

## A Few Words From Your President

I hope everyone had a very enjoyable holiday season! 2019 is off to a resounding start. The club has already added a new member, and we fully expect more during the year! The MVCC's texture has changed over the years considering both membership interests and variety of member vehicles and equipment. The club is capable of successfully tackling larger and more complex events which require significant member commitment, but in order to do so successfully, member commitment of time and event participation is required. Reflecting on 2018, it seems like the club has fallen into a mode where only the same limited number of members repeatedly participate in our events. The officers are grateful for their continuing commitment. However, it begs the question as to where is everyone else? We own, restore, drive and display our vehicles because we enjoy it, support veterans and patriotic events, educate the public about our rolling military history and support worthy charity interests. I sincerely hope we see more of our members in 2019!

The MVCC is sought out for all manner of events, and the roster of events changes every year. However, I ask each member to keep their eyes open to identify other and new events for us to participate in.

Kicking off our 2019 events, we once again are rolling in the Denver St. Patty's Day Parade on Saturday, March 16, with a group lunch on the club at Brooklyns Sports Bar thereafter. I hope we see a significant presence for this fun event! In addition, we have been invited back to display our vehicles at the Denver International Auto Show March 27 – 31 at the Denver Convention Center. Vehicles stage on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Last years show averaged 25,000 visitors each day, and we were maxed with people looking at our vehicles and talking to us! The organizers have again given us a large dedicated prime display area and they do it up right with professional signage, roping, patriotic banners, etc. This is a major event and requires significant member commitment to pull it off. Besides needing select vehicles (the show makes the final decisions), we need people to man our area every day and evening! Admittedly last year we we're seriously short staffed! The yeoman efforts of several of our members and the enlistment of our wives, saved our butts! **WE NEED MORE PARTICIPATION THIS YEAR!** The club also provides comped parking and meal \$ for those who participate. Towards the end of January we will be holding a special meeting for planning for this year's show and for discussion of logistics. Watch your email! If you'd like to offer your vehicle for display at the show, let me know early, so I can run the hoops and do our staging logistics.

Our first regular monthly meeting will be held during February. As a reminder, if you haven't yet sent in your dues for 2019, please do so!

Keep em rolling and hope everyone enjoys this year's MVCC activities!

Phil