


PUMP PRIMERS TIMES



NEWSLETTER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA PUMP PRIMERS ASSOCIATION, INC
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER - SPAAMFAA

VOL. 34 * NR. 2

EDITOR: KEN BUOHL

MARCH - APRIL 2010

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

President Sez	2
Editors Notes	2
This & That @ PPP	3
Historically Speaking	4-5
Calendar of Events	6
Pump Peddler	6
Apparatus Musings	7
Member's Pride	8



2010 PPP EVENTS

June 13
Pre-Muster Work Day
at Cal Little
Hummelstown, PA

July 11
PPP Muster
Riverfront Park, Harrisburg

All Meetings Start at 2:00 PM
Unless Otherwise Noted

PPP March Membership Meeting at Harvey's Museum

A rainy, cool, Berwick, PA day greeted the 23 attendees at the March PPP General Membership Meeting in Harvey Eckart's Fire Museum. Harvey and Hazel were very gracious offering a variety of sweets and interesting fire collectable items.

Harvey conducted a very informative museum tour, explaining in detail and sharing personal stories about the fire department items he acquired over his lifetime. The walls of his museum are lined with photos, MACK and other fire apparatus, advertisements and a few apparatus items. The museum is divided into 2 sections, an office/archive section and the display area. Harvey's fascinating recollection with every item returns us to the time and place each item represents.

After the museum tour, President Jim Dirstine conducted a General Membership meeting followed by a little time to view the items in Harvey's museum and an excellent tasty home style meal at the Morris restaurant. Everyone in attendance had a great time and looks forward to a return trip to Harvey's museum.



Fire Destroys Hand in Hand Restoration



Antique lanterns were black from smoke and flames, which disintegrated old fire helmets, and burned written records and photographic negatives of fire trucks from generations ago. The structure was worth \$150,000 to \$200,000, but Soderbeck would not venture to estimate the value of the contents, he did not have insurance. The cause of the fire is undetermined, said Michigan State Police Trooper John Richards, it is not considered suspicious.

"It's my worst nightmare," said Ken Soderbeck, who owns Hand in Hand Restoration, 749 E. South St. in Summit Township, near Jackson Michigan and is one of only a few people in the country who restore and decorate antique fire apparatus. A fire that began early Wednesday, April 14 at 2 a.m., wrecked the building where he did his work and damaged much of the contents — decades-old collections of firefighting tools and equipment. "It won't sink in for a while how much stuff I did lose, irreplaceable stuff," Soderbeck said.

Ken Soderbeck seemed uncertain what he would do. Wednesday morning, someone offered him the use of empty warehouse space. He said it is unlikely he will rebuild. "I don't know," he said Wednesday. "He could start again because, after all, he's the heart and soul of the whole thing," Agnes Soderbeck said. *To assist with a donation, Mail your check to Ken Soderbeck, Hand in Hand Restoration Fund, P.O. Box 1867, Jackson, MI 49204.*
Contents courtesy of: Jackson Citizen Patriot

President Sez:



Jim Derstine

Since my last *Primers Times* column I had the good fortune to be able to attend the SPA AMFAA Winter Meeting in Tampa, FL. The Dalmingo Chapter put on a very nice affair and was very well organized. Their tours were outstanding, especially the Tampa Fire Department tour and the Pierce Manufacturing Plant Tour. I was able to pick up quite a few ideas and will be able to pass them on to our committee when it comes to help in laying out our SPA AMF AA Winter Meeting in 2012. I also had the opportunity to tour the Saint Petersburg Fire Department. Both the Tampa and Saint Petersburg Fire Departments are top notch with outstanding facilities, modern well maintained fire apparatus and well trained and disciplined firefighters. Their personnel could not have been more friendly and hospitable in opening their operations to us visitors.

It was good to see some of our fellow Pump Primers also attending this Winter Meeting. When I left Harrisburg it was 27 degrees with 26 inches of snow on the ground. On my arrival in Tampa it was 52 degrees. The folks down there were running around with stocking caps, parkas and gloves and were saying they were freezing. I thought it was great, even though I wouldn't have complained if it had been in the 70's or even 80's, oh well.

A tip of the helmet to Harvey Eckart for hosting the March Pump Primers meeting in Berwick, P A. Harvey has quite an assortment of fire related items in his personal museum and gave a very interesting narrative of many of the items. Thanks again Harvey for a very enjoyable afternoon.

