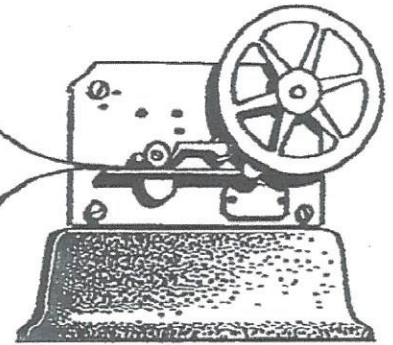


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The Next Meeting: Our next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at the Cincinnati Air Conditioning Company, 2080 Northwest Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio. A topic of discussion will be the June muster. It will only be 2 ½ weeks until the Muster. Plan to arrive early to eat and talk with the other members. We start the meeting at 19:30 hours.

February meeting recap: The minutes and Treasurer's report were approved. We made \$1,416.50 on the flea market. Included in that number was \$487.00 from the silent auction. We did receive some feedback from vendors. They felt that we needed to improve our signage at the flea market and do more advertising for the event. Although our first silent auction was successful we need to critique it in order to make it better.

The other big topic of discussion was the upcoming muster at Spring Grove. The registration forms and vendor space reservation forms had not been put on our website as they usually are. Mark Radtke said he would see it is done immediately. Tony Glindmeyer will be our safety officer and Joe Eggemier will assist him. Joe requested that we have direction signs made for the arriving apparatus. Irene Brown is to be contacted about operating the food concession for the muster. Mat Trushel is donating the trophies for this year's muster. Greg Norvell is handling the dash plaques. He and David Jones will handle publicity for the event. Jeff Placke is checking on the availability of the house mockup for the kids. It was a big hit with them.

No new business was addressed at the meeting.

Howard Kunnell had attended the fire memorabilia auction of Joh Kihlstrum's collection. He talked about the items that sold and the amazing prices they brought. There were 109 lots and 400 unlisted items. The top seventeen items brought \$30,000.00. The bidders present were purchasing for their own collections.

From the Editor: For those of you that didn't make the meeting you missed a fine cookout. There was dogs and burgers, baked beans, potato salad and other goodies to partake of. A special thanks to Dorothy Placke and helpers for putting this together. The weather was so nice we held the meeting outside on the patio at Cincinnati Air.

Make your plans to be at our next meeting. The main topic will be the muster. We need your help to make sure everything goes smoothly. We need people for registration and to guide the incoming apparatus to the display area. It would also be nice to have club members to roam

the display area to answer questions and keep a watch on everything. We want every one that comes to have a great time, be safe and keep the apparatus secure. We need to have enough personnel to give each other a break so each of us can enjoy the muster too.

Brodie Cianciolo's son was in an ATV accident over Easter weekend while visiting family in northwestern Ohio. He was transported to a hospital in the Toledo area in serious condition. Please keep Brodie and family in your prayers.

Richard Weigel's wife Bobbi passed away the week before the meeting. She had been a resident of the Rest Assured Senior Center for about a year and a half. Richard found me at the Glendale Firefighters pancake breakfast. He was there with his friend Al. We had a nice breakfast together. He is doing well. The Club has made a donation to the Senior Center in memory of Richard's wife.

The Cincinnati Fire Department is having the Kids Safety Fair May 16, 2017 at Yeatman's Cove. They would like to have antique fire apparatus included in the display. Mark Radtke has participated in the past. Let's see if we can get some more pieces out there for the kids to see and promote our club. CFD usually has a rig at our muster. Arrival is 0800 and the event is 0900 to 1400. Parking will be on the Public Landing.

Preplanning:

May 16, 2017, Cincinnati Fire Dept. Kids Safety 9-2 Yeatman's Cove

May 26 and 27, 2017 Riverfront Run Cruise-in and Car Show Madison, Indiana.

June 3, 2017 The Chesapeake Antique fire Apparatus Association Maryland Spring Muster. Carroll County Farm Museum Westminster, MD 21157. Registration 9:00 AM.

June 4, 2017 Miles Greenwood 7th Annual National Fire Heritage Muster at the Gwen Mooney Funeral Home and Spring Gove Cemetery 4389 Spring Grove Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

July 8, 2017 Miami Valley Chapter Muster Veterans Park Germantown, Ohio

July 28-29, 2017 Great Lakes International AFAA Annual Fire Muster Heritage Park 601 Weiss St. Frankenmuth, Michigan.

August 2-5, 2017 SPAAMFAA Summer Convention hosted by the Thousand Island Hose Haulers Watertown/Sackets Harbor, New York.

August 12, 2017 Open House at Jeff Rider's. More info to follow.

February 7-10, 2018 SPAAMFAA Winter Convention Kissimmee, Florida