



BOX ALARM



Spring 2024

47TH ANNIVERSARY ANTIQUE FIRE APPARATUS PARADE



June 29, 2024

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Show & Firematic Flea Market

will be held at: 99 Fordham Rd., Wilmington, MA

*Parade line up at 8am on Jewel Drive Wilmington
Parade starts at 10am Sharp left on Eames St.,
Right On (Route 38) Main St. to Wilmington Center,
right on Rt 62 down Rt 62 to a right on Federal St.,
to Concord St., to Fordham St., to the Shriners Auditorium.*

*Flea market vendors will be setup inside along
with hand drawn apparatus and model builders.*

**Vendors make check payable to Shriners Children's Transportation Fund.
Send to MAFAA, PO Box 3235, Andover, MA 01810**

For information go to www.massmafaa.com or call:

Jim McGonagle @ 978-360-1172 or Brian Anderson, Jr. @ 978-375-6413

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Greetings Members,

The warmer weather is arriving and before we know it it will be time to attend musters. Several great events have been announced for this season, including our annual muster on June 29th at the Shriners. I hope you all can make it there. Please see the list of events for the season! MAFAA was also awarded the bid for the SPAAMFAA Summer National in 2026. The event will be in Devens, MA. Further details are being decided. We are always looking for other events to include in this newsletter as well as photographs and anything else pertinent to the hobby. Please send anything of interest to the newsletter editor.

Doug Boudrow

President, MAFAA



Fire Station, East Watertown, Mass. 1291.

TRUSTEE REPORT

The 2024 SPAAMFAA Winter National Convention, held in Memphis from February 21st to 24th, was a vibrant celebration of firefighting history, innovation, and community. Organized by the Board of Trustees in collaboration with the Fire Museum of Memphis, this event brought together SPAAMFAA Members for an unforgettable experience.

SPAAMFAA Members gathered at the iconic Fire Museum of Memphis, delving into the rich history of firefighting through captivating exhibits and interactive displays. From antique apparatus to modern equipment, every corner of the museum offered a fascinating glimpse into the evolution of firefighting.

Throughout the convention, participants embarked on captivating tours showcasing Memphis's firefighting history and cultural landmarks. The Fire Stations Tour provided an insider's look at fire stations, maintenance shops, and included a lunch stop on the lively Beale Street. The Graceland Tour, a "non-fire apparatus" highlight of the convention, offered a moving tribute to Elvis Presley's legacy intertwined with Memphis's cultural heritage.

The convention schedule was thoughtfully curated to provide a balance of informative sessions, tours, and leisure time. Attendees were treated to an engaging presentation on the history of the Memphis Fire Department by Bill Adelman, along with committee meetings and networking opportunities, fostering connections and camaraderie within the SPAAMFAA community.

The 2024 SPAAMFAA Winter National Convention was a resounding success. For those unable to attend, stay tuned for future SPAAMFAA events, where you can join fellow members for equally enriching experiences.

Brian Anderson Jr.

District 1 Trustee

NEWSLETTER UPDATES

Hi, Do to time, material and mailing costs we are going with a quarterly newsletter. As always any stories or photos are greatly appreciated. Mike Zarrella,

Newsletter Editor, MAFAA newslettermafaa@comcast.net



MONTHLY MEETINGS

April 7- Townsend Fire Headquarters

May 5— Lancaster Fire HQ 1055 Main ST

June 2- Shriners, Wilmington

June 29- Annual parade and flea market @
Shriners, Wilmington

All meetings are at 10 AM

MAFAA RADIO CALL SIGNS

MAFAA radio frequency can be used by any member for communication to and from events, and during parades. Contact Ralph Harris for car assignments @ CFD24Cl@charter.net

Car 1 Doug Boudrow	Car 6 Ralph Harris Jr.	Car 11 Jay Chatterton	Car 16 Mike Damato
Car 2 Jim McGonagle	Car 7 Daniel Harris	Car 12 Brian Huss	Car 34 Rich Hamilton
Car 3 Tom Fitzgerald	Car 8 Gary Fleischer	Car 13 Don Lennerton	Car 37 Gordon Holstrom
Car 4 Chris Clark	Car 9 Joe Lennerton	Car 14 Kevin Beaulieu	Car 121 Justin Holstrom
Car 5 Ralph Harris Sr.	Car 10 Dave Amiot	Car 15 Brian Anderson	Car 196 Bob Brusket

Here are some rules that will make radio conversations better and more effective:

1. The golden rules to follow are CLARITY, BREVITY, SIMPLICITY and SECURITY.
2. Remember, that you can either listen or you can talk... not both.
3. Identify yourself at the beginning of each transmission by giving your call sign.
4. Listen before transmitting. Don't cross talk.
5. When multiple people are in range, do not answer a transmission unless you know the call is for you. Listen for your call sign.
6. Spell out key words and phrases using the NATO Phonetic Alphabet.
7. Do not say YES or NO. Always use the words "AFFIRMATIVE" or "NEGATIVE".
8. Know what you are going to say before you press the PTT button.
9. Wait for at least a second after pressing the PTT button and before beginning your message.
10. Keep the microphone at right angles to your face. Don't talk directly into it.
11. Speak slowly, distinctly, clearly
12. Do not let your voice trail off at the end of words or sentences.
13. Only acknowledge a message when you fully understand it. Or ask to repeat message with "SAY AGAIN" and not REPEAT.
14. When you have received and understood the message, respond with "10-4", ok on the message, etc.
15. Always acknowledge. Silence is not the completion of a conversation.
16. Talk slowly, do not shout and use a professional tone... emotions are a bad idea.
17. Keep messages shorter than 20 seconds.
18. Use plain English. (No ten codes)

On two-way radios, the common protocol to spell out critical words is to use NATO's phonetic alphabet.

