

Newsletter Editor Report October 4, 2003

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Since Reunion III, September 27 through September 29, 2002, we have published 2 newsletters. The first was a Reunion III wrap-up. The second was Reunion IV information. These were our 2nd & 3rd Newsletter Publications. The 1st was published & sent out approximately April-May 2002. On the 2nd Newsletter, we mailed out approximately 200 newsletters. On the 3rd mailing, we mailed out approximately 150 newsletters and sent approximately 70 via email.

The 2nd mailing cost approximately \$380.00. The 3rd mailing cost approximately \$240.00. It can be seen that we save a great deal of money by sending the newsletters out electronically.

The Board gave me money to buy a new printer & scanner. I paid \$200.00 for the printer and \$130.00 for the scanner. I print the newsletter totally on the new printer and my old printer. Thanks to the generosity of our Web Master, Bill Petrie, I now have a great PC. Bill & his son built the PC for me, then Bill & his lovely wife Karen, delivered it. We are talking about a few hundred-mile drive for them.

I also helped Ray Barradale with membership. I sent out by snail-mail or email, the renewal notices. Ray received the applications, sent the checks to our Treasurer, then sent copies of the applications and checks to me. I then either ordered the Brass Life Membership Cards or made up the paper membership cards & sent them out to the new or renewing members. I also kept the member rosters up to date & sent updates to the Board.

I would like to request a new cheaper printer as a back up to the professional printer the Board bought me last year. I use both printers when I am printing the Newsletter. This printer would probably be under \$150.00. I would also like the Board to consider a good digital camera for two reasons. I am keeping a photo album that is for the Association. This album will become property of the Association should anything happen to me. I want to take some very good shots at the reunions both for the album & Newsletters. A good digital would probably cost around \$400.00. This camera, like the printers and scanner, would be the property of the Association. Of course I would like to purchase this camera at the beginning of this Reunion.

Respectfully Submitted

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