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In the wake of the annual September Crank Down (reported on in the last issue) things seem to go quiet. This year has been no exception and, particularly in view of the wet autumn here in the Pennines, it's perhaps no surprise.

Winter is, of course, the time for the so-called 'winter projects' and John Gray has perhaps outdone everyone with a recent barn find although in the interests of accuracy it should be described as a 'fallen down barn find.' Of it John said this, "another Jeep landed here. It's a November 1944 GPW airborne model that was found down near Mansfield after being on a farm for years. It was actually on the first floor of a barn, the roof came off the barn years ago and eventually the Jeep fell through the floor landing on the ground floor."

He continued, "The body and chassis are bad but you know us boys love the challenge and it will be something special when done although I can't say what spec it will be finished... I just have to live long enough to do all the projects."

Those whose vehicles are more usable have been out doing things and Steve Carr emailed saying, "Here's a selection of pictures from the end of my 2023 season. The first was at the Beamish Museum 'Dig for Victory' show in early September. My Jeep and Dodge were joined by a Corbitt Wrecker, all three vehicles in 100th Bombardment Group markings. A few weeks later, I had

my Jeep and Dodge at the Tanfield Railway 1940s show. Over the last weekend in September, the Royal Navy Museum at Hartlepool held its first 1940s event. My Jeep and Dodge were back out again, with one vehicle on each day of the show. As I write, my last outing so far, was a memorial tour on November 11 for

Remembrance Day; eight local memorials were visited on the tour, with the two minute silence marked at one."

Looking ahead at the time of writing the next event for the Yorkshire Area crew is the MVT Christmas run out on December 30 that Simon Roberts has been sorting out. It's usually fun and attracts a good crowd in a variety of vehicles. Further ahead, aside from Normandy in June, the Haworth 1940s Weekend is set to return

over the weekend of May 17-19 with new organisers. Yorkshire Wartime Experience is scheduled for August 9-11 while RAF Snaith '40s weekend is planned for September 14-15. Finally, military Series One Land Rover owners may be interested to hear that the Land Rover Series One Club's 2024 national rally will be taking place in Crayke near Easingwold over the weekend of June 21-23.
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