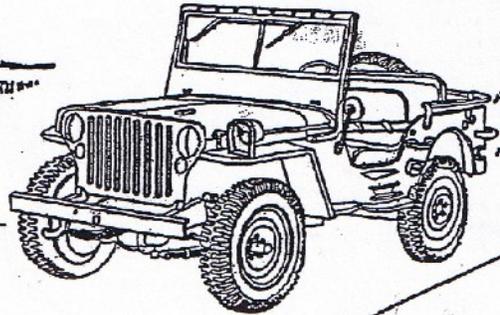


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Minutes of the Meeting

The December meeting of The Alaska Territorial Cavalry (Motorized) was held on December 21st, 2011 at Jack Henry Post #1 on Fireweed Lane. The meeting was also the ATCM club Christmas party. It was quite a chilly evening and many of our regular members were out of town, so it was a bit smaller group than last year. The members and guests who did attend were: Philip Strumsky, Brittany John, Larry & Patty Wilkinson, Thomas J. Porter MD "Doc", Mark & Sue Strumsky, Betty L. Larson, Mike Odom, Joe Leong, David Hewko, Peter Hewko, Don Kitchen, Fred Scharper, Brenda Evans, Tim Benintendi, Jeanne Ostnes, Richard & Chong Napoleon, Ralph & Kathy Centoni, Beunice Tatum, and Jim Grant (our guest).

The meeting started after the feast. We had prime rib, ham, green salad, green beans, baked potatoes, rolls, and a Costco cake. The cake was decorated with a road going through some woods with a variety of military vehicles on it. Members also brought some dishes from home to round out

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Editor's Spot

If you look at the schedule of events we have so far for this year, it's shaping up to be a very busy summer. Just this past week Suellyn Novak asked if the ATCM would like to participate in an ALCAN 70th anniversary celebration at the Alaska Veteran's Museum sometime this summer. So be sure to start marking your calendars as soon as you finish the newsletter. The Fur Rondy parade and truck show is our next major event, and will be held on February 25th and 26th. You may also notice that the newsletter is only six pages this month. It was decided that with not much going on this time of year, we would keep it to six pages the next two months in order to save some money. Which brings up another issue, funding. We have not had our gaming permits being played for quite some time, and other fundraising methods are few. Assorted costs such as the newsletter, insurance, storage, etc. can add up to several thousand dollars a year, and that doesn't include working on any club vehicles. So we'll have to address that issue in the next year. Membership seems to be holding steady at about 200, but we need to work on that too. It's in all of our interests to keep the hobby and club alive. As for the ALCAN 2012 Convoy, we have not had any contact with them since this summer, and they now plan to bypass Anchorage and Fairbanks completely. So, if you want to see the convoy you'll need to drive out to the Valley around August 16th or 17th.

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the menu. The meeting started around seven and we did have a quorum. Don Kitchen and Sue Strumsky both had some club correspondence that was passed around. Bills were handed in by Larry Wilkinson (\$115) for Fur Rondy registration and insurance, Sue Strumsky (\$100) for the club Christmas cards and calendars, and Fred Scharper (\$541.20) for the club Christmas party expenses. Next we heard from the club committees. There were no members of the half track committee present. Richard Napoleon, the membership chairman, said that there was no change in the club membership. Fred Scharper did hand in two new memberships at the meeting though. Dave Hewko then spoke for the gaming committee and said that he had submitted a change in our permit and was waiting on a reply from the commission. We then heard from Betty Larson, the club treasurer. She handed out the treasurer's report. There were no questions. It was noted that this year's Christmas party had cost the club about \$80, whereas last year we had about 35 people come and made a couple of hundred. We auctioned off the remaining uncooked prime ribs and made up most of the difference.

We then talked about the upcoming events. Larry Wilkinson reported on the Fur Rondy Parade and Military Truck Show. He said that everything had been arranged for and seemed to be going OK so far. John Goodman relayed to Sue that there would be an air show on Elmendorf this year. It will take place on July 28th and 29th. There may be a kid's day on the 27th. Hopefully, we will be staging on the 26th. Don then announced the results of the elections. Our new club president will be Richard Napoleon, our new vice president will be John Goodman, Mark Strumsky will continue as Secretary and newsletter editor, Betty Larson will continue as treasurer, and our directors will be Dave Hewko, Doc Porter, Larry Wilkinson, and Sue Strumsky. Congratulations and good luck to all of them.. Don Kitchen brought along and handed off the club gavel, which is about three feet long, to Richard Napoleon. There was no more club business so the meeting was adjourned. Don did note that the next meeting would be on January 18th at Peggy's restaurant on 5th Avenue. The split the pot amount was \$86 and \$43 was won by Betty Larson, I think?

Have a Happy New Year!

The 2011 ATCM Club Christmas Party.

The ATCM club Christmas party was held on December 21st, at Jack Henry Post #1, on Fireweed Lane. The facilities seem to work really well for our needs, and it's nice to have a bar downstairs too. We had a nice selection of food this year, and everyone seemed to have a good time. We also held our regular monthly business meeting and congratulated our club's newly elected officers. I do want to especially recognize Brenda Evans and Fred Scharper for renting the facility, buying the food, and preparing it for us. They were both there most of the afternoon and evening. Jeanne Ostnes, Tim Benintendi, and Mark Strumsky volunteered some of their time too.



The Costco cake commemorated The 2011 Trail Ride on Fort Richardson this summer. Some of the vehicles on it represent the club half track, Don Kitchen's scout car, Fred's Scharper's ambulance, the club Dodge WC51, and Larry's Wilkinson's ½ ton scout car. In the middle is Jerry Peter's Air Force M38A1. If you look closely you can see his wife Nan falling out. She was covered with dust during the trip and 'claimed' that she kept falling out.



