

THE SMOKE EATER

THE OLD FIRE FARTS OF YORK COUNTY, PA. INC.



2023 York St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Old Fire Farts turned out with five pieces of apparatus and a great turnout of people for the York Saint Patrick's Day Parade on March 11, 2023 in downtown York. Green Old Fire Farts helmets and candy were handed out to the children along the parade route, West Market Street from Penn Street to Duke Street.

After the parade we gathered at Marco's Pizza on Carlisle Avenue for a late lunch and socializing.

And to top it all off, the Old Fire Farts won the award for best antique vehicle in the parade!

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!

—
Shawn Reinhold

Judy Houser

Gordon Myers

Patrick Noll

Chuck Rhodes

From The President

By Greg Halpin



This will be my last President's message to you, as my term is expiring, and a new President will be elected at our upcoming annual meeting. I'm not going anywhere, as I am planning on running for the office of Secretary at that meeting.

Our organization continues to flourish, and that is due to the involvement of you, the members. As you saw on the front page of this newsletter, we had a great turnout for the York Saint Patrick's Day Parade, where we displayed five pieces of antique fire apparatus and advertised the Old Fire Farts organization in the process. Other than the wind, it was a great day and it was a fun event with not a lot of work to do.

You will find that we do have events coming up that will take a bit more work, especially the 2024 SPAAMFAA summer conference being held here in York that we are hosting. You can read more about that elsewhere in this newsletter.

I want to thank all of you for your support and cooperation during my term as President, and I hope you will continue that support for our new President.

Lets all help to fulfill our mission of preserving the history of the fire service for future generations!

Greg Halpin

Old Fire Farts BINGO!



Mark your calendars now for these two dates:

Sunday, April 30th and
Sunday, May 21st

at York New Salem Fire Company for the Old Fire Farts Bingo to benefit the Old Fire Farts Scholarship Fund. We will need folks to help with these events.

The cost will be \$30, and you get 12 cards to play 20 regular cash bingo games. You can donate door prizes, or sponsor a game or provide gift cards, business services, or items for the raffles.

For more info contact
Bob at 717-819-0924 or
George at 717-891-6241.

Annual Meeting

The Old Fire Farts of York County, Pa., Inc. will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at the Shiloh Fire Hall, 2190 Carlisle Road, York, PA 17408. Parking and entrance to the social hall are at the rear of the building.

The meeting will start at about 2:30 p.m. after we tear down from our Flea Market which will be held there from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

2023 Flea Market

The 2023 Old Fire Farts Flea Market will be held on Sunday, April 16th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Shiloh Fire Hall. The fire hall is located at 2190 Carlisle Rd., York, PA., 17408. Parking and entrance are in the rear. Admission is \$5.00.

Vendor spaces are \$20 per space, and we will be in the social hall and apparatus bays. Set up for vendors will begin at 7:30 a.m.

Food will be provided by the fire company. Vendors can register by filling out the vendor registration form available on our web site and Facebook page.

Any questions call Bob at 717-819-0924.

2023 York County Convention

On August 12, 2023, the West Manchester Township Fire Department will be hosting the Firefighter's Association of York County 111th Annual Convention Parade. The parade will leave the upper parking lot of the Church of the Open Door at 12:00 noon. The parade will proceed west on Loucks Road, left on Taxville Road, left on Bannister Street, and will disband at the West York High School and Middle School. Fire apparatus will continue via normal traffic to the York Expo Center. There will be a reviewing stand with announcers located at the Rutters on Bannister Street.

Traffic for residents and businesses along the route will be affected starting at 11:45 a.m. until approximately 3:00 p.m. There will be access points staffed by fire police to allow access to and from local neighborhoods impacted by the road closure. Flyers with more detailed traffic information will be delivered to affected residents early this summer and will also be posted on the WMTFD Facebook page.

Old Fire Farts Apparel

You can order you Old Fire Farts apparel by visiting our store on the Queensboro web site:

<https://oldfirefarts.qbstores.com>



CHALLENGE COINS

We have our Challenge Coins available for purchase for only \$10. The sales will go towards our First Responder's Scholarship Program. Help send someone to college. See Bob Straw if you are interested.

Call Bob at 717-819-0924 to order by phone.

SPAAMFAA 2024 Summer Convention and Muster

The Old Fire Farts of York County, Pa., Inc., the White Rose Fire Preservation Chapter of SPAAMFAA will be hosting the 2024 Summer Convention and Muster in York at the York Fairgrounds.

The American Truck Historical Society National Convention and Truck Show is coming back to York on June 6-8, 2024, and the National Professional Car Collectors Society are bringing their limos, hearses, and ambulances to the fairgrounds. The Old Fire Farts of York County will be hosting The SPAAMFAA Summer Convention at the same time at the fairgrounds.

What a show this will be. ATHS will have over 1,500 trucks, PCCS will have over 70 of their Professional Cars, and SPAMFAA will have over 150 antique Fire Apparatus. Mark your calendars now, you don't want to miss this event.

We will need plenty of help from our members as we host this event, which will be the first time that all three organizations will jointly hold their events at the same location. Please contact Bob Straw if you can help.

The Ivan & Zach Firefighters Memorial Gardens

On March 22, 2023, five years after Firefighters Ivan Flanscha and Zach Anthony were killed fighting a fire in the former Weaver Organ and Piano building at 127 North Broad Street in York City, the Ivan & Zach Firefighters Memorial Gardens were dedicated at Broad and Philadelphia Streets. The memorial consists of a raised flower bed, flagpole, and a marker with photos of Ivan and Zach. The gardens continue to be worked on, and a brick patio will be installed with paver bricks purchased by sponsors of the memorial.

