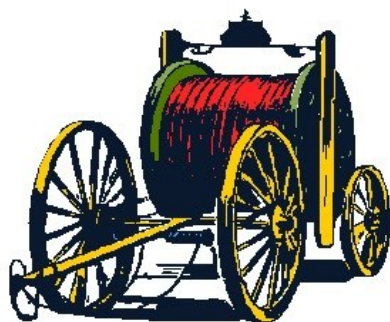


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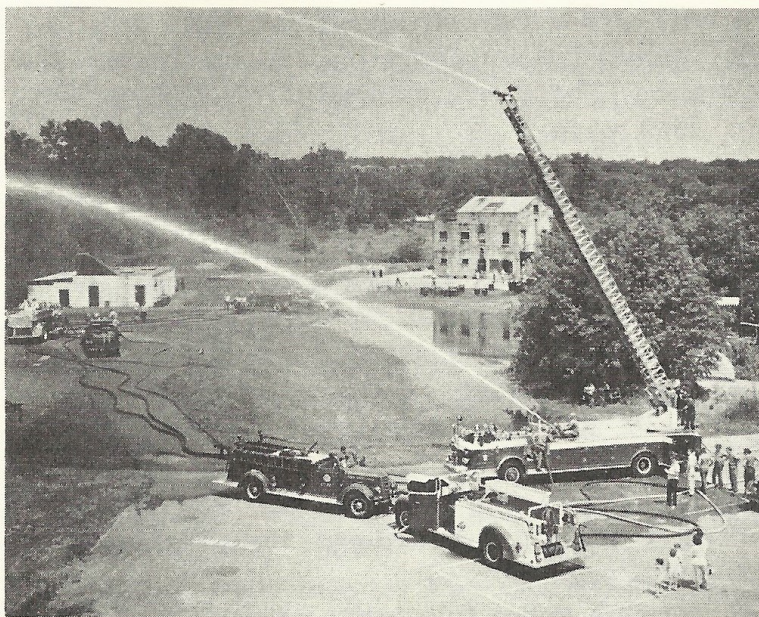
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The Chesapeake Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus in America and the Ladies Auxiliary of the College Park Volunteer Fire Department recently held an antique muster at the University of Maryland Training Center. Over a dozen antique pumpers participated in drafting contests and demonstrations at "Lake Tremel".



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# Chief's Buggy

F. S. Tremel, President

I will start on a sad note. Recently, Jesse Walter's wife Patti, and Sean Spacek's mother, Andrea both passed away within a couple of days of each other. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

It is hard to believe that we are still dealing with this virus. We need to be planning ahead for next year. Hopefully within a few months we will be able to have a face to face meeting.

We are still planning our Muster for the 1st Saturday of June 2021 in Pleasant Valley. It will soon be time to get the Committees formed and operating. The changes for last year will be implemented for this year.

Paula has visited Betty Radisch a couple of times. She would appreciate a card or email. Belinda and Billy Gertz stopped by recently on the way to our local Medical Center. We visited standing in the driveway. Billy is recovering nicely from his operation. He has decided to sell his 53 L Model Mack from Aberdeen if anyone is interested.

I was able to attend the White Rose SPAAMFAA Chapters Muster at Fawn Grove back in the Fall. A number of our members were there. The event reminded me of ours. The Fire Company provided all the food and it was held at the Community/Fire Company grounds. It was a very nice event, which was well attended.

The White Rose Chapter is also hosting the 2021 SPAAMFAA Winter meeting the middle of March in the York area. There are a lot of activities planned and the banquet will be served by the Rescue Fire Company of Dallastown. There is a very nice museum attached to their banquet hall.

My only other outing was to the Fire Museum of Maryland's Fall motor muster where the 'new' 1913 Model A Fox was displayed. It is one of the most original engines I have ever seen. When you look at it you are looking at a machine 107 years old that is the same way today as it was when it was new. It is well worth the trip just to see it.

For SPAAMFAA members, by now you should have received a issue of Silver Trumpet. You should receive another one around the beginning of 2021. If you have something for sale or you are looking for something, place an add. Your next issue of Engine Engine should be received before Christmas.

