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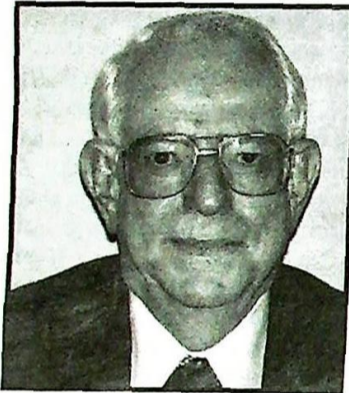
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From The President

Larry Ketchem



As I write this article, it doesn't seem possible that another convention has come and gone. Steve Macke and the 2008 convention committee did an outstanding job; thank you all for a job well done.

I would like to thank Global Emergency Products for the District Award Plaques for this year. They were a very attractive, new design. Thanks again to Global and I hope

that they continue to give these awards in the future.

Congratulations to the following award winners from convention:

Mr. IVFA: Jack Harker
Lois Boaz: Marie Emery
Oliver C. Sandberg Mental Attitude Award: Jerry Liston
The Angel Award: Kellie Landers
President's Award: Jodi Rohr
Miss Flame: Kristen Wylie
Miss Flame Runner-Up: Cama White

Miss Congeniality: Morgan Borden

Bridgeport Scholarship: Brittany Haas, Morgan Joann Borden and Taylor Jackson Gage.

It is not too early to start sending in letters for individuals you feel are deserving of the Mr. IVFA, Lois Boaz, Oliver Sandberg and Angel Awards.

Congratulations to the new slate of officers for the upcoming year:

President: Tim Deckard
Vice President: LeMoyné "Buz" Koehler

Secretary: Larry Bartlow
Treasurer: Beverly Harker
Sergeant At Arms: Bill Bush
Chaplain: Ed Gerdowsky
PRNW: Jim Bradford
PRNE: Mort Sorg
PRWC: Diane Harrison
PREC: Don Cushman
PRSW: Jim Abrams
PRSE: Al Williamson

By the time you are all reading this, school will be getting ready to start!! Where has the summer gone. Please be mindful of children coming and going to school on foot, on bicycles and getting on and off buses. They are our most precious resource.

Respectfully,
Larry D. Ketchem
President

2009 officers elected at 2008 convention

The 2009 officers were recently elected at the 2008 convention held at the Belterra Casino in June.

They are as follows:

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Mr. IVFA recommendations due February 1, 2009

I would like to congratulate Jack Harker as our newest "Mr. IVFA" for the state of Indiana.

Jack has been involved in volunteer activities in his local

department and his community for many years, and I am sure he will represent the "Mr. IVFA" proudly.

Now that our annual convention is in the history books, it is time to look forward to next year.

I am sure there is someone in each and every volunteer department in the state that has shown a willingness to serve his department and community in a way that would exemplify the honor of the "Mr. IVFA" award.

If you know of someone like this in your department or in a neighboring department, sit down and write a letter of recommendation, and send to one or all of the following "Mr. IVFA" committee members.

Letters of recommendations must be sent to any/or all committee members and must be in hands of committee members no later than February 1, 2009.

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2008 Bridgeport winners



The IVFA proudly presented on

behalf of the retired Bridgeport Fire Department of Marion County, Indianapolis, the son and daughters of IVFA firefighters.

Left to right are Taylor Gage, Brittany Haas, and Morgan Borden.

Taylor is a resident of Decatur, Indiana and a graduate from Bellmont High School. His parents are Roger

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I.V.F.A. Benefits

I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

What Is A District Meeting?

A place to gather information.

A place to meet those departments around you and in your district to discuss things that you have in common and problems that you may also have in common.

A place to meet your state officers and ask them questions and voice concerns.

A place to see new equipment and receive training in the form of a short program.

A place to discuss and vote on items that affect the Association and your departments as members.

A place to voice your opinions and give direction to the Association.

A place to let everyone around you know what fund raisers and events are going on in your department.

District meetings are held every other month and in the evening at a time decided by the District and on a date set by the District. This allows each district to pick a time that will work the best for that general area.

Each year (usually in July) a district chairman is elected to represent each district at the state level and this is a very important meeting.

As members of the Association, we should look to one another for help to solve problems and lend support to each other.

Please support your districts by attending your district meetings.

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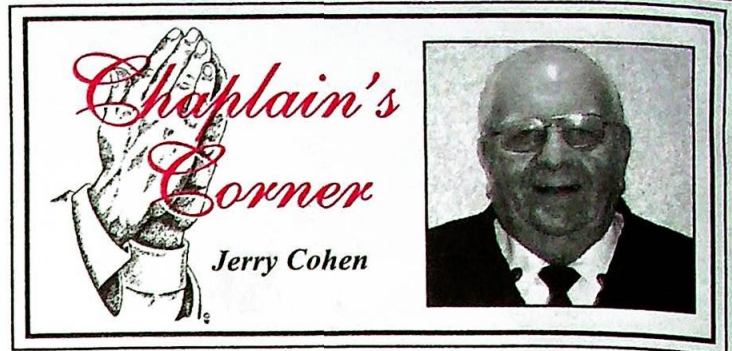
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What does it take for God to answer prayer?

Have you ever known someone who really trusts God?

I had an old Pastor, who would pray all the time - he would tell me every week about something he was trusting God to take care of. I would see where God would do something to answer his prayers.

Why does God answer some people's prayers?

The biggest reason is that they have a relationship with God. They have followed God and His will and listen to what He says in their mind. God directs their life and they welcome Him doing just that. They have a relationship with God.

They are convinced from what they have read in the Bible that God wants them to rely on Him. The Bible tells us that if we ask according to His will He will hear our prayers. And if we have a relationship with Him through prayer and obedience He will answer our prayers.

Why doesn't God answer your prayers?

It may be because you don't have a relationship with God.

You know that God exists, and you might go to church on Sunday and worship Him from time to time. You need to be in step with Him to receive complete forgiveness from sin. The arm of God is long enough to save and His ear hears everything but your iniquities separate you from God. It is natural to feel separated from God, when you pray you usually begin with "God I really need your help with this problem. I realize that I am not a perfect person and I have no right to ask You this, but I will ask it anyway. You are aware of all my sin and failures." What you need to do is come into a relationship with God by asking for forgiveness. He will forgive you and this is a start of a relationship with Him and the foundation for God to answer your prayers.

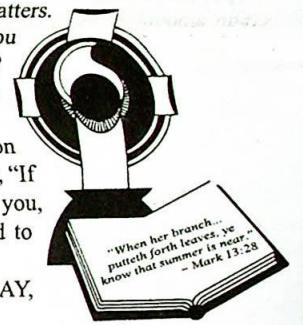
What if you went up to a stranger and asked him to co-sign a car loan for you. Your chances would be zero of that happening, (assuming this stranger is not an idiot). However, if you are in good relationship with your earthly father and you ask him to co-sign for a car loan for you would have no problem.

It is the same with God, relationship matters.

When you ask Him for something do you really know Him and does He know you? Does your relationship with Him warrant God answering your prayer??

For those who really know God and rely on Him, He seems to be generous in His offer, "If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask what you wish and it will be granted to you."

Start a relationship with God today - PRAY, ask Him to forgive you, get to know Him.



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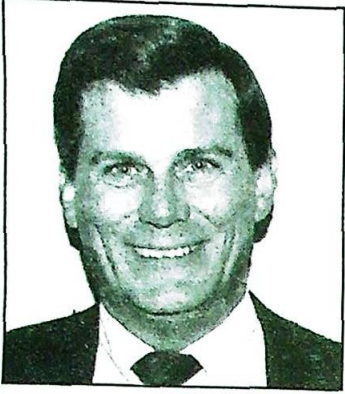
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From The Vice President

David Elick



Thanks again to Steve Macke and Company for another successful convention. Congratulations to all of the award winners (you will find those listed throughout the paper), and our newly crowned Miss Flame, Kristen Wylie. Also, thank you for allowing me to serve as your vice president. It is quite an honor and privilege.

Accidents. Accidents are by definition, "events that occur unexpectedly and unintentionally". I don't think any of us schedule pinching a finger in a compartment door, or slipping on a slick surface and falling on something hard, do we? If we did, we wouldn't have accidents any more. Yet, recently it seems experienced people are losing their lives due to accidents.

