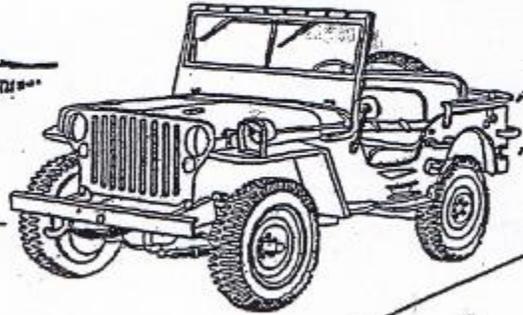


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Minutes of the Meeting

The October meeting of the Alaska Territorial Cavalry (Motorized) took place on Wednesday the 21st, at the Denny's Restaurant on Denali Street in Anchorage. Those who attended and also signed in were Mark & Sue Strumsky, Dick Stevenson, John C. Goodman, Dennis & Diane Allen, Betty Larson, Tom Patterson, Larry A. Wilkinson Sr., Doc Porter, Jerry Peters, Richard Napoleon, Paul Williams, Jan Jefferies, Fred Scharper, Martin Slayton, Ralph Centoni, Don Oliver, Tim Benintendi, and Don B. We had twenty members sign in, but at one point I counted 22, so a couple of folks didn't sign in.

The club president, Richard Napoleon, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. He noted that we had a quorum and asked for new correspondence. There was none handed in, but Richard noted that some newsletters from other MVPA affiliates were being passed around. He then asked if the members present had received the newsletter, which they had, so the minutes from last month's meeting were accepted. Richard asked if we had any guests and noted that we had a new member at the meeting

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Editor's Spot

To start out with, I do want to remind everyone that we have been invited to the Veterans Day Parade this year in Anchorage. There are not very many members who have indicated that they want to attend. I assume that for many the weather and road condition are a factor. But I do want everyone to know about it and consider attending. There is no contact person for this event, but I do have information about it for those who plan to attend. So let me know and I'll email it to you. A lot of folks have spent a lot of their time working on this.

On another note, this is the time of year when we normally don't have many events or functions, so your poor newsletter editor has to work hard to fill the space. I usually have to resort to writing articles myself. So I want to offer once again the opportunity for members to submit an article for publication in the newsletter. If you have any photographs or ideas for an article please let me know or email it to me.

On an unfortunate note, I do want to mention that a number of people have been killed or seriously injured in the last few months while operating historic military vehicles. And while the circumstances may not directly relate to how we use our vehicles, it's definitely worth noting. If we don't properly maintain our vehicles and follow safety procedures and recommendations they can be quite dangerous.

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named Tom Patterson. Tim Benintendi and Jeanne Ostnes then asked to speak. They told us they had contacted several state legislators and were trying to get some legislation enacted to enable us to register and license the club half track to drive on the road.

Richard then asked for any new bills. Betty Larson said that bill for the October newsletter was \$144.93. I handed in a bill for \$100 for two years of MVPA membership. John Goodman reminded everyone that it was voted on and approved that the four main club officers would have their MVPA membership paid by the club. I also noted that Don Kitchen said the club approved that at a meeting several years ago. Betty then handed out the club finance report. There were no questions, so it was accepted.

We moved on to committees next. John Goodman had nothing to report from the half track committee. Dave Hewko, the Gaming Committee chairman, was unable to attend, but Tim Benintendi and Fred Scharper told us that the proper forms had been submitted to renew our gaming permit. Richard then asked about events. We were reminded that there will be a Veteran's Day parade in Anchorage this year on Saturday, November 7th. Jeanne Ostnes said that the ATCM will be registered and she would pay the \$100 fee to enter. Check the schedule of events for details. We were reminded that Art Bell, the commander of American Legion Jack Henry Post #1 was one of the main organizers and that the post was sponsoring this event. We were also reminded how much post #1 has donated to the ATCM in the past and that they could use a donation to help cover costs associated with the parade. A motion was made to donate \$250 to post #1, which was approved. I noted that the nominations committee was still taking nominations for the club officers and the board of directors. John Goodman nominated Dave Hewko for club treasurer. Dave Proehl and Dick Stevenson were nominated for the board of directors. John asked if anyone was doing anything about getting the club half track insured or putting the club photos on to CD's? No one had.

Richard asked for any new business and there was none. We did decide that the ATCM Christmas party would be on Wednesday, January 20th, at the Golden Corral on "C" street. This is the night of our regular monthly meeting. Dining will start at 6pm and the meeting will begin about 7pm.

The split the pot this month was \$100 and \$50 was won by Marty Slayton. We adjourned at 8:10pm.