Well I guess I'll close for now. I hope to see many of you at our next meeting at Cal & Linda Little's in June. Be good and God Bless.

James R. Dirstine, CFO
PA Pump Primers President

P.S. Please keep all of our firefighters and service members in your prayers and "NEVER FORGET 9/11"

Notes from the Editor:



Ken Buohl

Call it crazy or call it stupid, you can debate it as much as you like after you read my feature story in this issue of *Primers Times* about Malden Miller and his 2,214 mile round trip to Florida with his 1968 Hahn, two PPP members and a friend, so you be the judge. Many of us voice concerns about traveling with our antique apparatus short distances, chancing a breakdown. When you ask Malden about breaking down, he will always answer; "get her fixed and go on." I believe this is a great attitude for our future efforts to preserve and share the history of our fire service. Will you "get her fixed and go on" or are you going to keep your fire service gems tucked away in the garage until you answer your last alarm?

Spring is upon us, let's get our rigs out and have some fun.

Stay Safe

2010 Pennsylvania Pump Primers Officers

President:	Jim Derstine	(717) 732-0418	
Vice President:	Don Deitz	(717) 737-3107	email: HFD75WAG4@aol.com
Secretary:	Linn Lightner	(717) 737-8931	email: LSLIGHTNER@aol.com
Treasurer:	Cal Little	(717) 566-8973	email: pinehillts@comcast.net
Director (2010):	Tom Ness	(717) 244-3706	email: tnessjr@yahoo.com
Director (2011):	Ed Peterson	(717) 566-2626	email: EDWORKEN@comcast.net
Director (2012):	Mike Rugh	(717) 486-6768	email: mrugh4128@aol.com



This & That @ PPP....

PA Pump Primers

Membership Meeting
March 14, 2010
Harvey Eckart's Museum

OPENING: After Harvey welcomed the attendees and conducted a review of his museum in Berwick, PA, Pres. Derstine opened the meeting at 1442 hours. Following the pledge to the flag, a moment of silence was observed in memory of fallen firefighters and military heros.

ATTENDANCE: The following listed members were in attendance:

John Brown	John Smith	Ken and Peggy Buohl	Ray and Pat Rugh	Linn Lightner
James Yiengst	Tom Kidd	Jim Tritt (New Cumberland F. D.)	Bill Sartwell	
Ed and Tookie Peterson	Steve Kidd	Jim Derstine	Harvey and Hazel Eckart	
Brendon Grubb	Wayne Biebler	Don and Darlene Deitz	Cal and Linda Little	

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Since the minutes were published in the Primer Times, they were not read. A motion for approval as published, by Darlene Deitz and seconded by Ray Rugh, was approved.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President: Jim Derstine reviewed his trip to the SPAAMFAA Winter Meeting in Tampa, expressing one concern regarding the early cutoff for banquet reservations.
Vice President: No report.
Treasurer: The Treasurer's report included balances for the Savings and Checking Accounts, and the Net Worth of the PPP.
Secretary: Routine correspondence was reviewed. Included was a thank you note from the family of late member Dr. George R. Rae for the memorial gift made at his passing.
The Secretary noted that there were seven new member applications to be voted on later in the meeting.
A recently received SPAAMFAA publication indicated that the PPP does not have a website. The Secretary noted that both the old and new websites were listed in the annual report submitted to SPAAMFAA in late December and that a follow up communication to them confirmed the activation of the new site. Ed Peterson remarked that this error was due to the late delivery of the SPAAMFAA publication. It was determined that they are now showing our new website on theirs.
Directors: Mike Rugh and Tom Ness were unable to attend. Ed Peterson commented further on the SPAAMFAA winter meeting in Tampa noting that some of the seminars had to be cancelled due to lack of attendance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Membership: Linn Lightner reported that he has been in touch with Kraig Herman who was unable to attend. 2010 dues are starting to be received. The Kidds commented that they did not receive dues notices. Lightner will contact Kraig about this.
Primer Times: Ken Buohl reported that his first issue of the Times went well. Next issue will be the end of April with deadline for news being April 1. It will include news from Tampa, and each issue will include a "Members Pride" photo and info. Ken asked the members who could to participate in this. He will travel to the members' homes for this purpose. It was noted that the date for the next meeting was incorrect in the Times. NOTE: The correct date for the pre-muster meeting at the Littles is June 13. The Times will include an expanded list of dates for future events. There were numerous positive comments from the attendees regarding Ken's first issue of the Times.
Muster: There are 15 vendors and 19 rigs registered so far. Ray Rugh questioned the status of the issues regarding the p.a. system. There was no answer or resolution to this. Jim Derstine reported that he has the park permit from the City. Jim will contact the City to ensure that they will again be providing the portable toilets. Cal Little indicated that some of the equipment will be checked at the June meeting.
Banquet: No report yet. Pres. Derstine requested that any member contact Linda Little if they knew of a fire company which would be interested in hosting the banquet.
SPAAMFAA 2012 Winter Convention: Pres. Derstine noted that the committee visited the facilities in Gettysburg and are well pleased with them. A question was raised regarding our contract with them. It had been given to Tom Ness and is assumed to have been signed. Ken Buohl noted that the issue regarding building of a new casino there is unresolved.
Website: Brandon Grubb reported that the new website is operating well - there have been over 400 hits so far. Brandon noted that the application forms for the PPP, the Muster, and SPAAMFAA have been posted - as have the last two issues of the *Primers Times*. Also, he mentioned that many PPP related pictures have been posted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cal Little questioned whether the York Co. convention is still on, since it is still posted by SPAAMFAA. He had heard otherwise. No answer was provided.