The Muster issue of Engine Engine will be coming out after the first of the year. This is the issue that features photos from each Chapter of their past years activities. While our activities were put on hold for this year I still want to submit photos from previous years. If you have a photo you especially like send it to Maureen. She will put together our submissions.

Hope everyone is doing good. Best Wishes for a Pleasant Thanksgiving

Take care

Frank

## Auntie Mo's Rambling

Please be aware of any email(s) you might receive from anyone in CAFAA (or other groups you may belong to) soliciting gift cards. **THIS IS A SCAM!!!** There are several variations, but the main gist of it is the individual wants to surprise people with gift cards in recognition for something special, but the individual is 'busy', could you please purchase some specific gift cards and he/she will reimburse you. If you look carefully at the return address, you will see that the name is someone you recognize, but the actual address is not.

I hope you enjoy the look back at the past in this issue. Mark Higgins was going through old files in the Annapolis Rescue Hose office at Taylor Ave Station and discovered a stack of old MFRI Bulletins. We have a few more surprises for upcoming issues.



# News & Other

## From the Fire Museum of Maryland

Great progress is being made on bringing the Baltimore City Fireboat "Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro" from the TradePoint Atlantic site - formerly the old Bethlehem Steel shipyard at Sparrows Point - to here at the Museum.

This fall, we broke ground on what will be the foundation for the fireboat in front of our building. We expect to bring the "Tommy" here in early 2021.

Thanks to our many friends and supporters, we have also raised an amazing 93% of our Phase-1 fundraising goal. But we're not done yet! We deeply appreciate any additional donations.



## Out of Service Members

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers. They are in the Fire Department Repair Shop having some preventative maintenance done.

Betty Radisch  
Joan Sarna  
Mal Sarna  
Melissa Heaver  
Billy Gertz

If you know of any others please let me know.

Richard and Cheryl Edwards have welcomed a new member to their family. We look forward to meeting Hazel in person (or is that in dog?)



## Important announcement Regarding 2021 dues

The CAFAA officers and board members have voted to suspend dues payment for the 2021 membership year for all members who are current with their membership (i.e. paid through 2020) as of December 7, 2020.

If you haven't paid your 2020 dues, now is your chance to pay before December 7, and have your membership extended through December 2021.

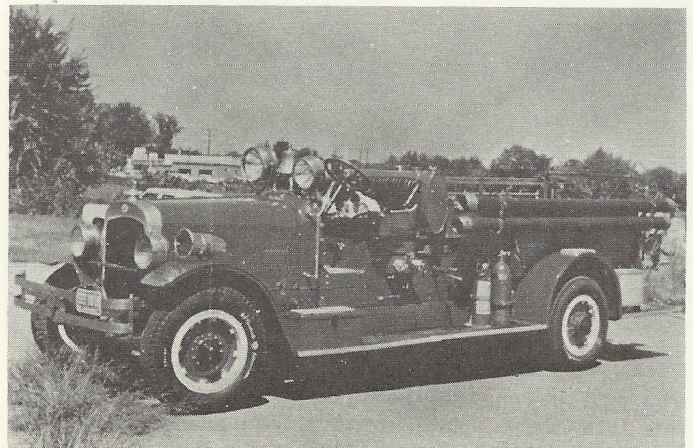
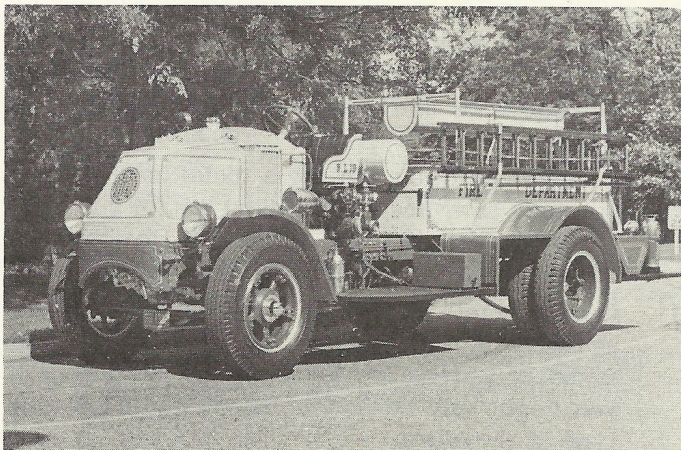
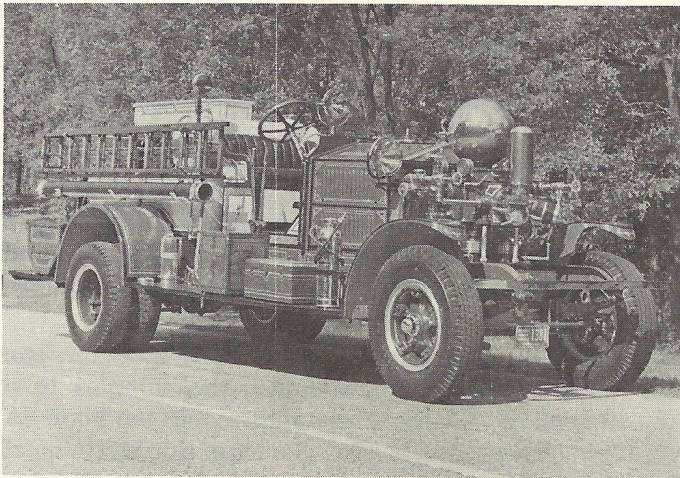


