#### **Photos of MTA Events**

































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## About the Military Transport Association

#### What is the MTA?

The Military Transport Association, Inc is more than just a car club. For more than 35 years the MTA has been dedicated to the care and preservation of military vehicles which are the symbol of the soldiers who served with them.

The club is made up of more than 200 members from every walk of life, and every community. There are physicians, lawyers, engineers, contractors, writers, photographers, computer programmers, policemen, shopkeepers, and soldiers among our membership. And, most likely, there is an MTA member living near you!

4 founding members of the MTA receive a lifetime achievement award at one of the monthly club meetings.



#### **Our Annual Spring Show & Swapmeet**

Each spring, in the middle of April, the MTA hosts their Annual MTA Military Vehicle Show and Swapmeet. Why do we host this show each year? The reason is to introduce others to the hobby which is our passion. Unlike similar events, our philosophy has always been to attract not only the military vehicle collector community, but also the general public, hopefully introducing non-hobbyists to the Military Vehicle collector and the restoration community.

Many of our most active members "got the bug" of military vehicle restoration and collecting by visiting one of our shows.



### Why are we different from an antique car club?

On Memorial Day, Veterans Day, the Fourth of July and other similar holidays, our vehicles are magically transformed into a symbol honoring the service and sacrifice made by the millions of our fellow citizens who served to protect and defend our families, country, and freedom.

When we roll down Main Street and the crowd applauds and yells "Thank You", they are not honoring the MTA, or applauding the skill with which we have restored our vehicles. No, they are thanking the persons who served in our vehicles, and whose sacrifice has kept our country free. We are a symbol, a stand in for those brave citizens who have previously served, or those who are currently serving and in harm's way.

Every MTA member who participates in a parade feels a particular form of pride and respect for the vehicles we steward and keep safe as we drive them in these solemn events, and it is that feeling which motivates all of us to spend the considerable time and funds necessary to keep and maintain our vehicles.

#### TOYS FOR TOTS

#### **Toys for Tots**



Each December the MTA participates in the U.S. Marine Corps' "Toys For Tots" toy collection program. As part of that effort the MTA organizes a toy collection train with various North Jersey railroads and travels through towns across northern NJ stopping at train stations to collect donations of toys for this worthy cause. Over the years the event has grown beyond what anyone thought it would be. And each year the MTA collects thousands of toys. It's just a marvelous annual winter event.









Photos from the MTA's Toys For Tots Train event

#### **Support for Local Soldiers**

As a non-profit organization, we are dedicated to public service, and perform many good works, including programs to support deployed troops and their families. The MTA sends 'care' packages every week to deployed individuals while they are overseas and has done so continually since 2003.

#### Where can I learn more about joining?

For more information about the MTA, please visit our web site at <a href="https://www.mtaofnj.org">www.mtaofnj.org</a>. While visiting our web site please be sure to read some of our archived newsletters. There you'll find back issues of the club publication which are full of articles about the club and our activities. And look at the many pictures of the various projects and events we sponsor.

For those interested in joining the Military Transport Association the membership is \$20 per year. Members receive 12 monthly newsletters. Although most of our members are veterans, many are not. But, all of us share the desire to "keep 'em rolling," and thereby keep the history of military vehicles alive! Military vehicle ownership is not required for membership. Just an interest in military vehicles!

An application for membership can be found on the back of this brochure. More Information about MTA membership is contained on the back page of any archived newsletter on our web site. Or you may even email the membership chairman, Membership@mtaofnj.us and request a membership.

If you do visit our spring show please stop and say hello at our club table and feel free to speak with any show staff member



#### **MVPA** Affiliation

The Military Transport Association is affiliated with the international organization, the MVPA, The Military Vehicle Preservation Association. Their web site, www.mvpa.org, provides more information about military vehicle preservation and the hobby of military vehicles in general.



