

# THE TAILGATER

CNY CHAPTER SPAAMFAA®

DECEMBER 2015

*Home of the Belle Isle Reserve Fire Company*

*SEASONS GREETINGS & BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR!*

## CNY CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

Social Hour 6-7 p.m.

**"Finally Ours" Restaurant**, 3788 West Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, NY 13215. At the corner of West Seneca Turnpike (NY Route 175) and Cedarvale Road, past Onondaga Hill on the way to Marcellus & Skaneateles. (Formerly known as Pfeiffer's Restaurant)



**Menu:** Buffet with Pot Roast, Mac & Cheese, Chicken Marsala, mashed potatoes, veggies, salad, rolls and assorted deserts, soda, coffee, tea, milk & water. This is a BYOB facility so the club will provide a wine assortment. We will have the entire restaurant to ourselves as it is normally closed for dinner. \$20 per person. **RSVP to Mary Thurston by Saturday, November 28th**, email at [mlwt7@hotmail.com](mailto:mlwt7@hotmail.com) or call 315-487-1137. Make checks payable to CNY SPAAMFAA & send to Mary Thurston at 4828 Cedarvale Rd., Syracuse, NY 13215.

Please bring non-perishable food items for local food pantry instead of a gift exchange.

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The CNY Chapter thanks the **North Syracuse FD** for hosting the October Meeting and the **Mattydale FD** for hosting the November meeting. CNY Members **Paul Dufault & Shirley Mott**, assisted by their outstanding crew in the kitchen, prepared our traditional, delicious Thanksgiving meal. **Denny McAllister** provided an entertaining slide show of our 2015 Muster and the East Syracuse FD's ceremony accepting **Don Herb's** donation of their original 1888 Rumsey hand pumper and hose cart.

### HEALTH & WELFARE

**Hank Manwell** recently had a pacemaker installed and is doing great. **Peter Frerk** is still battling pancreatic cancer and we wish him well. **Pete DeSalvo** was at the November meeting and looking good.

**NO JANUARY & FEBRUARY or MARCH MEETINGS**

**YOUR 2016 DUES ARE PAYABLE NOW PLEASE RENEW IN A TIMELY MANNER**

**ELECTION OF 2016 CHAPTER OFFICERS**

All CNY SPAAMFAA Chapter members in good standing are eligible to vote for the 2016 Chapter officers. The ballots will be counted at the Christmas Party on Thursday, December 5, 2015.

If voting in person please bring your ballot with you on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

If voting by mail, please complete your ballot and mark the outside of the envelope **BALLOT** and mail to arrive by December 2<sup>ND</sup>.

Mail to:

**SPAAMFAA  
CENTRAL NEW YORK  
P.O. BOX 2433  
SYRACUSE, NY 13220**

<b>BALLOT FOR 2016 CNY SPAAMFAA CHAPTER OFFICERS</b>	
PRESIDENT – VOTE FOR <u>ONE</u>	
	<b>Patrick Gannon</b>
	Write In:
VICE PRESIDENT – VOTE FOR <u>ONE</u>	
	<b>Gary Colella</b>
	Write In:
TREASURER – VOTE FOR <u>ONE</u>	
	<b>Gary Thurston</b>
	Write In:
SECRETARY - VOTE FOR <u>ONE</u>	
	<b>Mary Jane Woodcock</b>
	Write In:
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY - VOTE FOR <u>ONE</u>	
	<b>Mary Thurston</b>
	Write In:
DIRECTORS – 2 Year Terms – VOTE FOR <u>TWO</u>	
	<b>Mary DeSalvo</b>
	<b>Robert Taber</b>
	Write In:

**2016 THOUSAND ISLANDS HOSE HAULERS MUSTER  
Downtown Sackets Harbor**

The 2016 Thousand Islands Hose Haulers Muster will be held **Saturday, August 6, 2016** in downtown Sackets Harbor. This is the same venue that we took Bertha to in 2014 and she is invited back as she was a crowd favorite. This will be held in conjunction with the annual War of 1812 Re-enactment taking place the same weekend. This will be a trial run during this event of some of the activities they are planning for the 2017 Summer Convention.

