

THE FIRST OFFICIAL NO NAME NEWSLETTER

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HELP WE NEED A NAME

As with anything that is first presented into the world it needs to be named. Our chapter is no different. **We need a name.** Something original, something catchy, and something that everyone else will wish they had thought of. If you have any ideas e-mail your thoughts and ideas either to Lance Coffman Hookin1@rivercitythunderboltmvcc.com or Garry Hisel at LSTmate/@rivercitythunderboltmvcc.com

The President Speaks . . .

Welcome to the Evansville Chapters First Newsletter. I hope you like it.

I would like to thank everyone for helping to get this chapter going. We have a busy few months ahead of us, But, I think it will be easier after everything is setup.

Also would like to thank Garry for getting this all started. If it wasn't for his hard work we wouldn't be where we are today. Thank you Garry. Also the LST 325 who is also our biggest member. To all the crew of the LST...Thanks

I realize we have to be serious, But I want everyone to have fun too. I would like everyone to keep this in mind. We are here to start a new MVPA chapter but it is because we all love our vehicles. So lets' cross our T's and dot our I' s. But lets have fun doing it.

**Thanx
Lance Coffman**



Chit Chat Line

This month with our President Lance

I'm 38, spent most of my life driving trucks of one type or another. Most of it has been driving tow-trucks, from little wreckers to big semi-wreckers. A few times I drove over the road, and visited most of the U.S. that way. Driving trucks is what I wanted to do as a kid, the other thing was to be a U.S. Navy fighter pilot. The way the cards fell, ended up in trucks. Lived most of my life in Evansville, Spent some years in Perrysburg, OH and Swanton, OH.

Right now I drive a boom truck for Whyne Supply Co. we are a dealer for caterpillar. I haul parts and do engine swaps in big coal mine equipment. It's a cool job, sometimes the hours are long and the weather doesn't always cooperate, rain, mud, snow, and cold. But for the most part it's a good job. Most of the guys are fun to work with, and we try to make it fun.

I have a son, Joseph he graduated from Harrison high school last year. He's a great kid right know he is working full-time, and spends most of his free time with his girlfriend, (boy I remember those days growing up) he wants to go to a tech school but hasn't decided which one yet.

When my divorce is final I will have been married twice. I won't explain any farther than to say it was a mutual decision both times. Sometimes things just don't work out the way we planned. So you just pick yourself up and move on.

From my second marriage I have a stepson, Keith, and stepdaughter Katelyn. As for Keith, he is trying to get his it together and I wish him luck. He's kind of behind the eight ball right now, but moving in the right direction. Katelyn is your typical 15 year old girl, OMG....boys and friends and boys and school and did I mention boys.....LOL....Constantly talking on the phone, while messaging on the computer, and listening to music all at the same time... well she can multi-task

I joined the MVPA in 2004 after I bought my first truck, a m35a2. I was told that joining the MVPA would be a good decision, since they were dedicated to

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the MV hobby. Since that time I purchased a M715 which I sold, also a m105a2, M52.

When Garry approached me about starting this chapter I thought it was a great idea. Since we don't have anything like this around here, it is a good way for us to meet and show our vehicles. Also we can help each other out.

What I would like to see this chapter accomplish first and foremost is for everyone to help each other in keeping out machines going. I would like to see us get a Veterans Day parade started in Evansville, I think it's way overdue. Also plan a yearly show and swap.

**Thanx
Lance Coffman**

Event Calendar

May 19 Meeting Executive Inn 7:00pm

June 2-3 D Day Re-Enactment LST

WW II Vehicles Only

June 21 Meeting LST 7:00 pm

June 27-July 1 MVPA Little Rock

elsewhere and not on a chapter creation. Returning from the national board meeting I came home with a renewed focus on a new chapter for Evansville. I felt that this was important not only for Evansville but because this is a part of history that needs to be preserved and shared.

I was extremely satisfied and excited about the turnout to the organizational meeting that we had. I arrived that Thursday night hoping to have at least 10 people and thinking 15 would be pushing it. To have 22 people to turn out I felt this could be considered a resounding success. To you the chapter members I want to say thank you and I am excitedly looking at what a bright fun filled future that we have.

One side note to the members, yes I am involved in the upcoming national convention. I would like to ask and hope that this chapter is involved in putting this convention on but by no means do I want people to feel they have to be involved in it. I want people involved with the convention, if they want to be and if it is something that fits in their lives.

I feel that this chapter has a unique opportunity to not only share their vehicles but to help educate other generations with the technology and sacrifices that service men and women make that allow us enjoy all of our freedoms.

Garry Hisel



The Beginning....

As one of the individuals working to organize an MVPA chapter in Evansville I would like to thank everyone that attended the first meeting.

I had talked to several of you about attempting this venture over the last couple of months. Obviously my attention during that time period was focused



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been the building of planes made by scrap metal hung in the air by you guessed it, spare metal parts.



This has been happening in the back yard of gentlemen who goes by the name "Tud". On the way to our first organization meeting Garry and I stopped on the interstate because I wanted some pictures for the pamphlet I'm putting together for the MVPA convention. As we were taking pictures Tud came out of his garage and began motioning us on how to get to his home. Garry and I decided to take a few minutes out of our day to find out about these wonderful creations.