# **A look back at the early CAFAA years**

## **ANTIQUE FIRE ENGINE MUSTER**

The Sixth Annual Maryland Antique Fire Apparatus Muster will be hosted by the Chesapeake Antique Fire Apparatus Association on Saturday, May 10, 1975. The muster site will be next to the berth of the U.S.S. Constellation in Baltimore. Registration of the units will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by various contests and demonstrations beginning at 11:30 a.m. Refreshments will be available along with a flea market of fire service related items.

All fire companies or individuals owning apparatus (motorized, horse drawn, or hand operated) built prior to 1951 are invited to participate. For further information contact M. Sarna, 431 Ayrlawn Drive, Millersville, Maryland 21108. There is no admission charge—bring your family and watch the ancestors of today's modern fire apparatus in action.



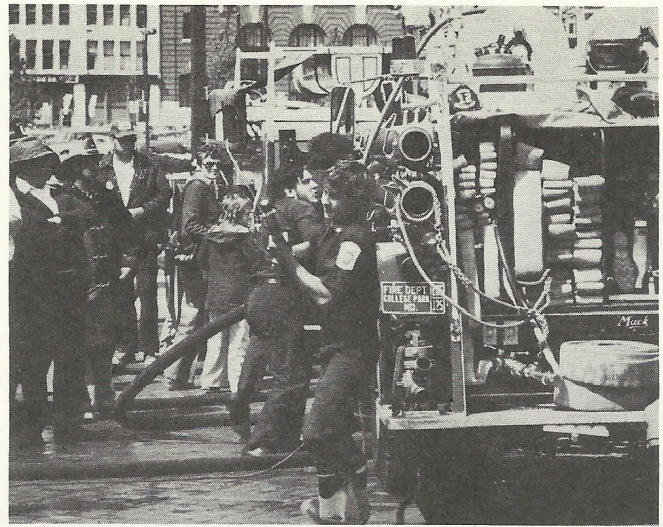
**MFRI Bulletin March 1975**



## A GATHERING OF ANTIQUES

Thousands of spectators, hundreds of fire buffs and more than 40 pieces of antique apparatus gathered this year on the second Saturday in May on the U.S.S. Constellation pier in Baltimore's Inner Harbor. The occasion was the seventh annual Maryland Antique Fire Apparatus Muster sponsored by the Chesapeake chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motorized Fire Apparatus in America (SPAAMFAA).

Equipment came from as far away as Upstate New York and as far back as 1880 to participate in the judging and the contests. Awards were made on the basis of appearance, popularity, performance and a number of other criteria. The apparatus and their crews participated in first water contests for piston, rotary gear and centrifugal pumps and a booster competition to see who could raise water and knock down a target with a hose stream in the fastest time.



