



Glasstown Antique Fire Brigade

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G.A.F.B. Members and Families,

I hope this letter finds you all doing well. As we all know this was supposed to be a BIG year for G.A.F.B., our 40th Anniversary, but do to circumstances beyond our control, COVID-19, all our festivities planned had to be canceled.

We were however fortunate enough to squeeze in a new small muster at the last moment thanks to the City of Wildwood F.D. With not much time for me to promote it, on Saturday September 19th @ Byrne Plaza in Wildwood, NJ members of G.A.F.B and Cradle of Liberty joined forces of about 30 apparatus for a static muster in place of what should have been the NJ State Firefighters Convention and Parade. With such a good turnout and feedback from the memberships as well as the general public we are in talks of possibly doing this as an annually event and will keep you posted.

As things slowly get back to normal or should I say what the new normal is for now, we will be having our fall/winter meeting on Sunday November 1st, 2020 and ask that as many members as possible try to attend this meeting, for we have a lot to discuss. The meeting will be held at 1pm at the Landisville Fire Company 102 W. Arbor Ave, Landisville, NJ 08326. Social Distancing rules will apply, and facemasks will be required for the meeting. Lunch will be served afterwards.

Although this is not an election year, I need to fill in an appointed position at this meeting, Safety Officer. At the January meeting I had appointed a member whom no is longer with the club, so I need someone to step up and fill this very important position. As Safety Officer, it will be your responsibility to make sure that anyone attending our events with their apparatus are following, not only our rules, but the guidelines set by SPAAMFAA. In addition, you will be in charge of assigning and overseeing adequate parking attendants for our events. If you are seriously interested in taken on this position, please email me and we can discuss this further.

Hope to see you all on the 1st, thank you and stay safe,
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Membership:

As we still have some 2020 dues that have not been paid for it is that time of the year again and 2021 membership dues are now coming up. They are only \$10 a year for individual and family, \$15 a year for an organization and can be paid for at this meeting or you can mail it to the above PO Box.

We also need to update our records, especially email addresses. There are times that things come up in a pinch, like the static muster in Wildwood, and we may need to get something out to you immediately and without that information it makes it hard. I have attached a membership update form for you to fill out so please do and bring it with you to the meeting or you can mail it to me.

And as always, we are looking for new members so if you know someone who may be interested in joining please go on to our web page and download the application.

40th Anniversary Celebration:

Since things did not pan out this year, the way we anticipated, for our 40th Anniversary we will carry it over to 2021 and hopefully make it bigger and better than we were going to this year. However, to pull any of it off I will need your help so if you are interested in helping please let me know at the meeting or drop me an email, see above, and we can discuss.

I did however get to work on the t-shirts, banners, and stem ware with Joe from T-Mugs prior to the pandemic shutting everything down. I will have the prints at this meeting for everyone to review as well as a pre-order form for you to place your orders. If all works out as planned, we will have them to hand out at our winter/spring meeting.

We also still have some of our last t-shirts left and if you are interested in purchasing any I will have them at the meeting \$15 for M, L,XL/ \$20 2XL, 3XL, 4XL



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Apparatus Spot Light:

Starting with this month's newsletter I would like to start highlighting a different apparatus in each newsletter I send out. If you have something about your apparatus or someone else's that you would like me to highlight drop me an email and I will be more than happy to do so.

From Bob's award-winning '22 American LaFrance City Service Truck, Glasstown's First Best of Show recipient in 1981, to the Port Norris twin Hahns we have all seen the thier extensive collection at just about every one of our events.

Well, on September 19th it was no different, although it was at the last minute, John and Bob made the journey down to Wildwood with two of their pieces for the static muster display. While there, a gentleman noticed the '52 Mack sitting on display and offered his services to restore the original paint back to almost new. They took him up on his offer and after an extensive period of time what they saw when they got the truck back was amazing.



SPAAMFAA:

On August 23rd, 2020 Johnny Floyd II of Laurel, MD passed away. If you did not know him personally, I'm sure you recognize the name from many of his apparatus pictures. Johnny had a huge heart and loved to share his knowledge of apparatus history and will be greatly missed by the antique apparatus world. As we say in the fire service "Rest easy brother we will take it from here".





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Upcoming Meetings:

As 2021 approaches I would like to get some tentative dates and locations set up for next year meetings. As a chapter of SPAAMFAA we are required to hold three meetings a year, however I want to start having a 4th one prior to our Wheaton Arts Muster. We will discuss this on the floor on the 1st, however if you are a member of a fire department or any type of fire related organization and think they would be interested in hosting a meeting please send me an email prior to the 1st so I can look into it.

Photographer Wanted:

G.A.F.B. is looking for someone who is good at photography, owns a reliable camera and is willing to donate their time at our events to take photos through out the day of the apparatus and event. If you or you know someone that may be interested let us know at the meeting or drop me an email so we can discuss this further.



From the late Whitey Swartz collection of the South Jersey Fire Museum.

X-Atlantic Cities American LaFrance Deluge 1

(Photo credit Scott Mattson)

WISHING ALL OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON AND A HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!