New Russian Armored Vehicles Revealed

The Soviet Union has traditionally used their annual May Day parade to debut newest military vehicles and aircraft to the public. Russia has continued this tradition and this year's military display was not a disappointment. The 2015 Moscow Victory Day Parade was a parade that took place in Red Square in Moscow on 9 May 2015 to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the capitulation of Nazi Germany in 1945. The annual parade marks the Allied victory in the Second World War at the Eastern Front, on the same day as the signing of the German act of capitulation to the Allies in Berlin, at midnight of 9 May 1945. In addition to troops of the Russian Federation, 1,300 troops from 10 foreign countries were also on parade, including contingents from China, India, Serbia, and Mongolia, all four countries making their first appearance at a Russian Victory Day parade. Fortunately the current Russian economic situation may prevent them from producing these vehicles in any great numbers for some time.



The T-14 Armata is Russia's newest main battle tank. It contains many recent developments and innovations in tank design and construction. It also has an unmanned remotely controlled turret and is armed with a 125 mm smoothbore gun with muzzle energy greater than the NATO 120 mm gun. The Armata may also come with a 152 mm gun, the most powerful gun to ever be mounted on a main battle tank. The tank's turret will also carry a 30 mm sub-caliber ranging gun to deal with ground targets and low-flying aerial targets such as attack planes and helicopters. The 12.5 mm turret-mounted heavy machine gun is reportedly capable of taking out incoming projectiles such as anti-tank missiles and shells approaching at speeds up to 3,000 meters per second.

The Armata crew will be securely enclosed in a multi-layer armored capsule separated from the ammunition container. It is fully computerized and only needs two servicemen to operate it. Each crew member can also deploy the tank's weapon systems. The Armata has a fully mechanized electric transmission, powered by a 1,200 HP diesel engine. It also has the potential to evolve into a fully robotic battle vehicle. According to preliminary estimates, 2,300 units are required for the Russian army. Fortunately the Russian economy is currently suffering a major recession and production will more than likely suffer.



This image may be a better representation of what the final production version of the Armata may look like. It appears to have a 152mm main gun, a 30mm cannon on the left side of the turret and a 12.7 mm rotary gun on the right. It also has heavily sloped appliqué armor.



The BMPT "Terminator" is a post-Cold war armored fighting vehicle (AFV) designed for supporting tanks and other AFVs. It was designed to survive in urban combat and armed with four missile launchers, two 30 mm cannons, two grenade launchers and one coaxial 7.62 mm machine gun. The BMPT is built on the chassis of the T-72 main battle tank. Russia appears to have foregone procurement of the Terminator in favor of the T-15 IFV.



The Kurganets-25 series or T-15, and is Russia's version of the Bradley IFV. It is considerably large even compared to the T-14 Armata tank and is armed with 30mm automatic cannon, a 7.62mm PKT co-axial machine gun, and 4 Kornet-EM anti tank guided missiles. It is expected to carry 8 heavy infantry aside from the 3-man crew, and is fully amphibious with 2 water jets at the rear of the hull. It is equipped with a passive armor protection system which increases the total width of the vehicle. Using a universal chassis and hull, both an (IFV) Infantry Fighting Vehicle and (APC) Armored Personnel Carrier version have been developed.



The Russian "Boomerang" is a modern 8x8 Wheeled amphibious vehicle designed to replace the BTR 60/70/80 series of wheeled personnel carriers. They can negotiate and overcome water obstacles and use two water jets. The engine is located in the front instead of the rear. Engine location was a significant drawback of BTR vehicles, where soldiers had to exit the vehicles through cramped side doors, which



The Boomerang has rear doors and roof hatches for troop entry and exit. Armament will be a remote weapon system fitted with a 7.62 mm or 12.7 mm machine gun or a 30 mm cannon. Protection will come from ceramic armor and other technologies to prevent shell splinters. Like the BTR, the 'Boomerang' will be equipped with a 500 hp turbocharged diesel engine. Several components and subsystems will be interchangeable between the APC and IFV. Both vehicles will be also be powered by the same engine. The emergence of combat vehicles with unified platforms is a breakthrough in the field of modern Russian wheeled armored vehicles.



The Pantsir-S1 is a short to medium range surface-to-air missile system that represents the latest in air defense technology by using phased array radars for both target acquisition and tracking. The Pantsir-S1 was designed to provide air defense for military/industrial/administrative installations against aircraft, helicopters, precision munitions, cruise missiles and UAV's. It provides additional protection for air defense units by employing precision munitions at low-extremely low ranges. They have also been



The BUK-M1 (NATO code: SA-11 Gadfly) missile system is a self-propelled, medium-range, surface-to-air missile system. The SA-11 is intended to defeat tactical and strategic aircraft, cruise missiles, small ballistic missiles, helicopters, and UAV'S (unmanned aerial vehicles). It can operate in a very severe ECM (electronic counter measure) environment and capable of defeating high speed antiradar missiles. Since its introduction into service the BUK-M1 has been continually upgraded and improved. An SA-11 Gadfly battery requires 5 minutes to set up and can be ready for transit again in 5 minutes. The reaction time of the battery from target tracking to missile launch is around 22 seconds. It is believed that this is the weapons system that brought down Malaysian airlines flight MH-17 over the Donetsk region of the Ukraine last year.