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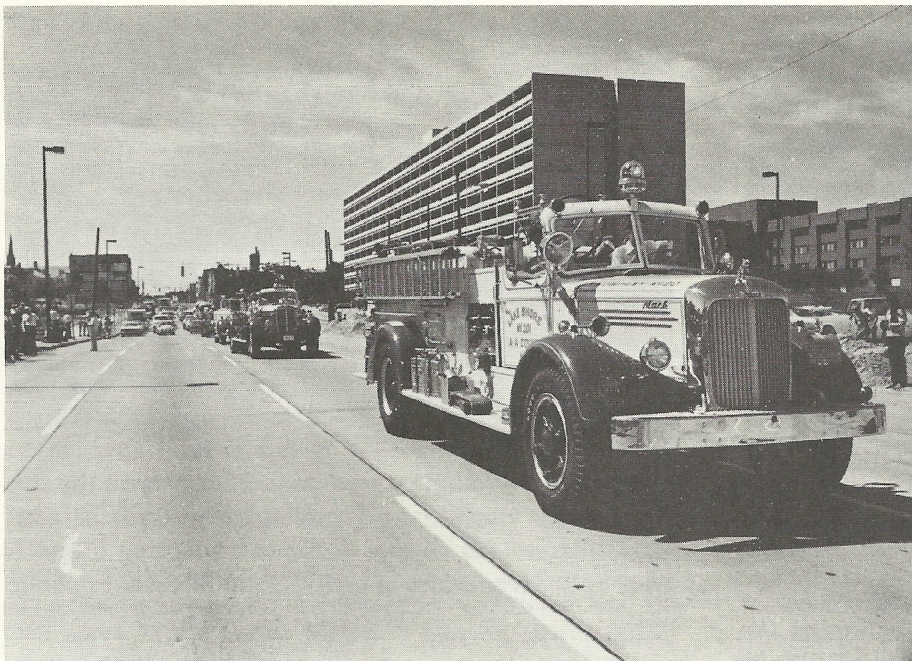
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**TOP:** College Park volunteers scramble to raise water during the booster contest competition. The College Park apparatus, a 1950 Mack, is still in service in Prince George's County as Engine 125. **CENTER:** A junior fire chief surveys the Muster scene and takes a brief rest under a shady tree after a long day of inspecting antique fire apparatus. **BOTTOM:** Fireboat Number One, the Mayor Thomas Dalesandro, Jr., flows a 12,000 gallons-per-minute welcome to all those attending the seventh annual Maryland Antique Fire Apparatus Muster.