The buffet has started. You can see that the room we use is the perfect size for us and well lighted and decorated.



This photo shows some of our group during the height of the evening's festivities. It was quite a chilly night and a lot of our regular members were out of town. So we had about a dozen fewer people than last year. I do want to mention that Pat Boucher was not feeling up to going out this year and we did miss her and Clem at the party. We hope to see them both again real soon.



We all really, really, appreciate that fact that Betty Larson has decided to continue being our club treasurer. She is an asset that we are lucky to have and would be very hard to replace. Here's a photo of Betty looking at piles of money and paperwork that has been handed to her during the party. Afterward, she'll have to try and make sense out of it and do all those accounting types of things. The people who do these kinds of jobs for the club are vital as they allow the rest of us to spend more time working on our vehicles instead of worrying about club business.

Interesting stuff from the Achieves



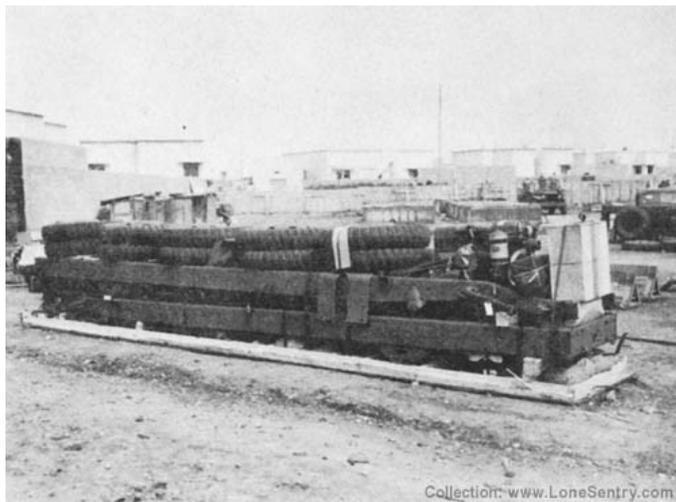
This is a 1926 Linn Tractor. This must be one of the earliest half tracks ever produced. I don't know much more about it.



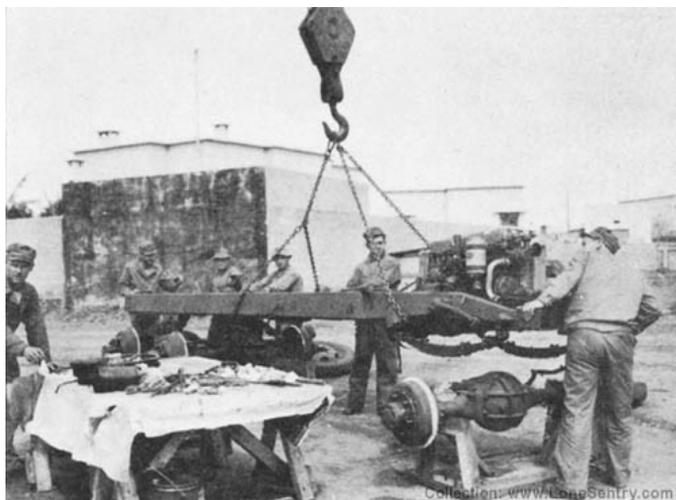
Not military, but an interesting picture none the less. It Looks like it's somewhere in the Middle East. What are these guys thinking?



This interesting vehicle is an 8X8 HEMTT A3 mounting a 20mm Phalanx Close in Weapons System. They are used to protect military bases against incoming rocket and mortar rounds. They are quite effective and destroy the rounds by direct impact. They are not proximity fuses.



This is a WW2 GMC CCKW 2 ½ ton 6X6 truck in a crate. Wouldn't that be a nice barn find?



These trucks were typically shipped by crate and would be assembled by ordnance personnel in the theater. This particular set of photographs was taken in Italy.



A crew of ten to twelve men would assemble the entire vehicle in as little as an hour, test drive it, and then turn it over to a unit. In the Mediterranean Theater of operations alone, they assembled 126,669 vehicles.

Schedule of Upcoming Events.

Monthly meeting: The 3rd Wednesday of every month at Peggy's Restaurant on 5th Ave. Dining starts at 6pm, and the meeting starts at 7pm.

Fur Rondy Parade and HVM Show: February 25th and 26th at Anchorage Chrysler/Dodge on 5th Avenue. Details will be in the next newsletter. The contact person is Larry Wilkinson 351-5352.

4th of July Parade: Wednesday, July 4th.

ALCAN Highway 70th Anniversary celebration: Will be at the Alaska Veteran's Museum on 4th Avenue. Dates and time not known yet. Contact: Mark Strumsky 333-0562.

Club Picnic: We're thinking maybe July. Contact is John Goodman: 529-5446.

JBear Air Show: August 27-29th. Staging will possibly be on the 26th. More information will be provided as we get it. The contact person will be John Goodman 529-5446.

Alcan 2012 Convoy Arrival: The middle of August. See the MVPA website for details.

Freedom Flag Run: September 9th.

ADVERTISING

For Sale: One-ton trailer. Late WW2 model. Owned by the ATC (M). Went to Normandy several years ago. Bids start at \$1000. Call Don Kitchen 696 6236

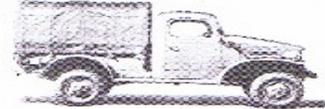
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Just a reminder! ATC (M) members can place ads in the newsletter at no charge. They will run for three months. They can be resubmitted later if you don't have any luck the first time around.

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