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2011 PPP EVENTS

June 12

Pre-Muster Meeting & Work Day
Cal Little residence, Hummelstown
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Work Detail
Noon - Lunch
2:00 pm Membership Meeting

**July 9
MUSTER**

Riverfront Park, Harrisburg
7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Primers Times

in vivid **COLOR**



Color images have become an everyday normal standard for our society through television, movies, magazines, bill boards, newspaper and our computer, providing colorful visual images appealing to our eyes. From the beginning of time, *Primers Times* was produced using a black and white printing format due to cost restraints and available equipment. Several issues ago, *Primers Times* was moved to a new printer, DRS Printing Services, Inc.

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PT Editor, Ken Buohl discussing new *Primers Times* color with Dan Snyder of DRS Printing

services advertisement in each issue. Dan's offer was presented to the PPP Board at the annual board meeting in January, where it was unanimously approved. We look forward to preparing the first color issue and presenting it to Dan, Wanda, Jerry and Katie at DRS Printing Services for manufacturing and our PPP members for their reading and viewing enjoyment. Dan welcomes new business and they are always a pleasure to work with. Thank you DRS Printing Services !

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President Sez:



Jim Derstine

Well, I survived my trip to Dallas, Texas and the saying about every thing is big in Texas is correct. While there, I had the good fortune to tour the Dallas Cowboys new stadium, WOW, what an experience. I even got to sit in Jerry Jones' private suite. If seeing and touring that stadium wasn't enough, you should see their fire departments. We got to tour several fire departments and again I've got to say "WOW". We visited the Plano, Frisco, Highland Park, McKinney, Fairview, Richardson and Arlington Fire Departments. I was most impressed with the Frisco Fire Dept. and their "Frisco Fire Safety Town" not a fire safety house or a fire safety trailer, but a fire safety town. They constructed a complete 5/8th-scale village complete with all types of buildings and streets, cross walks, traffic lights and every type of sign found on a normal street or highway. They teach all types of safety classes, i.e. fire safety, bicycle safety, walking/crossing street safety. They also staffed the fire safety town with two full time education specialists. This is the most comprehensive and elaborate safety teaching facility I have ever seen in my worldwide travels. Seeing something like this is just one of the many reasons I enjoy attending the National SPAAMFAA Conventions, Conferences, and Musters. I've already made my reservations for the National SPAAMFAA Summer Conference and Muster in Syracuse. New York, August 3rd through August 6th, 2011. The fun of belonging to SPAAMFAA and their local chapters is going to the musters, seeing old friends and making new ones. I guess I'll close for now, be careful and 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

Welcome to SPRING 2011!

Won't you join us at a PPP meeting?

For those of us familiar with a major fire scene with multiple wind whipped deck pies flowing, our rainy spring has no comparison. All we need now is a little patience and the sun will be greeting us soon.

In your previous issue of *Primers Times* we indicated there will be some enhancements coming soon to *Primers Times*. In case you haven't noticed, we added color to this issue and a few members received an e-mail version. A generous offer from our printer to print *Primers Times* in color at no cost was a wonderful start to the year.

Are you ready to bring your antique fire service items out of the closet and on the muster road? Remember to go through your safety checks before making that run to a muster or parade. We want to see you come back safe and sound.

Stay Safe!

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This & That @ PPP....

PA PUMP PRIMERS

Membership Meeting
March 20, 2011
PA National Fire Museum

OPENING: Vice President Deitz opened the meeting at 1400. 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:

Ken and Peggy Buohl	Brandon Grubb	Harvey Eckart	Ray Rugh
Tom Ness	Donald F. Deitz and Darlene M. Deitz	Ed Peterson	James Yiengst
Pete Menedis	Cal and Linda Little	Linn Lightner	

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 D.M. Deitz, seconded by R.Rugh, and approved.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President: Not present

Vice President: D.F. Deitz showed a new placard to be used in the pumping contest replacing the stickers that are no longer available.

Treasurer: The Treasurer reported the balances of checking account, the receipts, and expenditures for the period 11/6/10 to 3/20/11. He noted that a money market had been opened and that some of the checking balance had been moved into it.

Secretary: The Secretary reviewed routine correspondence and noted that he will be reporting various items for the Membership Chairman.

