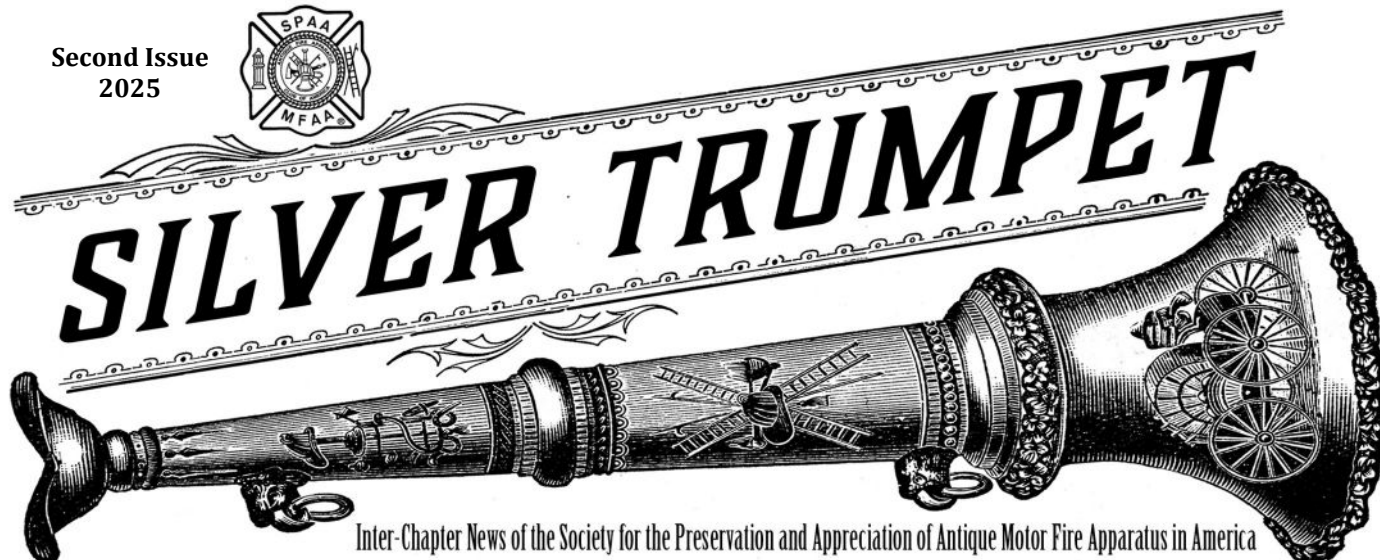


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Muster Time!



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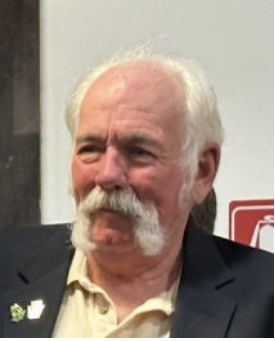
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SPAAMFAA Website Calendar

Chapters are urged to list their musters on the SPAAMFAA website calendar. This calendar is another central location where members can easily look to see when and where musters and events will be held in their area, or places they visit. Send info to: spaamfaawebmaster@gmail.com

The President's Line



Greetings All

Summer is now here and the Musters are sprouting up like wild fire. As I said in my previous column is your rig ready? I hope so. I have been working on mine so it can once again make the Muster Circuit after being in hibernation for some time.

My first show was my Chapter CAFFAA Muster in June in Pleasant Valley (MD) with over 50 rigs present, a great success. The next was the Pump Primers in Harrisburg in July with 125 rigs. Wow! Can you imagine all the pictures taken at these two events alone? Pictures that I hope will make it to the Muster Issue of EE.

Jeanne and I also attended the summer meeting hosted by the Independence 76 Chapter in Kansas City Mo. The Chapter hosted one heck of a meeting with a venue that not only highlighted the History of Kansas City but they also made sure that the final day of the meeting was their annual Fire Fest. The Fire Fest was not only a gathering of antique and new fire apparatus but street rods, antique cars and farm tractors. Have you ever seen a Porsche diesel tractor? There was one there. If you didn't make it there you missed a great meeting and show.

While in Kansas City your BOT meet for over 6 hours conducting the business of the Organization. The minutes of the meeting will be posted in a future ST. If you have any questions please contact me.

By the time you read this I'll be off to Frankenmuth with the family for the GLIFFA muster. My grandchildren love this and we all cannot wait to try the new waterslide out at the Bavarian Inn

Till then remember I can always be reached at timothykosgrovejones@gmail.com with any questions or concerns

Best,
Cos

From the Executive Secretary's Desk

By Bill Blunden



FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S DESK

The summer meeting in Independence, MO was held in June and everyone who attended had a great time. The Chapter

did a wonderful job hosting the event. There is a tremendous amount of history there and attendees had the opportunity to immerse themselves in it. At the meeting there were a couple of things that were discussed, and I want to discuss these in a little more detail.

Elections: We have the 3 president positions and districts 1, 2, and 3 up for election. Brian Anderson is not eligible to run for District 1 as he has served two consecutive terms. Lee Smith, who was recently appointed to fill in a vacancy by the board of trustees, will run for District 2 trustee and Ed Hass will be running for re-election in District 3. While we may have some candidates, it is time for members to step up and consider running for an office. There is nothing wrong with having contested elections. It is important to continually have new ideas and outlooks if we want the society to continue to grow. I would encourage you to consider running for an office either now or in the future. If you want to know more about what is expected or if you have interest or questions, feel free to send me an email at billblunden@gmail.com.

Electronic voting: The board has been investigating electronic voting. With the lack of contested elections and the costs involved in doing mail-in elections, it would be a more cost-effective option. However, it was decided to wait until the new website is up and running and we can use this for electronic voting rather than using multiple methods and confusing people. Once the new website is up and running, we will investigate the ability to do more electronic voting. It is understood that there are members who may not use computers, and this will necessitate the need to do a hybrid model initially.

The website: Owen Franz and the website committee are working to finalize the plans for the updated website. It is hoped that the new site will be up and running this fall and be finalized by February 2026. As part of redesigning the new SPAAMFAA website, we need some more video and photo assets. Does anyone have high rez photos or drone footage of recent musters? Also, some good photos of old musters (Greenfield Village, Valhalla, Harrisburg, Croton on Hudson etc.). We don't need thousands, just some fresh photos would be nice! It can be of rigs, pumping, family shots at musters. We will not be taking watermarked photos, but we will give credit to the photographer/videographer.

