

January/February
2025



Berkshire Chapter NEWSLETTER



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Annual Meeting
Voting of Officers
March, 9 2025
1:00 p.m.
Station 58

- Annual Meeting Date
- January Meeting Minutes
- National vs local Membership
- Founders Day Show 2025

Annual Meeting

Our Next meeting will be held

March 9, 2025

1:00 p.m.

Station 58

We will be collecting dues and electing officers

Current Officers:

President Bill DeFreest

Vice President John Gaherty

Treasurer Glenn Wilcox

Secretary Dani Toomey

**Board: Tim Kane, Red Searing, Travis Searing, Tom
Touponce**

**If you cannot make it to the meeting but want to fill out an
application please reach out to Dani at
Berkshirespaamfaa@gmail.com**

January 2025 Minutes

01/02/2025

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Treasurers Report : \$6,760.76 in checking account.

Motion made and approved for \$150 to Ed Harvey to continue organizations website

Lee Food Pantry was more than gracious to receive the donation from our show proceeds.

Next meeting to be held March 9th at 1:00 to vote officers and collect dues

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 with Holiday Party to follow

National Memberships



SPAAMFAA consists of both individual local chapters and as an overall national (international) organization. Members may choose to join a local chapter(s), and/or the National organization as a whole. Joining SPAAMFAA National does not include membership in a local chapter, and membership in a local chapter does not include membership in National SPAAMFAA. Each option provides different benefits.

Local chapters are found in most metropolitan areas. Chapters host regular meetings and organize special events. Local chapters are often focused on preserving firefighting and fire apparatus history on a local or regional level.

SPAAMFAA National, provides a wide array of benefits and resources above-and-beyond those offered by the local chapters and is an outlet for those not living near a chapter.

Benefits of joining a Local Chapter

- Participate in local activities and events (parades, fire apparatus displays, fire shows).
- Local meetings and programs.
- Newsletter with (local) news and events.

Benefits of joining SPAAMFAA National

- Full access to SPAAMFAA website resources.
- Quarterly issues of "Engine-Engine!" a full-color magazine featuring articles on antique fire apparatus, restoration, member rigs, etc.
- Quarterly issues of "Silver Trumpet" a national newsletter with articles on chapter activities, member news, calendar of events, classified advertisements.
- National Sponsored Events – One winter meeting and one summer fire engine "muster."
- Historical fire apparatus manufacturers' delivery lists.
- Access to the SPAAMFAA archives online and in-person.
- List of experts on different manufacturer's for technical advice on vehicles and restoration.
- Restoration/Repair Resources.



SPAAMFAA NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

- ☐ Individual Membership (I) \$35.00
- ☐ Family Unit Membership (U) \$40.00
One copy of publications, two votes, and membership status for entire family
- ☐ Electronic Membership (E) \$20.00
All publications will be sent electronically only ☐
- ☐ Junior Membership (J) \$25.00
Non-voting membership for those under age 18 - Date of birth:
- ☐ Organization Membership (O) \$40.00
- ☐ Individual Life Membership (L) \$1,000.00

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

Silver Trumpet:

SPAAMFAA's inter-chapter newsletter includes short articles, news, columns, and classifieds. It is published quarterly and distributed electronically to all members. Printed copies are available by mail for an additional fee.

- ☐ I wish to receive printed Silver Trumpet via US Mail. \$10.00

Roster:

SPAAMFAA produces a membership roster to facilitate communication. This roster is distributed electronically. Printed copies are available by mail for an additional fee.

- ☐ I wish to receive a printed SPAAMFAA Roster via Mail. \$5.00
- ☐ Please do not publish my email in the roster.
- ☐ Please do not publish my phone in the roster.

I'd like to make a donation:

Donations, over and above membership, help us work toward a bright, long-lasting future. SPAAMFAA is a non-profit charitable organization and all donations are tax deductible

- ☐ Lee Soderbeck Archives Fund \$
This fund supports the operations, development, and expansion of the SPAAMFAA archives and library
- ☐ SPAAMFAA Endowment Fund \$
Funds are not used for regular operating expenses, rather a small percentage of funds is designated annually for capital projects.
- ☐ SPAAMFAA General Fund \$
Funds are not designated to a specific project, rather support general operations and special projects as needed

Total remittance due: \$

Make checks made payable to "SPAAMFAA"

Please return this completed form to:

SPAAMFAA
8035 Bird Pond Rd.
Adams Run, SC 29426-5545

All payment is in United States funds.
The new membership year begins in February.
Dues received after November 1, will apply to next membership year.
Questions, email: membershipsecretary@spaamfaa.org

For more information on the Nationals membership reach out to Dani or visit SPAAMFAA.ORG



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2025

Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus in America

Please [print](#) and mail to:
Berkshire Chapter of SPAAMFAA
Post Office Box 54
Glendale, Massachusetts 01229

Make checks payable to **Berkshire Chapter of SPAAMFAA (BCS)**

Junior Membership (J) - \$5.00 ___ Individual Membership (I) - \$20.00 ___ Family Unit Membership (U) - \$25.00 ___

Tshirt Size - _____

Organization Membership (O) - \$30.00 ___ Organization Contact Person _____

Is this a renewal or a new membership _____ Date of application _____

Full (and Nick) Name: _____

Other names for Family/Organization

Street or Postal Box #. _____

City & State _____ -Nine digit ZIP _____ - _____

Phone () _____ Phone Number published in Roster Yes ___ No ___

Cellular number _____ E-mail _____

Preferred Contact Method (circle one) Mail Email Other _____

Fire Apparatus Owned Yes ___ No ___ a list of your apparatus maybe filled out of this form

Do you belong to another SPAAMFAA Chapter? _____

Do you have a Nationals membership? _____

The membership year is January through December.
Dues accepted after November 1 [apply](#) to the next year

List of your toys

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BERKSHIRE CHAPTER SPAAMFAA

FOUNDERS DAY WEEKEND ANNUAL PARADE AND SHOW



More info to come!

SEPT 20, 2025

LEE, MASSACHUSETTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT US ON FACEBOOK
OR CONTACT DANI AT BERSHIRESPAAMFAA@GMAIL.COM

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