

THE JOKER
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MILES GREENWOOD HISTORICAL FIRE APPARATUS SOCIETY

March 2015

DUES for 2015 are PAST DUE!

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The next meeting will be held at The Cincinnati Air Conditioning Co., 2080 Northwest Dr., Cincinnati., OH 45231 Tuesday March 17, with refreshments prior to the 7:30 PM business.

February Meeting Recap: The February meeting provided for the passing of the presidency to Greg Norvell. The meeting included a moment of silence in memory of Ralph Stelter who died the day after our January meeting. The treasurer's report indicated the society's continuing solvency. The enhanced participation by the society in the upcoming National Fire Heritage Muster, by sponsoring and awarding trophies for Contestants Favorite and People's Choice awards was proposed. This idea was officially adopted and will be done. New member, Larry Flynn presented information regarding the Fort Ancient Antique Machinery Show to be held in September at Oeder's Lake and inviting Miles Greenwood participation. Mark Radtke was thanked for his exceptional efforts in fulfilling Ralph Stelter's wishes for his final ride to the Buford Cemetery. Former Chief of the Glendale Fire Department, Tom Thacker, was in attendance, and was received with great enthusiasm by we old timers, he has been missed. He announced his intention to resume representation of Glendale at our meetings. The evening was concluded with a slide presentation featuring Mack fire apparatus.

RE-PLANNING 2015 Events:

March 27 & 28 Miles Greenwood Historical Fire Apparatus Society Flea Market, Cinti., OH

March 27, Howard Kuhnell's Fire Memorabilia Auction, Cincinnati, OH

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.

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 Ft. Ancient Antique Machinery Show Oeder's Lake

A 1950 Mack pumper from the slide show at the February meeting. As it turned out this rig held special meaning for member Bill Darrow, as the first rig upon which he saw service after returning home from his stint in the military.



During Mark Radtke's search for anything possibly Miles Greenwood related, the following historical document has emerged and been preserved by Mark. Take a look:

ANTIQUÉ FIRE ENGINE CLUB NO. 1

The first meeting of this newly formed Club was held on Tuesday evening December 12, 1965. Those present were Tom Fuehl, Lynn C. Fledderjohn, Dr. Bernard, Ken Neal, Robert Rielage, & Tom Gerding. It was noted that Alan Eby had expressed a desire to join this new Club but due to situations beyond his control he was unable to attend this meeting.

The meeting was opened by Tom Fuehl who explained why these men had been called together. He explained that he and Lynn Fledderjohn had done some thinking on the subject of forming a Club solely for owners of Antique Fire Apparatus. It was their desire to have a Club that was to be mainly a social thing but with a Club Emblem and certain planned get togethers.

At this time a discussion was held on whether these men were interested in such a Club. The opinion shared by all was that such a Club could be a great asset not only socially but also in helping each other with restoring those pieces. Ken Neal suggested at this time that any member of this Club should also be a member of the AASA. Lynn Fledderjohn said that as this was not officially a part of this Club he felt this should not be so. This matter was put aside until a later date.

At this time Lynn Fledderjohn presented a proposed Emblem to the membership. This was readily accepted by the membership with the exception that some didn't like the words "Cincinnati, Ohio" being a part of it. Tom Fuehl explained that we needed a home base so to speak and that a majority of the members were from Cincinnati. Robert Rielage moved that we accept this Emblem as the official Emblem. This was 2nd by Tom Fuehl and passed.

It was then suggested by Tom Fuehl that a committee be formed to draw up a set of By-Laws for operation of the Club. He also suggested that those men present at this meeting be called the charter members plus Alan Eby. He also suggested that the By-Laws also state that a person applying for membership MUST OWN an antique fire engine. He also suggested that the By-Laws include the provision that any new member must be elected into the Club by unanimous vote of the membership. Tom's suggestions were put into the form of a motion by Rob Rielage. This was 2nd by Tom Gerding and passed.

It was then decided that Tom Fuehl, Lynn Fledderjohn & Tom Gerding would attempt to draw up a rough set of By-Laws to be presented at the next meeting.

At this time there was no more business to come before the new Club so the meeting was adjourned in favor of refreshments.