

President Sez:



Jim Derstine

By the time you read this column, I'll be on my way to the SPAAMF AA Winter Conference in Dallas, Texas. I will be proudly representing the Pennsylvania Pump Primers along with other members of our chapter. It will also be my pleasure to submit the Pennsylvania Pump Primers agenda for the 2012 SPAAMF AA Winter Conference. For those that don't know, over the thirty six- year history of our chapter, we sponsored two National Summer Musters and one Winter Conference. The 2012 conference will be our second sponsoring of the Winter Conference. I feel that this is quite an accomplishment and one that each and every one of our members can be exceptionally proud of. These accomplishments could not have occurred if it weren't for the great group of dedicated members over the years.

The 2012 Winter Conference will again require an "All Hands" turn out to be a success. I'm sure as in the past our members will not let the chapter down. In each successive issue of the Primer's Times the conference committee will be providing up-dates and requesting members to step up for sub-committee positions. Remember that if all do a little, a few will not be required to do a lot. With that in mind, I would like to give a tip of the helmet to Tom Ness and Ken Buohl for all their work as members on the conference committee. The presentation I will make to the SPAAMFAA Board in Dallas would not have been possible without the committees hard work.

Spring fever is starting to set in especially after traveling 1,040 miles one way to Disney World for a nine day stay, experiencing 38 degree nights and fifty degree days to come back home to 70 degree temperatures. Oh well, we still had an enjoyable and fun filled time. I love Disney World and didn't let a little cold spoil an enjoyable and fun filled time. I'm hoping Dallas will be a little warmer. Well I guess I'll close for now. Be Good & God Bless.

James R. Derstine, 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

We're off to a running start for the New Year 2011!

Gather up your ideas for the **Primers Times** facelift and give me a call, it's your suggestions and input that will continue this great publication into the future.

I was sent an excellent website link for tracking the active Ebay auctions for firematic items. It is www.collectorsweekly.com, sign up and they send you a FREE weekly E-mail with the active auctions, broken down into your choice of fire trucks, helmets, lanterns, or extinguisher listing options. If you collect other non-fire fighting items, they have listing options for those also.

Keep those articles and ideas coming!

Stay Safe.....

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This & That @ PPP....

PA PUMP PRIMERS

**Board Meeting
January 9, 2011
Jim Derstine Residence**

OPENING: Pres. Derstine opened the meeting at 1430. The pledge to the flag, and a moment of silence in memory of fallen firefighters and military heroes, were observed.

ATTENDANCE: The following listed members were in attendance:

Cal and Linda Little	Don and Darlene Deitz	Jim Yiengst
Ed Peterson	Ken and Peggy Buohl	Linn Lightner
Jim Derstine	Brandon Grubb	

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Since the minutes were published in the Primer Times, they were not read. A motion for approval as published was made by L. Lightner, seconded by D. Deitz, and passed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President: The President noted that we had another very successful year.

Vice President: The Vice President thanked everyone for their support last year.

Treasurer: The Treasurer noted that a Money Market account has been opened at Mid-Penn bank. He also reported on the checking account balance.

Secretary: The Secretary reviewed routine correspondence and noted that the annual report to SPAAMFAA is being prepared.

Directors: E. Peterson circulated two pictures of the 2010 Contestants Favorite rig. The Board selected the one to be used for 2011 plaques, T-shirts, etc. The Board also supported Ed's choice of material used for the large plaques.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Membership: E. Peterson reported that the membership chairman is having some problem with the software for the membership cards. K. Buohl has a solution and will contact the chairman.

Following a motion by C. Little, seconded by L. Lightner, the following applicants were approved for membership:
Jim Tritt, Enola, PA; Angie Herman, York, PA; John Rockett, Silver Spring, MD.

The Secretary reported that dues were received from three individuals who claim to be members but who are not listed on the roster. The Board agreed to give them the benefit of the doubt and add them to the membership roster.