Continued on Page 7



Primers Times

March - April

Vol. 34 Nr. 2

Primers Times newsletter is published 6 times per year by Pennsylvania Pump Primers Association, Inc, the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of SPAAMFAA, The Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus in America, PO Box 3785, Harrisburg, PA 17105-3785. Yearly Subscription is payable as part of the Chapter's \$8 annual membership dues.

Editorial offices are located at:

Primers Times, C/O Ken Buohl, 350 Latimore Rd., York Springs, PA 17372 - 9711
kb1951@pa.net 717-528-4524

www.SPAAMFAA.org

Visit our PPP Web Site at:

www.papumpprimers.org

Brandon Grubb, Webmaster



Historically Speaking

A PPP Exclusive Story

by: Ken Buohl, Editor

Photo by: Dale Graft

A 2,214 Mile Road Trip to Tampa, FL

An escape to Florida in February is a common occurrence for many retired firefighters searching for warm temperatures, sunny skies and sandy beaches to keep the spark glowing in these old, time tested fire-horses.

No, I'm not going to write about a merry band of retired firefighters on vacation. This story is about a 1968 HAHN, ex: Manchester, MD-lovingly owned by Malden Miller, Jr. of Hampstead, MD. that made an uneventful 2,214 mile round trip from Hampstead to Tampa, FL for the 2010 SPAAMFAA Winter Conference and Muster.

On February 15, 2010 a snowy 15 degree Maryland winter morning greeted PA Pump Primers members, Wayne Bollinger from Hanover, PA. and Jim Yeingst, from Myerstown, PA., Doug Graft, from Manchester, MD. and Maryland SPAAMFAA Chapter member, Malden Miller. The HAHN's well cared for 671 Detroit filled the morning air with diesel perfume and the gear shift knob on her precision 10-speed Road Ranger transmission was still cold to the touch, but not for long.

Several months of planning and preparation to attend the SPAAMFAA Winter Conference and Muster folded into the trip of a lifetime for the HAHN and it's travelers. Malden and Doug were designated drivers and traded duties every 100 miles or 2 hours. Wayne and Jim traded places in the jump seats and cab every hour, a welcome place considering their first day of travel was through sub freezing and snowy conditions.

The Hahn made it's First stop in Mooresville, North Carolina, NASCAR capital of the world and a visit to the Penske and Dale Earnhart NASCAR garages.

Second stop was Ocala, Florida, and a visit to the E-One fire apparatus manufacturing plant and Don Garlits Drag Racing and Classic Car Museum. To the delight of many of the E-One employees during their lunch break, they had the opportunity to explore the fine classic lines of the Hahn before it's final leg of the journey to Tampa.



Wayne Bollinger, Malden Miller, Doug Graft and Jim Yeingst in front of the 1968 HAHN in Florida.

After arriving in Tampa, on a chilly February day, the Hahn and crew prepared for the 2010 SPAAMFAA Winter Conference activities. Malden and the Hahn participated in a pumping class at the Tampa Fire Training Center, demonstrating it's excellent pumping capability through it's 1000 GPM Hale pump. During Saturday's muster the Hahn was pressed into service to supply water for the muster participants pumping from a portable folding water tank. Topping off the day the Hahn pumped water along side the Tampa Fire Dept. fire boat during a water demonstration.