As always, if you have any questions feel free to contact the executive secretary at billblunden@gmail.com or call 315-783-2324.

Welcome New Members!



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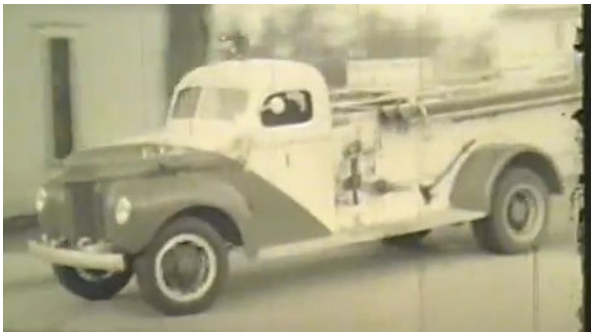


From the Media...

We stumbled across a gem on YouTube from the late 1940s/early 1950s.

BoShad3 posted a 24-minute movie of the Fairborn (OH) Fire Department. The multi-part film features members of the department relaxing at the station *in their full dress uniforms*, responding on a rural fire call with some classis apparatus, conducting an inspection at a rural farm, taking in a fire alarm, and drilling. The video provides an entertaining and informative window into the rural American fire service in the post World War II/Korean Conflict era.

The apparatus is a mixed bag of rigs, and the classic cars are sure to capture the attention of event the most casual of vintage apparatus aficionados. You won't be disappointed in catching this gem.



Many thanks especially goes out to "BoShad3," the YouTube poster, for discovering this invaluable piece of Fairborn/Bath Township (OH) history. The video was originally posted on January 10, 2011.

Copy this link

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CCJWLmmGjmQ>)

into your browser to find the video, or hover your phone camera over the QR Code to catch the video.



From the Editors

Well, another muster season is upon us, meaning we hope you have your rigs ready and are making the rounds.

For us, this muster season has been one of discovery. We finally dove into purchasing a trailer and, after a lot of patience and help from friends, got the pesky water pump issue resolved on the Seagrave. Owning a trailer is a whole new thing for us, but as with all things SPAAMFAA, the network has been more than helpful. And the piece of mind from hauling our Seagrave places versus that nagging question of whether or not we could make the drive is resolved. Now it is just a matter of getting the trailer fitted with a winch to make loading and unloading easier, and deciding which musters to attend. Only one of us is in the "retirement" category, but that hasn't seems to make for any more time to just hit the road.

Hope to see you on the circuit this season.

Sincerely,

John and Amy



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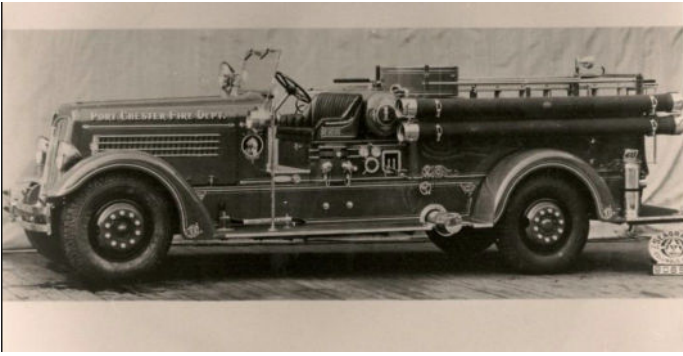
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Port Chester's 1935 Seagrave

By Angelo V. Sposta, Deputy Chief
Port Chester (NY) Fire Department



Factory Photo of Port Chester's 1935 Sweetheart Grille Pumper.
Credit: Angelo V. Sposta

Angelo Sposta is the proud owner of a 1935 Seagrave that served the village of Port Chester (NY) for 23 years. Here is the truck's story

On September 11, 1935, the village of Port Chester (NY), located in Westchester County, just north of New York City, took delivery of a 1935 12JW-220t Seagrave pumper, Serial #80895. The Seagrave entered service to protect some of the nation's most famous companies, real estate factories, and foundries. Chief among the famous, and familiar, included: Life-savers Candy, Homelite Chain Saw and Pump Factory, and Marvel Mystery Oil.



The '35 in action at a Port Chester Fire.
Credit: Angelo V. Sposta

The truck was ordered with 1250gpm pump and 906ci Big V-12 motor due to the number of large buildings in district, and was a fixture at every major Port Chester fire from its delivery in 1935 until it was sold to Wassaic Fire Company (Dutchess County, NY) in 1958. It served the citizens of Wassaic for another 20 years frontline. After its long service, it became Wassaic's parade and event piece.



The '35 returns home.
Credit: Angelo V. Sposta

After 66 years away from Port Chester, she has arrived back home with me. My father owns the 1958 Ward La France that replaced the Seagrave. She's in original condition with exception of "Wassaic" on hood. She runs and pumps and will be hitting muster shows soon.

Election Time is Upon Us!

By Bill Blunden, Secretary

Well, it is that time of year again, It is election time! This year we will be electing Trustees for Districts 1 (New England), District 2 (Mid Atlantic) and District 3 (Western) as well as the President, Senior Vice President and Vice President positions. We are looking for candidates for all positions. The trustee positions are for 3 years and the President positions are 1 year terms.

From the Bylaws:

8. Election of Officers

The election of SPAAMFAA officers and Trustees by the membership shall be conducted by mailed ballot to members in good standing. The Executive Secretary shall mail ballots to the membership in December each year and specify a January due date for their return. The Executive Secretary shall bring the unopened ballots to the winter National Board meeting where they will be counted in public before the attending membership. The election results shall also be sent to the membership via Silver Trumpet. Trustees shall be elected for a three (3) year term and may run for election to a second consecutive term for a total of six years and then may not run for another term as Trustee for three (3) years.

Elections of Trustees shall be staggered over years so they are not all replaced at the same time.

Any SPAAMFAA past or present Trustee may run for Vice-President when a vacancy occurs.

Candidates for Senior Vice-President must have served at least one term as Vice President.

Candidates for President shall have served at least one term as Senior Vice-President or Vice-President when no Senior Vice President exists.

Candidates for an open position must submit a letter stating their willingness to serve and a brief history and photo about themselves to be included with the ballots. This letter shall be submitted to the chair of the nomination Committee. Candidates willing to run for an additional term in their present position must submit a letter also.

