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Washington Fire Museum

by Rodger Birchfield

WASHINGTON, Ind. - A trip to the southern Indiana city of Washington is a must for PPPSI members for three reasons - a stop at the Graham Cheese Factory at Elnora; a fantastic lunch at the Amish operated Black Buggy buffet, and Washington Fire Department's museum.

The Westside fire station was built about three years ago to replace an older two story early 1900s one bay brick firehouse. The city had outgrown the

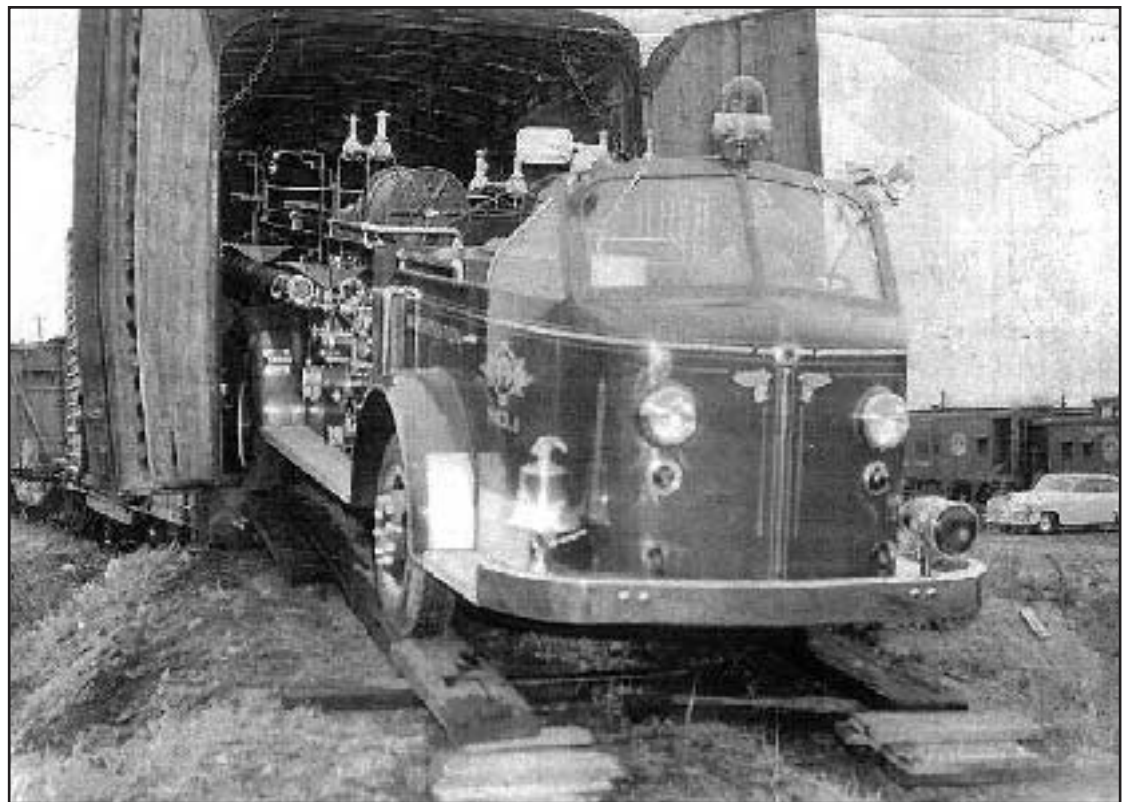
building. A new roomy station with multiple bays was erected next door.

Fire Chief Ken Brown, a PPPSI member, encouraged city officials to add a large area to the new station to house the city's fire heritage - an Ahrens steamer, a 700 Series American LaFrance, a Maxim pumper and Elnora's Graham Brothers-Boyer.

More on this southern Indiana venture in the next issue of "The Playpipe"

Pictured at right is Washington, Indiana Fire Department's 1953 ALF on delivery day. Note it is coming out of a railroad car!

Photo courtesy Ken Brown Chief WFD



Editors note: For those of you who receive the Playpipe by mail it had to printed black & white this month due to the inability to schedule use of a color printer.

Welcome New Members

**Bruce Leonard
Carmel**

**Robert Burkhart
Mishawaka**

Special Offer from SPAAMFAA President Ed Peterson

A special offer to all members of SPAAMFAA Chapters who are NOT Current Individual or Family members of SPAAMFAA

Any person in this category who joins SPAAMFAA as an individual or family member, between now and the close of the upcoming convention at Richmond, VA, will receive as a bonus, a FREE autographed copy of my book, *First to the Flames*. A history of Fire Chief Vehicles. This book retails for \$19.95 and covers the entire 20th century with 550 fascinating photographs and captions of vehicles equipped with locomotive bells, flashing red lights and road clearing sirens. The book also includes a section on restored Fire Chief Cars as well as coverage of toy Fire Chief Cars and large section of excerpts from the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

This is a one time offer to unify all Chapter members and get on board with the National organization of SPAAMFAA.

All you have to do is complete a SPAAMFAA membership application, include the Chapter name in which you belong, and send it and your payment to our Membership Secretary, Barbara Connors, 5420 S Kedvale, Chicago, IL 60632-4232, before the close of the convention on February 15th, 2003. Your book will be mailed directly to you after your application is processed. The award winning Engine!