The 152 mm 2S19 MSTA self propelled howitzer is the most modern piece of artillery in the Russian arsenal. It is comparable to the US Paladin and has been continually upgraded and improved. In the Russian Army the 2S19 is normally deployed in batteries of six guns. Each regiment has a total strength of 18. There are rumors the howitzer caliber has been changed to 155-millimeters to make it more compatible with western ammunition. This has not been confirmed, and it's doubtful considering it would

render Russia's existing ammunition stockpiles obsolete. The vehicle was originally designed to have two 152mm guns, a unique development that would have doubled its firepower to 16 rounds per minute.



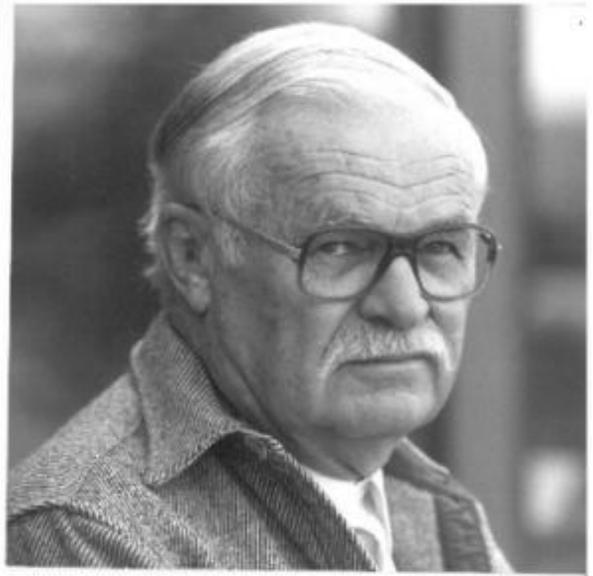
The GAZ Tiger is a Russian 4x4, multipurpose, all-terrain infantry mobility vehicle. It is similar in appearance and performance to the US HMMWV. The Tiger is versatile and can carry a large variety of weapons. The photo above shows the SPM-2 anti-tank version. It's equipped with two retractable launchers for 8 missiles and a remote weapons control system with screens that display images from the sighting systems. It carries eight additional missiles.



There is also an unarmored civilian version call the Tiger 2 in production available in two trim levels; the luxury and regular model. The vehicle is equipped with new JaMZ engine, an efficient turbocharged engine. You can even choose from manual or automatic transmission. Except this, Tiger-M dispose of modernized brake system, preheating of an engine, new ventilation system and improved differential locks. There are also new seats layout in interior, optionally there is available also additional pneumatic brake.

In Memoriam

James Garrigues, the son of Selah and Viva Rising Garrigues, was born in Great Bend, Kan., on Sept. 1, 1927. He attended high school in Great Bend, and joined the U.S. Navy and after returning to Kansas. He graduated from Fort Hays Kansas State College with a Bachelor of Science in History and education. In 1953, James married Julia Harris of Hays, Kan. He moved to Anchorage in 1954 and taught at the old Central High School. In 1958, he created a business to clear timber from building sites and utility lines. His interest in local government led him to seek and win a seat on the Anchorage Borough Assembly in 1967. In 1971, James was reelected to the Borough Assembly and became the presiding officer. He served on the first Anchorage Charter Commission, whose task was to develop a charter unifying the borough and city. Thorough out his life, James worked in a variety of construction jobs including the DEW line and the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. His love of history, government, politics and reading led to his involvement in the political process and political campaigns. He ran for the state legislature in the 1990s as a Democrat. He was a member of the American Legion Post 28 and the Elks Lodge. James is survived by his daughter, Gayle Garrigues of Fairbanks; son, Martin Garrigues and daughter-in-law, Alisa Brown Garrigues of Anchorage; and granddaughters, Marisa Garrigues and Jana Garrigues Haugstad of Anchorage. His memorial service was held on Oct. 17, 2015, at the Baxter Road Church in Anchorage. Donations can be made to the Boy Scouts of America or your local library.



Upcoming Events:

The ATC (M) meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Denny's Restaurant, 2900 Denali St. in Anchorage. Dining starts at 6pm, and the meeting starts at 7pm.

Veteran's Day Parade: 11:00 Saturday, November 7th on the Park Strip between 9th and 10th Ave.

January 20th: The ATC (M) Christmas Party.
It looks like we'll be going to Golden Corral for our monthly meeting in January. Dining starts at 6pm and the meeting will begin at 7pm.

Advertising

For Sale: 1935 Chevy 1-1/2 Ton Military Truck (restored). 1st place Pre-War at 2008 Convention. Found in Idaho, possible former Idaho National Guard Truck. It is located in Oregon.
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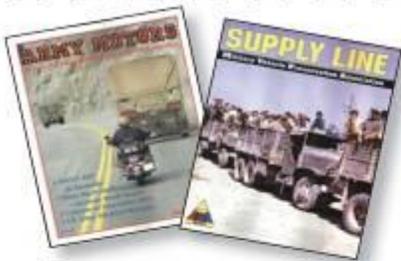
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