



A VIEW FROM THE MUSEUM.  
October 2018

I am able to report the Museum is getting new items at a rate never seen before. While the Museum is pleased to get first pick, and up to now the only pick, for I have yet to refuse anything but there may come a time when I do. Sadly this increase is in part related to a reduction in Moose units and not to the Museum getting exhibit doubles, or items which we get when units are looking to reusing the space items take up but we do continue to get these but in fewer quantities. Keeping track of them has always been challenging and is getting even more so to all of us who are involved. I am not half way through cataloging what was there when I took over and each delivery increases this backlog.

Our many visitors are unaware of the lack of verbal supplements, as many of our visitors are Moose Members or Children of members who can relate an exhibit to an actual memory and need little or no explanations. Some Supreme Governors who have taken a tour of Ohio's Museum compare us to International's which shows visually we are meeting their expectations. These types of interactions get less and less as our membership age profile get younger and with them go so many verbal explanations of why Moose is such a great force for good in many nations. Each exhibit is an element of the Moose Story, be it a pin, a picture, a dues renewal notice or even a word in a display, each one will lead back to why we exist and why we must continue to do so. Some will doubt this but in my forty plus years of membership I have never met a man who hears, *really hears*, the Moose story without becoming a member. Our museum visually helps do this for us and so should a verbal track be in place with the same objective. The words at my Initiation set me on a journey halfway round the world telling all I met these powerful words and how Moose changes ever society it is in. So I am asking for members support to help me complete this task and other dreams I have for our museum.

Firstly. When you have items for the Museum **Please** email me at [rgoldsmith@cinci,rr.com](mailto:rgoldsmith@cinci,rr.com) I live two hours away from the Museum and I will get there if I can, but please know most of my trips need to be planned. Your e-mail will let me know what to expect so I can better plan to use the time I have there. To arrange delivery call **Gahanna Lodge** at **614-476 -9103** and arrange a time to get your donation to them. Gahanna Lodge staff have been exceptional in the support they give the museum and to my knowledge have never refused to take items or assist when exhibits arrive without warning. Which for a small lodge takes staff away from planned work and puts a lot of extra work on them(often it's a single bar staff member or the administer), so please be understanding.

Secondly. **Please** use the forms (at the end of this article and at the museum if you can't down load them) Often I arrive to find a pile of stuff on the floor, sometimes it has no donors name, most of times what they are or what they relate to, and seldom if ever are there related dates. it is likely you may also not know some or all of this information, but whatever you have is likely better than nothing and will give me clues to where to look.

I hope this will be the first of other communications for we have a major outstanding event to complete and are approaching some important dates related to the museum and I plan to create some fun activities around them, e-mail me if you find this interesting. Watch this space. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Fraternally Bob Goldsmith

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