



*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 Cincinnati Air, 2080 Northwest Dr., Cinti., OH 45231 on Tuesday Nov. 17. At 7:30 PM. If you like arrive early and partake of the food!

**October Meeting Recap:** The organization remains solvent with expenses being held to a minimum. Our internet hosting company has billed us \$167.67 for two years of service. Plans for the holiday party were solidified with the fire museum being secured for the event for Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>. And Joe Eggemeier procuring catering for the night at an 11¢ per meal increase over last year. The party will begin at 6:00 PM and the charge will be \$18.00 per person and must be paid in advance. Proper planning does not allow payment at the door. If you are interested in helping with set-up be at the museum at 4:30 PM. Somehow your editor will be attempting the program for the evening. (I'm thinking about covering the life cycle and utility of the common legal pad in the era of the electronic I-pad.)

We had a young guest with us at the meeting; Alex Dufresne, a current fire service student, was brought along by our newest member retired Chief Michael Hannigan.

Also during the meeting a benefit for our friend Rick Knife was announced for November 7, at the Casstown Fire Station. It was decided that anyone wishing to attend should meet at Cincinnati Air and we would carpool. (*Editor's note: The time announced at the meeting has changed and the gathering at Cinti. Air will take place at 2:00 PM for the trip north.*)

### **Pre-Planning:**

- January 16, 2016 at 6:00 PM at The Fire Museum of Greater Cincinnati, the Miles Greenwood Holiday Party.
- February 17 – 20, 2016, SPAAMFAA Winter Convention hosted by the Texas Gulf Coast Chapter. (See the recent ENJINE-ENJINE mailing for details.)
- March 25 & 26 Miles Greenwood Society Flea Market & Kuhnell's Fire Memorabilia Auction, both to be held at Cincinnati Air Conditioning Co. 2080 Northwest Dr. Cinti., OH. 4523
- April 23 -24, 2016 Spring Melt Flea Market & Auction, Allentown, PA. by the Union Historical Fire Society.
- April 30, 2016 Jackson Flea Market, Jackson MI. 200 W. Ganson St. 49202

•June 5, 2016 Miles Greenwood Society 7<sup>th</sup>. Annual Fire Heritage Muster, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Spring Grove Cemetery, 4389 Spring Grove Ave. 45223

**Historical Note:** As many of you know the Society had the good fortune to purchase and preserve a silver tureen that had been presented to our namesake, Miles Greenwood. I would like to tell you about another significant silver service presentation to an early Cincinnati fire service veteran.

Fenton Lawson was a member of the Cincinnati Independent Fire Engine & Hose Company for over twenty years and serving as its president for ten years. This company organized in 1830. Soon after its organization, two engines and a hose reel were purchased from John Agnew of Philadelphia. The engines were named the "Pilot" & "Water Witch", and the hose reel "Red Rover". The groups of men of the company which operated this equipment assumed the same names. At his retirement the membership presented Mr. Lawson with a coin silver coffee & tea service. It was elaborately decorated with scenes depicting the apparatus and work of the firemen, and is inscribed, "To Fenton Lawson from The Cincinnati Independent Fire Engine and Hose Company. Pilots, Rovers and Witches, September, 1850."

This set is on permanent loan to the Cincinnati Historical Society thanks to the generosity of Mrs. E. Holly Pennigton.

I gathered this information from the 1976 Annual Report of the Librarian of the Cincinnati Historical Society.



The service presented to Fenton Lawson in 1850. These guys had some class!