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The AMCA Fall Show for 2019 is in the books! My rating is certainly subjective but overall, I believe the show was somewhere between a C+ and a B-. So, 3 ½ Stars sums it up! I felt the gate was above average although not stellar, as we would all like. We were able to make up most of the table shortfalls due to regular members personal regrets, with new supporters. My goal would be to have everyone together for the Spring Show, new & regular members and see if we can achieve a 4-star rating 😊.

Our 1 ½ day gate totals were ~600, split 45/35. This is up from the Spring Show by 20%. That said, as I mentioned in our updates, we would reduce the length of the radio commercial would run from 5 to 3 days and put the savings ~\$500.00 towards our Liability Insurance increase in the 2020., yet (TBD). In retrospect running the commercial from Wednesday through Friday had no negative impact on the gate!

No “Back-to-Back” show next year. In 2020 our spring show 2-weeks after TMCA which may improve support & attendance. Mark your calendars!

Mr. Richard Blanton, Camp Commander for the Private Richard Taylor Camp #53 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) in Huntsville spent Saturday with us and told me that he spoke with a lot of folks about the organization, thanked AMCA for approving his attendance and would welcome an opportunity to return in the future.

Moving on, we had approximately 20-TMCA members attend. Thank you for your support. There was some confusion about whether they had to pay admission, or if they could get in free. They weren't charged admission. At our Board of Directors Meeting we discussed this situation and took the following action:

*“To oblivate this situation in the future the AMCA Board of Directors has agreed that TMCA Members possessing a valid TMCA Membership Badge would have access to ALL AMCA shows, to include family members, free of charge”.*

*“Additionally, the board unanimously approved a motion to permit TMCA Members early entrance into ALL AMCA Shows at 11am with AMCA LIFE and Charter Members”.*

Old Business Update: The Board of Director has approved a motion to automatically elevate to LIFE MEMBERS all members with at least SEVEN (7) of AMCA membership. Once the database is reviewed a list of those eligible will be notified and their LIFE Member Badge available at the Spring Show in April. Congratulation to ALL in advance....Thank you for your continue support to AMCA!

Six (6) displays were judged on Saturday. The 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award of \$150.00 went to Clark Doherty for his “Wired Comm’s” display, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place award of \$100.00 went to Tyler Kuykendall for his

“WWII U.S Marine” display. For the very first time we had a TIE Score for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, so two awards of \$50.00 went to Trey Stancil for his “Unusual Japanese Hand Held Weapons” display and John Guenther for his “USMC Infantry Rifles”. Congratulations to the winners and to everyone that displayed.

We want to WELCOME three new members to AMCA, Mike Walker from Attalla, AL. who joined as a LIFE Member, as well as Lonny Ballard of Athens, AL and Scott Littrell of Huntsville...We also had several membership renewals. Thanks for helping us keep you a member in good standing!

We had a drawing of names of all the table holders for three (3) Free Tables for April 2020. They were awarded to; Sam Kehoe, Mike Siebert and Russ Lee. Congratulation! We’ll see you in the Spring 😊.

I want to thank everyone who supported our concessions; New South Gourmet Hot Dogs and Badd Newz BBQ. Food Truck concessions like these normally charge a minimum fee of \$300-\$500 to support an event but they waived this charge for AMCA! Your continued support is necessary to avoid charges in the future..nuff said. They both enjoyed their time with us and look forward to future events! We’ll look to see what new choices we have for the Spring Show. More to follow...

A number of you asked me about, how to get the AMCA Logo on jackets, shirts and caps. Following the link: <https://www.companycasuals.com/amca> and the steps and you will deal directly with Kerrie of Embroidme in Decatur, AL. We have two (2) logo configurations, one with a green wreath and one with a gold wreath. Make sure you specific with one you prefer.

In attendance in April 2020, will be the “North-South Skirmish Association”.

<http://www.n-ssa.org/> HISTORY. COMPETITION. CAMARADERIE. The N-SSA promotes the competitive shooting of Civil War firearms and artillery while encouraging the preservation of battlefields, artifacts, clothing and education of the period. They will have a display showcasing the 4 basic kinds of arms that we shoot (Rifled Musket, Carbine, Smoothbore, and Revolver). Team members will be outfitted in their shooting uniforms – both Confederate and Union! Spread the word...and plan to attend.

On behalf of all of us at AMCA, I want to thank everyone who attended the Fall Show, for their participation and support. We look forward to seeing you on April 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for your Spring Show. If you didn’t pre-register, you can find your Table Reservation Form on the website at [www.almilitarycollectors.org](http://www.almilitarycollectors.org). Now is the Time! 😊

Tom