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Old Fire Farts of York
County PA

2020 Annual Meeting

On January 19th at Hoss's West York we held our 2020 Annual Meeting with 23 members in attendance. Our slate of new officers was read, and a motion was made to accept the slate as read. A vote was taken, and the slate was approved.

Here are your 2020 Officers: **President** - Kraig Herman, **Vice President** – Greg Halpin, **Secretary** – Bob Sells, **Treasurer** – Paul Hoover, **Members-At-Large** are Jeff Stauffer and Neil Gunnet. Past President turned over the meeting to incoming President Kraig Herman. We thank Past-Pres. Roy Gentzler for his two years of service to the Old Fire Farts and for his leadership. Our Treasurer Paul Hoover gave his report and reported \$22,728.34 in the bank. Secretary Sells reported that 2020 dues are coming in. They need to be paid by the end of March.

President Herman appointed the following Committee Chairs: **Financial**- Paul Hoover, Robb Green, Chuck Strouse, Doug Freeze, **Scholarship**- John Senft, John Stanford, Mike Whitzel, **Com./PR**- Bob Sells, Dave Michaels, Greg Halpin, Bob Straw, **Fire Pres./Hist.**- Eddie Schwartz, David Maletz, Pete Ehrhart, Terry Fix, Organ. Safety Officers- Kraig Herman, Jeff Stauffer, **Bylaws**- John Senft, Don Hopple, Greg Halpin, **Fire Muster**- Kraig Herman, Dick Lehr, Bob Straw, Neil Gunnet.

We are holding our Old Fire Farts Flea Market on March 21st at Shiloh Fire Co. the hours are from 10-3. Help will be needed about 8 am to set up. We will be at the Mt. Airy and Spring Melt Flea Markets. The okay was given to pay for tables spaces at each of these. We have been asked to participate again in Give Local York on May 5th. We will be collecting for the Memorial Monument Restoration again, this year. The St. Patrick's Day Parade is on March 14th in York and we will be participating. Meet at the York Fairgrounds at 11:30 near the Market St. Gate.

New member Cheri Klinedinst asked if we can see if memorabilia from Dispatcher #1, Joanne Borgel could be put in the Fire Museum. David Maletz will check on it. We will be holding a family Picnic at Knoebels Park on July 18th. You need to sign up by the end of June.

The Old Fire Farts will be applying for a \$7,000 grant to help with our sponsorship of the 2021 SPAAMFAA Winter Conference to be held in York on March 10th – 13th. Bob will be going to Charleston, SC on Feb. 26th-29th.

The Meeting was adjourned with the next meeting April 5th at 1 pm York Fire Museum.

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7TH ANNUAL YORK FIRE MUSTER SEPT. 27TH



The 7th Annual York Fire Muster will feature the Ward LaFrance Apparatus at Cousler Park on September 27, 2020. We will have about the same schedule as last year.

Scheduled Events:

8- Static Apparatus Displays, Photo Opportunities, and Judging

8-3 - Recorded music from the 50's and 60's as well as Live Bands and Singers

9:00 – Open Ceremonies.

10 - Pumping Contest in this order: Hand Drawn Pumps and Motorized by Age Groups

11-3 - Fire Prevention Activities, Safety Displays, and Mascots

3-4 - Awards will be handed out.

Other things to do and see:

All day events - Firematic Flea Market, Food Trucks, Fire Apparatus on display



This year we will have two Shirts, the Blue one will celebrate the Ward LaFrance Fire Truck with most of these trucks on the back. The 7th Annual York Fire Muster Shirt will be Burgundy and will have only York County Wards from years past on the back. You'll want to make sure you get the shirts early because of doing two we lowered the quantities. Sizes will be S-4XL.

SPAAMFAA 2021 WINTER CONFERENCE IS COMING TO YORK

The White Rose Fire Preservation of York, PA would like to offer a bid to host the 2021 SPAAMFAA Winter Conference. We have done a lot of collaborating with our local York County Tourist Bureau, now known as “Explore York”. They have explored hotel availability for the time frame of early March, and it looks like the best dates for a Wednesday through Saturday would be Wednesday, March 10 – Saturday, March 13, 2021.

Together we have visited several places and by far the best place to meet the Conference needs is the **Wyndham Garden York**. In reviewing other Winter Conferences, we put together a program that will suit SPAAMFAA’S needs and will be manageable for our organization. On Saturday we have a large Ballroom for our indoor Flea Market, and Hand Drawn Equipment Muster.

Explore York has arranged for **2 Bus Tours on both Thursday and Friday** through Bailey Travel & Coach. Working with them we tried to put together a member’s tour and a spouse’s tour. The tours are from 8 or 8:30 am until about 4:30 and lunch will be on their own. We will visit some local factories, local Fire Museums and Fire Houses, local Farm Markets, York’s History District and take you back to 1778, and local eateries and brew pubs.

We have arranged for an old fashion” Fire Hall Sit-Down Dinner”. The Rescue Fire Hall in Dallastown, PA can seat 400 people, and they will prepare a sit-down dinner at a cost of \$30 per person, with under 10 free. This will include a fruit cup, salad, meat, 3 vegetables, rolls & butter, beverages, and dessert.

The White Rose Fire Preservation of York, PA will be applying for a Local Tour Grant to help with the cost of the Conference and based on an approval of the Grant we may be able to cover more cost and offer other items free. The Grant Application will be awarded in June 2020. We are also planning several fundraisers in 2020 to help with cost.

Our goal is to have a wonderful Winter Conference which is held in a clean and comfortable atmosphere, provides fellowship, fun, with old fire equipment.