The President shall select the Chair of the Nominating Committee from the membership. The Nominating Committee Chair shall then appoint two (2) other members to the committee. The Committee should represent at least two (2) regions if possible.

IF INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR AN OFFICE: Please contact the nominations Chairman, David Hall at hallhut@yahoo.com.



From the National Safety Committee

By Tom Herman, ODHFS



Tommy Herman
WTVR-Richmond

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

This publication has featured articles on fire extinguishers in the past that fully explained the SPAAMFAA safety rules requirement and an additional article that discussed what you really should have to properly protect your investment in an antique fire engine. It must be realized that the SPAAMFAA safety rules are much like building codes, they are only a **MINIMUM** requirement. The SPAAMFAA rules only state that an operational extinguisher with a minimum 10 BC rating shall be available in a readily accessible location. The rules **DO NOT require any particular type or size of extinguisher.** These options are left up to the owner of the vehicle.

Even though all of this has been thoroughly explained in the past, we still receive questions and it is obvious that many folks have not read or do not understand the requirements. I will relate an experience we had at a muster this past summer.

One of the judges approached a rig I was sitting next to and I heard him state that he could not judge the rig because it did not have a fire extinguisher. I very nicely tried to point out that it did in fact have an extinguisher that met the SPAAMFAA rules. I took him to the 15 Lb. CO₂ extinguisher that was mounted on the running board and showed him that even though it was an old extinguisher,

- it had been fully serviced by a fire extinguisher company per NFPA #10 requirements,
- was tagged and stamped accordingly, and
- that it had at least a 10BC rating and therefore met the requirements.

The judge then stated that it could not be used because it did not have a pressure gauge. Where do the rules state that an extinguisher has to have a pressure gauge? They don't. It then got much worse. The judge then said it did not matter because there was no extinguisher placed by the left front wheel! The SPAAMFAA rules make no reference whatsoever about an extinguisher by the front wheel. However, each local chapter has the option of having rules that exceed SPAAMFAA rules.



DOES THIS FIRE EXTINGUISHER MEET THE SPAAMFAA REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ? YES, IT HAS BEEN SERVICED BY A FIRE EXTINGUISHER COMPANY, IS FULLY COMPLIANT WITH NFPA #10, STANDARD FOR FIRE EXTINGUISHERS **AND** IT HAS AT LEAST A 10BC RATING, **AND** IT IS READILY ACCESSIBLE.

I then pulled out the chapter rules that were handed out to each rig owner as they entered the muster field and there was **NO** mention of this requirement in their rules either. Bystanders that were in ear shot of this conversation were amazed that a judge at a muster had no knowledge of fire extinguishers or the SPAAMFAA rules for a muster. I was simply trying to educate him to his benefit. Moral of the story – READ THE RULES and if there is a question, feel free to ask!

QUESTION – Does the 20 Lb. Ansul Cartridge operated extinguisher that is mounted on the running board of my apparatus meet the SPAAMFAA requirement for fire extinguishers? The extinguisher does not have a pressure gauge.

ANSWER – **YES, provided it has been serviced in accordance with NFPA #10.**

QUESTION – Does the 2 ½ Gallon water pressure extinguisher that is mounted on the running board of my apparatus meet the SPAAMFAA requirement for fire extinguishers?

ANSWER – **NO, it does not have a BC rating.**

From the SPAAMFAA Muster Safety Guidelines, page 2, #13 Fire Protection

"Every motorized fire apparatus shall have available an operable fire extinguisher having a minimum rating of 10BC. This should be verified as part of the registration process....Non-motorized apparatus is exempt from the fire extinguisher requirement."

REMEMBER – AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE!



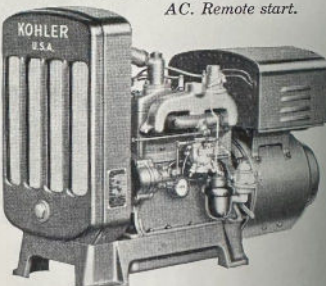
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This issue's "ID the Rig" is a:

1944 Oren-Chevrolet

Westphal Hose Co. No. 5, Martinsburg (WV)

Can you ID the make and year of this rig?



See Page Bottom Left for Answer & Photo Credit

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NJ, DE, MD, WV

District 3 (Western) - Ed Hass, Trustee
(US) CA, AZ, NV, UT, ID, WA, OR, AK, HI. (CAN) BC, YT

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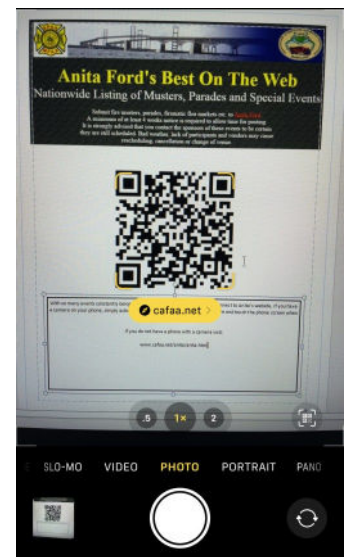


With so many events constantly being added, and the calendar rolling along unabated, we've found using the QR code to access Anita's sight is the most expedient. If you have a camera on your phone, simply activate the camera, point it at the QR code above and touch the code on the phone screen when the yellow box surrounds the code.

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www.cafaa.net/anita/anita.html

for the most up to date info on events across the country.



Report from the 2025 Delmarva Antique Fire Apparatus Association Spring Muster

By Jesse Walter

Delmarva's 2025 muster participation may have been dampened by rain, but the spirits of those who turned out, the day was a story of success and succession. A notable element of this muster was the number of pieces that had changed hands, but whose traditions of pride were carried on by their new owners. Heather Stevens, new owner of Gary Callis' Ford Young, had the truck shined and standing tall. Preserving vintage Fords is a passion for Heather and her husband Scott. They also own two Ford pick-ups, two Mustangs, and at least two Broncos. Heather's affinity for fire apparatus comes honest. She is a longtime member of Fruitland, and the Fire Marshal of Ocean City, MD.



Credit: Jesse Walter

1954 Ford, now owned by Phil Pennington, formerly owned Jim Garrison. The unique white and black livery stands out, even on a rainy day.