Back on the road again for the return trip home, the Hahn made a side trip to the Daytona Speedway for up close and personal look at the speedway. The Hahn is no stranger to NASCAR speedways, it ran a few laps on the Indianapolis Speedway brickyard during the SPAAMFAA 2009 Summer Conference.

Continuing North for a few miles to Summerville, SC, the trip would not be complete without a stop at the North Charleston and American LaFrance Fire Museum and Educational Center. This one of a kind fire museum devoted to American LaFrance fire apparatus, and must see for fire apparatus buffs.

The Hahn's last stop before heading home brought it to Macedonia, South Carolina. Macedonia Fire Dept. was the second home for Manchester Fire Dept. Engine 43, a 1953 Ford American pumper, and after 20 plus years, now returned home to a private collector in Manchester, MD.

North bound and down, Malden, the Hahn and his crew made the run home to Manchester without any mechanical difficulties. The Hahn traveled 2,214 miles, averaged 50 MPH, used 295 Gallons of diesel fuel and pumped more than 5 hours during it's road trip to Tampa.

I'm sure this will not be the last long distance trip for Malden and His 1968 Hahn, "Happy Trails to You."

SPAAMFAA Conference & Muster In Tampa, Florida



Photos by: Jim Yeingst & Dale Graft



The SPAAMFAA 2010 Winter Meeting and Conference was hosted by the Greater Tampa Metro Chapter, the Dalmingo Society on February 17-20 at the Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel in Tampa FL. Approximately 150 SPAAMFAA attendees, including PPP Members; Jim Dirstine, Pete Menedis, Wayne Bollinger, Jim Yeingst, and Dick Edwards were treated to various tours including: Tampa and St. Petersburg Fire Stations, Tampa International Airport, Pierce Manufacturing, E-One and the Armed Forces Museum. Several fire apparatus and equipment seminars were conducted on Thursday and Friday to the delight of the attendees. Saturday's fire flea market in the hotel parking lot was well attended and the muster included 30 pieces of fire apparatus, several engines were pumping along side the Tampa Fire Dept. Fire Boat. A grand banquet was held in the hotel Saturday evening followed by the awarding of trophies and raffle prizes.



Pump Peddler

Pump Peddler advertisements are free for PPP members.
E-mail or mail your ads to PPP Editor, 350 Latimore Rd., York Springs, PA
or kb1951@pa.net.
Photos are welcome as jpeg images.



Fire Bell Trophies, available in Chrome or Gold ABS Plastic, measures 11" tall, 9 1/2" round bell with 5" x 5" base. Great gift or awards for musters or Fire Dept. events. Manufactured by a firefighter in USA. Note: Engraved plaques available at additional cost.
Price: \$25 plus UPS ground shipping.
Contact: Ken Buohl at kb1951@pa.net or 717-321-3189.



The Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting 50th Anniversary Historical book, 11" x 8.5", 200 page coffee table style book with printed color dust jacket. Available in standard cover or leather cover. Special numbered and name stamp commemorative copies available at a nominal charge only as a pre-order. Contact: MT Publishing Co. 1-888-263-4702, www.mtpublishing.com

Calendar of Events

Dates are subject to change,
contact the host organization before attending.
Visit www.papumpprimers.org for updates.

Dates compiled with Anita Ford's assistance.