There is no amount of training, no certain amount of experience, any certification, law, or rank that can look into the future and predict an accident. Can these things help identify potential risks? Can these things, either in whole, or in part, help all of us, rookie and veteran reduce the frequency? The answer is definitely yes, they can help, but not totally eliminate accidents. When we prioritize our incidents, what are the first two things we look at? Our safety, and the safety of our crew. Everybody goes home. When we get back, and have a chance to critique our efforts, this is where we learn lessons from our efforts and help prevent potential accidents in the future.

The next time a call comes in, stop. Take a deep breath, and think safety! We can't do our job if we don't get there safely and efficiently. Remember, safety should feel really good. And like a firefighter friend once told me, "If it feels good, do it. If it feels real good, do it a lot!"

Stay Safe -
Dave Elick

**November 10
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Oct. 10, 2008**

District 18 events

District 18 upcoming events are as follows:

August 21-24, 2008: Town of Birdseye 125th Centennial Celebration

October 5-11, 2008: Fire Prevention Week

District 18 meetings will start at 8:00 p.m. E.S.T. or E.D.T. (Dubois County time). -- submitted by Kenny Lau, District 18 secretary

Bridgeport winners ...

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and Anne Gage. He is from District #7 and the Decatur Township Fire Department.

He is attending Ivy Tech Community College in Fort Wayne. He is a very hard working individual and is determined to succeed in what he chooses. He has selected Fire Science as his field of interest.

Brittany is a resident of Ferdinand, Indiana and a graduate of Forest Park High School. Her parents are Brad and Karen Haas. She is from District #18 and the Ferdinand Volunteer Fire Department.

She is attending Webster University and has been very active in 4-H work on the state and local level.

Brittany has a very pleasing personality and her interest is in advertising and marketing.

Morgan is a resident of Delphi, e

Indiana and a graduate of Delphi Community High School. Her parents are Curtis and Lorraine Borden. She is from District #9A and the Delphi-Tri Township Volunteer Fire Department.

She will attend Purdue University, and is very involved in community activities.

Morgan is the first Miss Flame contestant to receive a scholarship (at the same time). Her interest in college is in education or business field.

Congratulations to each one.

-- submitted by Carl Bruns,
Chairman



Miss Flame in review

It is usually said that the Miss Flame contest is one of the highlights of the convention. This year was no exception.

Our 2008 Miss Flame is Kristen Wylie from District 6 and our runner-up is Cama White from District 16. The judges both related to me that it indeed was hard to make a decision. As I related several times, we had 20 winners and there was indeed a great deal of talent among the group. I was proud of each of the girls.

The 2008 Miss Congeniality is Morgan Borden from District 9A. Morgan was chosen by her peers for this honor.

Thanks again to the parents of these young ladies. Your love and support was evident. So often today we do not give credit to our young people for their efforts and what things they do to enrich our lives.

Without the support of all those who made donations to the program we could not have the program that we do. Thanks also to all who served on the committee and those of you who in some way helped with this year's program.

Please include all the girls in your activities. They are anxious to help you.

Thanks again for another great year. I encourage all districts to have a candidate for next year.

Barb Kerney
Miss Flame Chairman

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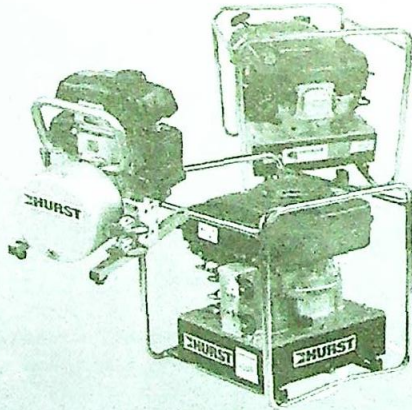
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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1 CHAIRMAN



Tom Orrell

Ainsworth/Deep River. Bub Wise won \$78.00 in the 50/50 drawing, Greg Delor won a helmet donated by 5 Alarm and many other items donated were won in the drawing.

Dale Morgan made a motion, seconded by Bill Casbon to adjourn at 9 pm. Passed.

Diana L Orrell,
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IVFA Districts 1-2

DISTRICT 2 CHAIRMAN



Paul Watland

AINSWORTH DEEP RIVER
MAY 21, 2008

District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m. and Chaplain Jerry Cohen led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Roll call was answered by 32 members of eight departments in District 1 with Pine Township as the trophy winner, and by twelve members of four departments in District 2 with Lowell as the trophy winner.

Guests included: PR Northwest Jim Bradford, Chaplain Jerry Cohen, District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 Chairman Paul Watland, Districts 1/2 Secretary/Treasurer Diana Orrell, IVFAA President Martha Thomas, John Kierzkowski of IDHS, Glen Linhart and Mike Errico of Global.

Chief John (JR) Raasch gave a brief history of the department.

Program: Jim Jarris of Hobart FD spoke on LODD, volunteer firefighter statistics and TAKE5 for safety.

Minutes: Keith Austin made a motion, seconded by Kim Perry to dispense with the reading of April's minutes. Passed.

Communication: Bradford discussed firefighter deaths, DHS District 3 training center in Michigan City, advised next paper deadline is July 10th, and reminded everyone to get reservations for convention, June 18-20.

Cohen announced he will not be running for another term as IVFA Chaplain.

Tom Orrell discussed the Board FF standards/education rule changes, and advised the Indiana Fire/Arson conference is August 18-20 (IAAI)

Treasurer's report: \$1,385.60
No old business.

New business:

August meeting location/host change. The original host department was unable to host their meeting so Global/Pierce offered to host, being held at the American Legion in Gary - offered by John Kierzkowski.

Deaths: James "Chubb" Hall. A moment of silence was observed.

Good of the order:

Lake Station poker run on May 31st for the Hoosier Bum Camp; Crown Point pancake breakfast on June 14th; Schneider pancake breakfast on July 4th; Beverly Shores fireman's ball on July 5th; Lake County fair first week of August with an emergency services chili cook off.

Thank you card received from the Luchene family.

Reported a Sue Lansky donated \$1,000 to the safety village to allow underprivileged children to participate.

Next meeting: July 16th at Cedar Lake.

Tom Goralczyk won \$59.50 in the 50/50 drawing.

Casbon made a motion, seconded by Sztot to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Passed.

4 SEASONS FIRE FORCE 04-16-2008

District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. Past President Buz Koehler led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Roll call was answered by ten members of seven departments in District 1 with Pine Township as the trophy winner, and by 30 members of six departments in District 2 with Lowell as the trophy winner.

Guests included: Past President Koehler, PR Northwest Jim Bradford, IVFA Chaplain Jerry Cohen, District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 Chairman Paul Watland, District 1/2 Secretary/Treasurer Diana Orrell, District 1/2 IVFAA Secretary Marge Baumgardner, John Kierzkowski from Fire Marshal's office, Lake County Fire Chief Association president Jack Eskridge, Memorial Med Flight crew Craig Froth, Greg Bingaman, Brian Thomas, Ron Morgan, Mike Orrico and Glen Linhart of Global, Jim Daly of Hoosier Fire, Tom Stindler and Daryl Myers of Fire Service, Ron Prast of TFT and Scott Gilbert of Donley Safety.

Program: Brian Pressel and Darrell Marks of REMC gave a presentation on electricity.

Minutes: Bob Sztot made a motion, seconded by Jack Eskridge to dispense with the reading of March 2008 minutes. Passed.

Communications:

Koehler discussed sales tax increase, Board of Standards of Education making changes and that the legislative session is over, with signed/passed bills on the IVFA website.

Chaplain Cohen advised fire chaplain training, looking for more chaplains. A moment of silence was observed for Trudy Kroll.

Treasurer's report: \$1,385.60

No old business.

No new business.

No deaths in district.

Good of the order:

4 Seasons auxiliary crazy bunco April 18th at 6 p.m.; Duneland Fire School April (9th, 20th and 26th, 27th; Liberty Township pancake breakfast May 4th from 6-1; Burn Camp ride on Wednesday, May 28th at 7:30 a.m.; 4 Seasons water ball contest on June 28th; Fire/Police Grilling Competition at Lake Co. Fair on 8/1/08 at 6pm Tudor Services golf outing for Burn Camp on 08/11/08.

Next meeting on May 21st at

Diana L Orrell,
Secretary/Treasurer IVFA
Districts 1-2

DISTRICT 4 CHAIRMAN



Terry Smith

There were six departments represented at the 4th District meeting held on April 24, 2008 at the Elkhart Twp. Fire Dept. with a total of twenty-two members.

Chairman Terry Smith reported the status on District 4's Secretary John Ferro's health and his wife, Jane Ferro's, District 4's I.V.F.A.A. chairman, fight with cancer.