Engine! magazine and the Interchapter newsletters of Silver Trumpet is just part of what you will receive as the year 2003 benefits. You owe it to yourself and your Chapter to become a member of the Society.

Your membership will help your Chapter win the "Tom Buckle" Award. This is a once in a lifetime offer to receive this "one of a kind" book FREE for your reference library collection while the supplies last.

Individual annual membership is \$25.00 (Life membership available)

Family annual membership is \$30.00 (Life membership available)

Refer questions to: President Ed Peterson, 1749 Grove Street, Hummelstown, PA 17036-8812 or Barbara Connors, Membership Secretary

There are membership applications available online at www.spaamfaa.org

December Meeting Minutes

submitted by Secretary Arlinda Rollins

December was our annual chili supper and Christmas Party. Russ and Rosemary Lambert were kind enough to host the event this year. They have a lovely home, and everybody had a really good time.

Our meeting was called to order at 3:10p.m.

Treasurers Report: Treasurers report was given. There was a motion made and seconded to accept report as read. Motioned approved.

Old Business: We will be having a muster on Saturday May 10, in Edinburgh, IN. It will be held at the outlet mall there. (Exit 76 off of I65) The people there are very anxious to have us. As of this meeting, we were still trying to get enough photos for the calendar. Tom Beard offered to take care of getting them punched and fastened. Working on getting dates ready for the calendar as well. There will be a current roster in the back with names and e-mail addresses of members.

New Business: Rallye products has offered a 15% discount if we order our dash plaques by the end of January. We are going to change out the photo of the truck and redo the year in the logo, keeping the basic design the same. That way, we can try to get the order in by January.

The Fire Buffs National Convention is in 2005 - NOT 2007 as was reported last month.

There was some discussion about recent SPAAM-FAA Board actions.

Bruce Neal was added to the By-law Committee since he is the Director of the Southern Indiana Chapter. The By-law Committee now consists of: Dan Bernth, Mike Nelson, Bruce Neal, and Rodger Birchfield.

Election: All those nominated last month were elected to their respective positions.

President: Scott Rollins

Vice President: Jeff Henry

Secretary: Rodger Birchfield

Treasurer: Russ Lambert - By the way, Russ volunteered to be our treasurer until the age of 92, but we think he might have been kidding!

Board of Directors: Rick Ordo, Janice Birchfield, Arlinda Rollins

Our 2003 muster committee was formed. It consists of Clyde Pfisterer, Rodger Birchfield, and Tom Beard.

Good of the Order:

Motion to adjourn at 4:15

CLASSIFIEDS

MX 7000 Lightbar
Twinsonic Lightbar
5" and 6" steamer caps
Fire hose, 2 1/2" and 1 1/2" available.
Fire Hydrants \$75.00
Federal Q Siren \$650.00 For more info contact Dave Burton @ 317-826-4894 or e-mail burton49@iquest.net

American LaFrance Pioneer pumper originally from Anderson. Pumper is diesel with automatic transmission. Asking \$1500. Contact Pat McGinley for more information. 765-482-3152



1946 ALF 100 foot ladder truck. Original owner was Gary, IN F.D. I am the 3rd owner. Purchased truck 2 years ago with over 90 percent original equipment still on truck. All ground ladders, tools, hoses, nozzles, all stay with truck. Ladder extends to 100 feet. Truck runs well. Have invested \$7,000. Will sell for \$6,000. Losing storage. Contact: Mark Storey 765-674-8936 or E-mail: mstorey303@aol.com



1962 ALF 900 series closed cab pumper. 1250 gpm pump, 1000 gallon tank. 603 Continental gas V-8, manual trans. runs and pumps good. Very nicely equipped and in nice shape. Minor rust, good tires and 2 year old batteries. \$4000 or best offer. Contact Dan Bernth at 574-340-5882 or e-mail stonegates@netnitco.net Pictures available by request.



I'm willing to take \$2,500 for the Walter if anyone is interested. I'll entertain any offer. Brian Guiducci
Special Projects Team Jetstar Inc.
guiducci@jetstar.com
1-800-969-4222
317-873-4361 (fax)
Cell 317-696-4595



1932 Seagrave quad, ex Portsmouth Ohio, low mileage, original specs, w/spare engine, transmission, rear end, 40' long. Complete ground ladders & other equipment; Indianhead designs, stored indoors. Crack in engine needs repair. \$3395. Contact Ruth Dougherty 317-784-1183 or rdougherty6@juno.com

1951 Maxim pumper missing engine and radiator, lots of good parts. Has Indiana title. Asking \$375. Contact Jeff Rider 812-523-3305.

10 ton floor jack formerly used for aircraft work at McDonnell Douglas. Asking \$450. Contact Louis at 317-247-4722.

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Upcoming meetings and events

January 5th Meeting 2:00 p.m.at Wayne
Twp Fire HQ.

February 2nd Meeting 2:00 p.m.at
Wayne Twp Fire HQ.

Rig of the Month



Pictured above is Rob McCune's recently acquired 1967 Walter Crash Truck.

This rig originally served the Indianapolis International Airport.

This is the rig we chased in July and heard many funny stories about from the owner previous to Rob.