- May 21-23 Harrisburg, PA , Fire Expo at the PA Farm Show Complex,. Contact: Tina Alexandra, 717-464-3291 or Expo@LCFA.com.
- June 1 DEADLINE FOR ARTICLE SUBMISSION FOR MAY - JUNE PRIMERS TIMES.**
- June 4-5 Lancaster County PA Fireman's Assn. Annual Convention, hosted by Bareville Fire Co.
- June 5 Westminster, MD, CAFAA's 2010 Spring Muster at the Carroll County Farm Museum, starting at 9:00 AM This years muster will be highlighting Ford fire apparatus. For registration forms & directions visit www.cafaa.net
- June 6 Newark, NJ., 43rd Annual Antique Fire Muster & Parade. Contact: dabull213@yahoo.com or www.newarkfirehistory.com
- June 12 Dauphin County Vol. Fireman's Convention, Wiconisco, PA Contact: wiconiscofireco@yahoo.com
- June 13 PA Pump Primers Pre-Muster meeting at Cal Little's home.**
- June 18-19 Lebanon County PA Firefighters Assn. Convention, Cornwall, PA.
- June 16-19 Denver, CO, SPAAMFAA Summer Conference. Contact: Gary Aranda, 303-426-6978**
- June 26 Slatington, PA., Four County Fireman's Assoc. Convention & Parade. Contact: www.fourcountyparade2010.com
- June 27 Jamesburg, NJ., Mid Jersey SPAAMFAA 19th Annual Antique Fire Apparatus Show. Contact: famousflame@yahoo.com
- July 10 PA Pump Primers 35th Annual Fire Muster, Riverside Park, Harrisburg, PA. Contact: Cal Little 566-8973**
- Aug. 21 Cuba, NY., 1st Annual HEAD Water's Fireman's Muster. Contact: silbsy657@aol.com or 716-560-2553
- Aug. 29 Warminster, PA., German American Firefighter's Association 28th Annual Muster. Info: www.igafa.com
- Sept. 9-11 Cumberland County Vol. Firefighter's Assn. Convention. 177 Spring Rd. Carlisle, PA.
- Sept 12 Wheeling, WV., Panhandle Pumpers Society SPAAMFAA 5th Annual Muster. Contact: dlb_alf_nut@hotmail.com
- Sept. 19 PPP Membership Meeting & Road Trip to Hanover, PA / Southeastern Adams County area Fire Stations. Contact: Ken Buohl (717) 321-3189 or kb1951@pa.net**
- Sept. 23-25 PA State Fireman's Assn. 131st Convention & Parade, Hanover Twp. Luzerne County, PA
- Oct. 24 Philadelphia, PA., 2010 Fireman's Hall Museum Fire Safety Expo & Muster. Contact: www.PhillyFireMuster.org
- Feb. 1-4, 2012 Gettysburg, PA, SPAAMFAA Winter Conference, hosted by Central PA Chapter, PA Pump Primers.**

APPARATUS MUSINGS

By: Harvey Eckart

“Mr. MACK”



One of the benefits of SPAAMFAA membership is the top notch quarterly magazine Engine-Engine. The editor of the first issue of 2010 did a super job of showing rigs displayed at musters; both in quality and quantity of photos. Get out your copy, as I offer a few random comments on a few of the photos as follows:

Page 6: The ALF 900 series Aero Chief was the result of LaFrance's desire to build their own articulating aerial platform to compete with the highly successful Snorkel product. They were built in lengths of 70, 80, and 90 feet and were available on both custom and commercial chassis. The first one went to Juneau Alaska in 1963. The line was never a big hit, and the failure of one in Syracuse NY didn't help matters any.

Page 9: The 1917 Mack AC shown was one of the toughest trucks ever built, and Baltimore had an extensive fleet. A big dual ignition four banger, hard rubber tires, and chain drive were typical of the early models of this series.

Page 12: The 1952 Oren squad shown was an impressive representative of Oren; who built fire trucks from 1934 to the mid seventies. Many custom Orens, such as this one, used Corbitt chassis which were built in Henderson NC from 1910 to 1952. A 100th anniversary celebration of the Corbitt company was held on May 1 of this year. By the way, Oren was the first name of the founder. The company wisely decided not to name the trucks Lemon; which was Oren's last name!

Page 15: The 1942 Ford/Seagrave engine would be scoffed at by new FD recruits today; but it did the job assigned to them in their day. The very basic rig sports a siren, single red roof light, two spotlights, and a single round rear view mirror. The extra “splash” on this rig is a chrome bumper and vertical grille bars.

Page 19: The 1981 Mack Aerialscope is a big piece of machinery. A significant number are finding private owners because of (1) the Mack reputation; (2) solid fire department service throughout the US including FDNY; and (3) the large numbers built which are available at affordable prices.

Page 23: The Reo light and squad car is painted a very distinctive deep blue color, and was recently sold at an auction in Florida for \$30,000. I had a ride in it at the SPAAMFAA winter meet in CA in 2009 when it was owned by a CA member. This unit is not original as it now has a big V-8 motor, automatic transmission, and air conditioning; options not even dreamed of in 1953. Also on page 23 are the actual WLF pumper and Dodge squad from the TV series Emergency. It is amazing and rewarding to know that a great many current firefighters were influenced by this show; which was the first to reflect the fire service in a favorable light.