Credit: Jesse Walter



L-R: Bowers 1954 GMC/Oren, 500GPM. Tommy Russel's Open Cab Ward La France. Steve Gilbert's Open Cab Hahn in front of The Tides Clock.

Credit: Jesse Walter

FL Antique Bucket Brigade (FABB) Out & About

By Bob Romig

The members of FABB have been busy over the last few months, and who wouldn't be with the weather in Florida. Here is a series of photos chronicling recent activity.



Bo Borwegen and Jim Slowiak doing flea market duty at the FABB Summer Meeting.

Ex-Tampa Engine 4, a 1925 Seagrave, being rehoused at the Tampa Fire Museum. This was PP Mike Morris' unit that he rode on while a member of TFD, and was taken care of by Susan and John Morris.



John Stewart's 1968 Ford F750/Howe pumper at the OCFR golf outing.

Tim Sullivan with his 1950 700 series ALF doing a St. Paddy's Day Parade in Hollywood (FL).



John Morris with his dad's 1925 Seagrave Suburbanite at a spring festival in Clermont.



Top Hats, Civil War Re-enactors, with their 19th Century reproduction ladder wagon at the housing for Brooksville (FL) dedication of their 1925 ALF.



Lynn Sgallata doing a show for Osceola Fire Rescue golf outing with Joe Stewart's 1968 Ford F700.

Fire Flea Market

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FOR SALE: 1957 International TASC pumper, open cab, ex-Smithfield (ME). Contact Josh Masse masse@tcc.lc.com. Josh is currently deployed with the ME National Guard.

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FOR SALE: 1944 International/Bean M-3L-4 4x4 crash truck, open cab. Missing pump and crash body. Remaining body and chassis in good condition. Motor-junk, but have a good spare. Original lettering still on doors for Pensacola Naval Air Station. \$3000 or best offer. Contact Steve Garry, 518-869-6059 or email steve@lincolnstorage.net.

FOR SALE: A few WNYF and Fire Engineering magazines, four Iconografix books, various Mack and ALF sales brochures, and other literature, both fire and commercial. Send for list. Harvey Eckart hfe707@verizon.net or 570-759-2343.

FOR SALE: I have for sale my toy fire truck collection. It includes brands Tonka, Nylint, Hot Wheels, Matchbox, Remco, New Bright, Franklin Mint, and many other brands. Also included in the sale are showcases and display cases. Asking \$6,500.00 for the entire collection. For more information, contact John Feather at (859) 319-1668 or feather1033@bellsouth.net.

BOOK FOR SALE: Newly published autobiography of Fire Captain David Boucher (retired) after 40 years with 3 different fire agencies. He served 30 years with Los Angeles County. He has also served as the department historian and a director for the Los Angeles County Museum for 35 years. Profusely illustrated, 135 pages, softbound. Send \$25.00 to David Boucher, 1625 Moreno Dr., Glendale, California 91207 (includes tax and shipping).

FOR SALE: 1965 Ford/Young pumper on an F-800 chassis. 1000 gal tank, 750gpm Hale front mount pump. Runs and drives fine, pumps as is should. Originally served Fruitland (MD) VFC. Always stored indoors. Location: Hollywood (MD). Contact Gary Callis 301-481-0085 or Jesse Walter jwalter12@gmail.com.

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FOR SALE: 1953 Seagrave Model 900B, Serial #G5835 Anniversary Series pumper. This pumper reportedly started out at the Texaco Oil Refinery in Long Beach (CA). From there it went to the University of Nevada Reno Stead Dodd Beals Oil Fire School. I got the pumper from the estate of the next purchaser in 2006. It looks to me like all the important parts are present and newly (1988) chrome plated. Has the original Seagrave 12 cyl. motor (condition unknown). Engine is located in Reno (NV). Comes with NV title. I will not part it out at this time. Asking \$1500.00. Contact Jon Douglas Wagner: wagnerj3490@gmail.com or 775-750-0883



FOR SALE: 1956 Chevrolet-American LaFrance Foamite, in the process of being restored. Price-Let's talk about it. Contact William Clark, 860-537-0122, or wclark8@aol.com.



FOR SALE: 1933 Hahn Hose Chemical Wagon, ex-Lewistown (PA). Partially restored. Asking \$7000.00. Contact William Clark, 860-537-0122, or wclark8@aol.com.



FOR SALE: 1941 Mack Model 70, Serial Number 70-S-1030. Currently located in Northern California. Delivered to US Quartermaster Corps 12-19-1941. Starts right up and runs, drives and stops well. 750 GPM, 2-stage pump with pressure relief valve, priming pump, NO water tank. Included are nozzles, hard sleeve and soft suction hoses, adapters, appliances, flashlights, wooden 24' ladder, 1,000 feet of 2 1/2" hose, hand cranked hose reel with 200' of chemical line and homemade hand crank. Newly reconditioned radiator, rebuilt water pump with new belts. New batteries. Original wiring harness, two bucket seats with good upholstery. Asking \$15,000. Contact Robbie Cassou at (530) 249-1539 or rcassou61@gmail.com.



FREE: Matched pair of 4 1/2" blind caps for a "GENERAL" built pumper. Free to anyone who needs these for their apparatus. Pick up in Chesterfield (VA) or will ship for shipping cost. Hope I can help someone out with these rare parts! Contact Tom Herman, tom-herman@att.net, or call 804-590-1239 and leave a message.

FOR SALE: 1970 American LaFrance Engine-Series 900. 6-71 Detroit Diesel, Allison Automatic Trans, 1250gpm pump (has not pumped for several years), front suction, new air compressor, fully restored, runs great. New front tires, fully equipped, front suction, siren/air horn, 37,000 miles, fuel gauge does not work. Originally from Waterloo (IA). \$10,000. Contact Dennis Ahrens, ahrensfire@comcast.net, or 815-347-9292.



FOR SALE: 1926 REO Speedwagon Fire Truck This truck is a "sister" and configured the same as the restored one pictured on the rear cover of Engine~Engine 2013-3. It is a straight, original, unrestored complete truck except for the usual accessories of ladders, hoses, etc. I do have new, un-mounted tires and tubes for same. The truck is located in Abilene, Texas and I am asking \$8,500.00. Photos are available if interested. Phone is (325) 668-6678 and email is tim@theeyssens.com, Tim Eyssen.