ALPHA
BRAVO
CHARLIE
DELTA
ECHO
FOXTROT

GOLF
HOTEL
INDIA
JULIET
KILO
LIMA

MIKE
NOVEMBER
OSCAR
PAPA
QUEBEC
ROMEO
SIERRA

TANGO
UNIFORM
VICTOR
WHISKEY
XRAY
YANKEE
ZULU

2024 Winter Convention Memphis





PRESQUE ISLE WINTER EQUIPMENT

Chief F. E. McGlaulin of Northeastern Maine Town Never Daunted by Winter Conditions

Boston and lower New England, after the experiences of the past few weeks, can well have some appreciation of the proverbial winter snows that bury the northern lands of the old state of Maine, and the problems which confront the fire chiefs of those distant towns.

A few days since the accompanying photograph of a Presque Isle, Me., fire department snowmobile was received and a short letter from Chief Floyd E. McGlaulin of that town testifying to the fact that whatever the depth of snow the Presque Isle department was still on the job.



The snowmobile shown above is built on a ton and a half Chevrolet chassis and has been in service since 1929. It carries 1300 feet of $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch hose, one 24 foot extension ladder, one 12 foot roof ladder, four $2\frac{1}{2}$ gallon chemicals, axes, pipes, lanterns and some smaller equipment.

During the five winters the snowmobile has been in service it has never failed to reach a fire regardless of the depth and amount of snow.

In summer the original wheels replace the tractor and the apparatus is used as a hose truck, answering still calls. On box alarms it follows the pumpers with additional hose.

2024 EVENTS

April 20-21 Allentown

May 19 - Webster, Ma Tri-State Firefighters Meet. Memorial Beach Dr., 9 am - 3 pm. Contact tristatemeet@gmail.com

June 4-8 York, PA SPAAMFAA Conv.

Sept 14 Waterville Maine Fire-Rescue is hosting the 2024 Maine Fire Convention. Location: Waterville Convention Center, 123 Main St. On Saturday, September 14th, starting at 9 am, we will have a large parade.

September 22- Salisbury, Ma, New England Veterans Fireman's League, Fireman's Handtub Muster. Elm & Park Sts., 1 - 4 pm Part of Salisbury Days.

FIFERS DAY 2024



ANNUAL FIFERS DAY PARADE
YOUR INVITED TO BRING YOUR FIRE TRUCK TO JOIN US IN OUR PARADE.
ALSO WELCOMING FLOATS, ANTIQUE CARS, OR ANYTHING FANCY AND COOL.

SATURDAY 15TH JUNE 2024

Line up point:
Bowborough Fire Station
502 mass Ave Bowborough, MA 01719
End point:
Flenna field 400 stone rd Bowborough, MA 01719
Line Up: 10:30 am
Step off: 11:00 am

RSVP: Scott Konkle 978-501-9477

Email:scott.konkle@gmail.com

MARKET PLACE

Welcome to the new Marketplace. Email me to list your wanted or sale items.

Email newslettermafaa@comcast.net

WANTED

Wanted: photo or slide collections of fire apparatus .
mzcp@comcast.net Mike Zarrella.

Pair of 1955 Maxim Front fender inner panels & windshield panels
for my 1982 American LaFrance

Contact: Bill Clark 248 Boretz Rd , Colchester ,CT 06415

860-537-0122. wclark8@aol.com

FD Patches from - Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, and
Maine. Best contact info is:

Tyler Yalian 508-981-8384 T.yalian@yahoo.com

Mack E-Model/Type 45 Parts: including a Two-piece seat,
gas tank, window regulators for half doors, Bulldog &
Base, plus other misc items. Let me know what you have.

Also looking for any Andover, Mass FD memorabilia.

Contact: Dicky Krafton 978-375-6616. dickykrafton@gmail.com

FOR SALE

*1933 Hahn Chemical hose wagon partially restored asking \$7,000

*1956 Chev-American LaFrance Foamite-currantly being restored-make me an offer

*Darley Champion front mount pump T model 500gpm Make me an offer-proceeds to benefit the Colchester Hayward Fire Museum fund

*Hannay Hose reel-refurbished make me an offer proceeds to benefit the Colchester-Hayward fire Museum fund

* 1000-gallon Waterous two stage pump-make me an offer proceeds to benefit the Colchester Hayward Fire Museum fund

*Waukesha 145 GZ gas engine-heads need refurbishing included-Spicer 4753 transmission with clutch and pressure plate, Carburetor Magnito, Distributer and repair manual price-\$2500.00

Contact: Bill Clark 248 Boretz Rd , Colchester ,CT 06415

860-537-0122. wclark8@aol.com

Federal Signal Corp Siren - Model 77GA 12v DC

Dual-tone \$1000

Contact: ALFRED AVERIO 508-695-0713

Maxim bumper S series (some pit marks) \$75.00 Ralph

Harris CFD24CI@Charter.net

Lynn 1951 Seagrave pumper. It has been sitting for a while but ran when parked. It comes with a lot of equipment. My phone number is 781-718-8489. Dave Chiaradonna

The Uxbridge Antique Fire Museum Association is excited to report that their restoration project of the historic North Uxbridge Fire Station (and soon to be home of their museum) is nearing completion. Secretary Roy Henry reports that they hope to have a grand opening sometime in May. Details to follow once they are released.



New North Uxbridge Fire Station built in the year 1904. Shown in photo are two hose reels and a horse drawn hand pumper. Note large door in center of station and no small side door.



2011 photo of the station in disrepair



North Uxbridge Fire Station showing men and equipment about the year 1905.



January 2024 photo of exterior renovation