Primer Times: K. Buohl reported on the costs of publishing the Times, noting that new printer has been secured. This has resulted in some cost savings. Ken also noted the number of man-hours he and his wife have expended on this effort. They received accolades and the thanks of the Board. After a protracted discussion, the Board agreed that the schedule of six issues a year should be maintained. They also approved the additional expenditure required to include two colored pages in the Muster issue. The Board further agreed with Ken's suggestion that members be given the option of receiving the Times by e-mail.

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Brandon Grubb, Webmaster



2011 PPP Board Meeting

Photos and Story by:
Ken Buohl



The PPP Annual Board meeting was held on January 9, 2011 at President, Jim Derstine's residence in Enola, PA. Jim's hospitality is always welcoming and all attendees were afforded some tasty refreshments and a view of Jim's outstanding fire collectables.

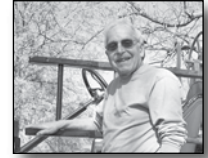
Board meetings are held each year in January to kick off a new year of planning for the Muster, Primers Times, Web Site, Banquet, Finances, Membership and as an introduction for new and returning PPP officers.

This year's meeting was chocked full of exciting discussion for our new year of activities, resulting in some changes and additions. Discussion surrounding the distressed status of Harrisburg and the handling of a park permit for our annual muster brought about some interesting comments from our members. Status updates for the 2012 SPAAMFAA Winter Conference were discussed and planning is going well, a new Primers Times logo is planned and color photos will be added to the September / October muster issue, Brandon Grubb, PPP webmaster will set up a PPP Facebook group and future changes to our web site will be established.

Join us for some 2011 PPP Excitement!



Historically Speaking



Where it all Began.....PPP 35 Years Ago

By: Linn Lightner

The PPP 35 Years Ago.....compiled from archived PA Pump Primer Meeting Minutes

July 9, 1975

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. All officers were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The Treasurer reported that there is \$50 in the treasury. The President noted that the Board will meet on July 28th to draw up the by-laws, which will be presented at the August 6th meeting.

There is a legal question regarding incorporation. Dave Buskey and Dave Firestone will get information on the subject.

The Secretary presented a membership form to be filled out by all members. Also, a card will be printed listing all future activity dates.

There were six inquiries for membership resulting from news items in local papers.

A motion was made and passed to change the dues to \$2 annually with a \$3 initiation fee. National dues will be paid directly by the members.

The logo design was presented and will be revised slightly. A motion was made and passed to have the official colors be red, white and blue.

Dave Buskey reported that city stations may be used for meetings but that the Chief will need a letter. A motion was made and passed to request Station 16.

A motion was made and passed that a certificate be given to new members. Sam Swartz will have these printed.

Harvey Eckart suggested the possibility of a banquet in the fall.

A motion to adjourn was passed at 9:00 p.m.



WANTED OLD FIRE HOUSE HISTORY STORIES

Looking for future articles
about historic fire houses.

Contact:
PT Editor Ken Buohl
717-528-4524



Pump Peddler

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Wanted: Help to locate Salem, NJ Fire Dept. 1957 Seagrave for their museum. Last spotted in eastern PA with a collector. Please contact: Ron Young, radicalron@hotmail.com.



Wanted: Photos of Middletown, PA 1941 American LaFrance 500 Scout when in service. Please contact: Stephen Dalpe at: (281) 486-4474 or sdalpe@hotmail.com (Note: this was previously owned by Dave Busky)

Calendar of Events

Dates are Subject to Change,
contact the host organization before attending.
Visit www.papumprimers.org for updates.