Chairman Smith passed out fourteen 25 year pins to firefighters on the Elkhart Twp. Fire Department.

Public Relations Director, Mort Sorg, informed the body about the legislation concerning Indiana firefighters and their departments. Mort also stated that if anyone had any concerns or questions, please contact Terry or himself. Mort reminded all members to make sure they filled out their card received from Income Life Insurance and briefly discussed the Firefighters Credit Union. He also discussed a billing company that will help your department bill for the calls your department goes on. Their slogan is "Don't Run for Fun, Get Paid For It."

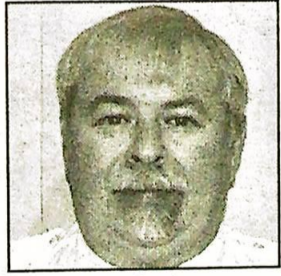
Chairman Smith reminded everyone that membership dues for next year will again be higher.

Penn Township firefighter, Rick Leach, attended the annual F.S.I.C. in Indianapolis and informed the members concerning the identification badges needed if your department would help at a national disaster. When the National Guards come in and you have no identification badge, you will be asked to leave the area.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Terry Smith
District 4 chairman

DISTRICT 6 CHAIRMAN



Jerry Sprague

Greetings from District 6.

It is now August and the summer is moving by us in a hurry. Hope that everyone is staying safe out there. I would like to thank the Topeka Volunteer Fire Dept. for hosting our district meeting in May as well as the Sparta Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept. in Cromwell for hosting our district meeting in July. My sincere thanks to the men and women of those departments for their hospitality and the food and refreshments they provided.

Also, a big thanks to IVFA Vice President Dave Elick for his attendance at our district meetings

and bringing us up to date on the several issues affecting the fire service including the new training rules being proposed.

I would also like to thank District 5 chairman Tony Farrer and his family along with the Bremen Firefighters for their warm welcome while attending the Bremen Fireman's Festival.

I need to congratulate the Noble Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept. in Wolf Lake on their new station dedication held on June 21, 2008. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Chief Rob Davis and all of the Noble Twp. firefighters, they now have a great facility that will serve them and their community for decades to come.

For those of you who could not attend the IVFA convention at the Belterra Casino, You missed a very informative and fun conference. Try to plan to attend the convention in June, 2009 at Indianapolis.

Special congratulations are in order to the South Milford Volunteer Fire Dept. and their firefighter, Kristen Wylie. At the convention she was crowned the 2008 Miss Flame. I felt it was a great honor to escort her into the banquet at the convention.

I believe she will represent the IVFA professionally and courteously in her reign as the 2008 Miss Flame. Again, congratulations to Kristen.

To all district chairmen, if you would like to have Kristen's attendance at your events, you can reach me at spiralawn@ligtel.com or missflame08@yahoo.com.

E.G.H.

Jerry Sprague (Spook)
District 6 Chairman

DISTRICT 7 CHAIRMAN



Walt Reiter

May 19, 2008

Geneva VFD

Meeting called to order at 8:20 P.M. by Chairman Reiter. Chairman Reiter led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call answered by 19 members representing 7 departments.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Chairman Reiter presented information from the last quarterly meeting. Proposed changes to the state instructor's certification, more discussion and a vote to be held by the Board of Education and Standards. Discussion of the possibility of advertising on the IVFA website. Jim Greesen is the new State Fire Marshal. Standards on reflective vests to be required when working on highways to take effect November 2008. A forthcoming NFPA standard on Care and Standards of gear to include 10 year life expiration is being written. Changes to NFPA 1901 were discussed. Stated convention coming up in June.

Chairman Reiter announced that one of this year's Bridgeport Scholarships will be coming to Decatur.

Second roll call answered by 19 members representing 7 departments. Meeting adjourned by Chairman Reiter at 9:14 P.M.

Richard Sorg
Secretary

DISTRICT 11A CHAIRMAN



Robert Meyers

Congratulations to all who received awards at this year's convention, also to the convention committee for a job well done.

District 11A September meeting will be held on the 21st of the month at Fairbanks Park. It will be a picnic held jointly with District 11B at 1:00 p.m. Always a lot of good food and fellowship.

I would also like to congratulate the officers who were elected or re-elected for the upcoming year.

Robert Meyers
District 11A chairman

DISTRICT 11B CHAIRMAN



Wm. Brent Bush

Greencastle Fire Department
May 15, 2008

The meeting was called to order by chairman Bush at 7:10 p.m. Roll call was taken with nine members from five departments answering the roll. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

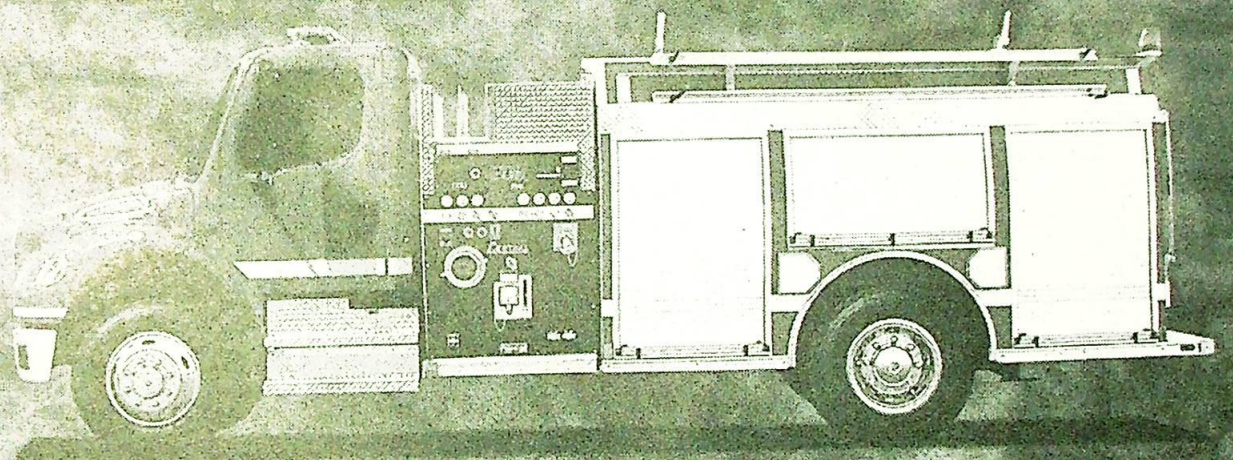
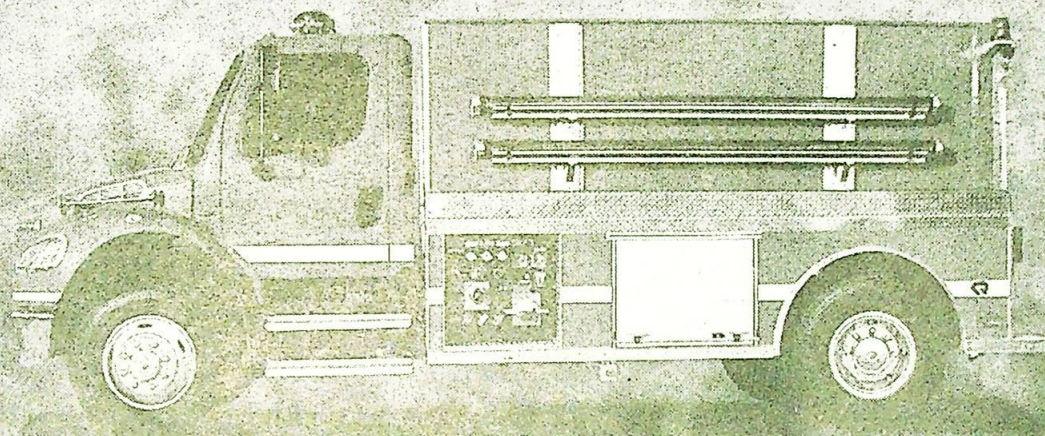
OLD BUSINESS: Election for the district offices will be held at the next meeting. This is due to a lack of a quorum at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Ryan Wright from Fire Revenue spoke on billing for fire and rescue runs, also on Hazmat runs. Handouts were given to each department present. Diane Harrison spoke on the National Volunteer Fire Association, she also spoke about testing procedures and also on the testing procedures on the way instructors can teach. Replies need to be back by May 19th so that it may be sent in by June 1st. Jack Giles spoke on the insurance after receiving a call from the current insurance company saying that a fireman cannot have two policies at one time. This is not true.

The next meeting will be held at Hillsdale Fire Station on July 9th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned by chairman Bush at 7:55 p.m. -- submitted by Jeremy Mankin.

