

March 2026

BERKSHIRE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS!

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 15th

6:00 pm

at Station 58

Pumper Picnic:

May 16 more TBD

Relay for Life event:

June 27 noon-9 more TBD

Taste of Lee/Annual Show:

September 19 - 20 more TBD

Stay Tuned for more!

Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2026

Meeting called to order at 2:06 pm

Approval of Previous Minutes

Approval of the previous meeting minutes was deferred due to their unavailability.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

Current balance: \$8,907.08

Election of Officers

Bill DeFrest announced that he will not be running for President this term and thanked the organization for all the support over the years.

President:

John Gaherty was nominated, seconded, and approved.

John accepted the position.

Vice President:

Joe Aberdale was nominated, seconded, and approved.

Joe accepted the position.

Secretary:

Motion made to keep Dani Toomey as Secretary.

Seconded and approved.

Dani accepted the position.

Treasurer:

Motion made to keep Glenn Wilcox as Treasurer.

Seconded and approved.

Glenn accepted the position.

Directors:

Motion made and approved to keep the following as Directors:

- Red Searing
- Travis Searing
- Tom Touponce
- Tim Kane
- The President
- The Vice President

New Business

- The Giving Tree Event was reviewed.
- The event raised \$2,400 in cash and checks, in addition to multiple boxes of food donated to the Lee Food Pantry, who expressed their gratitude.
- A special thank you was given to Tom Touponce for his work organizing the event.
- The Harvest Festival was reviewed.
- A date was set to hold another Pumper Picnic on May 16th.
- More details will be announced at a later date.
- Relay for Life asked if the chapter would be interested in cooking food at their event on June 27th from 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM.
- A motion was made and approved that the chapter is interested.
- Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.
- Brian discussed the upcoming Summer National being held in MA.
- The next meeting date was set for Wednesday, April 15th at 6:00 PM.
Membership dues will be accepted.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM

Newsletter Submissions Wanted

We encourage all members to submit information for the newsletters. If you have attended any events, shows, parades, or meetings, please send in a short write-up along with any photos you would like included.

If you have acquired a new apparatus, we would love to feature it in the newsletter. Please send photos along with a short description and any history you have on the piece.

We also welcome Wanted / For Sale ads, parts listings, apparatus for sale, or any other items of interest to the membership.

Submissions help keep everyone informed about what our members and chapters are doing and make the newsletter more enjoyable for all.

Please send all submissions, photos, and ads to berkshirespaamfaa@gmail.com



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