



BOX ALARM

JULY-SEPT 2023



SPAAMFAA Summer Convention
Warwick, RI

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Greetings Members,

I hope you are all enjoying the Summer weather (despite all the rain) and getting some use out of your rigs. Several MAFAA members and officers along with myself attended the SPAAMFAA Summer National Convention in Warwick, Rhode Island. The event was held July 12th-15th and hosted by the Rhode Island Antique Fire Apparatus Society and concluded with a Saturday muster of 108 pieces of fire apparatus. During the week several seminars were held as well as bus trips to area museums. On Thursday evening attendees had the option to go on a bus tour to a private fire museum in Newport where a BBQ was held. Friday evening a steak fry was held at the Providence Firefighters Hall, and Saturday Night a banquet was the final event. One of the highlights was an unofficial event held Friday evening when five pieces of fire apparatus under police escort proceeded to Hasbro Childrens Hospital for "Friday Night Lights." Children gathered in the window as a display of lights from the fire apparatus lit up the night. Overall the convention and muster were a huge success and the Rhode Island Club did an excellent job.

On another note, if anyone is looking for indoor storage for their fire apparatus I have found a location in Southern, NH. It is not cheap but it is also not unreasonable. Some of you know that I recently lost storage for my 2 rigs, so I was forced to come up with another plan in a hurry. Contact me if you are interested.

Doug Boudrow

President, MAFAA

TRUSTEE REPORT

The 2023 Summer National Conference and Muster in Rhode Island showcased the passion and dedication of antique fire apparatus enthusiasts from across the nation and beyond. The well-organized event, hosted by RIAFAS, provided a perfect platform for fire truck enthusiasts to come together, exchange knowledge, and appreciate the history and craftsmanship of antique fire trucks. The various activities offered during the convention catered to all interests, from exploring local fire departments and fire museums to enjoying the sights and sounds of the Newport Mansions and Narragansett Brewery. The fireboat demonstration, dinners, and live music added a unique touch to the overall experience. The main show on Saturday was a sight to behold, with over 100 antique fire apparatus on display, representing a rich diversity of manufacturers and models. Whether you're a seasoned collector or a curious enthusiast, the opportunity to witness these historical pieces up close was truly remarkable. Above all, the sense of camaraderie and networking opportunities fostered during the event were unparalleled. Meeting like-minded individuals, sharing stories, and building connections with fellow fire truck enthusiasts made the entire experience unforgettable. If you have a passion for antique fire apparatus and want to be part of an event that celebrates this unique hobby,

I highly recommend attending a future SPAAMFAA Convention. The 2023 event in Rhode Island demonstrated the commitment of the fire truck community to preserve and honor the rich heritage of fire-fighting history. Don't miss the chance to be a part of this incredible gathering in the years to come. Winter 2024 Memphis, TN Summer 2024 York, PA Winter 2025 Orlando, FL

Brian Anderson Jr.

District 1 Trustee

NEWSLETTER UPDATES

Members,

Sorry for the delay for this issue. I wanted to wait until our show and the Summer Convention were over so that we could cover them in this issue. Great turnout on both events.

If you have a request or an item in the for sale / wanted section and you would like your request removed please contact me.

Mike Zarrella, Newsletter Editor,

MAFAA newslettermafaa@comcast.net

MAFAA RADIO CALL SIGNS

MAFAA now has a radio frequency. This can be used by any member for communication to and from events, and during parades. Contact Ralph Harris for car assignments and rules, more information. CFD24C1@charter.net

As of 5/1/23 MAFAA Radio Call Signs: 158.400 MHz 114.8 PL Narrow Band

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

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Sept 10th

10am @ Andover Ballardvale Station

161 Andover ST

Oct 1st

No location yet

Nov 5th

10am @ Rockport Scout Hall

47 Mount Pleasant ST

Dec 3rd

Christmas Party

1 pm

No location yet



More images of the convention in Warwick





2023 EVENTS

19 August - York, Maine Fire Department Annual Parade & Muster. 1 Firehouse Dr., noon - 3:30 pm. Parade line up 11 am and step off at 12:00 noon.

26 August - Mystic, Connecticut Fire Fighter Festival: Honoring First Responders. Mystic Seaport Museum, 10 am - 5 pm.

3 Sept- Oakland, RI

Oakland Mapleville Fire Dept., 64th Annual Field Day & Muster.

Corner of Victory Hwy & Oakland School St. Parade starts at 11 am at Oakland Triangle. Muster immediately after.

Food will be available for sale. Rain date 9/4.

<https://tinyurl.com/bde9tn5m> facebook.com/omfdri

9 Sept-Milford, CT

Engine 260 50th Muster & Firematic Flea Market. 10 am - 5 pm Eisenhower Park.

Parade, firefighter competitions, pumping

contests, handpumpers, steamers demos and more. Apparatus judging up to 1980 - all others are welcome.

For more details or an entry packet email Engine260@engine260muster.org, or call 203.874.2605 or visit us on the web www.engine260.org

This is just a local sample of the events scheduled. For a complete list, go to the link below. <http://www.cafaa.net/anita/anita.html>

It is strongly advised that you contact the sponsors of these events to be certain they are still scheduled. Bad weather, lack of participants and vendors may cause rescheduling, cancellation or change of venue.



Anita Ford's Best On The Web

Nationwide Listing of Musters, Parades and Special Events



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.

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

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

Front bumper for a 1955 Maxim any condition

wclark8@aol.com Bill Clark

FOR SALE

NEW PRICE: Ex-Norwell 1961 GMC 550 Gallon Pumper. The body has been restored to original condition. New seat covers have been installed. Tires have passed inspection. All lights work! Two nozzles on boosters. It has a big Federal siren, No extra equipment. It has been kept in a heated garage all of the time. Price reduced to \$22,000.00 or best offer. Contact Roger A. Leslie, 671 Webster Street in Hanover, MA. 02339 or 781-871-

Maxim bumper S series (some pit marks) \$75.00 Ralph Harris CFD24C1@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



Amoskeag Reserve Engine Company Annual Fire Truck Show



"Where The Past Meets The Present"

October 14th, 2023, 9am to 2pm.

Hosted by the NH Fire Academy

ARFF Facility, 64 Smokey Bear Blvd., Concord, NH 03301



Family friendly event. There is something for all ages.

- Pumping Demonstrations
- Awards will be presented in numerous categories
- Parade (more information will be forth coming)
- Trailer parking at the DOT parking lot on left off of Smokey Bear Blvd.
- Rest rooms and food will be available on site.

For updated information follow the club website ARECNH.com or our Facebook page.

For other questions you may contact; Paul Sanborn, kpsanborn@comcast.net or John Schlemmer, fire5fire5@yahoo.com

Private or Department Owned, Fire, Police, EMS, OLD or NEW are invited to attend.

