



Be It For One Man and Lady

Lady Liberty Shines

IN RAWLINGS, MARYLAND

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a surprise to his wife, Debbie, who has always loved the Statue of Liberty. She thought it would be around 3 or 4 feet tall, but was astonished at its final size.

Charlie was born and raised “just up the road” and has lived in the area all his life. He has no formal art training but is a natural; his favorite medium is charcoal. He was popular in elementary school for painting on the windows and later for his lighted, very large Christmas motifs placed outside his business. However, the Statue of Liberty is his first three dimensional attempt at such a large size. The entire “Lady” is sculpted from ¼” steel rod; bent, shaped by hand and welded in free form style. Then, it is covered with wire screen, molded and painted green like Ms. Liberty. The crowning glory is the torch made of brass which shines like a true flame. The statue is lighted at night and can be seen in front of O & R Trucking on Rt. 220 in Rawlings. (*Rawlings is located between Cumberland, MD and Keyser, WV.*)

CHARLES O’HAVER, a quiet, pleasant truck mechanic and garage owner applies his hidden creative talents for his wife, Debbie, and the community.

Charlie has a lot of creative skills and uses them in tune with his ingenuity and shop to create master pieces like his 12’6” Statue of Liberty. Charlie owns and operates O & R Trucking & Auto Repair in Rawlings, MD. His knowledge of metal, welding and a page-size printout of Ms. Liberty was all he needed to begin his statue as a gift for his wife. The size of the statue came as