

# THE SMOKE EATER

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## Old Fire Farts of York County PA

### January 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, We Were Busy in 2017

We held the Annual Meeting on 1-20-2018 at Lincolnway Fire Co. We held our election and a new slate of officers were voted in. They are: Pres.-Roy Gentzler, Vice-Pres. Kraig Herman, Sec.- Robert Straw, Treas.-Greg Witmer, Members-at-Large – Bill Newbould Jr. and Dolly Hoover.

Reports were read: Treasurer's Report, we made \$1,256.20 on our 2017 Muster. We ended the year with \$13,863.30 in the bank. This was a net gain of \$1,979.49 for the year. Secretary's Report, we had 5 meetings, 5 breakfast gatherings, we held a Flea Market, participated in the St. Patty's Parade, Emergency Responders Night at the Revs, spent 3 days with the Clydsdales, attended the Blueberry Festival at Brown's, National Truck Show Carlisle, we were a vendor at 7 Musters, held our own York Fire Muster on 10-1-2017, held a Picnic and a Christmas Party. Membership Report, we ended 2017 with 14 Life Member; 5 new for the year, 54 Active Members; 19 new for the year, and 1 Organization Member for a total of 68 paying members. Committee Reports, Flea Market will be held 3-10-2018 at the Agr. & Indust. Museum in York, Scholarship Program will investigate using social media to draw more applications. Preservation Committee would like help to fix the Friendship Mack B, any help with a clutch and tune up.

New Business: The membership voted to give \$500 to both York County Fire Museums and Sec. Straw will arrange for that to happen. Greg Halpin has volunteered to build us a website. Bob will work with him to supply files and photos. The SPAAMFAA yearly report is due with our \$300 check so Greg and Bob will see that it gets filed

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## THE 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL YORK FIRE M.U.S.T.E.R A SUCCESS

I want to thank everyone who could help in any way possible on the York Fire Muster. We had 40 pieces of Motorized Fire Apparatus, 6 Hand Drawn Apparatus, 12 Fire Flea Market vendors, 8 Food vendors and other safety displays. Our Firefighter Skills Challenge was a big hit and we had 12 participants who competed. Thanks to Mike Anderson for his help in running this first-time event. We could not have done it without our sponsors: SPAAMFAA, Seagrave Fire Apparatus, Glick Fire Equipment, Collins/Wagner Ins., York Revolution Baseball Team, The York Water Co., Thornton Chevrolet, Manchester Township, York County Youth Development, Charles Webb, and Dave Hoffnagle, The Radio Man. **The Apparatus Winners were:**

**Best Hand Drawn Pumper** - 1940 Lewisberry's Coffee Grinder from York Fire Museum **Best Hand Drawn Hose Reel** - 1900 Rumsey Union Fire Co., Dover, PA **Best Motorized 1900-1925** - 1925 Ford Model T/Hand Pump from Goodwill Fire co. Jacobus, PA **Best Motorized 1926-1939** - 1936 Seagrave owned by Terry Fix **Best Motorized 1940-1959** - 1948 Mack owned by Rescue Fire Co., Dallastown, PA **Best Motorized 1960 1979** - 1966 Mack C-95 owned by Louis Schaller **Best Motorized 1980-1999** - 1981 American LaFrance Squirt owned by Bob Zercher **Best Motorized 2000-2016** - 2005 KME Rescue owned by Community Fire Co., Yorkanna, PA **Best Brush/Mini Truck** - 1979 Chevy Pierce owned by Jim Atkinson **Best Privately Owned** - 1956 Mack B TDA Ladder owned by The Lloyd Family **Best Organization Owned** - 1952 Ward LaFrance owned by Shiloh Fire Co. York, PA **Longest Distance** - 1976 Seagrave Ladder owned by Mark Olsen from Virginia **People's Choice** - 1982 Mack CF Lincolnway Fire Co., owned by Lincolnway Fire Co.

#### **SEAGRAVE AWARDS:**

Pre-1950 - 1937 Seagrave owned by Tim Cosgrove Jones, 1950-1970- 1956 Seagrave owned by Joe D' Amoni  
1971-1992- 1975 Seagrave owned by Chuck Rhodes, 1993-2017 - 1975, refurbished in 95, FWD Seagrave owned by Mike Whitzel  
Aerial/Squad - 1980 Seagrave 100' Aerial owned by the Brown family, Best Seagrave in Show - 1966 Seagrave owned by Eddie Schwartz.

## Station of the Quarter

**Our station for this quarter is the Alert Fire Company No. 1, Emigsville, PA.** They are celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2018. With a motto of "We Aim To Protect" they were formed on January 21, 1918 in the home of insurance agent, Charles Roland. Originally know as the Emigsville Fire Company the name was changed to Alert Fire Company No. 1 on August 2, 1918. This change was because they realized that their response area was greater then the Village of Emigsville. The first truck was purchased in Aug. 1919 and it was a Model T Ford Truck equipped with 2 forty-gallon tanks and it arrived on Oct. 3, 1919 and housed in A.E. Baker's garage. The first Firehouse was opened on Jan. 1, 1921 with a Parade and a New Year's Eve dance. In 1927 an order for a new fire truck was placed with Reo Speed Wagon to replace the Model T Ford. Many different engines were purchased over the next 25 years. In 1951 a Ward LaFrance was purchased and in 1955 a new Firehouse was built at its current location. In Jan. 1955 Paul Schaefer was elected Fire Chief and in 1957 a GMC Tanker was ordered. In 1964 a new Ward LaFrance triple combination pumper was ordered. KFO 851 went on the air. A new tanker, a 1966 Ford Ward LaFrance was ordered. In July 1966 Alert hire two professional Fire Engineers and Paul Schaefer as it's first professional Fire Chief. This was the start and the first 4 decades of the Alert Fire Company No. 1.



Congratulations on your 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we look forward to the Big Parade and Celebration on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

# 2018 SPAAMFAA SUMMER NATIONAL CONVENTION

Hosted By The Cradle of Liberty Antique Fire Apparatus Association  
and Camden County Board of Freeholders

Cherry Hill, New Jersey  
August 1 – 4, 2018



**Reduction Sale: 2017 York Fire Muster  
Clothing and Dash Plaques.**

Short & Long Sleeve Tees - \$10

Sweatshirts - \$14

Hoodies - \$18

Dash Plaques - \$1



**2018 "YORK DAWG POUND"**

**MACK TEES**

Small - X-Large - \$20

2X-Large - 3X-Large - \$22

4X-Large - \$24

Patch - \$5



**Don't forget our Annual Old Fire Farts Picnic July 15<sup>th</sup> at the Eddie Schwartz's Museum**

This year we will be joined by the Union Fire Historical Society at 10 am and have a social and tours before our Picnic. We will fire up the grills at Noon and have an old fashion picnic. Please bring a covered dish (various types of salads), snacks (chips & pretzels), condiments (lettuce, tomatoes, onions, ketchup, mustard, mayo), and deserts (cake, fudge, brownies, puddings, jello). The Old Fire Farts will provide the dogs, chicken patties, burgers and paper products. At about 1:30 we will hold our 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Meeting.