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Dues are Past Due!

The next meeting will be held at Cincinnati Air, 2080 Northwest Dr., Cinti., OH 45231 on Tuesday, March 15, at 7:30 PM. I feel certain that our host will be providing some type of repast before the meeting.

February Meeting Recap: The organization remains financially sound, but those of you who have not paid your 2016 dues are urged to take care of the matter promptly, so that you are not left out of all of the upcoming events and breaking news. Our dues are certainly among the most reasonable of any of the SPAAMFAA chapters and we are certainly an active group worthy of your continued support. The clothing order hit a snag as the lettering was not done to order so a delay in distribution has occurred. A possible trip to Madison Indiana was discussed but no action was taken. Your editor announced the cancellation of the 2016 fire memorabilia auction; mainly due to a lack of a sufficient number of better quality items. The approximately thirty-five items secured so far were very nice with a couple of excellent pieces, but an auction with this number of items had no chance for success.

Greater Cincinnati Fire Museum, director Steve Siereveld has reached out to Miles Greenwood to solicit memberships for the museum. Letters will be sent to our membership from Chief Braun asking for museum support in the form of individual memberships. The museum's planned renovations and fund raising for the endeavor are proceeding with positive results.

New Member: John King of the greater Hillsboro area has submitted his application and has also joined SPAAMFAA. John is involved with the Greenfield, OH. Historical Society; proud owners of an Ahrens-Fox. (See below.)

Pre-Planning:

- March 25 & 26 Miles Greenwood Society Flea Market 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 7th. Annual Fire Heritage Muster, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Spring Grove Cemetery, 4389 Spring Grove Ave. 45223
- July 9, 2016 20th Annual Antique Fire Apparatus Show 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Veterans Memorial Park, 75 N. Walnut St., Germantown, OH. By the Miami Valley Antique Fire Apparatus Association

1939 Ahrens-Fox Model VC Registry #9073.

The Greenfield Ohio Historical Society has taken possession of Greenfield's 1939 Ahrens-Fox and is undertaking the repair and revitalization of the rig under the watchful eye of new Miles Greenwood member, John King and the historical society's member and talented mechanic, John Royse. This Fox was the second to serve Greenfield as the community also had a 1929 Ahrens -Fox NS4 piston pumper, Registry #3355 with motor #2902 that slipped away in the 1980s, but is currently in the possession of Philip L. Gilbert of Decatur, Alabama; whom your editor had the pleasure of meeting last year in Frankenmuth.

The '39 is mounted on a Schact chassis, has the Hercules 6 cylinder engine and features a 500 gpm centrifugal pump, and 100 gallon booster tank. The current plan is to return the vehicle to sound mechanical service and clean it up so that it might participate in Greenfield area events.

Due to past storage locations, and lack of maintenance by previous custodians, the rig's exterior finish has suffered, as well as the chrome, other bright work, running & tail boards, etc. The rig's original siren, bell and Buckeye Roto Ray are fortunately all in place, but as usually occurs, ladders were just too utilitarian and have disappeared.

I think I took this photo about 1981 while the rig was still in the Greenfield fire station.

'39 Ahrens-Fox Model VC Rotary, Reg. #9073, Greenfield, OH

