonial dress, merged with the Colonial Living History Group to conduct a colonial church service and exhibit some ten different colonial homemaking crafts. There was a “period style dance” (not clear which period). FE War-**

**ren AFB did a Minuteman & Peacekeeper ICBM show ‘n tell and their dog handlers did their bite.**

**The Historic House Tour would have been my first choice. Though surrounded by Indian Wars history there is very little interpretive material on the Base.**



**Pvt. Brandon Ohrns, 6th Infantry Div., Ft, Francis E. Warren, presents the 1939-'40 equivalent of a TA-50 layout to event visitors.**

## **WARBJRD CLASSIC CAR SHOW**



Movish HMMWV, Chris & Kathy Raasch M-1010, and the other Gamma Goat - Greg & Geff McDaniel

Ted Hutton looking as ancient as his GPW, and yes that is Ernie Covington's NRPT\* M38A1 making a first MVCC event appearance.





The Herbertson Gamma Goat,  
Phil Movish's M1078  
and USMC M998  
HMMWV

Vehicle Vault's M-37



Dan Daru's "Recon Duck"  
Jeff Franta - Royal Enfield  
Lou & Frankie - Weasel



And the Rest of the Story...



The cockpit of the Collings TF-51A “Toulouse Nuts”

This Army T-41B “Mescalero” is a true veteran. It served at Ft. Rucker as a fixed wing primary trainer until hard landings turned it to govt. scrap. It had been returned to flyable status for the Warbird Classic Auto Show.

