



# BOX ALARM



Summer 2024



# PRESIDENTS REPORT

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Members,

I hope you are all enjoying the Summer and getting to use your apparatus. I want to thank everyone who came to the annual parade and muster on June 29th. Whether you came with your rig, as a vendor, or just as a spectator you made the event a success. Please pay attention to the upcoming events and hopefully, you can make it out a few more times before the season ends!

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

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All meetings are at 10 AM

Sept 8th Andover— Ballardvale Fire Station

Oct 6th Bare Cove

Nov 3rd Uxbridge Fire Musuem

# TRUSTEE REPORT

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Hey MAFAA Members,

I hope you're all doing well! I wanted to fill you in on my recent trip to the 2024 SPAAMFAA National in York, Pennsylvania—it was a blast!

Hosted by the White Rose Chapter, this event was a true celebration of antique fire apparatus, friends and fun. It was awesome catching up with some of you and meeting new faces who share our passion. The turnout was impressive—over 100 trucks in attendance and looking sharp. The White Rose Chapter really outdid themselves with the organization. They made sure everything ran smoothly and that we all had a great time. The vendor booths were also top-notch. I couldn't resist checking out all the rare parts. There was so much to see and learn from.

These gatherings are not just about the trucks; they're about connecting with fellow enthusiasts and learning from each other. It's events like these that remind us why SPAAMFAA and MAFAA are such great communities to be a part of.

Big thanks to the White Rose Chapter for putting on such a fantastic event. Check out the SPAAMFAA website for future conventions—they're definitely worth attending! If you're reading this and you're not a SPAAMFAA member, I recommend you join.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the next one!

Brian Anderson Jr.

# NEWSLETTER UPDATES

Hi, The summer issue is dedicated to our parade and flea market that took place in July, Newburyport parade and summer national in York, PA. 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,

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## Newburyport Parade



# 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 @ [CFD24C1@charter.net](mailto:CFD24C1@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



## 47TH FLEAMARKET & PARADE







# 2024 SPAAMFAA National in York, Pennsylvania





# 2024 EVENTS

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.

Sept. 21- Lee, Ma

Berkshire Chapter of SPAAMFAA Parade & Truck Show. Lee Bank parking lot, 75 Park St., 9 am - 4 pm. Registration to participate in the show is due by August 1, 2024, there is no registration fee.

Please Contact Dani @ [dtoomey790@gmail.com](mailto:dtoomey790@gmail.com) or visit [BerkshireSPAAMFAA.org](http://BerkshireSPAAMFAA.org)

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

Oct. 5 - Concord, NH

Amoskeag Reserve Engine Company Annual Muster and Fire Truck Show. Location: NH State Fire Academy. More details forthcoming as the date gets closer.

<https://tinyurl.com/ym2wutek> <http://arecnh.com>

# MARKET PLACE

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

Email [newslettermafai@comcast.net](mailto:newslettermafai@comcast.net)

## WANTED

Wanted: photo or slide collections of fire apparatus .  
[mzcp@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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. dickykraf-  
ton@gmail.com

A pair of inner fender panels for a 1955 Maxim

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

860-537-0122. [wclark8@aol.com](mailto:wclark8@aol.com)

# FOR SALE

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

\*1956 Chev-American LaFrance Foamite-currently 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

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Siren Lite -Model 20 6volt

Make an offer

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 [CFD24C1@Charter.net](mailto:CFD24C1@Charter.net)