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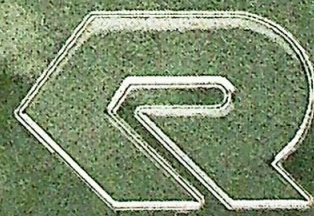


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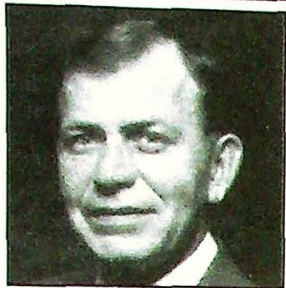
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DISTRICT 12 CHAIRMAN



Larry E. Bruner

Greetings from District 12. Our May meeting was held at Amo, Mill Creek Station 5, with 11 members present from six departments.

Jim Caldwell of Roberson Fire & Safety gave us a demonstration on the POK foam system.

I want to send a special thank you to District 19, Ed Scheele, and the Batesville Fire Department for their outstanding job in putting on this year's IVFA convention at Belterra.

Don't forget 2009 IVFA dues are due before August 1, 2008 and please ensure that your members are signing and returning their insurance card.

District 12 has had one death this quarter. James M. Thomas of Decatur Twp. Fire Department.

Our next meeting will be July 28th at 19:30 at Advance Vol. Fire Dept. District election of officers will be held.

Be safe and train to stay alive. -- Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman.

**Stay Safe
This Summer!**

DISTRICT 13A CHAIRMAN



Carol Thrawley

Wow, what a great convention! Thanks to Steve Macke and his crew for putting on a good show as we "Paddle Down The River."

Congratulations to all the award winners this year. Thank you to all the vendors who set up and answered all our questions. Congratulations to Wal-Mart Super Center in New Castle for being 13A's Global winner. The support of the fire services in Henry County ever since they came to New Castle is enormous.

It was great to have such good representation at the convention from 13A this year. We have a new PR or shall I say 13A is the home of Don Cushman, PR East Central for 2009! Congratulations, Don.

We had one death to reflect on at Friday morning's Memorial Service. Marvin Collins, a 57 year Gold Card member from Prairie Twp. Volunteer Fire Department passed away in February. The cry of the bag pipes of Bull Smith and the wail of the siren was more than this old softy could take. Rest in Peace, Brother.

Convention 2009 is "Splashing Into Indy" full steam ahead! The Holiday Inn at the Pyramids at I-465 and Michigan Road is the convention home for 2009.

District 13A is hosting and the convention committee has been busy putting an agenda together and making things come together. ALL DEPARTMENTS, we need a photo and biography of your department for the convention book. Please get them to me ASAP so they can be made ready for printing. We can still use some help on the committee, so don't be shy and step up to help.

Gary Wilson is head of security for us at the convention and will need volunteers to help the Holiday Inn staff. If anyone has a favorite vendor they would like to see at the convention, let myself or Bill Pape know so we can contact them.

The September meeting is at Buckcreek Twp. Station #1 on the 16th at 7 P.M. This will be our Memorial Service for 9/11 as well as our deceased for the past year. November 18th we will be at Kennard Volunteer Fire Department. Mike Blackwell, Chief of Castleton Volunteer Fire Department has offered their station for January 20th's meeting. Pendleton Correctional will host us on March 17th.

If any one has any news or info for the district, let me know and I will get an e-mail sent out.

Stay safe and see you at our meetings.

Carol Thrawley
District 13A chairman

DISTRICT 14 CHAIRMAN



Charlie Moon

Hello from 14, I would like to thank Steve Macke and his crew out of District 19 for a great convention. Well done, guys and gals.

Also, if you didn't attend, all the Miss Flames did a great job. We are especially proud of our own Tessa Stoner. She's been doing a great job representing our district.

With two district trainings under our belt, my officer team and I are planning for the next one. If you haven't attended one, you should; people are getting alot of good training out of it.

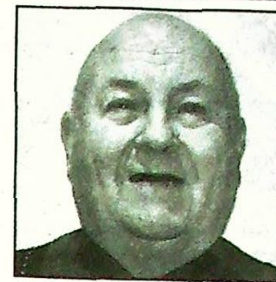
As always keep me informed of all your department events and meetings. I enjoy coming and meeting with you.

Stay safe until next time,
Charlie Moon
District 14 IVFA chairman

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DISTRICT 17A CHAIRMAN



Jack Harker

My last meeting was held on May 22nd at Loogootee Volunteer Fire Department. There were 27 members present representing nine departments.

Terry Pielemeir, Raymond Berry and Morgan Huebner, all of Loogootee Volunteer Fire Department were presented 25-year pins for their dedication to the fire service. Thank you, Loogootee for hosting the meeting. It turned out real nice.

On July 9th, I had the honor of presenting Dwayne Murphy of Montgomery Volunteer Fire Department the District 17A Global Award. He was very deserving of it. On the same evening, I presented Tim Showalter, Terry O'Brian and Stephen Murphy of Montgomery Volunteer Fire Department 25-year pins for the years of service they have given to their fire department. An IVFA clock was also presented to the department for the addition of two bays on their existing station.

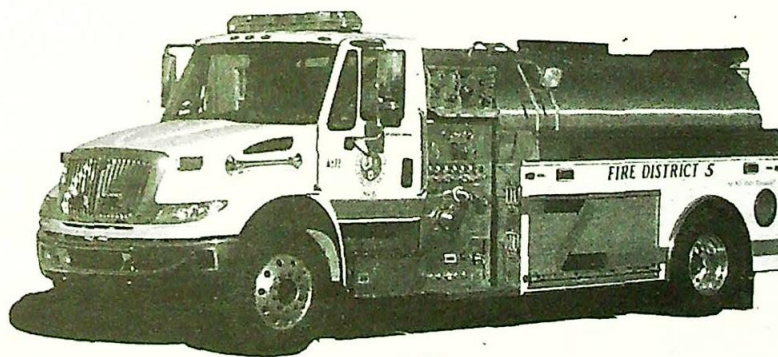
There was one death in my district this last quarter. It was Ronald Hammelman of Edwardsport

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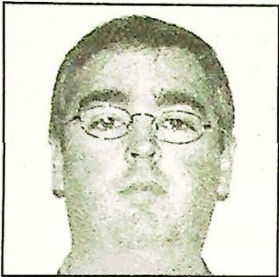
Volunteer Fire Department. Please keep his family in your prayers during this time.

My next meeting will be at Plainville Volunteer Fire Department on July 30th.

I want to thank everyone who had anything to do with me receiving the Mr. IVFA Award. There are not enough words to say how proud I am. This award means more to me than I could ever describe. I feel so fortunate to have become friends with so many people across the state. Thanks again, this is something I will never forget.

Submitted by: Jack Harker
District 17A chairman

DISTRICT 17B CHAIRMAN



Tim Deckard

Greetings fellow firefighters. Big thanks to District 19 and the '08 convention committee for our

last state convention. Time to relax now. I would like to thank everyone for putting trust in me to lead our organization in the '09 session. We have a lot of hard work to get done and with all of the officers working I know we can take the Association to the next level for our firefighters benefit. I look forward in serving as your President.

Congratulations to all of the Award winners this year; you deserve them and well done.

The district is saddened by the loss of former Fire Chief William "Bill" Huber. Willie was one of the founding members of the Van Buren Volunteer Fire Department of Brown County in District 17 B. In most of his 30 years as firefighter Willie served as Chief and was followed in his foot steps by his daughter, Cindy. A county firefighter memorial service was held in his honor. Willie will be very much missed by his family and his fire department family and community.

Have a safe summer.

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DISTRICT 18 CHAIRMAN



John C. "Bull" Smith

Greetings from the 18 District.

The May 15 meeting of District 18 was held at the French Lick American Legion, with the West Baden Springs VFD hosting.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and opening prayer by District Chaplain Giles Mahieu, a short memorial service, with the playing of the bagpipes, was observed in the passing of Leo Betz, Schnellville VFD. Mr. Betz, a founding member of the department answered his Final Alarm on March 30.

I gave a report on the new Federal Highway Safety Vest Law that takes effect on November 24.

I would like to offer my congratulations and appreciation to everyone on the Convention Committees. I felt that all events went very well.

My thanks and congratulations to all outgoing and newly elected officers. My personal thanks goes to Chaplain Cohen for allowing me to be part of the Memorial Service.