FOR SALE: Truck Doors— Right and left truck doors for a 1930's vintage Seagrave. Doors are painted red and in solid condition for their age. Handles, mechanisms, and hinges operate freely. Restoring truck back to its original style. Doors were an add-on sometime in the 1950's. Asking \$300.00 for the pair (negotiable). Contact John Tippet at (301) 717- 1691 or jtippet58@msn.com. Buyer pays shipping. Free local delivery within 100 miles of Annapolis, MD.

FOR SALE: 1929 Studebaker Chemical Truck. Only one of three built by local FD shop. Excellent original condition, ready to drive. Pictures available upon request. Phone Crawford: (203) 206-0250 or email: crje@att.net. Leave message if no answer.

FOR SALE: 1940 Ford Howard Cooper Fire Truck. Original condition with several updates. Complete new brakes, redone radiator, carburetor, wheels powder coated red, new tires, gas tank cleaned, new radiator hoses, fairly new 6 volt battery, extra 12 volt batteries for Xmas lights. This truck was 1st due to the Mt. St. Helens volcano explosion. Was bought new for local lumber company and used as lumber city truck, Ryderwood (OR). Paint shows wear, all still original glass and paint. Seat redone. Local car show winner and parade truck. Runs and drives as it should. Top speed 40MPH. Original flat head 95HP (the big one for 1940). Mention truck when calling 541-472-8717 or I will not accept message. Old school landline, no text. Email newsommojo@gmail.com. Asking \$15,000. Cannot deliver.



FOR SALE: 1984 "All Mack" tanker-pumper. Mack diesel, auto transmission, parade or fire service ready. 1000/1000 capacity. Fully equipped fittings, two hard suction, deck gun, many Scott bottles, 2 booster reels with 1 3/4" hose, jump seats, Federal Q siren, pike pole, 2 axes. All lights work, 43,000 easy miles. All the LDH hose you can carry. Located in New York State. Asking \$17,500.00. Contact Mike Leitner at 845-634-1249.



FOR SALE: 1973 Pirsch 1,000 GPM pumper. 5 speed manual transmission with a 671 diesel. Engine overhauled 15 years ago. Shows 46,000 odometer reading. Has deck gun, Q siren and chrome bell. New wheels and fairly new radial tires. Original to Needham MA. Engine is operational, was in storage for 8 years. Truck does have some under body and compartment rust. Drives well, in MA. Serial #3044.

FOR SALE: 1980 Ford R8000, 1,000 GPM pumper. Set up as a reel truck, original to small town in VT. Caterpillar V636 diesel motor, automatic transmission. Stored outside with cover. Operational status unknown. Minimal rust to body, chassis is very solid. Odometer shows 17,500. Well cared for, hydraulics for reel assembly need attention. Tires appear original but hold air, very drivable. In MA VIN K80UV6J7212.

FOR SALE: Hydrant/hose adapter: New Brass, female thread 4" NH 4TPI; Male threads 2 1/2" NH 7 1/2TPI. 5/8" pins on exterior, gasket included. \$100.00 + shipping (4lbs). Contact Andrew Harvey zephyraire@hotmail.com or 814-226-6956, 7-11pm ET.

FOR SALE: Or parting out. 1943 Peter Pirsch 65' ladder truck, ex-Fall River, MA FD truck. I needed parts to finish its twin that I have been restoring, but now that I have removed the parts I needed, I don't want to scrap the rest. It's in too good of shape. The cab forward has no rust or rot. The ladder is in good shape. Contact Tony Rubbo at 203-910-5484. Call only, no texts.

FOR SALE: Waukesha 145 GZ gas engine. Includes Spicer Model 4753 transmission, carburetor, mag, distributor and repair manual. \$2500.00 Contact William Clark 860-537-0122 or wclark8@aol.com.

FOR SALE: Hannay Hose Reel. Refurbished. Make offer. Proceeds benefit the Colchester-Hayward Fire Museum. Contact William Clark 860-537-0122 or wclark8@aol.com.

FOR SALE: Darley Champion front pump, T model 500gpm. Make offer. Proceeds benefit the Colchester-Hayward Fire Museum. Contact William Clark 860-537-0122 or wclark8@aol.com.

FOR SALE: Waterous 1000gpm, two-stage pump. Make offer. Proceeds benefit the Colchester-Hayward Fire Museum. Contact William Clark 860-537-0122 or wclark8@aol.com.

SOLD! 1970 Hahn C-15 model pumper, open cab with two man jump seats. Date of Delivery—12/15/1969. 871 Detroit Diesel, Allison Automatic Transmission, Hale Centrifugal Pump 1500gpm @ 150lbs./1780RPM. Pump# 30815. Contact Randy Smith, 301-633-3157 or fire-houseblues@icloud.com.

FOR SALE: Parts for circa 1927 American La France. 1 ea. Radiator, top & bottom tanks OK, core has some damage. 1 ea. Intake manifold. 1 ea. Exhaust manifold. 3 ea. Cast aluminum pieces connecting cylinder heads to radiator. Cast aluminum floor plates w/ALF logo, 4 ea. 12" x 15" (1 missing corners), 2 ea. 7" x 15". Contact Ralph Emery, 419-843-3882.

FOR SALE: 1970 Howe/International, Cincinnati Cab, Howe body. 549 International gasoline engine, 5 speed transmission. 1000gpm Waterous top mount pump, 750gal tank. Former Cape Elizabeth (ME) Engine 3. Restored in 1990s by Joseph Nalbach Jr. Contact Richard Cotton Jr. at 207-318-2714. Price negotiable. Looking for good home for a great truck.

FOR SALE: "Seattle Fire Apparatus: 1879-2021, A History" by Bill Hattersley. A comprehensive illustrated history of Seattle, Washington's fire apparatus. Spiral bound, 8"x11", 134 pages, over 200 photos, color covers. Co-written by Galen Thomaier of Last Resort Fire Department fame. Ready to ship! \$29.95 + \$3.00 shipping to U.S. addresses only. Check, money order or Pay Pal to Bill Hattersley, 315 Index Place, SE, Renton, WA 98056

FOR SALE: Vintage Fire Equipment. Three sections unused 1 1/2" single jacket cotton fire hose with chrome 1 1/2" nozzle and a chrome 2 1/2" to 1 1/2" reducer. \$300.00 includes shipping CONUS. Brass Sterling hand crank siren cover \$150.00 obo includes shipping CONUS. Restored Swift Oiler for rotary gear pumps \$300.00 includes shipping CONUS. Sterling hand crank siren mounted on wooden board \$950.00 includes shipping CONUS. 12v electric siren \$200.00 obo includes shipping CONUS. Fire extinguisher bracket \$75.00 obo includes shipping CONUS. Contact Bill Killen, kirk-bo65@charter.net.

