

AMCA January Show Synopsis

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All – I've been knee deep in resurrecting our home as a result of a frozen water pipes last month..when the temp plunged to~4 degrees!! ...finally there is light at the end of the tunnel that's NOT the train!! My wife is Happy! So please excuse the delay and I'll keep it short.

Statistically the Show was as predicted, i.e., increase participation buy members / non-members and new vendors, as well as continued and increased support from the public. However, it is difficult to quantify how the support was affected by the increased radio ads and/or our special guests! Accounting suggests that approximately 1700 folks attended over the two days, breaking down approximately 40%/60%. We did experience several cancellation which translated in to a loss of 17 tables, however we were able to recover all of them during the course of the show.

You probably noticed that on Saturday we had expanded our Special Guests to four, adding MAJ Euell T. White (USA, Ret), Project Delta – Vietnam Vet and Forrest Brunner (WWII Vet of the USS Lexington), joining with Robert "Hoot" Gibson and John Davis. All expressed thanks to AMCA for being invited to participate and had a memorable time. I hope you had an opportunity to spend some time with each of them. We were honored by their presence!

We had a record number of displays this time. The total of 9 were judged. Our 3rd Place Award went to Garth Thompson for his Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) display, 2nd Place was secured by Robert Wilson with his U.S. Purple Heart Display, and 1st Place was awarded to Doss White for his Japanese Matchlocks!!! Many thanks to everyone that displayed and I challenge everyone to "Just Do It" again this June 2014. We finally received the Display Awards and will be mailing them out the winners in the next week or so!

The website will be updated shortly with pictures and a new Table Reservation form for June 2014. Pre-Registrations for the June Show were up! I encourage each of you to consider early registration, remembering that with a cancellation notification you can either receive a full-refund or apply the fees to the January 2015 Show! Sounds like a "Win-Win" to me! We will make every effort to accommodate your location requests. Requests for tables receive by phone, letter and/or email must be followed within 5 business days by a completed reservation form and payment in full or you will be placed on the waiting list until receipt.

Membership:

New Life Members; Ms. Mary Ferris of Boswick, GA, Interest: World Militaria and Russell Ledbetter of Trussville, AL, Interest: General.

New Registered Members; Mike Stewart of Green AL. Interest: General, Richard Kruczek of Huntsville, AL. Interest: General. Philip Vessermeyer of Tallassee, AL. Interest: WWII German. Joe Armstrong of Palmyra, TN. Interest: Medals, Flags & Uniforms. Hiram Bishop of Mims, MS. Interest: American Aviation. , Howard Kelley of Stockbridge, GA. Interest: WWII & Vietnam. Alan Mosley of Birmingham, AL. Interest: Military Vehicles., J. D. Smith of Oneonta, AL. Interest: General. Marshall Mallory of W. Gadsen, AL. Interest: General, Eddie Johnson of Falkville, AL. Interest: WWII & Vietnam and Louis Bahane of Pell City, AL. Interest: General.

For those of you that attend SOS...wishing you a GREAT SHOW! I will be missing it this year, but will be with you in 2015!

Please plan ahead if you are joining us for the June Show and get you Table Reservations in as soon as possible. Thanks!

Tom