

Roto-Ray

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DUES ARE DUE

The \$20.00 dues for calendar year 2011 are due, and should be paid at the next meeting, or can be mailed to the Treasurer:

Kira O'Keefe
2522 West Caithness Place
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FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting will be at Schomp's Mini Building located just east of the intersection of Littleton Blvd, and Broadway, in Littleton. Meeting time will be at 7 PM.

This meeting will include the discussion about purchasing a trailer for the chapter inventory and the status of the new chapter phone list.

The treasurer will be available to accept dues for those who did not pay them at the January meeting.

WINTER CONFERENCE

Coming up soon, is the annual Winter Conference, and it will be held in warm Dallas area.

They have lots of informative activities planned, and it does not involve any of us to do any of the planning, or getting the parade lined up, or the vendors situated, or any of that. All we have to do is show up and enjoy.

Registration forms are on their web site, and ready for us to use.



Trucks and crews at Four Mile Canyon fund raiser!

FUND RAISER FOR FOUR MILE CANYON VFD

Last summer in Boulder County we saw the largest wild land fire loss in the state's history, which included the loss of fire equipment. The largest loss was with Four Mile Canyon FD. On November 7, 2010 there was a fund raiser held for them at the Twisted Pine Brewing Pub in Boulder. Four Mile FD was unable to attend because equipment and personnel had fallen below minimum, and they were still working some parts of the fire. Rusty's Old Engine 3 and Mile High Hook and Ladder were invited to display rigs at the event. Bill Hoeft brought two Crowns and Steve Carmack was one of the drivers along with Rusty LeNeve and his ALF. We had a good time and did a lot of visiting. When we left (it was getting dark) there had been a few thousand dollars raised and the silent auction had not been completed. The event was to go for some time yet. Have not been able to find out just how well they did. I did find out that Four Mile FD lost some 60+ % of its tax base and over 50% of its personnel, so you can see that they and the other departments in the burn area are in a real fix! We all hope the best for them and the recovery of the area.

Rusty

DEADLINE FOR MAR. ISSUE

Deadline will be February 23rd. Feel free to snail mail, or e-mail articles or photos, or any info to the editor.

CLUB OFFICERS

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| President | Steve Guardado | 720-685-3166 |
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| Treasurer | Sharon Sells | |
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PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

Dear Club Members,

Happy 2011! I am looking forward to a great year as a club and the opportunities that are ahead of us! I would like to start with a huge THANK YOU to Jamie Markham, President, Ray Bowman, Vice-President, Ellen Benoit, Secretary/Treasurer, and Kevin Sweeney and Garry Aranda, Muster Co-Chairs, for their excellent service as officers of our club during 2010. They did a great job in guiding us through the National Muster last summer as well as other activities throughout the year. Our club grew in membership last year and they deserve the credit for that as well. Thank you for a job well done.

Our challenge now is to continue building on the momentum that they started for us last year. I am already looking forward to the muster in June and we are planning a static display at the Streets of Southglenn. There will be plenty of opportunities to enter parades throughout the summer and we are also looking toward at least one pump in as well. Please start making plans now to join us in these activities! Our greatest successes come when we all work together as a club!

Please plan to join us for our February meeting on the 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Schomp Mini Cooper building. We will be discussing upcoming events as well as ways to help our club be the best we can be in 2011. Please bring any ideas you have for activities for the club or any suggestions you have for improvement. **You are the most important part of our club and we need you!**

Sincerely,

Steve Guardado, President

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ellen Benoit reported that there is currently \$1,647.31 in the checking account and \$13,480.53 in savings.

NOZZLEMAN'S SPRAY

Congratulations to the new officers. It is nice that they stepped up and volunteered to keep the chapter the best that it can be. And we can be the best.

A couple of us have bought that new Radio Shack PRO-106 scanner. Lots of bells and whistles, but lots of stuff to program. There is a man, Curt Mann, who owns Denver Radio. He is a retired dispatcher for Aurora Fire. He programs the scanner in about an hour, and lets you choose what you want to listen to. The is a nominal charge for his service, but it is well worth it. You can contact him at 303-373-5443, and set up a time and place to have your radio programed.

