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Old Fire Farts of York County PA

Way to start off 2017

*We are happy to announce the 53rd and newest SPAAMFAA Chapter. The Old Fire Farts of York County PA will become this Chapter and be called: "White Rose Fire Preservation of York PA". The paperwork arrived via e-mail last month. As the Board begins to get all the information together that has been requested, we encourage all of the Old Fire Farts to consider SPAAMFAA Membership if you're not all ready a member. For those of you with rigs, this will open up a lot of resources for you to get information and parts for your restoration from experts in the field. It provides the Old Fire Farts with event insurance and liability coverage all year. This has been a goal since we formed three years ago. Our local name "Old Fire Farts of York County PA" will not change but when dealing with SPAAMFAA business we will use the new official name.

*Our 2nd Firematic Flea Market was just held this past Saturday, 3/25/17 with a profit of \$465, three new members joining that day, we sold \$372 in Muster Shirts, and we had a full house of vendors. The fellowship was great, we had good food, and everyone had some fun.

*Plans are in the making for a feed in conjunction with Station 23 to make some money for our First Responder Scholarship Fund. The event would be held at Station 23 with the date to be determined. We will give out two scholarships again at the York County Convention in August with the funds that we have available. Come out and support the Feed by selling tickets to friends and relatives.

*The 4th Annual York Fire Muster is underway. We are selling the Muster Shirts early this year and we have four different style on sale. We have regular Tee Shirts and Long Sleeve Tee Shirts. This year we also have regular Sweat Shirts plus Hoodies. You can get them how, so contact Bob for your size and style.

*Our membership has grown to 64 members so far. We have 12 Life Members, 52 Active Members and only two from last year who have not renewed. We offer Corporate or Group memberships but only have one at the present time, Lincolnway Fire Company. We have 534 Social Members on Facebook.

*We have an Old Fire Fart Breakfasts on Saturday morning, 4/8/17 at Lyndon Diner at 8:30 am. Come out and join us for a social event to discuss current issues and relive history. They are a lot of fun and we will continue them throughout the year.

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Special points of interest:

1. We have a President- Elect, Roy Gentzler, and we have a nominee for Treasurer, Greg Witmer.
2. 2017 Carlisle National Truck Show Aug. 4-6, we have 5 Fords scheduled.
3. York County Convention and Parade in Airville on Aug. 18 & 19
4. Annual Old Fire Farts Picnic Sunday, July 9th the day after PA Pump Primers
5. 2017 York Fire Muster on Oct. 1, 2017
6. Christmas Party Dec.10th

Station of the Month

Our station this month is Liberty Fire Co. #1 of North York Borough, PA. Founded in 1899, the Company has followed their mission statement "We Aim To Protect". Thank you for maintaining your all volunteer service. Over the years, you had from your volunteer ranks, some of the leading Fire Officers in the County. As you celebrate your 118th year of service to North York Borough we salute you for never forgetting your past. It is what has gotten you to where you are today. Some photos from your past.



Mark Your Calendars Now for the 2017 4th Annual York Fire Muster

We'll do it again
on Sunday,
Oct.1, 2017

Sign up for the
**Firefighter Skills
Challenge now.**

The Old Fire Farts have begun to work on the 2017 York Fire Muster. We will be selecting committees and assigning leadership roles for the 2017 Muster by April. We have reserved **Cousler Park again** and we will be making some changes to accommodate our vendors and supporters.

In 2017 our featured apparatus will be the "Seagrave". All fire apparatus manufactures are welcome and we love to see the ones that are not being made anymore like Hahn, Buffalo, Mack, Howe, Ward LaFrance, American LaFrance, Ahrens-Fox, Peter Pirsch, Stutz, Maxim, Reo and more.

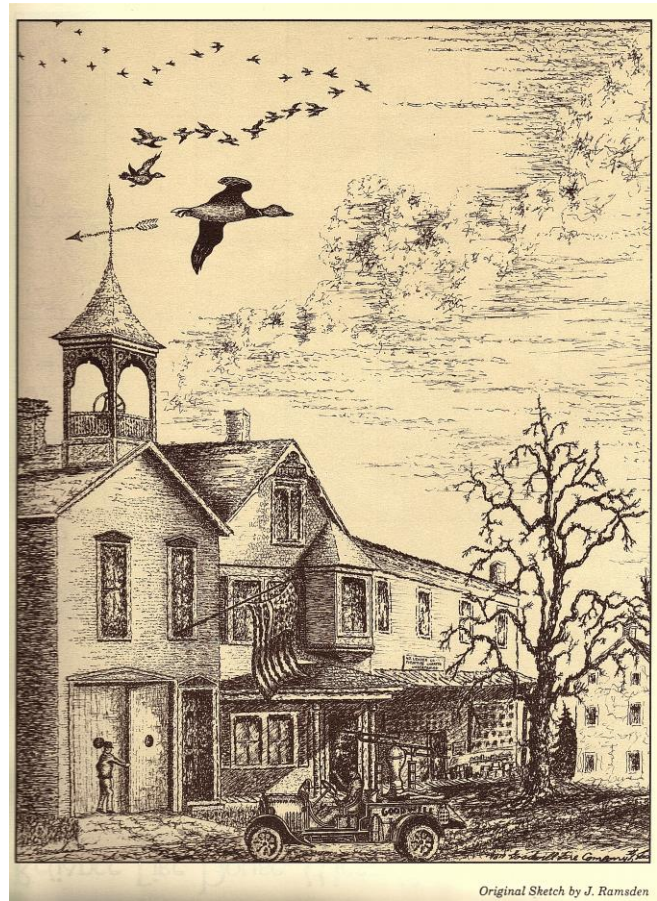
We always love to see the Hand-drawn Fire Equipment. We have had some at all our Musters and have always had one or more that would pump. We also had some nice hose-reels at the last two Musters. This year the hand Pumpers and Hose Reels will be Judged separately. We will select and give a trophy to the Best of Each One. We already have our 1st Registrations.

We will be adding **The Firefighter Skills Challenge** at the 2017 Muster. We will have a major sponsor who will help us provide some nice awards. We will have five skills that each registered firefighter will participate in and the total scores for all five skills will make up the total individual score. here will be four age groups with each broken down to male & female participants. So, there will be 8 trophies. Four for men by age group and four for women by age group.

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 even more food truck vendors.

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.

The Future is built on the PAST



Here are some memories from the past for those who remember.