Directors: E. Peterson showed a catalog for a large auction to be held in Michigan in April. He also provided some photos that had been submitted for the SPAAMFAA archives.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Membership: Reporting for the Membership Chairman, the Secretary noted that there are currently 150 members with two more to be voted on at the meeting. He also noted that the Board of Directors must approve the members who are eligible for Life Membership.

There are two additional members who have 25 years service but for whom there is no information regarding their membership in SPAAMFAA. E. Peterson agrees to contact SPAAMFAA about this.

The previous subject lead to a lengthy discussion regarding the necessity of SPAAMFAA membership. The Secretary noted that this is a By-law requirement and that, to amend this, five members would need to submit the amendment in writing, to be approved by two thirds of the members present at the next meeting. This was submitted (copy attached to the Minutes file copy).

Primer Times: K. Buohl reported that, by sending membership/dues cards with an issue of the Times, a savings of \$41.85 was realized. He also noted that the printer will do the color issue for no additional cost if he can put an ad in it. A motion to allow this, by C Little, seconded by R. Rugh, was approved.

Muster: C Little reported that the PPP does not yet have the park permit, but it has been approved. Also, the price has not yet been established. L. Little reported that, so far, 14 trucks and 11 vendors have registered. A question was raised about the need for a parade permit. No action was taken. H. Eckart raised the question about giving two awards in a category if 10 or more vehicles are entered. It was agreed to do this, however, only the 1st place will be designated "Best Appearing". There was, once again, a lengthy discussion re: the Eric Russell truck award. It was agreed that only one will bear that name. The Secretary read a list of the suggested improvements (from the post-Muster meeting). All seem to be resolved except the one about riders on the vehicles.

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2012 SPAAMFAA WINTER CONFERENCE NEWS

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Your "2012 SPAAMFAA WINTER CONFERENCE TEAM" met on March 20 at the Pennsylvania National Fire Museum prior to the regular PPP meeting.

The 2012 conference schedule has been looked over by SPAAMFAA officers at their 2011 Winter Conference in Dallas, Texas, last month. We certainly will be busy getting ready for the event next winter in Gettysburg.

Pete Menedis presented some information which will be very helpful to the planning team. Should you have any questions or information that you believe would be beneficial to the team, please call one of the team members with your input. Thank you.

We do need your assistance at the convention, just as we need your help every year for our muster. Plan now to help out **February 1 – 4, 2012** at the Eisenhower Conference Center and Resort in Gettysburg, PA. We suggest you write on the bottom of your December 2011 calendar those dates, so you can transfer to your 2012 calendar.

Now down to business. During the conference, we are planning to have several side trips to various places to keep everyone busy that attends the conference.

Gettysburg Fire Department Tour and Open House – Wednesday Evening, February 1 – A tour guide is needed* to coordinate with Charlie Underwood at G.F.D. -A van will run continually all evening long from convention center to event.

Central PA Fire House Tour – Thursday - 8am - 4pm – Wayne Bollinger is your Tour Guide

Ladies Day Out – Thursday – 9am - 4pm – Peggy Buohl is your Tour Guide

Ghostly Gettysburg Tour – Thursday – 6pm - 9pm – A tour guide is needed*

Gettysburg Battlefield Tour – Friday – 8am - 1pm – A tour guide is needed*

National Fire Academy Tour – Friday – 2pm - 7pm – A tour guide is needed*

Crimson Fire Apparatus Tour – Friday – 8am - 3pm – Jim Derstine is the Tour Guide

The tour guide is responsible to count heads on the bus before departing the conference center and before departing every stop along the way. He/she should announce a time for everyone to be back aboard the bus at each stop along the way, in order to keep on schedule, tell jokes, etc. The tour guide position can be a very fun filled job. Please step forward to chair one of the open tour guide jobs.

We will hold a "model muster", a "hand drawn apparatus muster", a "flea market" (all indoors), an "fire item auction", plus a show of surrounding area fire department apparatus in the parking lot. All this is Saturday during the day.

Model Muster – Jim Atkinson is Chair person

Hand Drawn Muster & Local Fire Apparatus Show– Ken Buohl is Chair person

Flea Market & Auction– A Chair person is needed*

Souvenirs Committee – A chair person is needed*

We need persons for the souvenirs committee. They will be responsible to design a T-shirt, secure cost of each, and set a selling price. They shall decide on other souvenirs to sell, secure cost of each, and set selling price.