On behalf of District 18, our most sincere thanks to John "Red" Noblitt, Sales Manager for MPH Public Vehicle Safety Equipment of Owensboro, Kentucky, for sponsoring the District 18 Hospitality Room at the Convention. Forty-eight members answered our meeting's roll call, with fifteen departments represented. A total of two-hundred-forty-two calls were reported answered.

Our next meeting will be held on July 17 at the Birdseye Fire Station.

Until next time -

"Let's all look out for each other".

John C. "Bull" Smith
District 18 Chair

I thank everyone that attended the state convention at Belterra. I hope you all had a good time.

I congratulate all the award recipients. A big "thank you" to all the vendors for your support to the IVFA. Without your support we could not have a convention like this. Everyone needs to support the vendors that support our convention.

I thank Rachel Butt for being our Miss Flame. At the November district meeting we will have our Miss Flame contest to pick a contestant for next year's convention at Indianapolis. All departments need to get a young lady for the contest. Young ladies must be between 15 and 18 by next year's convention.

Ed Scheele
District 19 chairman

DISTRICT 19 CHAIRMAN



Ed Scheele

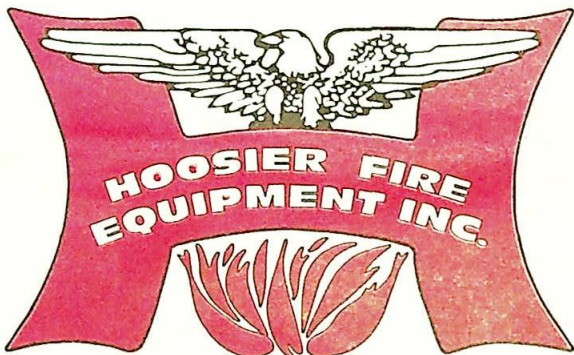
DISTRICT 8B CHAIRMAN



Lloyd E. Wright

The District 8B meeting was held at the Farmland Volunteer Fire

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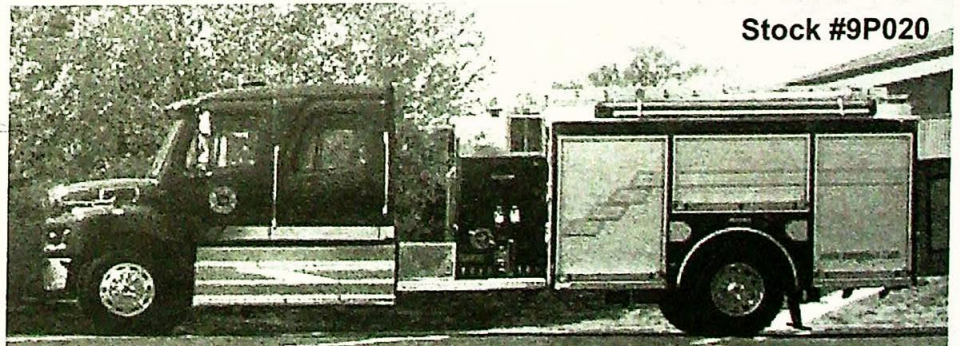
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District 8B report

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Department on May 14, 2008 at 7:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by district chairman Lloyd E. Wright with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. There were 26 members present representing 10 departments.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

District 8B Miss Flame, Ashley Theurer, attended the meeting to let the different departments know if they wanted her to attend their fundraisers or parades, to let her know and if all possible she would attend.

The different departments in attendance were told about putting the dates of their fundraisers and parades on the IVFA website. The group was reminded that the convention would be held next month. There will be three Bridgeport Scholarships awarded at the convention.

The next meeting will be at the Gaston Volunteer Fire Department on July 9, 2008 at 7:30 P.M.

A lunch was served and was enjoyed by all. Thank you, Farmland Volunteer Fire Department.

submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

From The Treasurer

Beverly Harker



What a great convention we had! The facilities were so nice and of course, the food was good. The 2008 Convention committee did an excellent job. Thanks for your hard work; we all had a good time.

My husband received the Mr. IVFA Award. I knew about it ahead of time, but I was overwhelmed by the applause he received when they announced his name. Firefighters and their families are wonderful people. Jack and I are so lucky to have met so many of you over the years.

I was elected treasurer for the year 2009. I will work hard to keep the financial records for the organization in order. Thank you all for your support.

Submitted by: Beverly Harker, IVFA Treasurer



When approaching an intersection and the traffic light is red -- STOP and make sure all of the traffic has seen you and has stopped before proceeding.

Sluder receives 25 year pin



Rick Sluder of the Hartford City Volunteer Fire Department received his 25 year pin for his years of service.

Presenting him with his pin is Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman. -- submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B.

Hartford City VFD takes ownership of new truck



Pictured is the newest truck of the Hartford City Volunteer Fire Department. It is a 2007 Pumper-Tanker, 750 GPM with a 3000 gallon tank.

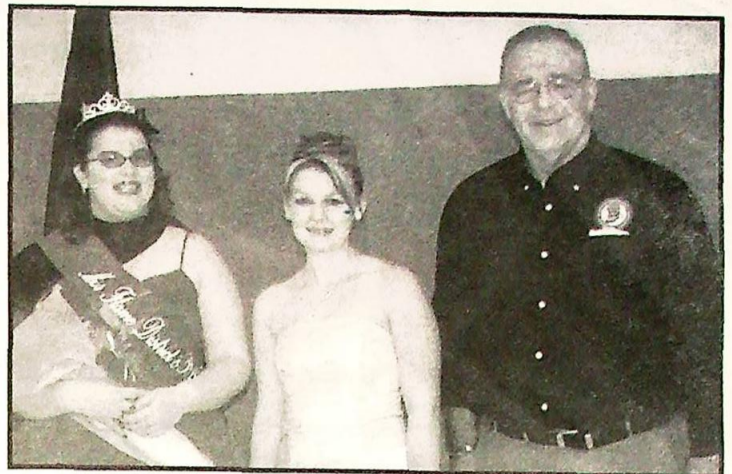
The truck was made by the S & S Fire Truck Company. This is a township truck for the following townships Licking, Jackson, Washington, Town of Shamrock Lakes. -- submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B

Two fire departments each presented check from Deer Ridge Farms



On March 16, 2008 the Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department and the Ward Township Volunteer Fire Department were each presented with a check for \$750.00 from Kevin Holler of Deer Ridge Farms.

Pictured (from left to right) District 8B Miss Flame Ashley Theurer, Stacy Chalfant, Fire Chief of the Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department, Kevin Holler, Ted Martin, Fire Chief of the Ward Township Volunteer Fire Department, Steve Martin, Ward Township Volunteer Fire Department. -- submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B.



2008 Miss Flames chosen

On January 9, 2008 Ashley Theurer of the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department was named District 8B Miss Flame for 2008.

Kylee Bell of the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department was named 2nd runner.

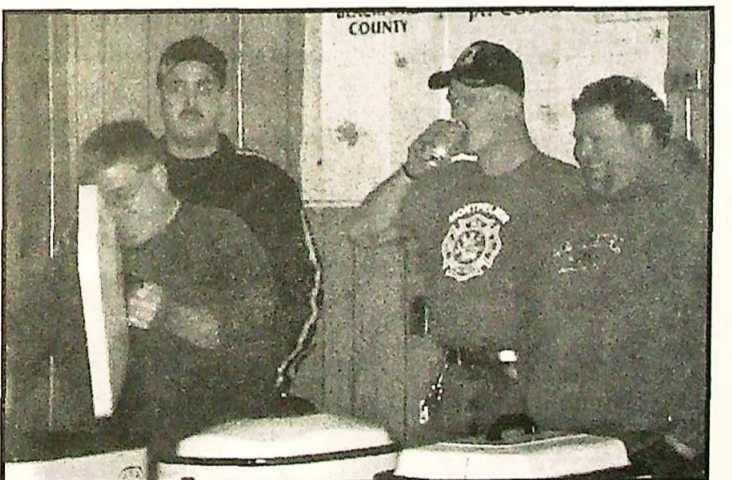
Pictured from left to right is Ashley Theurer, Miss Flame, Kylee Bell, 2nd runner and Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman. -- submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B.

Montpelier VFD holds soup supper



The Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department held a soup supper on February 23, 2008.

Pictured is Ronnie Baker of the department sampling the desserts. Are they OK for everybody else to eat? -- submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B.