FOR SALE: 1956 Seagrave open cab 70th Anniversary Series. V12 Seagrave engine, former Barnesville (OH) truck. Runs good. Two new batteries, needs brakes (most likely hydrovac). Has 50s Seagrave bell. Wooden extension and roof ladders, redone. Has pike pole, two '50s era canister masks, two fire axes (one has "Seagrave" on it). Has two DC to AC rectifiers, with an AC spotlight. '50s or '60s era monitor nozzle. Has a hose load with old style hose, two hard suctions. \$5000.00. Contact Erik Hipple, 740-332-6449, or email erikhipple138@gmail.com.

FOR SALE: Waterous Pump, Model CS 1000GPM, Waterous PTO Model YBX ratio 1:88. Contact Richard Postulka, 518-441-6003, or rdpostulka@verizon.net.



FOR SALE: 1924 Seagrave fire engine, ex-Seattle FD. F-6 "T-Head" engine. Much has been done toward a total restoration. Pictures on request. Over \$12,000.00 invested. Asking \$10,000.00. Randy Caskey rcaskey03@yahoo.com

FOR SALE: 1981 Mack CF 686 Fire Engine-Pumper. All Mack-Gold Bulldog. Mack engine, automatic transmission, engine brake. Originally built for W. Long Branch (NJ) Fire Company No. 2, later conveyed to Helmetta (NJ) Fire Department. Included: Two deck guns, one a hard-piped Stang, the other an Akromatic Master Stream 1000 Monitor, 200' 1 1/2" hose on crosslays, 100' 1 1/2" on Hose Bed, Booster Reel with Hose, Retractable Hose Bed Cover, Fire Extinguisher, Two Hard-Suction Hoses, Scott Tanks, Generator, Hose Fittings, Nozzles, Attic Ladder, Roof Ladder, Axes, Federal and Electronic Sirens, Four New Batteries. Starts right up, runs, drives and stops. Contact Doug Tedeschi dought83@hotmail.com.



FOR SALE: 1917 Model TT Wheels Two wooden spoke rear wheels. Two are 30" X 5" with brake drums and solid rubber tires. Also, four demountable front rims (two have solid rubber, two split demountables). \$500.00 for all or best offer. Two-four foot hose cart wheels—\$100.00. One 15 gallon gas tank—\$50.00. Contact Gary Gault (513) 702-6857.



How Much You Say?

In 1957, the Kensington (MD) Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD) took delivery of a Peter Pirsch 1000gpm, 400gal water tank, open cab pumper. The rig was a departure from a long string of Seagrave purchases, but not the department's first Kenosha-built rig. The truck featured dual booster lines, a Buckeye Roto-Rays, Federal Q2B siren and distinctive Pirsch bell.

As the photo indicates, the unit was assigned to KVFD's recently opened (1953) second station. The pumper



Credit: James Dimopolous

spent nine years at KVFD Company 2 (later Company 18 in the Montgomery County numbering system), then was moved to Station 21 (Kensington's third station), built in 1962.

When the pumper was backed into the small brick firehouse at the intersection of Georgia Avenue and Randolph Road, where it shared quarters with an ambulance, the cost of gasoline at the filling station up the street cost 23 cents. The average income for the firefighters was approximately \$4600/annually. The cars the firefighters used to respond to the station cost \$2050. If the firefighters owned a home, they paid \$11,525 and mortgaged the loan at 5.75%. If the firefighter rented an apartment, the monthly rent was \$37. A board game on the shelf in the dayroom cost .98.

For the company meal, a chuck roast was .59/lb., potatoes were .07/lb., a can of creamed corn was .12, canned tomatoes were .15, a loaf of bread .19, and butter was procured at .74/lb. And the members could wash the meal down with a steaming cup of coffee that was brewed from a pound that cost \$1.02, or have a cold glass of milk from a gallon bottle that cost \$1.00.



WANTED

WANTED: Seagrave F6 T head 6 cyl engine. 1914 to 1931 Prefer good running condition or will consider good complete core. Will also consider complete fire trucks. Please contact Sam at hemi6spd@aol.com or text/call 585-309-2211

WANTED: Does anyone know if there are any vendors who can rehab the support suspension of vintage fire helmets? I have 2 1950's Bullard helmets that need repair. Contact Charles Bachini, in Virginia, at (978) 790-6700.

WANTED: I'm looking for parts to finish my 1928 Ahrens-Fox. I have spent the last ten years contacting members to help track down some of my stolen parts, stamped 1754 on some parts. I have had a few members who I am grateful for helping me out with parts, but I would really like to be able to finish this truck. If you have a part for an Ahrens-Fox that you are interested in selling, please contact me. Even if I don't need it, it may be something I can trade with another owner to get what I need. Thanks for any help. Contact me at Lawrencenclark@gmail.com.

WANTED: My name is Peter Tropp, from Fire Buffs of Illinois. I'm looking for a hydrant adapter. A 4-inch female with a 4 1/2 inch male. Any questions please let me know. Contact: ptroppalf@gmail.com

WANTED: Buying all types of fire memorabilia. Buying full or partial collections. Top dollar paid. Contact: Ryan Tre Denick, Email: rtredenick36@aol.com hone: (610) 745-0280

WANTED: Philadelphia Fire Dept. memorabilia. Looking for Philadelphia Fire Dept. items. Top Dollar Paid. Contact RyanTreDenick rtredenick36@aol.com (610) 745-0280

WANTED: Hello, my name is Brad Dilgard, from Loudonville, Ohio. I'm seeking information on a fire truck used here at the Loudonville Fire Dept. The truck had only chemical tanks for fire suppression; unfortunately, the tanks and gauges have been lost or destroyed, I'm not even sure what year this truck is. The only numbers I can find were on the left front inside corner of frame rail: D 221526, either IE or TE. The chassis seems to be a Dodge Brothers, but the body does not look like the Dodge Brothers bodies I have seen. Hopefully, someone can shed some light on this truck, thank you.

