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Western Region's participation at the Quaker Steak and Lube Car Show is growing in popularity. Seen here on the last Thursday in August, we fielded six vehicles. Come and join us some time. (photo by Ed Menees)

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**HEADQUARTERS REPORTING  
PRESIDENT'S REPORT**



I would like to thank the brave souls who came out to the Dade Battlefield meeting. I know the heat kept many away. However, counting Members and family, there were 43 people present and about 16 or 17 vehicles. Not bad for a hot day and the good Lord did not let it rain on us this year. I personally like this event because the re-enactors always have neat displays to look at and the vendors have really neat things to buy. Charles Craven and Crew set up and cooked hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch and many others brought side dishes.

I think everyone was surprised to see Ed Menees. Only 6 weeks after major surgery. Can't keep a good man down.

I think the meeting went well. We still need nominations for the VP and Treasurer. We will be making updates on the bylaws and a current copy will soon be available in the web site. There was some discussion on the new seat belt laws and the displaying of license tags. We will try to get more info on these items.

The fourth quarter meeting will be at the Craven's Camp in Perry, FL. There will be trail rides, cook outs and plenty of room to camp out if you decide to spend the weekend. The weather should be a little cooler and a good time can be had by all. The actual meeting will be held on Saturday, 29 October. The address is 11280 West Woodland Drive, Perry, FL.. Please RSVP to Charlie so he can plan for the food. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

The activity schedule is starting to fill up. November will be a very busy month. Please try to participate as much as you can. And remember, please pray for our Country and especially pray for our Troops and their families.

Thanks.

David Thomas, President


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**5TH Annual Military Day and Veterans**

**Resource Fair 30 July 2011**

*Story and photos by Dick Deren*

This program is sponsored by Congressman Gus Bilirakis who is the Vice Chairman of the Veteran's Affairs committee in Washington, DC. The affair includes entertainment and appearances by notable celebrities. This year the entertainment was provided by Ryan Weaver, Army Blackhawk pilot and country western singer. The other celebrities included Keynote Speaker, Jack Harris of WFLA Radio 970FM and three former football brothers, Martin, Bill and Santiago Gramatica. Outside entertainment was provided by the U.S. Army Precision Jump Team, the Golden Knights and of course the FFC. As in the past, this program was held at the Eastlake High School in Tarpon Springs, FL.

The FFC fielded ten vehicles, five of which were owned by John Lendell. John and his crew brought an M35, M37, M151, M274 and a CUCV Ambulance. Group Keller (Walt, Peg, Will and Spence) brought their M274. Nadine Piazza from the Armed Forces Military Museum dropped off the museum's M38A1. Nadine had to shift back and forth between the M38A1 and her display inside the school. Roland Grady provided his MB. Roland has everything but the kitchen sink on board. From the M2 MG to a rare wooden box for 45 auto ammo. Dick and Sean Deren rounded off the display with their CCKW and Bob Metnick's M3A1 White Scout Car, Christian Isaly came by to assist.

Things seemed a little slow in comparison to past years. Perhaps it was the heat and no one wanted to take the long walk across the hot tarmac from the auditorium to our vehicles over on the

grass. Or maybe it was because of the absence of the usual anti-war hecklers who always provided a bit of entertainment of their own.

By the time the auditorium let out, most of the inside and outside displays had packed up and left. A few of us took our vehicles over to the auditorium so the folks leaving could take a look-see. All in all it was a pretty good turnout for the club. A great time was had by all.



