



2017 Milford Memorial Day Parade

By Rick Forsys



Members were met with moderate temperatures and beautiful sunny skies for the 2017 Milford Memorial Day Parade held on May 29th. As always, the club policy of supporting your local parade was encouraged, but this year we returned to the idea of picking one parade for the rest of the members to attend. This is the first time we have done this since 2012, and as the Milford Parade is long established, well organized, and consistently attracts large crowds, it was natural for us to return. This parade has actually been held for over 100 years, and Joe Salvia and American Legion Post 216 were very pleased to have us come back, and once again allowed us to static display on Main Street for 40 minutes just before the parade start.



This year we were able to muster five club vehicles and three more guest vehicles, and three other members attended without vehicles. Leading our section was David Pawlowski and his three daughters in Navy garb carrying the club banner (*Left*). The first vehicle was Chuck Chapman and Rich Pilon in Chuck's 1944 Ford

GPW, followed by Tim and Joan Juhl in their 1952 Willys M38A1. Next came Mike Brink with his 1962 M151 who delighted the crowd by playing tag with the parade banner with his antenna (*Above*). Jim Turza in his 1941 Dodge

2017 Events Outline

By Bill Thatcher

For planning purposes, here is a brief list of the events that we have planned thus far. Each event will have at least one point of contact (POC – most will have two) who will liaison with the host(s) and assist with planning and communications.



WC27 half-ton ambulance rolled not far behind, with Dave and Mary Percell in the dominating M985 HEMMT (*Above*) wrapping up the member vehicles. Local Grant Charlick, who brought three vehicles, a 1980 M920 w/ trailer, (*Above right*) 1984 M925 w/work body, and a 1983 M929 tipper, also joined us for the parade.



Besides the ground vehicles, visitors were also treated to fly-overs by a number of aircraft. This included a flight of four WWII T-6 trainers who made several passes with smoke, and another flight of three civilian planes that did the same. Shortly after, a Stearman biplane made a couple of high passes, but departed quickly when a couple of A-

10 Warthogs from the Michigan Air National Guard's Red Devils, (*Above*) arrived out of nowhere and made a single hot pass. To finish the ad-hoc airshow, the Yankee's B-25 Mitchell bomber arrived circling the town and came down low enough for some good pictures.

After the parade, we returned to the rendezvous area and caught lunch at a local eatery, before disbanding to enjoy the rest of the holiday.

- **Huron Pointe Sportsman's Assn. Aug 27** www.huronpointe.org
- **Oakland County International Airport Open House Aug 27**
www.oakgov.com/aviation/ocia
- **Thunder Over Michigan, Sept 1-4 at historic Willow Run Airport.** Yankee Air Museum's annual event with the Blue Angels, vintage military aircraft, military vehicles, the Battle of Belleville and reenactors along with encampments. This year has an extra day due to Labor Day.

www.yankeairmuseum.org/airshow (Scheel/McConnell)

- **MVPA Route 66 Sept 16 – Oct 15**
www.mvpa.org (Shelswell)
- **MIMVPA annual event, Oscoda, MI, August - (Date TBD.)**
- **Autumn Meeting Oct 7** at the MIMTHS museum, 16600 Stephens, Eastpointe, MI. (Forys)
- **Candy Buy Back, St. Clair Shores November 5.** Dr. Wainess' office. Part of Operation Gratitude. (Kitter)
- **Lake Orion lighted parade Dec 2**
- **Rochester Christmas Parade, December 3** (Natrass)

Be sure to renew your MVPA membership.



If you don't belong, join up today!