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**Old Fire Farts of York
County PA**



MERRY CHRISTMAS

2020 7th Annual York Fire Muster

The 7th Annual York Fire Muster was held on Sept. 27th at a new location. It was at the Old Time Days Park in Fawn Grove, PA. Our featured truck manufacturer was Ward LaFrance. We had three beauties there and they all won a plaque because of the age groups but the Baltimore F.D. Ward LaFrance owned by Eddie Schwartz was selected as the Best in Show.



Bob Adams owner



Bruce Yealy owner



Eddie Schwartz owner

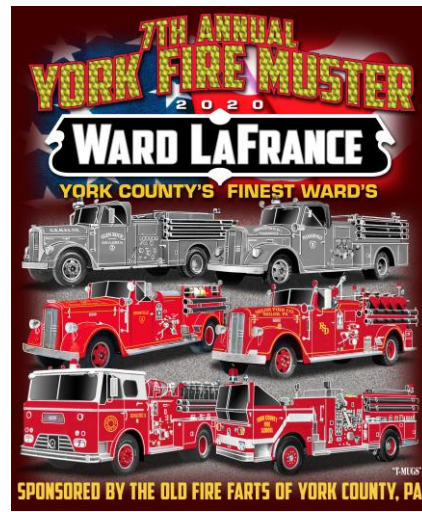
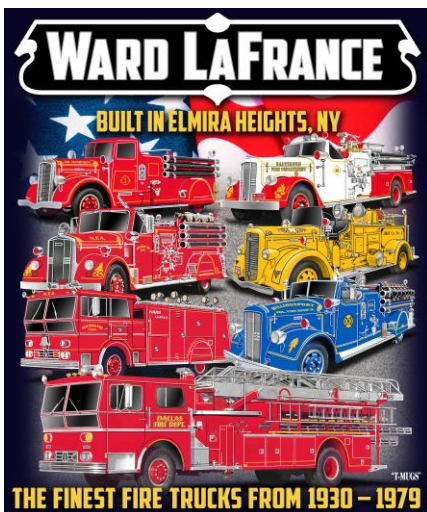
This was the 2nd largest Muster we have had with 40 pieces of apparatus and 30 Flea Market Vendors. We also held our 1st Motorcade from the High School to the Park. Thanks to the Fawn Grove Fire Police for making that happen. Our Judges did a fine job and finished up by Noon. We want to thank them, Frank Tremel, Jim Derstine, and Rusty Leftwich.





Here are some more photos of the rigs and the Pumping Contest . We want to thank Citizen Fire Co. #1 of Fawn Grove for their support and great food. We hope to be back in Sept. of 2021.

MUSTER SHIRTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE



This year we had two shirts, the Blue one celebrates the Ward LaFrance Fire Truck. The 7th Annual York Fire Muster Shirt is Burgundy and will have York County Wards from years past on the back.

We have both shirts available in most sizes S-4XL. Contact Bob Straw if you would like a shirt. They are all on sale for \$20.

They make a great present.

Thanks to our Muster Sponsors who help with the additional cost of the Covid-19 pre-cautions. And thanks to those who attended for following the CDC and PA DOH rules and regulations.

2021 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Nomination Committee is looking for candidates to serve in the following positions:

President-Elect =

Secretary =

Treasurer =

2 year Member at Large =

If you are interested in serving contact the Committee made up of David Maletz or Dick Lehr.
Elections will be held at our Annual Meeting tentatively Sunday, January 17th at Hoss's on White St.

SPAAMFAA 2021 WINTER CONFERENCE IS COMING TO YORK

The White Rose Fire Preservation of York, PA will be hosting the 2021 SPAAMFAA Winter Conference. We have done a lot of collaborating with our local York County Tourist Bureau, now known as "Explore York". They have explored hotel availability for the time frame of early March, and it looks like the dates will be **Wednesday, March 10 – Saturday, March 13, 2021**. Together we have visited several places and by far the best place to meet the Conference needs is the **Wyndham Garden York**. In reviewing other Winter Conferences, we put together a program that will suit SPAAMFAA'S needs and will be manageable for our organization. On Saturday, March 13th we will be in the large Ballroom for our indoor Flea Market, and Hand Drawn Equipment Muster.

Explore York has arranged for **2 Bus Tours on both Thursday and Friday** through Bailey Travel & Coach. Working with them we tried to put together a member's tour and a spouse's tour. Each tour will be limited to 25 participants. The tours are from 8 or 8:30 am until about 4:30 and lunch will be on their own. We will visit some local factories, local Fire Museums and Fire Houses, local Farm Markets, York's History District and take you back to 1778, and local eateries and brew pubs.

We have arranged for an old fashion "Fire Hall Sit-Down Dinner". The Rescue Fire Hall in Dallastown, PA can seat 200 people, and they will prepare a sit-down dinner at a cost of \$30 per person, those under 10 years old are free. This will include a fruit cup, salad, roast beef, filling and 2 vegetables, rolls & butter, beverages, and dessert.

We did apply to Explore York for a Local Tour Grant to help with the cost of the Conference, but the grant program has been cancelled because of the Covid-19 Virus. We have two other fund raisers to try to earn some funding and they are a raffle for a special Fire Pedal Car. And an Old Fire Farts Bingo Sunday.

A Committee will be formed in January to oversee the logistic of having a successful Winter Conference. **Our goal is to have a wonderful Winter Conference which is held in a clean and comfortable atmosphere, provides fellowship, fun, with old fire equipment.**

OLD FIRE FARTS BINGO SUNDAY

We held a BINGO to raise money for the Conference on Sunday, Nov. 8th at Alert Fire Co. We had 6 members who solicited prizes and came up with about \$650 in prizes and gifts. We sold food at the Bingo and 3 of our members helped make \$344 kitchen profit. We also made \$511 from the 20 Bingo Games for a total profit of \$ 855. Thanks to everyone who helped with this fundraiser.