**2017 National Convention Update**

Our neighbors to the north, the Thousand Islands Hose Haulers have been awarded the 2017 SPAAMFAA Summer National Convention and Muster, August 2-5, 2017. The hotel will be located in Watertown NY and the Muster will be held in historic Sackets Harbor NY, at the Madison Barracks Polo Grounds. Some of the planned activities include the War of 1812 Re-enactment scheduled for the same weekend in Sackets Harbor, which will provide alternative activities for families to attend during the muster and a parade through the Village of Sackets Harbor prior to the muster. The Polo Grounds offer beautiful scenic views of Lake Ontario and there will be pumping available along the lake shore with easy access to the water. There will be a number of contests at the muster for both truck owners and visitors. The City of Watertown FD will be celebrating their 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary that weekend and the committee is looking at the possibility of blocking off the Watertown Public Square and holding a mini muster on the Square and an outdoor party with bands, food and other activities. The CNY Chapter has offered to assist the Hose Haulers with the Muster. Their organization provided our Chapter with invaluable assistance during our National Convention & Muster earlier this year.

CNY Member Don Herb recently made an extremely generous donation to the East Syracuse Fire Department. Among Don's collection of early hand and horse drawn fire apparatus were two significant local pieces that originally belonged to the East Syracuse Fire Department. The department was formed in 1887 and the first three pieces of equipment were manufactured in 1888 by Rumsey in Seneca Falls, New York. Don acquired the hose cart and the hand pumper about 25 years ago and had them beautifully restored. The whereabouts of the third piece, a horse drawn "hook & ladder", is unknown.

Don made the decision to return the pieces to East Syracuse and an appreciative department organized an unveiling and welcome home ceremony on November 1st, which was attended by numerous local dignitaries and fire department representatives from neighboring departments. Don addressed the gathering telling those in attendance that he wanted to see that the equipment is taken care of and preserved for future generations. He estimated the value of the two pieces to be between \$75,000 and \$90,000. Don was made the first ever Honorary Member of the East Syracuse Fire Department and awarded an appreciation plaque for his donation.



Photos by Denny McAllister

Don is shown with East Syracuse Fire Department officers and firefighters and addressing the gathering with the 1888 hose cart in the background. East Syracuse firefighters man the hand pumper.

## Eddie Dusenberry's Old 1916 Seagrave

From **Andy Henderson**; I met a fellow in 2005 who bought it out in Michigan, and now it's in Redondo Beach California, where he is restoring this 1916 Seagrave from Geneva.



## BERTHA RELOCATION

Bertha was successfully transferred from SFD Station No. 12 to Don Herb's Station 3 Annex, where she will be stationed for the foreseeable future. Assisting with the transition under the direction of **Pat Gannon** and **Don Herb** were **Dave Reeves**, **Denny McAllister** and **Dick Sparrow**.



Pat Gannon & Dave Reeves shown getting Bertha settled in her new quarters.

Photos By Denny McAllister

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - CNY CHAPTER OF S.P.A.A.M.F.A.A. – USE FOR RENEWAL  
YOU DO NOT HAVE TO OWN FIRE APPARATUS TO JOIN SPAAMFAA

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU OWN FIRE APPARATUS?  YES  NO IF YES, DESCRIPTION:

\_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$ 18.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

FIRE DEPARTMENTS OR ORGANIZATIONS \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION,  
INCLUDING ALL RENEWALS, WITH YOUR  
DUES TO;  
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MEMBERSHIP YEAR JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER DUES ACCEPTED AFTER NOVEMBER 1st APPLIES TO THE NEXT YEAR.

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**December Christmas Party &  
Chapter Elections**  
Saturday, December 5th – 6:00 PM  
See Pages 1 & 2 for Party Information  
& Ballot