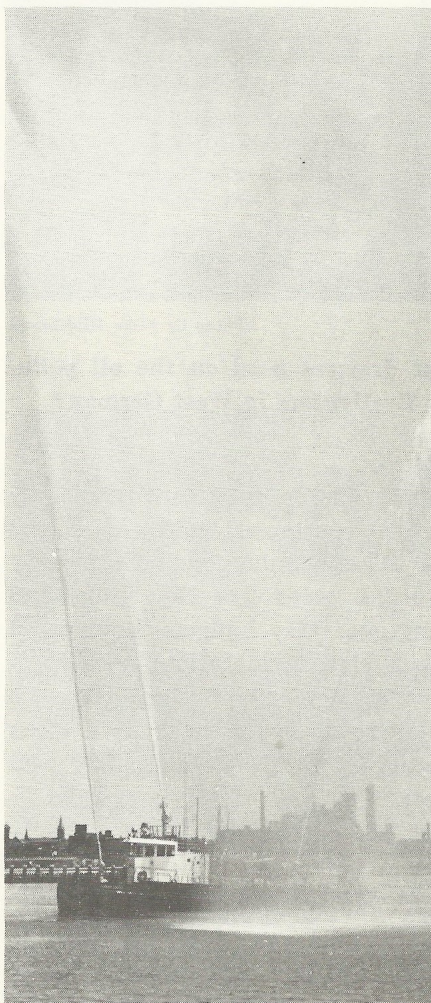


## Machines From A Bygone Era

Antique Apparatus  
Musters  
in Baltimore

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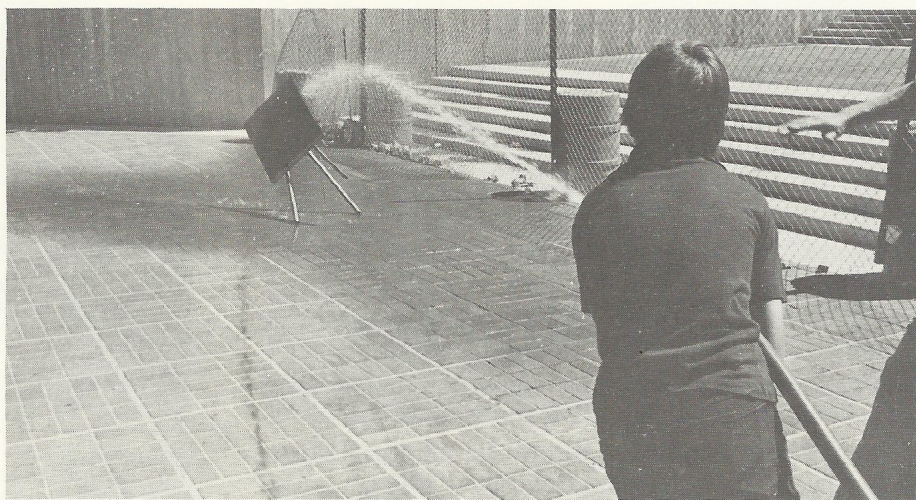
A 1946 Mack pumper from the Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Company (above) in Anne Arundel County lines up for the antique apparatus parade, while a Baltimore City fireboat (below) flows a welcome to those attending the muster.



More than 40 pieces of antique fire apparatus from six states converged on Baltimore's Inner Harbor on a sunny May Saturday to participate in the 8th Annual Maryland Antique Fire Apparatus Muster. Hand-drawn, horse-drawn and motorized apparatus were represented at the muster.

An 1870 hose reel was the oldest equipment at the gathering, sponsored yearly by the Chesapeake chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motorized Fire Apparatus in America (SPAAMFAA). James Ackerman was awarded the "Longest Distance Under Own Power" plaque for driving his 1924 Ahrens-Fox pumper 186 miles from his home in Waretown, New Jersey to the Baltimore muster.

Richard Lane of Jarrettsville, Maryland was the big winner. His 1926 Reo pumper won the top prize of "Best Appearing" and was also the "Contestants' Favorite". Lane's 1948 Mack pumper placed second in the rotary gear drafting contest.



A young contestant in the muster's booster contest knocks over the target bringing a halt to the judge's stopwatch.



# Coming Events

Check out Anita Ford's nationwide listing of parades, musters and special events on the CAFAA website for more events ([www.cafaa.net](http://www.cafaa.net))



The giant Holiday Train Garden at the Fire Museum will open on Saturday, November 28.

10 am - 4pm.

Entry to the Garden is included with your paid admission to the Museum.

The Garden will have social distancing and masks are required in the building.

**Our Socially distanced Santa will be at the Museum on Saturday, November 28 only, from 11 am - 2 pm.**

**We invite you to bring your camera and take a photo of Santa and your child.**

**Santa will be behind a desk so he and his young friends can socialize while staying a safe distance from each other.**

## For sale



**1953 Model 700 ALF 75 ft Aerial**

**Generator, mobile radios,**

**ladder belts, cord reels,**

**Scott bottles,**

**new tubeless tires/wheels**

**Runs good, hydraulics work,**

**ladder works**

**Lots of hand tools included**

**Asking \$2,500**

**Contact Bill Bowman**

**301-440-7915**

**[billanddeebowman@comcast.net](mailto:billanddeebowman@comcast.net)**



# CAFAA Membership Application

Chesapeake Antique Fire Apparatus Association



NAME\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_

CITY\_\_\_\_\_STATE\_\_\_\_\_ZIP\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE\_\_\_\_\_EMAIL\_\_\_\_\_

RIG(S)\_\_\_\_\_

Membership Class:     Active ( )   \$12.00   Spouse ( )   \$1.00   Junior ( )   \$1.00

Three Year Membership:     Active ( )   \$35.00   with Spouse ( )   \$38.00

Make Check Payable to: CAFAA

Mail to:     Chuck Bollinger  
              236 Everett Road  
              Monkton, Maryland 21111-1010

**Membership year Jan 1 - Dec 31**

**Renewal Notices will be sent in December**

**If you do not receive a renewal notice,  
your dues are current**