



# O.D. NEWS



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Phil Curry and his “new” 1942 Willys MB rolls out of the cargo bay of a CH-47 Army helicopter at the Veterans & Military Appreciation event held at Legends High School, Aurora, Oct 1, 2022.

This is a new event for the MVCC as was the July 4th Parade in Monument, CO; both events being “keepers” for the MVCC.

The 1942 “Jeep” may be an icon of the Army but the CH-47 “Chinook” has been flying for the Army since 1962.

## FROM THE COMMAND POST



Here is the composite “OD News” for 2022. There are a couple of firsts that should be repeated - the Monument, CO 4th of July parade and celebration was enjoyed by all. What we didn’t know was this was an all day celebration and we were invited. The location put this event between Denver and Colorado Springs so it was well attended by both factions. Monument CO. is one of those little stops on the Santa Fe RR. that blossomed into something huge. The parade seemed to go on forever with an abundance of kids on each block. Did I mention the elephants? The Colorado Renaissance Festival transported their whole royal court to Monument to be in the parade - the king and queen, lords and ladies, their carriages and horses and the elephants. The second event is the Veterans and Military Appreciation Day at Legends High School in Aurora. I will defer to Phil Curry on the mechanics of this event, like who and why it was put together. All the services were present with their latest hardware. Again I do not know if this event will be repeated; I certainly hope so. As usual the Denver Saint Patrick’s Day Parade started the season and we can look forward to the Colorado Springs Veterans Parade taking us into Christmas at Brooklyn’s.

## THE EDITOR'S PERCH

This is last "OD News" that I will be editing. I really can't get around easily and do a competent job. I need to go to the events and find out who is there with what vehicles. I have voiced the physical problem I have using a camera now. My photography was something I once took pride in - now I point and hope that I can correct the results with the computer. Yes I enjoyed doing the "OD News" in the beginning but now it is another odious task with little satisfaction. I thank you members who supported me with articles and photographs - Frank Scholer and CSM Harper and Russ Morgan and Phil Curry and Ken Kafka and Frank Disney and Fred La-Perriere and Ted Hutton and Peter Czarnowski and conversations with Lloyd Wade. It was fun being party to a number of restorations with the inherent adaptations and wringing of hands - even if I was looking over your shoulder. I am still finishing three restoration projects so working time is dear.





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## EDITOR'S SITREP



The elephants are from the Colorado Renaissance Festival



## Monument, CO 4th of July Parade 2022

SMG Harper's MULE followed by his M715 Jeep Gladiator. A fine day on the Front Range.



**SMG Harper meets the Renaissance Festival**



Phil Curry GPW radio jeep



Father and Son military vehicles

Curtis's M16 half track and Jaxson Fox's Kubelwagen



Phil Movish M998 Humvee







The MVCC took First Place at the Monument July 4th 2022 Parade



Kathleen Spain relaxing on  
SMG Harper's MULE

SMG Harper and Phil Curry  
channeling an antique airman.



Peter Czarnowski's M925 "Large  
Marge" with Kyle Goff manning  
the M60 M





# VETERANS & MILITARY APPRECIATION COMMUNITY CELEBRATION & FOOTBALL GAME



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**Military Block Party / 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.**

Black Hawk Helicopter  
Buckley Garrison Fire Department  
Army National Guard Gaming Trailer  
Marine Battery Unit  
Air Force STEM  
The Honor Bell  
**MUCH MORE**

\*All items subject to change\*

**Dine-in for Veterans, Military  
Members, and their families / 4 - 5:30 p.m.**



**Bill Ramsey's 1971  
M-35A2**



This Marine Oshkosh MK23 (MTVR) towed in the M-777A2 M155 Howitzer.



Front and back views of Phil Curry's "new" 1942 Willys MB in the cargo area of an Army CH-47 "Chinook". Really looks like it belongs - a potential air assault vehicle.



**Phil Curry's 1942 Willys MB in front of two brand new M-1279s (L-ATV), the replacement for the venerable HMMWV. These two were provided by the CO National Guard based at Buckley AFB.**



## D-Day Celebration and Vehicle Gathering Hosted by Fred and Lee LaPerriere

Ken Kafka finished this Ford Burma jeep after ten years of procrastination. This was the introduction of Ford's "L" head six. The 1936 Pontiac "Silver Streak" (below) is Carolyn LaPerriere's potential entry in "The Great Race".



The 1946 Ford starts, stops, and runs. This is the project of Axle Curtis, a very young neighbor who speaks "L" head with authority.



Kurt and Frank Scholer brought their restored WC52. They escaped before I could interview them.



**Lee LaPerriere 1932-33 Chevy  
1.5ton Army truck**



**1952 MG-TD**



**Pre-war Willys truck with "Go  
Devil" L134 motor**



**1934 Ford Tudor and Axle's 1946 Ford**



## **Honor Bell Fund Raiser at the Behind the Scenes Tap House. Sept. 24 2022**





## **The 1940's Ball - Boulder Airport June 18, 2022**



## **Russ Morgan with his newly finished M4 Sherman Tank, Loveland Veterans Day Parade 2021**





## Parker Days - June 10-11, 2022

### Floyd Merekov representing the MVCC



### CSM Harper at the Fountain, CO. Labor Day Parade





**DENVER ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**  
**MARCH 12, 2022**





## DENVER ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE





## AFTER THE DENVER ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE AT BROOKLYNS





## TAIL END MUTTERINGS

Greetings;

I got the Goat @ 3 years ago, I can thank Mike Hebertson for gently holding my head under water on the purchase when I was debating it. I sat on it and tinkered now and then while getting a few parts and trying to "cherry it out" while Colorado DOR played the game of not wanting to register military vehicles anymore. This is the first year I've had it out of the garage. I got the Mule this spring the same way I found the Goat, looking around the internet when its cold outside and nothing else to do. Once I got the Mule I needed a trailer.....it all takes on a life of it's own.

I got lucky on both vehicles, they were mostly complete and running and local. I also got 6 more mounted tires with the Goat old, but useable, so now I'm down to 5 spares, 2 of which will ride in the Goat from now on.

Glen McMullen stepped up to be an additional driver for me, he lives @ a mile away and tho still a member of the club he sold his trucks. After driving the M715 I am sure he isn't in the market for one, my other driver who drove the Mule was my son-in-law who's a snake eater at Ft. Carson.

Semper Fi;  
JD Harper





**Turning an Ice Cream Truck back into a Vietnam era Air Force Kaiser Jeep M 725 ambulance - Mike Lewis & Zaya**



**Zaya digging the old paint from around the body rivets**





## **NEEDS. WANTS. & DESIRES**

Needed to buy - Kurt and Frank Scholer are restoring a 1944 jeep and need tires, flaps, and tubes. They need 5 used but good condition NDC tires, 4 tubes, and 3 flaps. Let me know what you have, how much \$\$ and where located. Photos would be nice but not necessary.

Email Frank @ [6ssfrankscholer@q.com](mailto:6ssfrankscholer@q.com)

**Ernie Covington is still looking for the hinges and latches for his M38A1 Arctic Top - Willing to buy a whole top to salvage these items. Originally these came as a parts kit. Email @ [egalecov2@q.com](mailto:egalecov2@q.com)**

**Andy George's 1942 MB carrying a WWII Vet in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Andy was a MVCC member known for his meticulous restoration and documentation. He died just before I became a club member - ed.**