We drove around to his home and were anxiously met by Tud and his German Sheppard "Dog", or that is what she was called while we were there. We walked into the garage and it was steel here, airplane parts there, paints here and ongoing work evident by a Blue Angel support plane sitting there waiting for final touches to be made so she could make her grand entrance to the back yard.



This mans enthusiasm is uncanny. He knows where every part came from and has an interesting story to tell about each. We walked down to his planes in the back yard to look at them up close and personal and if you think they are impressive from the interstate you should see them 5 inches from your face. He explained to us the operational process of getting each one up and down by himself, the maintenance that he does and how the weather works on his babies.

Tud has friends all over this world and can certainly show it by pulling out his business card holder (3 of them) at the time of our visit. We stood and went through them with him as he talked about each and every one of them as if he had just seen them yesterday. Each business card is marked with a date of the visit so Tud will know. Also, he has you sign in on his visitors log and gives you one of his business cards of which his wife and daughter created and he is very impressed with.

ONE MANS JUNK IS ANOTHER MANS ART

Since arriving in Jasper 7 years ago and making the trip to Evansville quite often I have had the pleasure of watching something which has truly amazed me. It has

As we were leaving 1 hr and ½ later Tud told us he has cancer. He found out about 6 year ago and has a hard time sitting down and most of his work is

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done standing up. He doesn't know how long he will be able to continue doing what he loves but he will as long as he can.

As we were walking out the door Tud told us if he was still living the plane he had hanging in his garage could be proudly displayed at the 2009 convention. Why the plane is hanging in his garage is a whole other story in itself.

If you're driving down I-64 look to your right almost before you get off the exit for Evansville and take a look at Tud's passion. You may even see him outside showing someone his art. You see Tud doesn't advertise, its word of mouth and site of eye and the man never meets a stranger so stop by and see him and tell him Garry and Tammy sent you by.



What a successful night. The first Military Vehicle Preservation Association (MVPA) meeting was held in Evansville on Thursday, April 19, 2007 at the Executive Inn. When you set up a meeting like this you never know what will happen, will you set there by yourself or will you have a few show up that could care less? That could be the farthest thing that could have happened last night. At 6:45 we were wondering what was going to happen only a couple had shown up and the nightmare was in our mind. Then it happened the men and women started coming and they kept coming about 25 true sports ready to take Evansville by storm to do what should have already been done, and that is start an MVPA affiliated chapter of our own. They came both young and old, men and women with a passion to share their prides and joys, and that is their military vehicles. This in turn will enable them to be able to show their babies at future events in our area.

Evansville with all its military history has not had an MVPA chapter and due to some dreams of some motivated men, Garry Hisel and Kenny Adams won the **2009 Military Vehicle Preservation Association National Convention** in Evansville, Indiana. Now they were not satisfied that not only did they win the Convention they wanted a chapter in the Evansville area. So with the help of Christy Cochran (Marketing Manager) Executive Inn, she opened up the Iris Room in support of the organization of this group. She made it very clear in an opening statement that Evansville needs and will support a group like this and in fact opened the room up again for our next meeting in May 2007. Bob Jornlin (Captain of the LST 325) also attended and although he is a member of another chapter has agreed to join our chapter as well because Evansville has been a great city to the LST and no doubt will do a GREAT job in the endeavor also. Along with that he offered the ship as the meeting place for the June meeting and a promise of working some more months in the schedule when the ship is in port. Kenny and Anna Adams (Covington, Ohio) attended

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to help get this chapter headed in the right direction offering advice on several different areas of concern. Kenny and Anna have been members for many years and have been to most every convention since they have joined. Since Garry and Kenny partnered and joined forces nothing can stop these two guys, so watch out if your caller ID shows the name of either one of them.

For a first time organization meeting I think this one was a success and with the excitement and willingness of the group I think it was a group waiting to be formed. We would like to extend a thank you to the Courier Press and Channel 7 (Fox) for the helping to get the word out on this first meeting and hope to keep up a working relationship with these two media identities for notification of upcoming events.

This is it for the first editorial in our first newsletter. I hope to get help from all of you as the newsletter grows. I want to know about each and every one of you, by the time I get finished I may even know what you eat for breakfast. I think MVPA members become a family and the only way families survive is to know about each other so don't be surprised if your phone rings and I say tag you're it for the next "Chat Session".

MVPA Organization Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 21 @ 17:00

The meeting was called to order by Garry Hisel @ 7:01. He welcomed all the participants and thanked them for coming.

Christy Cochran with the Executive Inn was introduced and was thanked for allowing this group to meet at the Inn for the first meeting.

Christy explained that she felt Evansville had a strong tie to military and she felt the group would be good for this area especially with all the events coming up.

Informational documents were passed out. Introductions were made around the room and a brief explanation of what vehicles you owned and a bit about yourself.

Garry talked of reason why he became a member of the MVPA. He also explained why Indianapolis will be the host chapter of the National Convention.

There was then a discussion of the affiliation rules and guidelines and an explanation of the bylaws.

