



BOX ALARM



Fall 2024



Farrar apparatus from across the South Shore of Massachusetts

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Members, By now, many of you have put the rigs away for the season. There are a few Christmas parades left, but most of the events of 2024 are behind us. I hope that many of you can attend the Christmas party. The details are in this newsletter. Please reach out to me via email if you plan to attend. For those of you that I don't see, I hope that you and your family have a wonderful holiday season. Next year will be a big year for the club as we finalize plans for our 2026 National SPAAMFAA convention. Stay tuned!

Doug Boudrow

Fire Department, Williamsburg, Mass.



MONTHLY MEETINGS

All meetings are at 10 AM

Dec 8th Xmas party Garrison's Restaurant 1pm. RSVP Doug Budrow if you want to go

Jan 5h Brockton Fire Museum

TRUSTEE REPORT

Hey MAFAA Members, Winterizing Your Antique Fire Truck: A Must for the Colder Months As the weather turns colder and the parade season winds down, it's time to focus on winterizing those cherished antique fire trucks. Proper winterization ensures that your apparatus stays in top condition

through the winter and is ready to shine again next spring. However, if your rig has one last job, chauffeuring Santa through the neighborhood, some of these tasks might need to wait until after the big guy returns to the North Pole!

Winterization Checklist:

- Fluids: Check and top off antifreeze, oil, brake fluid, and transmission fluid.
- Battery: Clean the terminals, and either disconnect the battery or use a trickle charger.
- Fuel: Add fuel stabilizer and drain the water pump if necessary.
- Tires: Inflate to the recommended pressure or use jack stands.
- Cleaning & Covering: Wash the truck and cover it to protect it from dust and moisture.

Santa Claus Duty Calls! For many antique fire trucks, there's often one last mission before winter hibernation—parading Santa through the streets to spread holiday cheer. If your truck is on the nice list, you may need to delay some of the more intensive winterizing tasks, such as draining the pumps or lifting the tires, until after the festive duties are done. After all, a flat tire is the last thing you want when Santa needs to wave from atop your rig!

Just remember—once the holiday lights are unplugged and the cocoa cups are empty, don't forget to winterize your apparatus. A little effort now will save you time and repairs come spring. Ready for Spring 2025!

By properly preparing your antique fire truck for winter, you'll ensure it's ready to roll into next year's parades, musters, and events without a hitch. Who knows, maybe Santa will even put a new chrome bell or shiny hubcap on your Christmas wish list! Keep those rigs ready and rolling!

Sincerely, Brian Anderson Jr. SPAAMFAA District 1 Trustee

NEWSLETTER UPDATES

Hello,, hope everyone had an enjoyable summer season. Nothing really new on the newsletter front except that annual dues will be required soon. Anyone that does not renew will be removed from the roster. The renewal application is on the back cover or online payments available at

<https://massmafaa.com/membership-application>

The treasurer will be following up with info. Due to mailing costs we ask that anyone that can get an email version of the newsletter over a printed copy contact us.

As always any stories or photos are greatly appreciated. Mike Zarrella,

Newsletter Editor, MAFAA newslettermafaa@comcast.net



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

Farrars on the South Shore





MAFAA CLUB STORE



Short Sleeve Shirts
Sizes Youth Large to Adult 2XL \$20



Baseball Caps (Adjustable- One size fit all. \$20



"New" Patches \$5



Vinyl Decals \$4



2023 Dash Plaque
\$3



2024 Dash Plaque
\$5



2022 Convention Challenge Coin
\$5

Items can be ordered by emailing: mafaatreasurer@gmail.com

Orders can be picked up at a meeting or shipped for a nominal fee.

2024 EVENTS

Nov. 30 Medway Christmas Parade is November 30th. This is the 32nd annual of this event. The Medway High School will be the starting point, lineup begins at 4pm.

Dec 18. The 2024 Christmas party will be held at Garrison's Restaurant, 303 Boston Road in Billerica at 1 pm.

Members are responsible for ordering and paying for their own food and drink. Please let President Budrow know if you plan to attend.



Wedding of Winthrop Fire Chief Scott Wiley

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

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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



Massachusetts Antique Fire Apparatus Association Membership Application

Name: _____ Phone#: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Email: _____

Apparatus Owned: (If changed from previous years)

MAKE: _____ MODEL: _____ YEAR: _____

TOWN SERVED: _____

MAKE: _____ MODEL: _____ YEAR: _____

TOWN SERVED: _____

Membership: (circle) NEW RENEWAL

Member Type: Active \$20 Affiliate \$50 Lifetime \$300 Additional Family \$5

Newsletter: EMAIL or MAIL I wish to be listed in the roster: YES or NO

The Massachusetts Antique Fire Apparatus Association (MAFAA) was founded as a local group in early 1977, as a chapter of SPAAMFAA. The purpose of the organization is to promote and preserve antique motorized fire apparatus. However, ownership of apparatus is not required, just a passion for them! A general membership meeting is normally held the first Sunday of each month throughout Eastern Massachusetts. The annual fire apparatus parade, show, and firematic flea market is held in June. A bi-monthly newsletter is published, "Box Alarm" which contains numerous articles, reports, photos and classifieds, and calendar of upcoming events.

Membership in SPAAMFAA is not required, but highly encouraged.

The following classification of memberships are available:

Active: Any individual person 18 year of age or older. (\$20 per year, \$5 each additional family)

Affiliate: Any fire department, Museum, or Group owning vintage fire apparatus (\$50 per year)

Life: A one time payment available to individual members (\$300)

Payments via check or money order (Payable to: MAFAA) can be mailed to:

Massachusetts Antique Fire Apparatus Association P.O. Box 3235 Andover, Ma. 01810

Online application and payments available : www.massmafaa.com