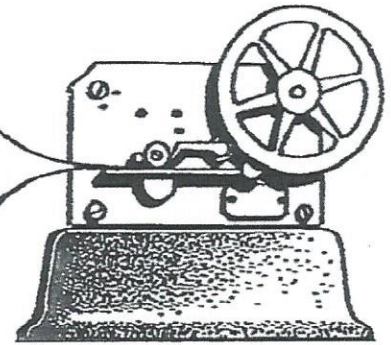


**THE JOKER**  
**OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE MILES  
GREENWOOD HISTORICAL FIRE APPARATUS  
SOCIETY OF SOUTHWESTERN OHIO**



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

June, 2018 \_\_\_\_\_ LeRoy Wilder, Editor

**The Next Meeting:** Our next regular meeting will be Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at the Cincinnati Air Conditioning Company, 2080 Northwest Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio. We start the meeting at 19:30 hours.

**May meeting recap:** There were thirty two members and two guest in attendance at the May meeting, Nathan Lehrer and Michelle Eikenbary. No applications for membership were received. The Treasurer gave his report as of May 15, 2018. The checking balance is \$1,534.83 and total funds on hand are \$11,297.87. Income was \$80.00. Expenses were \$60 to Microbiz, \$147.74 for flowers for Chief Tom Thacker's funeral and \$150.40 for flea market postage. The Treasurers Report was approved.

Dan Ficke reported on the muster planning meeting. Eight members were in attendance. The Cincinnati Fire Museum will have the food booth. The Cincinnati Fire Department has committed to bringing a heavy rescue, Engine 14B and their Safe house. We need additional safety personnel for the muster. People may preregister for the muster through our website.

LeRoy advised that he was unable to get any artwork from Logos@Work, our embroidery company. He is working with his neighbor on artwork that would be acceptable for the SPAAMFAA program book.

Mark Radtke is making a shadow box display of Miles Greenwood Muster dash plaques. He passed out a list of ones that he needs and asked members to see if they might have some of them.

We will hold elections this year for club officers, terms are two years. Nominations will be in November with the balloting in December. Those elected will assume their office in January 2019.

**From the Editor:** First let us thank God for a beautiful day for our muster. It seemed we would have a wash out, but instead we had a beautiful day. Be sure to say thank you to Anita Ficke for chairing the muster and to Dan for providing music. Also thank you to all the members that showed apparatus and to those members who worked the event. I believe we had 24 pieces of antique apparatus present. Cincinnati Fire Department really turned out for us with a Heavy

Rescue, Ladder Company, Hazardous Materials unit and the Bomb Squad. I believe their robots were the hit with visitors and our members. I did send a thank you note to Chief Roy Winston for CFD's participation.

On a serious note we need to talk about the safety rules and what we can do to make sure participants are in compliance. If something should happen and those involved are not following the rules, the insurance company will fight us about coverage of the incident. Justin Birchfield, the SPAAMFAA trustee for our area was at our muster. He commented to me that he did not like the fact that CFD had not pinned the outriggers on their aerial ladder when they were down and the ladder was extended.

At our meeting Howard Kuhnell gave me a copy of the artwork we use to print the apparatus display card for the muster. We are using this to develop something we can use for the program. I'll print is out and bring to the meeting.

I would like to thank all that responded to my cry for help with my 900's brakes. I got a chance to crawl under it and do some more investigation. It appears that it does use two sizes of brake line. 5/16" to the distribution blocks and 1/4" to the wheels. The rear lines have not been changed. Just the hoses to the wheel cylinders. Looks like I need to see about cylinders.

Check the preplanning information. I've added a tractor and truck show in September for Gateway College in Ft. Wright, Kentucky. It is a fund raiser for their transportation technical center. They are looking for any large truck for their show. \$5.00 registration. Dash plaques and trophies.

**Preplanning:**

June 23, 2018 North Carolina Transportation Museum Fire Truck Festival, 1 Samuel Spence Drive, Spencer, NC 28159. More Info [nctrans.org](http://nctrans.org)

June 23, 2018 Central Ohio Antique Fire Apparatus Association 30<sup>th</sup> Muster Ohio Fire Academy 8895 E Main St Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068. Please bring your hand drawn equipment

July 7, 2018 Miami Valley Antique Fire Apparatus Assoc. 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fire Apparatus Show Veterans Memorial Park 75 N Walnut Germantown, OH 10 AM-4 PM

August 1-4, 2018 SPAAMFAA Summer Convention hosted by the Penn-Jer-Del Chapter Cherry Hill/Pennsauken, NJ

August 4, 2018 Vintage Truck Show Young's Dairy 6880 Springfield-Xenia Rd Yellow Springs, OH

August 18, 2018 PPPS and Uniontown (Jeff Rider's) muster South Hwy 31 Crothersville, IN. featuring Howe Fire Apparatus. For more info email [firetruckjr@yahoo.com](mailto:firetruckjr@yahoo.com).

September 8, 2018 Miles Greenwood Historical Fire Apparatus Society Family picnic at the Salty Dog Museum 4995 Cincinnati-Brookville Road Hamilton (Shandon), Ohio 45013.

September 13-16, 2018 Fort Ancient Restored Machinery at Oeder's Lake Morrow, Ohio. We are welcome to bring fire apparatus on Saturday. Contact Larry Flynn for more information.

September 22, 2018 Gateway College Transportation Technical Center Truck and Tractor Day Noon to 6:00 PM rain or shine 1051 Dudley Road Ft. Wright, KY 41017. Additional information contact Ed Luebbe 859-356-3253

September 29, 2018 Old Dominion Historical Fire Society Muster, Show and Flea Market 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Wilck's Lake Island Park 1623 W Third St Farmville VA. More Information email [FloydPowhatan@gmail.com](mailto:FloydPowhatan@gmail.com)