Shown here are the guys doing the serving. -- submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B

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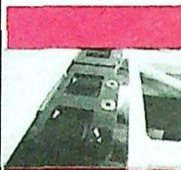
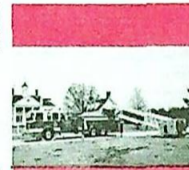
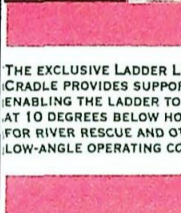
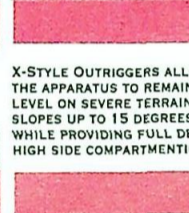
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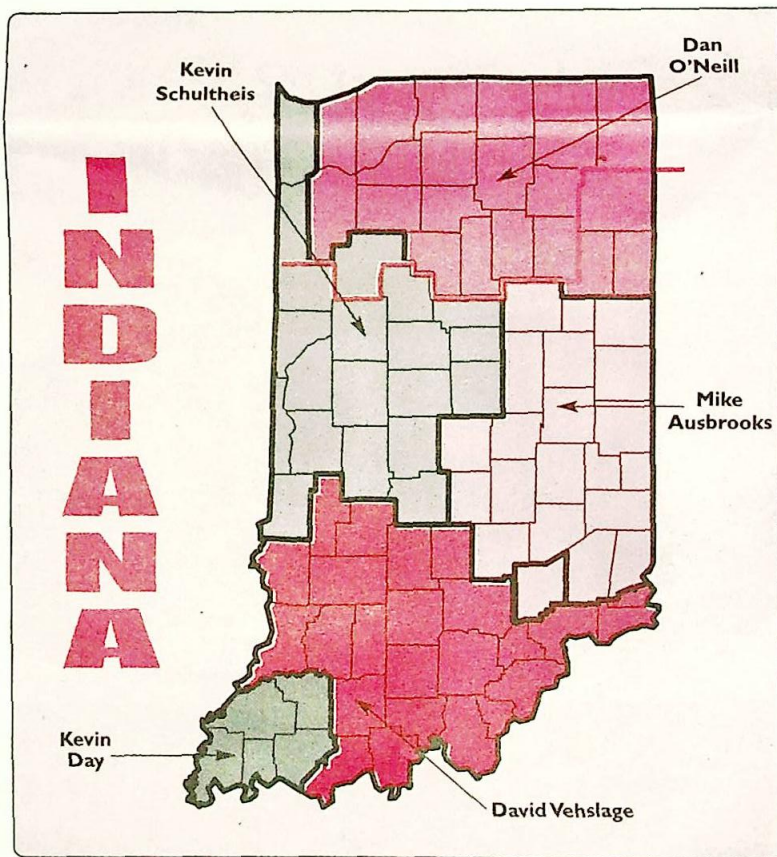
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Ridgeville VFD member awarded 25 year service pin

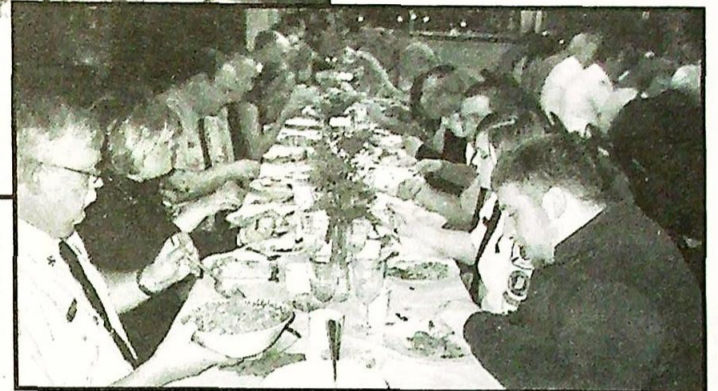


On February 11, 2008 Greg Clevenger of the Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department celebrated 25 years with the fire service. Presenting a 25 year pin to Greg is Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman -- submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B.



North Liberty Township FD holds annual awards dinner

Everyone enjoying the 5th Annual Award Dinner held on February 9, 2008 by the North Liberty Township Fire Department. -- submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B



IVFA goes to the 2008 State Fair

Any fire department wishing to bring a piece of apparatus to the State Fair Saturday, August 16, 2008 - 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., please contact Tim Deckard at 340-0516 or vbfdeckard@juno.com for more information.

Name added to Firefighters' Memorial

On August 10, 2007 a fallen firefighter, David W. Stautamoyer's name was added to the Firefighter's Memorial in Indianapolis. David's widow, Paulette, along with his family joined in on the memorial celebration.

David's name, along with six others, was added to the wall. David was the Assistant Chief of the Blountsville Vol. Fire Department for many years; he also was very active in our community. David is sadly missed by all of the

firemen and all who knew David. This is a well deserving honor for a well deserving man. -- submitted by Cindy Riddle, District 8-B

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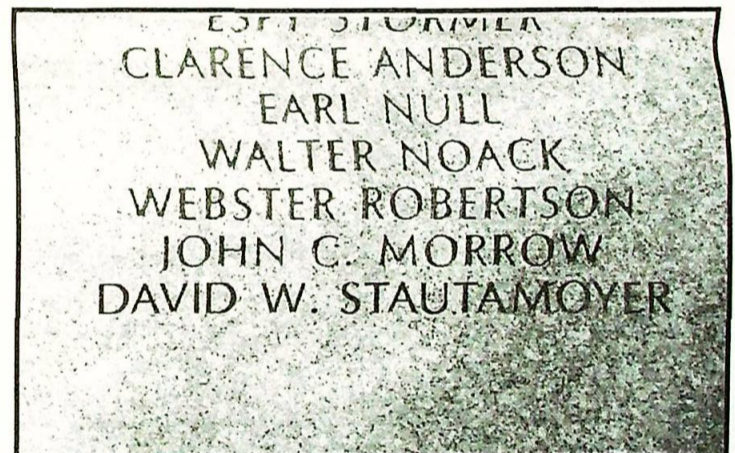


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Crown Point puts two new Pierce trucks in service



Crown Point Fire/Rescue has put into service a 2007 Pierce Lance 2000. Engine 1515 is a six man cab with enclosed pump panel. Engine 1515 features Pierce's Tac-4 suspense and side roll protection system. The engine is outfitted with a 1500 GPM Waterous pump and 750 gallon tank. Also features Task Force Tips Hurricane Nozzle with wireless remote and Extrication tools from Amkus. Engine 1515 is first due in on all city fire calls and out on I-65. Engine 1515 is set up with EMS cabinets and is slated to become an ALS engine in the summer of 2008. Engine 1515 went into service in winter of 2007. Engine 1515 sister truck Tanker 1541 arrived in March and was put into service in April. 1541 is a 2008 Pierce Lance 2000. Tanker 1541 is a six man cab with enclosed pump panel. Tanker 1541 features Pierce's Tac-4 suspense and side roll protection system. The Tanker is outfitted with a 1500 gpm Waterous pump and 3000 gallon tank. 1541 is classified as a Class A pumper. 1541 will respond on all Center Township calls and mutual aid requests for tanker and manpower. (On the right is Engine 1515, pictured left is Tanker 1541). -- submitted by Matt Kodicek, Firefighter/EMT, Crown Point Fire/Rescue

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Spencer Twp. auxiliary ladies pose with Miss Flame

Ladies at Spencer Township Auxiliary take time to pose with District 14 Miss Flame Tessa Stoner during their chili supper. -- submitted by Charlie Moon, District 14 chairman.

Chinese Auction a big success

The Chinese Auction at the Firefighter's Convention held in Belterra on June 20th was a big success. Barbara Parker and Lori Parker were very instrumental in making it successful. Prizes were drawn out by Daisy, Britney and Summer Tierney, the grandchildren of District Chairman 13A Carol Thrawley. District 1: \$25 Speedway gas card - Jim Bradford #1. District 2: \$25 Speedway gas card - Paul Filter #19. District 3: Veggies basket/Precious Moments fireman - Mary Klyn #1.

