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AMCA January 2015 Show Synopsis

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All – WOW!!!...that pretty much sums it up from my perspective! As predicted from our past January 2014 Show when we sold out all our tables and had a good public gathering...this Show was the best on record since we incorporated in 2006. Thanks to You! Table sales pushed 175, that is 25-30 more than ever before. We had a very successful advertising campaign to include a Live / Remote Broadcast by John Wolf with 93.3 FM, the NASH Icon from your AMCA Show. As for the public support we have estimated that approximately 430 attended on Friday and Saturday gate easily pushed 1220. That's in the Guinness Book!

I'd like to thank Randy Withrow and the members of the U.S. Veterans Memorial Museum for participating and bringing their Jeep as a static display. Also, many thanks to MAJ (Ret) John W. Davis for his support and bringing his book "Rainy Street Stories". My understanding is the he had a very good show.

I can honestly say that Phil Anglin, our Show Coordinator, has done a fantastic job accommodating all the table requests he has received, placing you where you requested the majority of the time. It's a tedious task 10 days out from Showtime but he has managed to pull it off. That's not to say that two weeks before the show he & I were at the Jaycees Building measuring & calculating table space to accommodate everyone...You probably notice that the PODs were a bit narrower than usual, but while the square footage didn't change. The magic of floor planning will continue until we have exhausted all possibilities, as we grow!

I want to extend a very special thanks to those that Volunteered their time on the Gun Check Table; Mike Prucey, John Guenther, Tom Hudgen, Jim Linville and Doss White. Your dedication and willingness to contribute your time to make your Show a success is recognized and appreciated. Thank You!

We had a record number of Pre-Registrations this Show, 28 nearly 56% of you that had tables. As we continue to grow that's the only way we can guarantee you will have the tables you desire. In June we plan to have two lines at registration, those that have pre-registered and have PAID in Full and those that have not. Seems only fitting that if you have PAID in advance that you should receive some compensation, such as expedited registration processing! If you didn't Pre-Register and are a member and plan to attend this June, remember your membership must be current to have your Table Reservation request approved!

We have experimented with different ways to accommodate both Pre-Registrations & Membership Renewals without creating "bottlenecks" with regards to people given limited space and support personnel. What we believe is a solution is to utilize the kitchen roll up windows across from the restrooms for the site of both activities. We will announce times for pre-registrations both Friday & Saturday and establish an expedited

process for renewals (TBD).

The Display Awards were as follows; 1st. Place went to Garnett Stancil for Arms of Germany 1902-1938, 2nd Place to John Schuler of Clarksville, TN for his Battle Action Credits 106th Division and 3rd Place was captured by John Guenther of Huntsville for his P38 display, Thanks to all that had their displays judged. I know it's an "labor of love" effort to prepare & set up a display. Remember the Judging Rules are on the Website to help you prepare!

The results of the Free Table Drawings were awarded to Henry Kortz, Norris Holly and David Rogers.

Membership:

New LIFE Members Steve Strickland (Cumming, GA), Richard Neely (Birmingham, AL), Brent Hawkins (Elkmont, AL), and Charles Ford (Huntsville, AL)

New Registered Members, Ernie Geisen (Cullman, AL), Harold Greenleaf (Huntsville, AL), Raymond Dooly (Madison, AL), Jeff Crane (Cullman, AL), Chuck Brazill (Huntsville, AL), James Raines (Albertville, AL), Jerry Whitten (Killin, AL), and Willard Kidd (Pulaski, TN).

The website will be updated shortly with pictures and a new Table Reservation form for June 2015. Once again, I encourage each of you to consider early registration. We will make every effort to accommodate your location requests. Please note, table requests receive by phone, letter and/or email must be followed within 5 business days by a completed reservation form and the appropriate fees. Don't end up on the waiting list. Be sure you membership is current before you apply. Thank you.

For those of you that will be attending SOS and / or the Gun Show...Carl & I look forward to seeing you there.

Please plan ahead if you are joining us for the June Show Nuf-Said!

Tom