WANTED: Hale transfer case for a 500 or 600 GPM pump, vintage around 1928. If you know of a discarded rig in a field somewhere, that might do. Finder's fee if successful. Pete West, (540) 270-0200, pwest8@comcast.net.

WANTED: Civil Defense Auxiliary Fire patch or helmet front piece from any city. Will trade or purchase same. Email: stephenmlenz@yahoo.com

WANTED: ALF 700 cab spotlights in working condition to place on a 1948 ALF 700. Contact Jim Bosanek, jsbofd963@hotmail.com or 402-871-5546

WANTED: Looking for a pair of Sanford 4" suction covers. I need two, but will take any I can get. Any condition, contact Mike Prosser at: fprosser@twcny.rr.com or (315) 591-8577. WANTED: Fire Department of New York - An Operational Reference, Editions 2, 6 & 7. I'm looking to complete the set. Preferably "Good" condition or better. Mike Murphy, ALF700@aol.com, or call (518) 253-5701 & leave a message.

WANTED: Maxim chrome trim strip used above and below the engine hood vents on either side. These were used on Maxim apparatus from sometime in the late 1940's through the 1960's. I'm missing one of the four on my 1960 Maxim ladder truck. The one I need for my truck is 42 inches long and 1 inch wide. Hopefully, someone has a spare or perhaps knows of an engine ready to be scrapped from which a chrome trim piece can be salvaged. Contact Chip Taylor (802) 563-2361 or w1aim@fairpoint.net.

WANTED: I am looking for fire department patches from the following states: NY, NJ, MA, VT, DE, MD, VA, WV, KY, LA, MS, AL, TX, OK, KS, MO, IL, ME, NH, RI, AZ, NM, OR, CA, CT, NC, SC, WA, GA, MN, IN, OH, NV, UT, WY, CO, MI, MO, AR, FL, PA, HI, AK, IN, NE, IA, ID, ND, SD, TN, AR, and Washington, DC. Contact Bradford Paulson, 48 Dwight Ave, Clinton, NY 13323, or 315-327-8653 or bpaulson909@msn.com.

WANTED: Ward-La-France Fire Extinguisher for my 1936 Ford -Ward-La-France. Contact Bill Rausch, 248-625-8924, or br3612345@gmail.com.

WANTED: information on companies that put fire engine bodies on Ford Model AA frames. I am researching who made pumpers or chemical devices for the Model AA to present to the Model A Ford Clubs. Names of coach or pump manufacturers or pictures or both are desired. Anyone owning a Model A fire engine is particularly encouraged to contact me. Information should be emailed to harveyhack@gmail.com.

WANTED: 1980s American La France Century Series pumper. Detroit Diesel and Allison Automatic transmission desired. Contact William Clark III, 248 Boretz Rd, Colchester, CT 06415. Phone: 860-537-0122 or email: wclark8@aol.com

WANTED: Battery/dual ignition switch for 1948 ALF 700. Contact me at 402-871-5546.

WANTED: Water pump for 1947 Mack 510 motor. Baytown (TX) FD is restoring its '47 Mack and is in need of a water pump. Please contact Lt. Jim Moss, james.moss@baytown.org, or battalion307@comcast.net, or call 281-628-3034.

WANTED: Hose rollers for the bed of a 1917 ALF, or measurements for same. Also seeking an acid drip pan. Our rig is a Type 12/75. All info greatly appreciated. Contact June at june-froh@yahoo.com.

WANTED: Circuit Breaker, 1948 700. I am looking for info on circuit breakers for a '48 700. Has anyone ever had to replace them? If so, where can I find them or something that will interchange. Contact Jim, jsbofd963@hotmail.com or call 402-871-5546.

WANTED: Info on the whereabouts of the Highland Fire Company of Pennsauken (NJ)'s 1951 local build Chevrolet fire truck. The truck was last seen in Port Matilda (PA) in 2004. Serial # is 14UWF 3325. Contact Keith Knight at 856-313-8619 or kknight116@verizon.net.



WANTED: Wooden steering wheel for a 1924 American La France pumper. Any help would be great or any contacts also. Thank you. Contact Ray Vernon. rgvernon37@aol.com. 401-837-1435

WANTED

WANTED: 1925 Deluge Master Firefighter Accessories—I am looking for a horn, a siren, and 2 kerosene lanterns, or information on any of these items for a 1925 Deluge Master Firefighter which I am presently restoring.
Roger Bacon, rbacon330@gmail.com

WANTED: We have a 1945 Autocar in our FD. We are in need of a radiator cap, the clips to hold front wheels on, and a hood hold down assembly. I do have pictures of the parts upon request.
Richard Wagner, 215-530-0430
yankeenovember6@gmail.com

WANTED: The Ft. Lauderdale Fire Museum needs a 4" suction strainer (prefer brass), a hand-crank siren (or recommendation of a good repro), brass "nose cone" for a 2 1/2" Navy nozzle. Jim Van Drunen, frostfree2@aol.com or 954-290-6901

WANTED: 1952 Mack 750GPM Steamer Cap. Looking for steamer cap and pump fittings for 1952 L85 pumper if anyone has anything. Angelo Sposta, res40cuepcfd@aol.com

WANTED: 7" or 8" overall height running board pedestal mount for Sterling Model 30 Sirenlight. Call or text Mike Doran, 517-404-4341. If text, mention "Mod 30."

WANTED: Replacement Pitman Arm #4 48874 and a Steering Box #NF 642889/Pat. No. 3047087 for my 1982 ALF Century Pumper. Contact Mitchell Gauge firedawg524@atlanticbb.net.

WANTED: Information on a 1943/4 Army surplus field truck sold by Bill Lehuta, Perkasio, PA, sometime around 2008/9. It was originally acquired by the Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad Titusville & Washington's Crossing, NJ then sold/loaned to the newly formed Upper Makefield Fire Company in Washington's Crossing, PA. When returned it was kept at a local service station, then moved to my property (UFC life member) near Perkasio until Bill purchased it. I can provide some additional historical information about it. My name is Jim See and can be reached at 21m5ee@comcast.net.

WANTED: ALF Bell. Looking for an American LaFrance bell with eagle topper. Mounting base of any style. Contact Paul Rutecki, ranchorutecki@gmail.com. Phone 805-438-5422 or text 805-471-6864

WANTED: Ashton Model AH 57, 1954 Mack Type 95 Pumper Model. Chicago Engine Co. 110. Must be in excellent condition and have all loose parts. Contact James Wilkinson, 203-464-1492 or jpwilkinson@optonline.net.

