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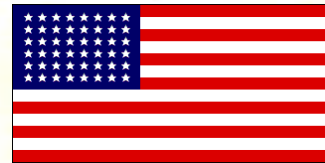
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PRESIDENTS REPORT

It is the end of February and another rally is under our belts. The big day finally came in with a strong wind and plenty of rain on Friday. But we did, however, persevere. A warm tent (compliments of Sheri and Spence MacKenzie) and plenty of hot coffee made the world of difference. Dawn brought fair skies and a bit of warmth. Shades of the Aberdeen, Maryland show!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came out to support the Rally despite the inclement weather. We had over 100 vehicles on display and we came out in the black this year. The rain and cold put a damper on a few things, but that did not stop us from having a good time. We even got a little four wheeling in on our way to the VFW on Friday evening!

Our dedicated operations crew deserves hearty thanks from all of us for their perseverance despite the inclement weather. Everyone did their part and got the job done. Special thanks to the set up and take down crew (Ken Field, Bob Field, Andy Hardy, Grady, Levi and Rusty Parris, Spence MacKenzie, Sam Balance, Joe Scoglio, George Rensel and friends, Dale Condy, Horace and Lamar Roland, Pat Craven, Pat Underwood). And to Connie Craven and Carol Scoglio who spent the entire weekend in the HQ tent taking care of the paperwork and making sure all the 'eyes' got dotted. And to Jo Weeks who spent the whole weekend at the front gate taking in contributions. Grady Parris, in between special assignments, handled membership issues and dues collection out of HQ. Public address facilities were handled by Sam Balance and Steve Craven. Sam spent most of the weekend, between special assignments, acting as official announcer over the PA system. Margarite Wilson and Millie Gray manned the hospitality tent all weekend and kept the coffee going. Frank Baltra with the help of the U.S. Army Cadets took care of security. Our thanks to the Cadets for spending the weekend with us and helping out where ever they could (they also handled the raising and lowering of the colors). A special thanks to our new Treasurer, Michael Roberts and all the re-enactment personnel for a job well done. Michael coordinated that whole effort for us. Dan Hoefly, Market of Marion Manager and his Staff once again went the extra mile to make sure we had everything we needed including wood for the fire (Lamar and Horace Roland were the keepers of the fire all weekend), food concession, porta-potties, and a great Saturday night dinner. Our auctioneer, Doug did a great job as usual. A special thanks to our guest speaker, Mr. Terry Burton of the Queen Victoria's British Pub and Restaurant.

No rally would be successful without a good showing of flea market vendors. This year we had an increase over last year's vendor participation. We also have several vendors from way up north participate. We welcome them and hope they will come back next year. The vendors make possible our auction by providing items to be auctioned off. We thank them for their donations.

Our ongoing Rally Committee lead by Charlie Craven deserves some thanks for their continued efforts. Connie Craven takes care of all the paper work, does the rally booklet, and keeps the rest of us straight. Charlie Hildebrant arranges for the trophies and dash plates. Cliff Moffett designed the artwork for the plaques and set up the judging. Michael Roberts arranges for the re-enactment. Frank Baltra, Grady Parris, and myself round out the Committee. Work has already begun for the 2011 rally. If anyone out there would care to join the Committee, we would be glad to have you.

I would also like to thank Charlie Craven for his continued efforts and dedication to the Rally. He is the driving force behind the whole operation. And of course, Connie Craven is the driving force behind Charlie! Thank you both.

I hope I have not left anyone who helped at the rally out of this report. If I have, please bring it to my attention.

Till we meet again Dick Deren, President

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