District 4: Solar Lamp fire truck w/firefighters - Noah Wilson #11A. District 6: Penguin & Duck Christmas basket - Lindsey Lange #8B. District 7: Lottery ticket basket - Mitch Parish #9B. District 8B: Bird wind chime - Jodi Rohr #11B. District 10: Door flower wreath - Jeanette Dunford #11A. District 10: Arbonne basket - Rhonda Kendall #7. District 10: Arbonne basket - Lindsey Lange #8B. District 10: Birdhouse - Dorothy

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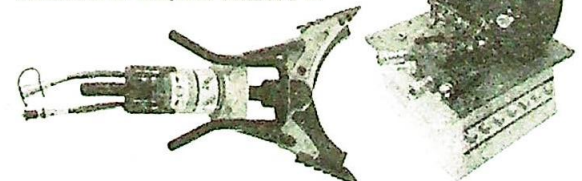
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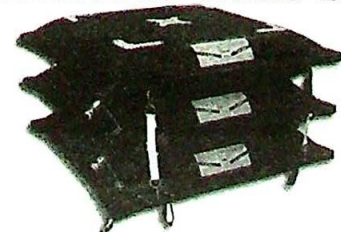
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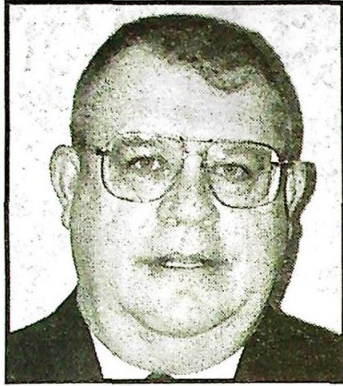
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IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The Secretary

Larry Bartlow



INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION QUARTER MEETING HOLIDAY INN COLUMBUS, IN MAY 4-5, 2008

Meeting called to order at 2:00 P.M. by President Larry Ketchem. Chaplain Jerry Cohen gave the Invocation. Vice President Dave Elick led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Ketchem called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Bill Pape, District 8A made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Carol Thrawley, District 13A made the second. Motion passed.

OFFICER'S REPORT

PRESIDENT KETCHEM - A committee member of IDHS's Planning Committee for Training. Attended several Board of Firefighting standards and Education and Indiana Department of Homeland Security meetings.

VICE PRESIDENT ELICK - Attended Fire Caucus Dinner with 7 other members of the IVFA. They talked with 6 of the elected Representatives from Indiana. Took part in a live broadcast with Troops in Iraq from Representative Dan Burton's office. Thought the trip was very informative and productive this year.

SECRETARY BARTLOW - Pass.

CHAPLAIN COHEN - Presented new style Bible for consideration. The company that made the presentation boxes has gone out of business. Another company makes a box but it would more than double the cost of the Bible. The new style will cost \$27.95, which is the same as the old style.

TREASURER HARKER - Presented the Budget summary for the first quarter. To date expenses are in line with the budget. Been trying to find good interest rate for our CD's that are maturing. Vice President Elick made motion to accept Treasurer's report. District Chairman Tom Orrell made the second. Motion passed.

SGT-AT-ARMS BUSH - Got all clocks delivered. Brought all trophies for Convention. Have some supplies.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

PRNW JIM BRADFORD - Attended 6 District meetings, 3 Fundraisers, 3 Memorial services, 3 Porter Co. meetings, FDIC, 2 trips for the Newspaper.

PRNE MORT SORG - Attended 2 Memorials, 6 Fund Raisers, all District meetings and FDIC.

PRWC DIANE HARRISON
PREC SCOTT HARRIS -

Attended 3 District meetings, 2 Fund Raisers and some Departments getting petition signed.

PRSW JIM ABRAMS - Attended 3 Memorials, 5 District meetings and visited 8 Departments.

PRSE ALL WILLIAMSON - Attended 3 District meetings, 1 Department and 2 Chiefs' meeting.

PAST PRESIDENT REPORTS

BUZ KOEHLER - Pass.

JACK KERNEY - Pass.

JACK ZEEKS - Pass.

RICHARD GLANT - Pass.

WILLIE PARISH - Pass.

IVAN NEVIL - Pass.

JIM PARKER - Pass.

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 1 - TOM ORRELL: Next meeting May 21 at Ainsworth/Deep River Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 2 - PAUL WATLAND: Next meeting July 16 at Cedar Lake Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 3 - DAVE KAUFMAN: Next meeting May 15 at Michiana Shores Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 4 - TERRY SMITH: Next meeting July 23 at Center Twp. Fire Dept. St. Joseph Co.

DISTRICT 5 - TONY FARRER: Next meeting May 8 at Pierceton Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 6 - JERRY SPRAGUE: Next meeting May 27 at Topeka Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 7 - WALT REITER: Next meeting May 19 at Geneva Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 8A - BILL PAPE: Next meeting May 14 at Duck Creek Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 8B - LLOYD WRIGHT: Next Meeting May 14 at Farmland Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 9A - LEIGHANNE ELLIS: Next meeting May 22 at Howard Co. EMA.

DISTRICT 9B - RANDY DENTON: (Buz Kochler reporting) - Next meeting May 8 at Ambia Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 10 - DAVID ISRAEL: Next meeting May 21 at Edinburgh Fire Rescue

DISTRICT 11A - ROBERT MEYERS: Next meeting May 18 at Shepardsville Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 11B - BRENT BUSH: Next meeting May 14 at Greencastle

DISTRICT 12 - LARRY BRUNER:

DISTRICT 13A - CAROL THRAWLEY: Next meeting May 20 at Middletown EMS.

DISTRICT 13B - DENNIS SPEARS: Next meeting May 15 at Liberty Twp. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 14 - CHARLIE MOON: Next meeting May 15 at Sellersburg Station #5.

DISTRICT 15 - STEVE ANDERSON: Next meeting May 20 at Scott Twp. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 16 - PAUL HOLCOMB:

DISTRICT 17A - JACK HARKER: Next meeting May 22 at Loogootee Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 17B - TIM DECKARD: Next meeting May 15 Brown Co. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 18 - JOHN SMITH: Next meeting May 15 at West Baden Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 19 - ED SCHEELE: Next meeting May 22 at Posey Twp. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 21 - DON FULTZ: (George Buck reporting) Next meeting June 30 at Mulberry Fire Dept.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BRIDGEPORT COMMITTEE - CARL BRUNS: Meet last night to score the scholarship applications. Three winners will be selected.

EDITOR'S ASSISTANT - JIM BRADFORD: Printed 17,468 copies of newspaper.

CONVENTION - DAVID ISRAEL: Working on getting a Raffle Permit for Convention, the Laws have changed in the last year and requires more time to get a Permit. If Convention 2009 needs a permit start early to obtain it.

STEVE MACKIE - CONVENTION 2008: Golf outing scheduled for Wednesday. 198 registered so far for Convention. Have 28 vendors signed up. Deadline for room reservations is June 6, 2008 for Convention room rate. Still working on transportation for outings. Debit Cards will be charged a \$50 fee that is refundable if all bills paid.

AD-TAKER - WILLIE PARISH: All ads for the newspaper are paid. Convention Book to go to the printer this week.

CLOTHING - JIM BRADFORD: Had 1 claim for \$46.

AWARDS - DAVE ELICK: All awards are ready to go.

LEGISLATIVE - JIM PARKER/DAVID ISRAEL: Last year we discussed the need to look for another Lobbyist due to the raise in fees and our shortfalls with our budget. Is our legislative worth investing in a lobbyist? We need to be looking immediately for a Lobbyist by the Executive Board.

Also need to be getting an Attorney for the Organization if the Lobbyist is not a lawyer. Lobbyist has to be somebody that can track all Bills affecting the Fire Service as well as our own Bills. Discussed many ways to make our Legislative/Lobbyist efforts more effective. Work harder to members to contact Legislature on our issues. Need to have Lobbyist provide a list of contacts each week the Legislature is working.

ANNUAL CONVENTION MEETING MINUTES - LARRY BARTLOW: Pass out the Digest of the Minutes. Discussed some of the problems we had with identifying speakers due to the acoustics in the room.

BY-LAWS/SOG - JIM PARKER: Handed out new copies of the By-Laws and SOG for 2008. In Article 15, section 5 of the By-Laws it states in subsection 5 that the By-Law committee approve the By-Law. This should be reviewed by the By-Law Committee. Steve Anderson, District 15 made a motion to change the wording to say upon review of the amendment. The second by Bill Pape, District 8A. Motion passed by show of hands. Other discussion on changes to section 5 that might need looked at as to the procedures of the Committee. Past President Ivan Nevil stated that Article 7; Section 6 of the By-Laws covered this problem.

BUZ KOEHLER - TRAINING PETITION: Discussed how the Rule changes from the Board of Firefighter Standard and Education would affect every Instructor and Fire Department in the State of Indiana. Several people through the State answered the petition that he put out. The result of which did get the attention of IDHS and they did listen to us. The wording in the Rule Change is supposed to be changed at the Board meeting at Anderson May 19, 2008. Some of the changes being

clarification of what a Lead Instructor is and able to bring a Specialist in to teach a class. The new Draft of the Rule still has thing in it that need changed. The Rule is still circulating with two different versions. This Rule change sole purpose is to drive out local Instructors and force everyone to use the Homeland Security school and Instructors. Language that was discussed at the Jasper Board meeting is not what the current document says. We need to continue this efforts. Copies of the new changes to the rule were passed out. Discussion of all areas of the Rule change that need attention. This will be discussed with John Buckman tomorrow.