WANTED: American LaFrance 700 Series pumper with an enclosed cab that is in great shape and is close to New Mexico for a fair price. I also need to figure out a shelter for it and how to get it to Cotton City, NM. Contact Heber Richins heberjeeber@hotmail.com or heberrichinsmswt@gmail.com

WANTED: Howe mini-pumper built on a 3/4 ton chassis, any make and year. Call or email Jeff Ryder 812-498-4777, fire-truckjr@yahoo.com.

WANTED: 4x6 pictures of Howe fire trucks. Call or email Jeff Ryder 812-498-4777, firetruckjr@yahoo.com.

WANTED: a mechanic to do some minor work on two Seagrave fire trucks. Contact Bob Alexander (Finksburg, MD) at 443-605-5361 for details.

WANTED: Information on Former Kent Island (MD) VFD 1948 Oren/International Model KB-7. Contact Paul Schlotterbeck at psfm64@gmail.com or 443-496-1161.



WANTED: Help identifying nozzle. Can anyone help with the identification of these nozzles? They are off of a 1923 Brockway Torpedo. Contact Barry McLean fd@gmail.com or call 336-462-0073.



WANTED: Two front windshield panels for a 1982 American LaFrance Century Series. Contact William Clark, 860-537-0122, or wclark8@aol.com.

WANTED: A pair of inner fender panels for a 1955 Maxim, any condition. Contact William Clark, 860-537-0122, or wclark8@aol.com.

WANTED: Little MO or Blitz Buggy Fire Truck. Looking to purchase a Little MO fire truck or Blitz Buggy. These vehicles were initially built on a small truck chassis and originally constructed in Old Forge (NY). Later they were built by Young and ALF. Interested in purchasing any but prefer one that is running. Contact: Bill Blunden, billblunden@gmail.com.

WANTED: 16' aluminum fire service extension ladder. Needed for a 1983 GMC/Ranger pumper, originally from Pratt & Whitney (CT). Please contact Joe at jmunzer@comcast.net.

WANTED: Looking for a Grimes Mfg. Co. 12 volt warning light. This is a small light that has two small rotating bulbs. Please contact John McCarthy at jrmccart07@yahoo.com.



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Harvey's Last Word — "Celebrating Both Man and Machine"

By Harvey Eckart

A good fire company requires both competent, dedicated individuals AND dependable equipment, especially fire apparatus. It is customary for fire companies to hold celebrations, particularly at milestones events such as 100 years of service. I am elated that some fire organizations are now also celebrating significant milestones involving apparatus by brand and model. The following synopsis involves two recent events!

On June 7, 2025, the Schuylkill Historical Fire Society (SHFS) sponsored a birthday celebration for an Ahrens-Fox pumper on its 100th anniversary; at its headquarters in Shenandoah PA. This iconic rig was placed in service in 1925 in Lock Haven PA and served until 1948. It then had several other owners until 1963 when it was acquired by a group of firefighters from Shamokin PA, who restored it back to its original condition. It toured Eastern PA by the group, known as the Shamokin Sump Pumpers. In 2023 it was given a new home at the SHFS's facilities (sometimes referred to as an orphanage for antique fire apparatus) which is home to over 100 antiques in facilities at both Shenandoah and Mahony City PA.

The festivities included a parade of antique apparatus; a program; and a birthday cake. Museum curator Mike Kitsock gave a detailed history of the rig. The event was well attended by antique fire apparatus enthusiasts.



This 1925 Ahrens-Fox received a 100th birthday party at its current home, the Schuylkill Historical Fire Society. (SHFS). It is about to lead a parade in its honor.
Credit: Harvey Eckart



The 100th anniversary parade was led by this 1950 Mack L85 that served Mahanoy City for 25 years and is now owned by fire co member Mike Kitsock. It is basically in all original condition.
Courtesy of Mike Kitsock

The West End Fire and Rescue of Mahanoy City PA hosted a 100th anniversary celebration on June 28; and individual tributes to their former 1950 Mack L model pumper and their current 1975 Mack CF pumper. It was happenstance that the L model Mack is 75 years old, and the CF is 50 years old, respectively. (nice round numbers).

The L85 Mack pumper was delivered in 1950 and replaced a 1931 Buffalo. It cost \$14,800. Two CF pumpers were bought by the borough in 1975; one for the Citizens Fire Co. and one for the West End, at a combined cost of \$107,000. The fire company paid \$2,600 extra for a front suction. It was refurbished by Swab in 1989 with various upgrades including a new paint job and the addition of half doors in the canopy entrances.

The company published an anniversary book that is one of the best I have ever seen. It had a detailed history as well as photos of all their past and present apparatus.

I was honored and privileged to be a guest speaker at this event. I related several noteworthy accomplishments of these two Mack models. Specifically, the L model was:

- Used as the funeral caisson of FDNY Chief Gancy after his death on 9/11
- It was the choice of Fire Chief Alan Brunacini for his personal antique pumper
- It was the first single engine 2000 GPM pumper in the USA, and
- A number of FDNY L models pumped at a large NYC fire, some for two days straight; without a single mechanical failure.



This Mahanoy City 1975 CF pumper served for 31 years and is now residing at the SHFS "orphanage for antique fire trucks".



Credit: ShenSentinel.com

Harvey's Last Word — "Celebrating Both Man and Machine"

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The Mack CF series:

- Was the principal pumper in FDNY in 1972 when every first line pumper was a Mack.
- FDNY had a total of 691 CFs
- It was one of the longest running series of custom apparatus at 23 years and 3,849 units, and
- It is usually the most displayed antique at musters and parades, particularly in the Eastern USA.
- The parade held as part of this celebration featured 119 rigs. Although Mack has not built a complete fire truck in over 40 years, there were over a dozen in the line of march!



Participating in the parade is the very last semi open cab CF delivered in 1974.
Credit: Harvey Eckart

I told the crowd I probably won't be around for the 200th celebration, but the L and CF Macks probably will!



A happy trio is Mahanoy City Fire Chief Dan Markiewicz; guest speaker Harvey Eckart, and Mack owner Mike Kitsock.
Courtesy of Dan Markiewicz



The SHFS requires creative solutions to house all its vast collection of antique fire trucks.
Credit: Harvey Eckart



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