

THE SMOKE EATER

Old Fire Farts of York County, PA

Quarterly Meeting Held 10/28/2015

With 10 members present we held our 4th Quarterly meeting at Dover Twp, Fire & Rescue Sta. # 9. A special thanks to Mission Bar-B-Q for providing a great meal before our meeting. I am sure that Station 9 volunteers enjoyed the leftovers after their rainy night out. At 19:10 we called the meeting to order followed by the pledge to the flag followed by a moment of silence. Officer reports were offered and in some cases passed out to attendees.

Our Scholarship Program was discussed and Bob Sells will take our scholarship of \$1,000 forward to the Fire Chiefs meeting to see if any departments have a responder who could use the scholarship. The person who was awarded the scholarship in August decided not to go to school for Fire Science.

A lengthy discussion was held with details on the Fire Muster. It was a success and yes we made money to donate to the two Fire Museums. The flea market vendors requested to be moved to the lower end of the truck lot so they can sell from their vehicles, the shuttle by Thornton Chevy was a great help, in the Kids Games we need to give out participant ribbons so everyone gets something, Pumping should be split by rotary and centrifugal pumps, if we move the vendors, bring the Kids Corner back to the front of the stage area.

The idea of having a wedding for a responder on the stage was brought up and the Old Fire Farts would provide the flowers, the minister, the transportation to the site for the wedding party, wedding music, and transportation to the reception. It is under consideration and with more details. Next years York Fire Muster will be held OCTOBER 2nd, the first Sunday in October. We will award our checks to the Museums at our Christmas Party.

A Nomination Committee was appointed by the President to gather candidates for the following positions in 2016, President-Elect for 2 years and Member-At-Large for 2 years. Paul Hoover and Bill Newbould are the committee members. If you are an Active or Life Member and are interested in either position for a 2 year term let either Paul or Bill know.

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Special points of interest:

1. The 4th Quarter meeting was held with food thanks to Mission Bar-B-Q. \$1,000 Scholarship still available.
2. Two new Officer's positions are available for 2016-17. Nomination Committee appointed.
3. We are selling Wreaths & Poinsettias in Nov.
4. Christmas Party is planned for Dec. 12th.
5. Changes to 2016 York Fire Muster on Oct. 2, 2016.

2015 York Fire Muster Another Success

On October 11th the 2nd York Fire Muster was held again at Cousler Park. We had 42 apparatus registered which is more than last year. Our featured apparatus for 2015 was the **Ahrens-Fox** but the only one to show was the 1933 Vigilant's Fox from our York Fire Museum, but it was a **Big Hit**.

We had three ladder trucks this year and we had our first Buffalo a 1931 which was a beautiful engine. We had 6 Hand Drawn pieces and two pumped which was a big hit again. There were some really nice ALF 700 there this year. It was also neat to see 2 Ford Model T's on the lot. Our equipment dated from 1886 to 2015.

The Flea Market went well, but next year they will be on the lower end of the truck parking lot so they can sell from their vehicles. The best improvement over last year was the Food Vendors. You could buy anything from a Sugar Cookie to Meatloaf with Mac & Cheese and from Bar-B-Q to Crab Cakes. The Kids Corner went well with different games and face painting and balloons and of course all of our guest from Smokey, Downtown, and Cannonball Charlie. Music by Bill Pero, The Kiltie Band of York and Capital Four Barber Shoppers. Next year we do it again for our 3rd year on Sunday, Oct. 2, 2016.

Fundraising Is Everyone's Role - Please Participate

The Old Fire Farts of York County, PA is a fun group to belong to. It doesn't matter if you are an Active or Social member you still need to get involved in our fundraising. We were able to bring a Fire Muster back to York County after a 50 year absence. We gave funds to both Fire Museums in York County. We helped to make the Christmas a little brighter for three first responder families in 2014. All of this took funding and we made it through our first year with help from individuals and businesses within the community.

In order to continue this effort and to expand on it, we organized as an official non-profit corporation and can now sponsor our Fire Muster on our own and don't have to beg for support from others to make it happen. Everyone weather Active or Social needs to participate in the events listed to the left.

A BIG Thank You to the following organizations that donated to make our 2015 York Fire Muster happen: PENN WASTE, YORK EAST ROTARY CLUB, BREWERY PRODUCTS, YORK WATER CO., GLATFELTER INS., YORK REVOLUTIONS, THE FIRE STORE; KEVIN MOUL, THORNTON CHEVROLET; DOUG FREEZE, MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP RECREATION; GARTH ERICSON.. We still have 27 shirts from the Muster to sell and that will bring in \$540.00.

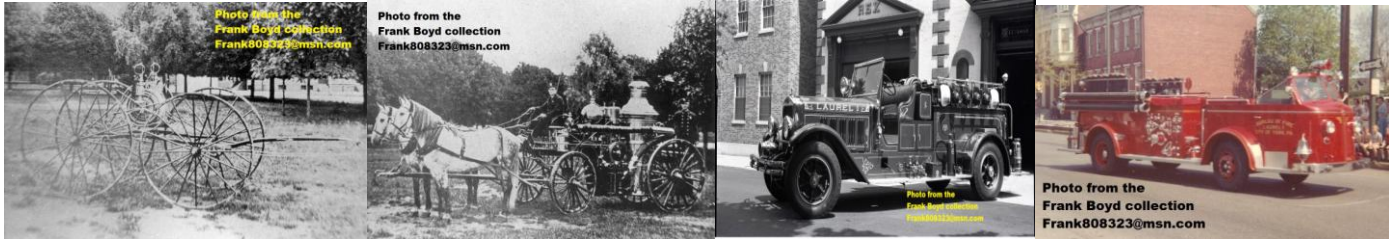
What we do depends on you and your involvement

*Nov. 28th –
Wreaths & Poinsettias
Sales

*Dec. 12th –
Christmas Party

Station of the Month

We select **Laurel Fire Company of York City; Station #1** for 250 years of service. There is lots of history and pride among their members. Family names like Bowman, Sheffer, and others. Congratulations from the Old Fire Farts.



2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE BEGINNING DEC. 1st

If you are renewing please check the appropriate block and fill out all the information so it is up-to-date.

If a NEW ACTIVE MEMBER please check the new member 2016 block and pay your \$25.00 dues.

You all have the opportunity to become a LIFE MEMBER for a onetime \$200.00 fee.

The Pasting of Our Friends

In recent months the Old Fire Farts have lost some true friends from the fire service. Marshall Woodward, past Chief at Lincolnway lost his battle with cancer and is now with the Lord. Marshall was a stepson to Dave Davidson an ex York City Paid Firefighter. I remember Marshall coming to York Station #9 when I was volunteering at the station back in the .late 60's and early 70's. He went on to follow in Dave's footsteps and became an active firefighter at Shiloh and Lincolnway. Marshall was at both of our Fire Musters.

Byron "Goody" Good grew up as a young man in my neighborhood of Smith, Front, and Pershing Ave. in York City. Byron and Rick Shank were both young boys living the dream of becoming firefighters. I was an active volunteer at the Union Fire Co. and going to York Jr. Collage. They would ask me questions about firefighting and I told them they couldn't join the City Fire Dept. until they were 18 but they could join North York at 16. They both joined Liberty of North York. Byron went on to become an officer at 2 other departments and came back to Liberty where he was active until he passed last week from a heart attack. We will miss you both.