Awards Committee – Ed Peterson is Chair person

Persons are needed to assist Ed with design, categories, etc. for awards to be handed out during the event.

Banquet Program Committee – Tom Ness/Brandon Grubb co-chairs

Persons are needed to discuss advertising and cost of the program. Try to find two (2) advertisers at a fee of \$50 to defray the cost of printing. This committee will lay out the program, to be 5.5" x 8.5", discuss Black and White or Color, and have printed at DRS Printing. A price must be given at next meeting after finalization.

Registration at the Eisenhower – Tom Ness/Paul Hoover co-chairs

Our registration packet will be out included in the Summer ENJINE! ENJINE! The packet will also be on our web site.

We will need persons to pack "GOODY BAGS" to hand out at registration and persons to collect items to place into the bags. A chair person is needed*

Hotel Rooms/Facility/Hospitality Rooms – Tom Ness/Paul Hoover co-chairs

Publicity – Ken Buohl is Chair person

Big Screen TV – Brandon Grubb is Chair person –

In hotel lobby(Wednesday/Thursday/Friday) and in muster room on Saturday to display events of the day and photos of the tours.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The "2012 SPAAMFAA WINTER CONFERENCE TEAM" will meet the first Thursday of each month @ 7:00pm sharp at the I-83 Family Restaurant just south of the Strinestown Exit of I-83. Everyone is welcome at these meetings. **Please attend and serve.**



2011 SPAAMFAA Winter Conference, Dallas, TX



by: Harvey Eckart

During the week of February 20, PPP members Jim Derstine, Harvey Eckart, Jim Yiegst, Wayne Bollinger, and Gary Beckstrom winged their way to Dallas, TX to attend the SPAAMFAA National Winter Conference and Muster; sponsored by the North Texas Historical Fire Museum and the Texas Fire Museum. They say things are bigger in Texas, and; they're right: the malls, churches, highways, and fire stations.

Our Thursday bus trip was to four area fire departments. Almost all the departments in the Dallas area are paid and money seems to grow on trees. One department, Frisco, was almost obscene in its opulence. One of their rigs costs over a million and another over two million. They even have a retired E-One pumper cut down for kids to play on. It was evident E-One and ALF were big in the past, but of course, Pierce is now top dog. There were two major disappointments: (1) there was no tour of the shops which was on the program, and (2) sloppy bus scheduling caused us to miss the Dallas FD museum. It was also disappointing no Dallas stations were toured.



On Friday, we took a train ride and visited what is left of the Fort Worth stockyards. Those of us on the tour supplied a lot of "bull" never the less.

All day Saturday was spent at the Texas Fire Museum which is a fantastic experience. The former Dallas shops are an ideal place to display over 70 fire trucks. Some are restored, some in progress, and some deceased. They restore rigs both for themselves and customers to raise money and preserve history. There are hundreds of pieces of vintage fire equipment and a fantastic warning light display.



One of the highlights was seeing Dave Buskey's former ALF 500 pumper which is undergoing a frame-off restoration. A unique shop built rig was a 38 Diamond-T COE 55 foot Pirsch junior aerial. We also saw an International General pumper with a two seat OPEN sedan cab body. Another intriguing rig was a General pumper on an Available or Corbitt chassis and nobody could confirm which it was.



The flea market was a little "light" compared to Eastern musters. The banquet was at a nice place and the food was great but the program was very brief and short. I took a lot of photos to show those of you that I'll be seeing at future events.



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.



For Sale: Fire Bell Trophies, available in Chrome or Gold plated plastic, measures 11" tall, 9 1/2" round bell with 5" x 5" base. Great gift or awards for musters or Fire Dept. events. Note: F. D. Toppers and Engraved plaques available at additional cost. **Price: \$20** plus shipping or pick up in Pennsylvania. Contact: Ken Buohl at kb1951@pa.net or 717-321-3189.