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held on 5 January 2011 at 7 PM.
Elections were conducted via private ballot. Excepting the positions of Muster Chair and Co-Chair which were decided unanimously, all positions fielded more than one candidate. It was determined that the office of Secretary-Treasurer be split with a separate officer holding each position. The responsibilities of the Muster Chair were discussed and defined. Jim Lipper recommended that rather than having a Muster Chair, the club should consider electing a muster committee. Garry Aranda suggested that there be a transitional period in which the previous year's Chair serves to assist the current year's chair, and Les then recommended that the Muster Chairman be a two-year position. Kevin Sweeney and Ray Bowman advised that the chapter's 501c3 documentation requires the naming of Directors; thus those in attendance voted in four members for that designation.

Members expressed appreciation for Jamie Markham's service to the club and Kevin Sweeney noted that in defiance of general trends the club now has more members than it did when Jamie became president. GA noted that former longtime member Ray Bury's sister passed away and that several club members attended her memorial service.

EB informed that Jim Biner was hospitalized for heart complications and underwent another stent procedure. The club sent a plant.

Sharon Sells acknowledged the difficult period Heather Guardado has recently undergone due to multiple hospitalizations before and during the holidays.

QUIET MUSTER

One of the great things about fire trucks are the lights and sirens. Does it get much better than Littleton Boulevard echoing with sirens and reflecting emergency lights as our Muster Parade heads down the street? Answer: No.

However, MHHL member Bill Hoeft and I participated in a "Quiet" Muster that was pretty neat and special in its own way. The Joshua School in Denver celebrated a "Fall Festival" with bounce houses, pony rides and a visit by one of our rigs. The Joshua School is a very special place. Autistic and special needs kids go to the Joshua School and receive one on one education including a healthy dose of daily living lessons. Autistic children are very sensitive to noise and bright lights....all the things that make a parade memorable. These kids could NEVER see one of our parades and would likely never have the chance to be an "Engineer" or a "Captain" and sit in the cab of a real fire truck. Showing up with our rig made it all possible for these lovable children. The kids absolutely loved it and we loved it! We participated in a lot of events last year and there always seems to be a rush to see a fire truck and we are typically overwhelmed by throngs of kids. The Joshua School children rotated through and everyone got their own time with the rig.

Each child was very respectful of our fire truck and always asked before climbing aboard or touching anything on the dash. It did, however, take some time to track down some of our "dress-up" turnout gear as it was very popular with the kids. The event was terrific for both us and the kids! It made us realize that even a "Quiet" Muster is special.

Darren Jacobsen noted that research regarding the acquisition of a trailer was temporarily halted due to discussions resulting from a suggestion to purchase a panel van. He further noted that trailers are more expensive than was originally discussed, and that there is not an abundance of used trailers. He stated that dual axle insurance is more expensive than single axle, and requested that members determine a price range in order for the trailer committee to move forward. LesB added that a double axle vehicle requires insurance but a single axle is covered by the towing vehicle. DJ stated that the lower-end price for a 14' trailer is \$3,500 and that trailers appear to be less expensive in Georgia and Texas.

Pete Webb motioned that a budget no greater than \$4,500 be allocated for purchase and attendant costs. Seconded by ML and passed unanimously by voice vote, with assertion by Garry that he continues to believe that a panel van is the most viable option.

Motion to adjourn was accepted and passed at 8:30 PM.

SCHEDULE

2011

February

2 Regular Meeting Schomp's Mini Bldg. 7 PM

23-26 SPAAMFAA Winter meeting- Dallas

March

2 Regular Meeting Location TBA 7 PM

April

6 Regular Meeting Location TBA 7 PM

May

4 Regular Meeting Location TBA 7 PM

June

1 Regular Meeting Location TBA 7 PM

18 Chapter muster ACC parade at 9 AM

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FIRST CLASS