One of the first bylaws that was mentioned was there was to be 4 officers. They were to be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Captain Jornlin made a second on the motion and motion carried.

Tammy Hisel

**Procure &
Disseminate**

HAVE ONE

GARAGE TOO SMALL

NEED ONE

GARAGE TOO BIG

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Garry nominated Lance for President, there was a 2nd. Lance was elected President.

Eric was nominated for Vice President, there was a 2nd. Eric was elected Vice-President.

Mark nominated for Secretary, there was a 2nd. Mark was elected Secretary.

Christy nominated Rich for treasurer, there was a 2nd. Rich was elected treasurer.

Dues for this club – what are they for?

Newsletter – published 4 x a year

Mailing and postage

Keep club running

\$10.00 motion by William Junker per year for dues. Lance 2nd. An amendment was made by Garry dues would be \$12.00 family. This would include everyone in the immediate family. The amendment was 2nd.

Christy posed the question of what other expenses would the club have? Would we need to up the dues because of the Nat'l coming up? Garry says dues can always be amended. The vote was called for it was carried \$10.00 for individual, \$12.00 for family.

The next question Garry posed was “how often do you want to meet”? Kenny Adams states 4 x year but recommends they keep it open as convention gets closer. Lance says also several people will want to add on as it gets closer and after it's over people will have an interest in it because of the event.

The question was posed – Do we want to have meeting just to have meeting? Lance motioned to have meeting 1 x quarter. Mark Phillips asked if they want to have activities between meetings. The answer was yes.

William Junker spoke up and said we do a lot more in the summer than we do in the winter.

Garry explained that we want 2009 to be the best convention ever. Events can and will happen between meetings. With the issues of newsletter the activities will be circulated what is going on and we will be more active as the convention gets closer.

Question was asked what the Indiana chapter will provide for the convention. Lance stated the most work will be done by Garry, Kenny, Anna and Tammy. Christy says the Executive Inn will help as well as the Evansville Visitors Bureau. Kenny also let them know the Ohio Motor Pool has volunteered to help.

Randall Hanson stated that the Frog Follies peoples should be able to help with some of the set up and lay out of the vehicles.

The discussion went back to minimum of 4 meeting per year and then add more if needed. Motion carried 4 times a year. Discussion went to day of week. There was a motion for Thursday. It was 2nd. Motion carried. Officially the 4 meetings will be on the third Thursday of the month, any other meetings could be random. one for next 2 months on 3rd Thursday of the month.

The third Thursday of month was nominated by Eric – 3 months from today – next official meeting will be July 19, 2007. Location is decided at later date.

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May meeting will be May 17 @ 7:00pm at the Executive Inn.

June meeting will be June 21 @ 7:00pm on the LST.

The June 2nd & 3rd D Day activity was brought up as far as an activity for the chapter to be involved in. Kenny Adams said bring them on. Garry says Goodall doesn't want anything but WW 2 vehicles. Garry will check with Goodall and see if we could come in another area and set up.

Steve Richard suggested the Shrine Fest in May. Garry asked him to check in on this and see if it would be a possible venue.

It was also suggested to show up for the Freedom Festival.

Christy suggested putting some of our vehicles in the parade.

Christy also suggested putting something together for the LST week September 25th – 30th because this will be a big deal.

Kenny Adams – Explained that the world water week and the impact it will have on the National and why it's important and how the timing falls in.

The history channel /USA Today and several different news organizations have been told and Kenny says it will be big

Christy says after that the 09 convention just got a lot bigger.

Kenny Adams made suggestion that Garry go over the 09 Convention with the whole group so that if questions were asked about it everyone would have an educated answer in reference to it.

Kenny asked do we have a name? It was suggested we wait until next meeting to give people time to decide on different names.

Question was asked how long do officers stay in office? It was suggested 1 year the first term. There was a motion and a 2nd and carried. It will be a 1 year term but officers can succeed themselves. It will be reviewed in bylaws for an official answer when we receive them.

There was a vote called for a newsletter editor and Tammy was nominated by Kenny Adams. It was voted. Eric volunteered to help with layout after I get it written because he has had experience in it.

Garry explained that the money for the National convention will be paid to the Indiana Chapter. Garry promised this chapter he will campaign to get some money to help this new chapter depending on participation. Divide the money x membership volunteers.

We will commit to go for the convention again in 6 years.

Lance made the mention that the LST and MVPA have our own show every year.

Garry says after the convention we will be on the map.

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Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by the Bob Jornlin. Motion carried.

These minutes to the best of my ability with all that was going on.

Tammy Hisel

ATTENTION:

Chapter Dues will be due and collected at the next meeting!!!

Sign up form to join this Chapter

Mail to: Mark Phillips 3327 Cave Ave., Evansville, IN 47720
With a check or money order: \$10.00 individual \$12.00 family

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (cell) _____

Vehicles Owned: _____

Veteran: YES NO If yes what branch? _____

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To Join MVPA National Association

Fill this form out and mail it to:
MVPA HQ
P.O. Box 520378, Independence, MO 64052-0378

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: (home) _____

Include a \$35.00 payment for a single membership.

Please give the Evansville Chapter credit for this recruitment.