

# THE SMOKE EATER

## Old Fire Farts of York County PA

### Meeting & Picnic Held 07/10/16

Meeting was held at the Eddie Schwartz's Fire Museum and Fireman's Heaven. We had 10 members in attendance and the meeting was called to order by Pres. Jeff Stauffer.

**Treasurer Report**, Robb Green submitted our yearend financial statement that showed in Fiscal 2016 we had ending finances showing a net result of \$3,248.11 and a sheet that showed the 2015 York Fire Muster with proceeds of \$771.00 going to the two fire museums giving each museum \$400.00.

**Scholarship Program** was discussed; we have \$1,268.00 to start our 2016 program available. Bob Straw is working on obtaining additional funding. We have a commitment of \$700 from our State Representatives. If have request out for another \$2,000. We have three requests for scholarships and could get more. Applicants will be awarded in August and announced at the York County Fireman's Convention August 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Membership Report** for last year 2015 we ended up with 47 Active Members of which 3 are Lifetime Members. We had 409 members on our Face Book Page. For 2016 we have 41 Active Members with 9 Lifetime and 438 members on our Face Book Page.. We need to get more Active members because that makes up 2/3 of or annual operating income.

#### **Up Coming Events:**

\*07/20 – We are working with the York Revolutions for Emergency Responders Night.

\*08/5, 6, & 7- We are at the Carlisle National Truck Show with our indoor display of four apparatus from members.

\*08/10-13 SPAAMFAA Convention & Muster in Middletown, NY

\*08/19 & 20 –York County Convention and Parade in Wellsville, PA

\*09/10 – Next Old Fire Farts Meeting at York Fire Museum at 8 am

\*10/2 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual York Fire Muster at Cousler Park 8-4 with a Special Truck dedication at Noon.

\*In November we are taking orders for Wreaths and Poinsettias with delivery December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**PICNIC:** We had plenty of good food; burgers, hot dogs, chicken corn soup, assorted beverages, steak fries, banana pudding, and salads. We had great friendship and conversation, and met new friends from Texas. Got a tour the Schwartz Fire Museum and visited Hydrant Park.

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#### Special points of interest:

1. Still Looking for a President-Elect candidate. Let President Jeff know if you're interested.
2. Carlisle National Truck Show 08/5, 6, & 7th
3. 08/19 & 20, York County Convention and Parade in Wellsville.
4. Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting at York Fire Museum at 8 am.
5. 2016 York Fire Muster on Oct. 2, 2016, this is the first Sunday in October.

## Dedication of the old York City 1964 Truck A



At noon on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> during the York Fire Muster we will take time to dedicate the restoration of this truck to Fallen Firefighter Donald Harrison who was killed on the truck when a tree fell on it when returning to the station. The current owner is Gary Warren, Retired Deputy Chief of Operations and Special Command for Baltimore County Fire Department. A short program will be held with a plaque being placed on the truck by the Officer's door, the site where Firefighter Harrison was seated.

## Our 3<sup>rd</sup> York Fire Muster Preparation

HELP WANTED!

CAN YOU HELP US?

WE HAVE A JOB  
FOR YOU!

It is time to get to work on forming Committees and assigning assignments for the Muster. We have reserved Cousler Park again and we will be moving things around again this year to accommodate our vendors and supporters.

This year our featured apparatus is the ALF or American LaFrance. We have many committed to coming from Dillsburg's Model T, East Berlin's 1926 Brockway/American LaFrance, York Fire Museum's 1935 ALF, several 1940's and 50's are scheduled to appear. Some Commercial Chassis built by American LaFrance are coming as well Several tiller trucks are coming from several different areas to be here for the 1964 Aerial Truck dedication

It's not all ALF's. We have several different types of Mack apparatus coming as well. We have at least four Hand Pumpers coming that all work. We hope to have a pumping contest with them all pumping and then do a pump relay.

Our Kid's Corner will be filled with games and displays face painting, balloon making, and Mascots from several different places. If you're hungry we'll have numerous food vendors.

We need help with the Kid's Corner organizing the games. Our pumping contest will need help with set up and teardown. We need help with registration and equipment placement and flea market setup at 7am.

Contact Bob Straw through a PM Message or by phone if you want to help. Meetings will be held in August and September to prepare.

## Station of the Month

We select **WELLSVILLE FIRE COMPANY, Sta. 66** for this being their Anniversary and hosting the York County Convention and Parade August 19 & 20th. They cover a large area of Northwest York County and have always done a great job and have had some wonderful equipment as seen below.



## The Future is built on the PAST

