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# The Smoke Eater

Old Fire Farts of York County, Pa., Inc.



**Kraig E. Herman January 15, 1974 – September 27, 2022**



Kraig E. Herman, 48, passed away Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at his residence in Manchester Borough.

Born January 15, 1974, in York, he was a son of Angie M. (Mitchell) Herman and the late Frank "Ed" Herman. He was employed with the Commonwealth of PA as a Fire Service Education Specialist.

Kraig dedicated decades of his life to public service through various organizations including, Life Member of Liberty Fire Co. of North York, President and Line Officer with Union Fire Co. No. 1 of Manchester, 25 plus years of service as an EMT serving York County, former 911 dispatcher and fire instructor. He was also a 1992 graduate of Central York High School and earned his bachelor's degree from HACC for Fire Safety.

At the time of his death, Kraig was serving as Secretary of the Old Fire Farts of York County, Pa., Inc. Kraig had just completed our annual fire muster as chairman of the committee just days before his death.

Kraig is survived by his sons, Noah C. and Kody E. Herman of Mt. Wolf; his mother, two brothers, Kevin E. Herman and wife, Karen of York and Kerry E. Herman and wife, Debra of York, and several nieces and nephews.

## Our Officers

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Gregory Halpin

President

Neil Gunnet

Vice President

Patti Webb

Acting Secretary

Robert Straw

Treasurer

Roy Gentzler

Director at Large

David Maletz

Director at Large



## From the President

Our organization was shocked in September with the untimely death of our Secretary, Kraig Herman. Many of our members and others had shared a laugh with Kraig just two days prior as Kraig chaired our 9<sup>th</sup> annual muster at the Old Tyme Days Park in Fawn Grove. God speed Kraig....

Member Patti Webb has graciously agreed to fill in as acting Secretary until we hold our elections in the second quarter of 2022. We are quite thankful for her stepping up to handle this position.

It has been a busy few months with the organization, some of which you will read about throughout this newsletter.

Beginning in 2023, we will be providing \$10,000 in accidental death and dismemberment insurance as part of your annual membership. This was approved by the members in attendance at our last quarterly meeting. As a result, annual membership dues have been increased to \$30/year to help cover the expense of the insurance. Life members may opt in to the insurance by paying the premium as established by the membership, which is currently \$5/year.

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and other events, and we look ahead to another productive year in 2023!

Greg Halpin  
President

## Challenge Coins Available



We have our Challenge Coins available for purchase for only \$10 each. See Bob Straw if you would like to sell some coins, or if you would just like to purchase some. You can call Bob at 717-819-0924 to order by phone.

## NOTE: 2021 Membership Renewals Are Now Due!

Annual members, please fill out a renewal application and mail with your membership fee to:

Old Fire Farts  
c/o Gregory Halpin  
794 Pacific Avenue  
York PA 17404-2451

## Next Quarterly Meeting

Our next quarterly meeting will be held on January 15, 2023 at the Hoss's Steak & Sea House Restaurant, 3604 East Market Street in East York. Be there by 1:00 p.m. if you are eating (pay for your own), with the meeting to start around 2:00 p.m. You do not have to dine to attend the meeting.

If you are interested in running for an officer position at our next annual meeting, please contact one of the members of our Nominating Committee: Neil Gunnet, Dick Staub and Greg Moul.

## Old Fire Farts attend Oyster Festival

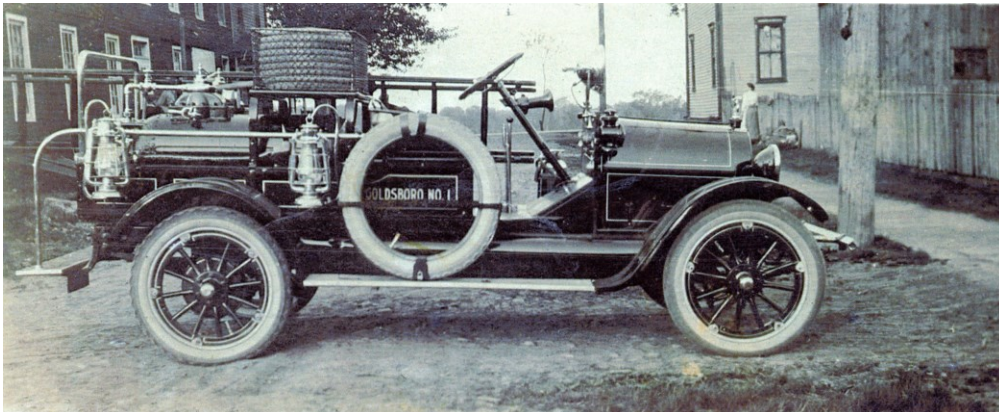
The Old Fire Farts set up a display and information table at the York County History Center's Oyster Festival on October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Agricultural and Industrial Museum on West Princess Street. Attendance was estimated at 1,700 people on a balmy Saturday afternoon. The table was manned by Greg Halpin, Dick Staub and Paul Hoover. A new Old Fire Farts table banner was purchased by Greg Halpin which provided great visibility for the organization.