2011 EVENTS

- March 5 Cleveland, OH, WRFMC Firematic Flea Market. 3101 Lakeside Ave. Contact: Bob Gahr (440) 286-6110
- March 19 Cincinnati, OH, Cincinnati Chapter Flea Market, Cincinnati Air Conditioning, 2080 Northwest Dr. Contact: mark Hetzel (513) 467-1757 patcjguru213@yahoo.com
- March 20 Harrisburg, PA PPP Membership meeting at the PA Natl. Fire Museum.
- March 27 Mount Airy, MD, 2nd Annual Flea Market at Mt. Airy Vol. Fire Co. Contact: Steve Lichtman (301) 829-0100, Ext 361 or SLichtman@MAVFC.org
- April 1-3 Ann Arbor, MI, Chesapeake Hook & Ladder Museum auction at Washtenaw Farm Council Ground. 5055 Ann Arbor/Saline Rd. Contact: www.showtimeauctions.com
- April 15 *Primers Times* material deadline. Send your stories, photos and member information to: PT Editor Ken Buohl 350 Latimore Rd. York Springs, PA 17372 or kb 1951@pa.net. Photos as Jpeg Files please.**
- April 16-17 Allentown, PA, Spring Melt Fire Show & Auction Contact: www.unionhistoricalfiresociety.com
- May 7 Lutherville, MD Steam Show, Fire Museum of Maryland. Contact: www.firemuseummd.org
- May 20-21 Baltimore, MD, Ahrens-Fox Show, Fire Museum of Maryland. Contact: www.firemuseummd.org
- May 20-22, 2011 Harrisburg, PA Lancaster County **Fire Expo**, Farm Show Complex Info: Tina @ (717) 464-3291
- July 9 Harrisburg, PA, PA Pump Primers Annual Muster at Riverside Park.**
- August 3-6 Syracuse, NY, SPAAMFAA Summer Conference & Muster

2012 EVENTS

- Feb. 1- 4, 2012 Gettysburg, PA, SPAAMFAA Winter Conference, hosted by Central PA Chapter, PA Pump Primers.**
- July 25-28, 2012 SPAAMFAA Summer Conference in Frankenmuth, MI

This & That @ PPP....



by: Ken Buohl

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Muster: J. Derstine reported that he has applied for the Riverfront Park permit, however, the city has a new policy whereby the PPP will not be advised of approval for 3 or 4 weeks. Additionally, the cost is going to increase – it will at least double. It will also be necessary to apply for a parade permit. K. Buohl described an organization that has a very large travelling flag from 9/11 Ground Zero. He suggested that the PPP try to get it for display at both the Muster and the 2012 SPAAMFAA winter convention. After the approval of a motion of D. Deitz, seconded by E. Peterson, it was requested that Ken try to get the flag for both events. J. Derstine is still working on a plan for the Harrisburg Firefighters Union to collect donations, with a 'People's Choice' award being associated with this. E. Peterson is going to arrange for a SPAAMFAA award for a long-time Muster vendor who passed away recently.

Banquet: A site for the banquet is needed.

SPAAMFAA 2012 Winter Convention: K. Buohl, reported for the committee that good progress continues to be made. He provided some of the details of the tours, noting that bus costs are increasing and may become a problem. Also, he mentioned that a commercial operation, that was to be a destination for one tour, is closing. A possible 'give-away' for the convention was circulated.

Website: B. Grubb suggested that the PPP establish a Facebook page. There was mixed reaction to this and, accordingly, it was agreed to defer this discussion to a later meeting. Brandon was requested to do a demonstration at that time.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A tentative schedule of 2011 meetings was established as follows:

20 March	At the PA National Fire Museum
12 June	Pre Muster meeting at Cal and Linda Little's.
18 Sept.	A road trip - site TBD (Possibly at the Maryland Fire Museum)
5 Nov.	Annual banquet – site TBD

GOOD OF THE ORDER : It was reported that a local resident has a 1950 open cab Mack engine for sale.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion for adjournment by E Peterson, seconded by C. Little, carried at 1650.

Mystery Member.....REVEALED

Finding ways to keep the interest of our membership at it's peak requires a little ingenuity at times. PPP Trustee, Jim Yeingst brought this photo to me several months ago bragging about Harvey Eckart sitting in a Chevrolet truck for a ride to the Hershey Region AACA Fall car Show without jumping out one time (Harvey is a devout MACK fan). After some discussion with Jim on how to use this photo in Primers Times, we decided to use it as a Mystery Member contest photo. Not to take anything away from Jim's photography skills, it appears after the November / December Primers Times was delivered to our members, this photo stumped many of our members. Only three, YES, three guesses were recorded, and Darlene Deitz responded with the correct answer first. Harvey Eckart is in Jim's truck. Thanks Darlene and other members who responded.

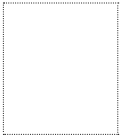


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