.....To be Continued in May / June Primers Times.....

Meeting Continued:

NEW BUSINESS:

The following listed new member applicants were balloted upon and approved:

Ed Treat Myerstown, PA
David and Shirley Howard Carlisle, PA

Charles Strouse York, PA
Ryan Brown Windsor, PA

Wayne and Kathy Bieber Milton, PA

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

A question was raised regarding the commonality of the mailing lists of the Primer Times and the dues notices. Ken Buohl reported that they are from the same database.

Ken noted that the West York F.D. has a 1922 ALF chain drive rig for sale.

Ken further reported that the September 11th Families' Assoc. is offering for sale, to not-for-profit organizations, sections of steel from the World Trade Center. Anyone needing more information on this can contact the Secretary.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion for adjournment by Ray Rugh, seconded by Don Deitz, was approved at 1553.

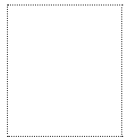
Following the meeting, the members further enjoyed Harvey's excellent collection of memorabilia and artifacts, then moved to a local restaurant for dinner.



New PPP Member Wayne Beiber (L) is congratulated by PPP President Jim Dirstine. Wayne is from Milton, PA and co-owns 4 fire trucks.



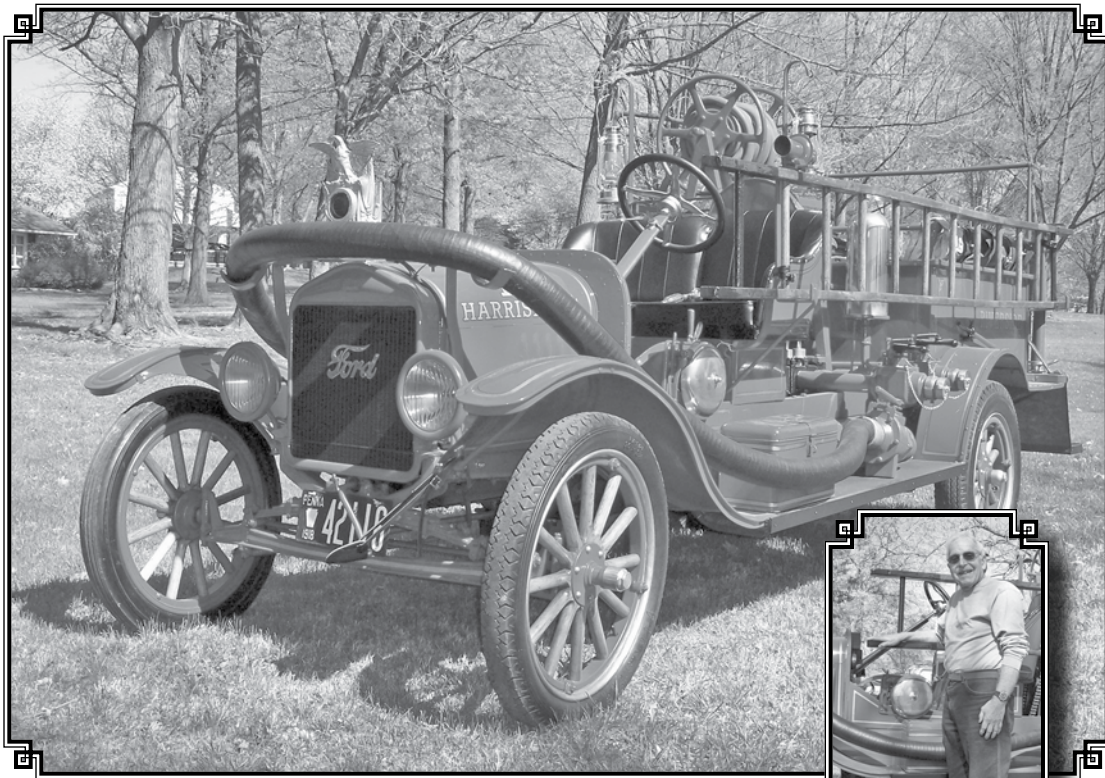
PRIMERS TIMES



PENNSYLVANIA PUMP PRIMERS
ASSOC., INC.
POST OFFICE BOX 3785
HARRISBURG, PA 17105-3785



DATED MATERIAL
OPEN IMMEDIATELY



Member's Pride

1918 HOWE FORD Model TT Piston Pumper
Owner: PPP Member Linn Lightner