

THE JOKER
NEWSLETTER OF THE
MILES GREENWOOD HISTORICAL FIRE APPARATUS SOCIETY

April 2015

Howard Kuhnell, Editor

The next meeting will be held at The Cincinnati Air Conditioning Co., 2080 Northwest Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45231 Tuesday Apr. 21, there will be food available courtesy of our host prior to the 7:30 PM business.

March Meeting Recap: The March meeting highlight of course was the decision by the society to divest its self of the 1929 GMC/American LaFrance. There was a process decided upon that is hoped will satisfy the interest of Miles Greenwood, and others that had expressed interest in the piece. Letters are to be sent to the two individuals expressing a sincere interest in the piece seeking their best bid for the apparatus. It was noted that the engine is seized and the value for the piece is affected accordingly.

Kuhnell was asked if the society could be permitted to sell split the pot tickets Friday during and after the auction. He said he had no problem with this, and hoped that it would add to the prize. It was suggested that we might have two drawings, but one was settled upon, as the prospect of a more significant prize amount could further stimulate sales.

Trophies for the National Heritage Muster were also discussed. Two trophies will be made available by Miles Greenwood with the recipients decided upon by apparatus/owner participants and the other by attendees. Therefore a "People's Choice" and "Contestant's Favorite" trophies will be awarded with sponsors sought for each.

The meeting concluded with a video on pumps from Gorman-Rupp supplied by Mark Rembis. Next month we'll have a program courtesy of Jeff Placke on Streator IL. Original home of Placke's great original American LaFrance pumper.

.RE-PLANNING 2015 Events:

April 18-19, Spring Melt Auction & Flea Market, Allentown, PA

April 25, Jackson Fire Swap Meet, Mich.

May 2, MABAS 7 Fire Swap Meet, Peotone, IL

May 15-17, Fire Expo, Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA

June 6, National Fire Heritage Muster, Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, OH

June 27, Central Ohio Chapter Muster, Columbus OH, expanded this year to include antique police and funeral vehicles

July 11, Miami Valley Antique Fire Apparatus Assn. Muster, Germantown, OH

July 16 – 19, Firehouse Expo, Baltimore MD., sponsored by FIREHOUSE Magazine

July 24 -25, Great Lakes Chapter Muster, Frankenmuth, MI.

July 30-Aug. 1, SPAAMFAA Summer Convention, Holiday Inn, Syracuse, NY

Aug. 15, Jeff Rider's muster, Crothersville – Uniontown, IN

Sept. 15, Kokomo IN. Muster & 100th Anniversary of their Ahrens-Fox, Foster Park, Kokomo

Flea Market Hi-Lights: the Society had 14 vendors present displaying every type of firefighting memorabilia on 34 tables with the vendors reporting good sales. The split the pot was won by Kirk Lambardo of Northern Kentucky who pocketed \$120.00.

Flea Market Participants



Mark, Mark & Marc; Stampfl, Hetzel & Bayless that is!



Bill Houston, Steve & Melody Hagy



Mark Stampfl with eager buyers

Editor's Note: I want to thank everyone that helped with my auction. I hope that everyone got what they wanted, and that the auction contributed to the success of the flea market.

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers Cincinnati Firefighter Daryl Gordon, FAO, who lost his life at a 4 Alarm fire in Madisonville on March 26th. Cincinnati Firefighter's Union Local 48 is accepting donations in memory of Daryl for the benefit of his wife Angela and daughters Angelique & Chelsea. Kemba Credit Union has also established an account for the Gordon Memorials.