



BOX ALARM



Fall 2023

South Hadley, Ma



PRESIDENTS REPORT

Greetings Members,

The meeting that was held on October 1st. was productive. The possibility of hosting the 2026 SPAAMFAA Summer National muster was discussed with a proposed location of Lancaster, MA using the Bolton Fairgrounds as the muster site. There is a covered pavilion for vendors, a small pond for drafting, and ample space for apparatus. Secretary Fitzgerald is discussing the feasibility of this with Fairgrounds management. If the venue is willing to have us we will put it a vote with the membership and if passed submit a bid to SPAAMFAA. The executive board unanimously sports this venture.

We are nearing the end of the muster season. As always it seems to have gone too fast. There were some great events this year and it is nice to see the hobby is alive and well. The Rhode Island SPAAM-FAA National was the most notable event, and seeing 108 antique rigs in one spot is something that none of us will soon forget. The good news is that we have a great lineup of meetings coming in the next several months. I hope to see you all there.

Doug Boudrow

President, MAFAA

TRUSTEE REPORT

The Value of Attending Shows, Flea Markets, and Conventions: A Perspective on SPAAMFAA National Gatherings

One common question I'm often asked is whether certain shows, flea markets, or conventions are worth attending. It's a tricky question without a straightforward answer.

Why is it complicated? Well, I've been to many fantastic shows, flea markets, and conventions, each offering something unique. I've made friends from all corners of the country and even some from abroad. I've stumbled upon missing parts and cherished mementos. I've enjoyed quality time with my father and reconnected with local friends who I unfortunately don't get to see often. So, is it worth going to these events? Absolutely.

The SPAAMFAA National Convention breaks away from the norm. Organized by chapters with dedicated leaders and volunteers, these conventions aim to introduce members to different places, faces, and fire apparatus.

Lately, luck has been on our side with the past two SPAAMFAA Nationals taking place close to home - in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. These past conventions truly exemplify what a SPAAMFAA convention is all about. For those on the fence about attending, I encourage you to think about joining us at one of the upcoming national events.

The next stop is Memphis, TN, set for February 2023. The Memphis Fire Museum has planned a great lineup of events for what promises to be a memorable winter convention. Following that, the SPAAMFAA Summer Convention will be held in York, PA.

I'm looking forward to potentially seeing you at a future event.

Brian Anderson Jr.

District 1 Trustee

NEWSLETTER UPDATES

Members, Winter will be here before you know it. Looking for a good story with some photos for winter editions. If you have anything send it along.

Also, due to rising costs we would like to cut down on the number of printed copies we have to mail. If you currently get a printed copy of the newsletter and can switch over to an email version please email me and we will change you over.

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 Brusket
Car 10	Dave Amiot		

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Nov 5th

10am @ Rockport Scout Hall

47 Mount Pleasant ST

Rockport

Dec 10th

Christmas Party

1 pm

No location yet

Jan 7th

10 am

Brockton Fire Museum

(pending confirmation)



Starting with in the day of horse-drawn wagons & steamers , photography of fire apparatus made its way onto postcards.

Many New England departments were featured.



Fire Dept., Indian Orchard, Mass.



After WWII, newer postcards of firehouses emerged showing a mixture of old and new apparatus. Apparatus captured in some of these images included a wide variety of makes and models that are true classics.



2023 EVENTS

October 14- Concord, New Hampshire

Amoskeag Reserve Engine Company's Annual Show, Muster & Parade. NH Fire Academy, 65 Smokey Bear Blvd.

9-2pm

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



HOSE TRUCK BELONGING TO THE LITTLETON, N. H., FIRE DEPARTMENT

This truck, built by the Combination Ladder Company, Inc., Providence, R. I., is equipped with 700 feet of hose, eight hand extinguishers, one 20-foot extension ladder with folding hooks, one 12-foot roof ladder with folding hooks, one axe, one crowbar, one tin roof cutter, one plaster hook, one ceiling remover and two lanterns. We are indebted to J. O. Mozrall, Fire Chief, for this photograph

FEATURES OF THE LYNN, MASS., AERIAL Ease of Manual Operation and Accessibility from Turntable to Ladder Illustrated

Scores of chiefs from all over New England gathered in Lynn, Mass., recently attracted by the first showing of a new American La France aerial ladder truck acquired by the Lynn department, being splendidly entertained by Chief W. F. Welch and members of his department.



The new aerial had many features of unusual interest for the chiefs and the equipment on the truck was found to be inclusive of about everything which could be placed on such a piece of apparatus.



Two outstanding features of the truck are shown in the accompanying illustrations. The ease of operation is illustrated by one of the photographs. One man alone can operate the aerial ladders. The operator works in a standing position, using the levers and brakes designed for the purpose. Merely with a turn of the wrist and very little effort the ladders may be raised and placed in any position or angle.

The second photograph shows the accessibility to the ladder from the turntable platform. Formerly the operating mechanism has been placed in the center of the platform at the foot of the ladder and formed an obstruction for the fireman mounting the ladder. With the new aerial the mechanism, as will be seen, has been placed at the left leaving the ladder free and clear from the base.

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

FIRE REPLICAS

CHICAGO FIRE ENG-81 B Mack \$300 & Mack L \$175
Shipping available for extra cost or can be picked up
Walter Curran 978-992-7914

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



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