## Goldsboro Fire Company



Goldsboro Fire Company's original engine house and their 1917 Martin chemical truck.  
Photos courtesy of the Goldsboro Historical Association.



## 9th Annual Muster

The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Old Fire Farts muster was held on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Old Tyme Days Park in Fawn Grove. The muster was held in conjunction with the Citizens Volunteer Fire Company of Fawn Grove.

Nineteen motorized rigs and two hand-drawn apparatus were in attendance. Although the weather was predicted to be rainy, the weather held off until the muster was completed, with many of the apparatus owners returning home in the rain. There were nine sellers in our flea market area selling their wares.

The following trophies were awarded:

**Best Darley Apparatus**  
 Jefferson VFC  
 1994 Darley/Spartan

**Best Overall Engine**  
 Nick Sabold  
 1974 Ford/Seagrave

**Best Hand-Drawn Apparatus**  
 Dylan Woosnam  
 Wirt-Know hose cart

**Longest Distance Traveled**  
 Chris Oliphant  
 1924 Bickle

**1900-1929 Privately Owned**  
 Chris Oliphant  
 1924 Bickle

**1930-1949 Fire Department Owned**  
 Pleasant Hill VFC  
 1947 International/Bean

**1950-1965 Privately Owned**  
 Clint Murphy  
 1964 Seagrave

**1966-1979 Privately Owned**  
 Scott Sefton  
 1979 Hahn

**1980-1999 Privately Owned**  
 Mike Dowling  
 1990 Fird/3D

**1980-1999 Fire Department Owned**  
 West Manchester Twp. FD  
 1982 Mack CF

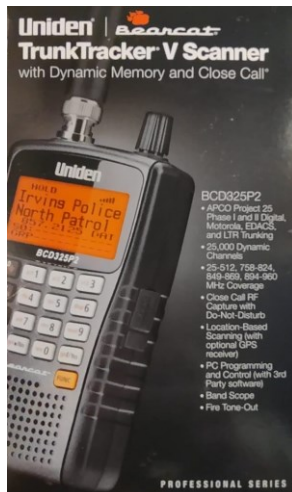


## Can We Send Your Smoke Eater Electronically?

About a third of our membership has requested that we mail them a hard copy of our newsletter, “The Smoke Eater,” rather than downloading and reading it electronically. For each copy of the newsletter that is mailed out, it costs our organization at least \$2 per person to produce and mail it to you.

The electronic version goes out first, and the hard copies are produced and mailed out a few days to a week later. It is the same content in both versions. If you currently receive a print copy and would like us to change you to electronic only distribution, please email us at [info@oldfirefarts.org](mailto:info@oldfirefarts.org) and we will switch you over!

## Scanner Raffle



The Old Fire Farts has raffle tickets available for this Uniden Scanner.

Only \$5.00 per ticket. Only 200 tickets being sold.

It will be programmed with all the York County PA radio systems and talk groups for immediate use. If the winner resides outside of York County arrangements can be made to program the winner's listening area.

For tickets, call Bob at 717-819-0924.

We are planning on drawing the winning ticket at our January 15, 2023 quarterly meeting.

## Annual Christmas Party

The Old Fire Farts held our annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 11, 2022, in conjunction with the Union Fire Company of Manchester at their social hall.

Members from both organizations provided a covered dish, while the Old Fire Farts provided some beef and fried chicken.

There was even a visit by a jolly old fat man, who brought his lovely wide along for the visit. Santa and Mrs. Claus didn't hang around for Bob's eating contests.

