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Old Fire Farts of York County PA

SO FAR, THIS YEAR

*We are happy to be the 53rd and newest SPAAMFAA Chapter. The Old Fire Farts of York County PA will become be called: "White Rose Fire Preservation of York PA" a SPAAMFAA Chapter.

*Our 2nd Firematic Flea Market was held on Saturday, 3/25/17 with a full house of vendors. The fellowship was great, we had good food, and everyone had some fun.

*We will give out one scholarship again at the York County Convention on August 18th with the funds that we have available.

*The 4th Annual York Fire Muster is underway. We are selling the Muster Shirts early this year and sales are going good. We have ordered more of the sizes we ran out of. You can get them now, so contact Bob for your size and style or wait until the Muster.

* We had a table at the PA Pump Primers Muster in Harrisburg and did well selling shirts and promoting our York Fire Muster. Several of our members won trophies at the Muster for their rigs.

*We had our Old Fire Farts Meeting and Picnic at the Schwartz's Fire Museum. Had a great turnout and visited with friends from Texas again.

*We gave out our 1st Honorary Life Membership to Stanley E. Brown. We participated in Brown's Farm Market's Red, White, and Blueberry Festival with 9 Engines there.



*We still have Old Fire Fart Breakfasts on Saturday mornings. Watch our Facebook Page for the next Breakfast Event. Come out and join us, they are a lot of fun and we will continue them throughout the year.

*We just completed our 3rd year at the Carlisle National Truck Show and had 4 Ford Fire Engines there. This was the 100th year for the Ford Truck. We were invited back for next year.

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Special points of interest:

1. Our new Treasure is, Greg Witmer. He took office on July 1st. Thanks to Robb Green for his years of service.
2. York County Firefighters Association's Dinner and Convention Aug. 18th & 19th in Airville Sta. #55
3. Schuylkill Fire Society Muster will be on Sept. 9th at 10:00 in Frackville, PA.
4. PA Nat. Fire Museum Flea Mkt. in Harrisburg on Sept. 16th
5. 2017 4th Annual York Fire Muster on Oct. 1, 2017

Station of the Month

Our station this month is Airville Volunteer Fire Co. who has been around since 1942. Congratulations on your 75th Anniversary. Hope you have a successful County Convention.



Mark Your Calendars Now for the 2017 4th Annual York Fire Muster

The Old Fire Farts have begun to work on the 2017 York Fire Muster. We will be selecting committees and assigning leadership roles for the 2017 Muster in August. We will be back at **Cousler Park** again. In 2017 our featured apparatus will be the “**Seagrave**”. All fire apparatus manufactures are welcome and we love to see the ones that are not being made anymore. We always love to see the Hand-Drawn fire apparatus. This year the hand Pumpers and Hose Reels will be Judged separately. We already have several registrations and are looking forward to a great show.

We will be adding **The Firefighter Skills Challenge** at the 2017 Muster. We have a major sponsor, VFIS who will help us provide some nice awards. We will have five skills that each registered firefighter will participate in and the total scores for all five skills will make up the total individual score. There will be four age groups with each broken down to male & female participants.

Our **Kid’s Corner** will be filled with games and displays, face painting, balloon making, and Mascots from several different places. If you’re hungry we’ll have even more food truck vendors.

We need help with registration and equipment placement and flea market setup at 7am. Contact Bob Straw through a PM Message or by phone if you want to help. Meetings will be held in August and September to prepare.

We’ll do it again
on Sunday,
Oct.1, 2017

Sign up for the
**Firefighter Skills
Challenge now.**

The Future is built on the PAST



Reliance Fire Co. West York



Friendship Fire Co. Winsor Park



Goldsboro Fire Co. Goldsboro

Here are some memories from the past for those who remember.