For Sale: FUEL GUARD Ethanol Stabilizer, \$9.99 & Ethanol Protector \$7.99 plus shipping. Contact: Eastwood, 866-483-2259 eastwood.com

For Sale: ZINC ADDITIVE Engine oil supplement, 1 quart treats 6 quarts of oil. Contact: Edelbrock Oil, 310-781-2222 or Edelbrock.com

For Sale: Anderson-Baltimore Fire Apparatus book authored by Charles F. Underwood. Contact: flafire@verizon.net

For Sale: BUS TRIP to NYC Fire Museum, new fire boat & several NYFD fire stations, June 4, 2011, sponsored by Cradle of Liberty, SPAAMFAA Chapter. \$50 Contact: Bill Anderson at 610-809-6009 for pick up locations and reservations.

Calendar of Events

2011 EVENTS

- 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 Harrisburg, PA, Lancaster County **Fire Expo**, Farm Show Complex Info: Tina @ (717) 464-3291
- June 3-4 Millersville, PA, Millersville Fire Company 100 year anniversary & Lancaster County Firemen's Convention and Parade. Contact: e-mail wikerfire@Verizon.net or visit www.Millersvillefire.com
- June 4 Westminster, MD, 42nd Annual Muster, Chesapeake Chapter, SPAAMFAA. Carroll County Farm Museum featuring commercial chassis apparatus. Fire Book authors are also invited. Contact: Flea Market, Tim Jones, seagrave66@aol.com and Info: Frank Tremel rosehillcreams@aol.com or 301-261-5327.
- June 17-26 Jonestown, PA, The Perseverance Fire Company will host the 89th annual Lebanon County Fireman's Convention in conjunction with the celebration of the 250th anniversary of Jonestown Borough. Convention parade is June 18, 2 pm. Web site www.jonestownfire.com/convention.htm
- July 9 Harrisburg, PA, PA Pump Primers Annual Muster at Riverside Park. Contact: www.papumpprimers.org**
- August 3-6 Syracuse, NY, SPAAMFAA Summer Conference & Muster
- August 19-20 Nashville / Thomasville, PA, Firefighters Assoc. of York County convention.
- August 22 Minersville, PA, Minersville Fire Rescue to host the Schuylkill County Firefighters Convention parade. Contact: www.minersvillefirerescue.com
- Sept. 21-24 Lake Harmony, PA, Firemans Assoc. State of PA Convention, Expo & parade. Contact: 610-937-0940 or **2011pastate convention.com**

2012 EVENTS

Feb. 1- 4, 2012 Gettysburg, PA, SPAAMFAA Winter Conference, hosted by Central PA Chapter, PA Pump Primers.

This & That @ PPP....



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Banquet: No report

SPAAMFAA Winter Convention: T. Ness reported that he needs chairpersons for Gettysburg F.D. tour, the 'goody bags', and the banquet program. E. Peterson agreed to take the first one. This list will be published in the Times.

Website: B. Grubb reported that the Muster Registration form has been put on the website. The Facebook subject was discussed at length. Several members spoke against the PPP starting a Facebook page. A motion by R. Rugh, seconded by D. M. Deitz, to extend the discussion to the next meeting, was defeated.

OLD BUSINESS: A possible site for the September meeting was discussed. E. Peterson had contacted Steve Heaver at the Maryland Fire Museum who said to check back nearer the date. A motion by T. Ness, seconded by E. Peterson, to hold the meeting there, was approved.

NEW BUSINESS: The following new member applicants were balloted upon and approved.
Scott C. Derr, Milton, PA. and Tim Nissley, Middletown, PA

The Board of Directors approved the following listed members for Life Membership:
Ken Bacon, Hazel Eckart, Linda Little, William Minsker, and Carol Sitrler

GOOD OF THE ORDER: H.Eckart reported on the SPAAMFAA Winter Convention in Dallas. He also provided an album of pictures. E.Peterson spoke about the opportunity to place 6 to 8 smaller pieces of apparatus in the AACA Museum in Hershey for the period of late October till late January 2012.

P. Menedis suggested that there be a formal liaison person to SPAAMFAA. Several members spoke against this.

H. Eckart noted that there was a problem of the PPP pictures going to Engine-Engine. E. Peterson was appointed to take care of this in the future. He agreed.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn by E. Peterson, seconded by K.Buohl, was approved at 16:05

Passing On

Our condolences to the following PPP members for their family loss.

*Robert Rickrode
March 23, 2011
father of PPP member
Gary Rickrode*

*Marguerite M. Romberger
April 2, 2011
mother of PPP member
Carl Romberger.*

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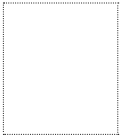
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