



a chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motorized Fire Apparatus in America

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The next meeting will be held at The Cincinnati Air Conditioning Co., 2080 Northwest Dr., Cincinnati., OH 45231 Tuesday June 16, our generous host will probably be providing food prior to the 7:30 PM business meeting.

May Meeting Recap: The May meeting included the financial report which continues to show the society operating in the black. The “Contestant’s Favorite” & “People’s Choice” trophies, donated by President Greg Norvell, for the June 6 muster were on display.

Of course the big news was the opening of the member’s bids for the 1929 GMC American LaFrance pumper. I believe to everyone’s surprise, four bids were received for the fire engine. Bids of: \$3,500.00, \$4,000.00, \$4,325.00 and \$4,525.00 were received. A motion to accept the \$4,525.00 bid was offered and accepted and one of our newest members, Mr. Larry Flynn of Loveland, is now the happy and proud (I guess!) owner.

Other business included a lengthy and involved discussion regarding the SPAAMFAA safety rules, especially fire extinguisher requirements. (Every piece of motorized apparatus must have a fire extinguisher of at least a 10BC rating on board.) Safety officer Tony Glindmeyer said that he has solicited the help of Jay Jungclas and Joe Eggemeier in hopes of keeping a thorough watch over the affair.

Steve Siereveld, the new director of the fire museum attended and verified the museum’s sale of food and refreshments at the muster. He also stated that the fire museum was willing to be more involved with next year’s event.

Member Jeff Rider, whom just happens to be the president of the Indiana Chapter of SPAAMFA, proposed a joint meeting of the two groups to possibly be held at Randy Koorsen’s museum at Koorsen Fire Protection in Indianapolis; with the date to be determined. There was a general consensus for the idea with Jeff to report back.

PRE-PLANNING 2015 Events:

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
Sept. 17 – 20, 31st. Annual "Old Machinery Days" at Oeder's Lake, Morrow, OH. Antique Fire Apparatus display Saturday.

Muster Recap: Friday evening setup didn't bode well for Saturday's activities but never fear! Saturday awakened cloudy but dry, with no rain in the forecast and the apparatus started rolling in along with vendors, tram tours and food supplied by the fire museum crew that included Cincinnati Assistant Fire Chief Bob Kuhn manning the grill.

There were 35 pieces of antique firefighting equipment on display together with visits from Cincinnati's in service apparatus: Heavy Rescue 9, Engine 12, 20, 38, 14-B with containment vehicle, Truck 20, District 3, and Chief Braun & Wife Sue.

The "Contestant's Favorite" trophy was won by Nick Placke's x-Mt. Healthy 1924 Reo Speedwagon Howe Piston and the "People's Choice" went to Mark Radtke's x-Bellevue KY. 1918 Ahrens-Fox K-34.



President Greg Norvell with Nick Placke and his '24 Reo Howe Piston with is trophy.



President Norvell with Mark Radtke and his '18 Ahrens-Fox and Theresa Correa, Vice President of Funeral Operations for Gwen Mooney Funeral Home with his trophy.