BOARD OF FIREFIGHTING STANDARDS AND EDUCATION - JACK KERNEY: Board meeting held April 14, 2008 had 7 members present and 4 absent. They approved 1404 variances, denied 21. Working on FF I & II testing to be from one book. Tests are being turned around in 14 days. The next meeting was in Jasper with 7 members present and 4 absent. They approved 513 variances, denied 21 and tabled 39. It was announced that James Greeson was appointed Fire Marshal. Joe Wainscot is head of Homeland Security. Mike Garvey is chief of staff and Brad Thatcher is head of training and also appointed to the Board of Firefighting Standards and Education.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL - JACK KERNEY: Information from the Spring meeting in Washington D.C. (1) Two thirds of cities and towns do not adequate manpower to protect its citizens. (2) PSOB death benefits (heart attack) backlog has been reduced from 201 to 99. If you have a claim that was denied resubmit it. (3) \$560 million - Fire Act Grant and Fire Prevention. Grants not being administered as to the intend of the law. Grants being awarded to more populated areas. (4) Membership - If Department pays \$10 dues for each fire department member on roster department dues are waived. (5) Haz-Mat DOT working on electronic transfer of shipping documents for truck, rail and air. (6) Legislative - Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act (HR 943, S. 1466) Tax credit does not take effect until 2008 tax year. First \$360 exempt. The NVFC looking into the current situation of the Ryan White law, and if necessary urge Congress to introduce legislation to restore the reporting requirement for emergency services. (7) New regulation will require Emergency Responders to wear High-Visibility Apparel effective November 24, 2008 when exposed to traffic or construction equipment within the right-of-way of a federal-aid highway. This personal protective safety clothing must meet Performance Class II or III requirements of the ANSI/ISEA 107-2004 publication. This minimum requirement garments include use of fluorescent yellow-green, orange-red, or red background material with 360 degree reflective visibility. (8) NVFC concern for small rural volunteer fire departments not receiving their first AFG Award, while others are receiving multiple awards. (9) NFPA Standards (Care and Maintenance of Clothing) 10 year life expiration on an garments (gear, helmet, boots, gloves, and

hoods). (10) NFPA 1901 - Applies to an orders signed after 1/1/09. Requirements will add about \$10,000 to price of truck. (a) VDR's (vehicle driving recorder) will be installed on all trucks. (b) Cab mounted tire pressure monitor. (c) Top speed 68 mph for 26,000 GVWR and 60 MPH for 50,000 GVWR. (d) AED installed on every truck, safety vest for each seated passenger, 5 traffic cones, 5 Highway warning devices (flares or LED lights) Secondary breaking on over 36,00 GVWR, Fuel tanks must have capacity to run engine 2.5 hours, Helmets cannot be worn in cab while vehicle in motion, Helmet stowage must be provided, Seat belt alarm and enunciator will be installed, Red on seat belts, 4" wide stripping front and sides, 6" wide chevron "A" shaped pattern Red/Yellow stripping must cover 50% rear of vehicle, If foam tank installed, must be a minimum 30 gallons. Minimum 300 gallons of water and replacement guidelines of 25 years wore out.

President Ketchem brought up about 6 helmets used in a Burn Chamber that were total destroyed by the heat. Ivan Nevil stated that certain type helmets should not be used in that situation. Normally a department has helmets that can be used in Flashover Chambers.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M. Meeting reconvened at 8:30 A.M. Morning Message by Chaplain Cohen.

Willie Parish gave report on his presence at the NVFC as Chairman of the Finance Committee for that Organization.

JIM PARKER - LOBBYISTS - He spoke on what our needs are for a Lobbyist. Do they have the facilities to monitor each Bill that has been introduced to see if it affects the Fire Service? What we expect them to do for us? What are their abilities in this job? What is the cost of their service? Also if the Lobbyist is not an Attorney we have to find one.

Executive Board, Jim Parker and David Israel to interview prospective Lobbyists. Jim Parker to contact all applicants for the position. Also to look at various Attorneys as the best way to fill our needs for legal services.

FDIC - JACK KERNEY: Did not have as much traffic with this year's booth being upstairs. The two clocks went to members in New Washington and Clinton.

WEB SITE - BUZ KOEHLER: Talked about a program for advertising on the Web Site. The cost would be similar to our newspaper rates with the same billing cycle. Web Master will help getting ads set up and take care of billing for the ads with possibility of combining both the newspaper Ad Taker and Web Ad Taker at a later time. This Web Site only be for Fire and Emergency Services advertising. Web Site receiving about 200,000 hits a month. The guidelines for the advertising program are: All bad sales and billing problems handled the same as for the newspaper, Web Master with advertisers the same as the Ad-Taker for the newspaper, Web Master compensation same as the Ad-Taker for the newspaper 10% for the first \$1000 collected and 25% on all other, all billing and receipts filed with the IVFA Treasurer and Web Manager to report to the IVFA President and the Board of Directors either in person or in writing at each quarterly meeting.

ROGER JOHNSON - Explained his reasons for resigning from the Fire Marshal's Office.

JOHN BUCKMAN - INDIANA FIREFIGHTING TRAINING: Asked

Quarterly report continued - continued from page 13

if IVFA happy with the changes in the Proposed Rule Document # 07-450; they are not. Language "including all pre-requisites" needs to come out. Also states in the Proposed Rule that an Instructor must teach 30 hours every 3 years by teaching classes for certifications under the Board's rule. This rule does not allow credit for time spent at local training sessions at their home department. This rule needs to be changed to allow credit for all training hours. A lot of discussion on the fact that every time a new draft of this rule comes it is not what has been discussed in the telephone conferences or at Board meetings. The statement is that only the Board can make these changes to the rule; but the Board has not met and things are changed. At what point does a draft of a rule be printed in proper form for anyone to review before it voted on by the Board? Ask why IFSAC Certification from other States not automatically accepted by our IFSAC program? Should have been accepted. Trying to establish written procedures for all staff to do thing the same way. If student does not pass the written test the first time they can retake it as many time as possible within 180 days without having to retake the practical. Proctors should open the test material for a class as soon as they get to make sure everything is right. If not, contact the Training Office to get the problem corrected. Instructors - All practicals shall be done individually unless the skill requires more than one person to do. Plan class time to include skills training and document the training with a copy of each individuals completion of the skill to put in their Department files. Evaluators - Use the skills books provided and fill out the check list. Received Mobile Live Burn trailer and Mobile Haz-Mat trailer. They will be going out to DHS districts. Test books to be checked out by 2 people in the Office before they are sent out.

President Ketchem introduced Jim Greeson, the new State Fire Marshal. He spoke on what he would like to do as the State Marshal. Michelle Baxter from American Income Life Insurance Co. brought extra mail-in cards for everyone and the need to list a Beneficiary for the policy that is provided.

Chinese auction . . .

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Reiter #7.
District 11A: Solar lamp w/fire bears - Diane Gray #7.
District 11B: Charcoal grill & charcoal - Randy Merkel #19.
District 12: Tulip vase - Randy Merkel #19.
District 14: Fire truck wind chimes - Vivian Woodfill-stone #14.
District 14: Freedom Endures statue - Shirley Goble #17A.
District 15: Fireman w/bucket & dog - Martha Thomas #1.

District 17A: Fire knife-key ring & tote - David Sutherlin, Vendor.

District 18: Fire mirror - Gravey #14.

District 19: Travel bag w/goodies & gas card - Marilyn Smith #19.

Thanks to all who donated prizes, purchased tickets and helped sell for us at convention.

Hope to see you in Indianapolis next year 2009. -- submitted by Pam Gerdowsky.

President Ketchem announced that the contract for the Central Office is up for renewal this August. Anyone that is interested in bidding to operate the Office contact the Secretary, Larry Bartlow. He will send them a copy of the requirements for the Office. They will then send their proposal back to the Secretary. The proposals will then be brought to the August Executive Board meeting for review. After being reviewed they will be presented to the Board of Directors for their acceptance to operate the Office.

Jim Parker made a motion to adjourn this meeting and proceed to the Board of Directors' meeting. Willie Parish made the second. Motion passed.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MAY 5, 2008

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jack Kerney.

Called for the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting. Motion was made by Jim Bradford to accept the Minutes as printed. Bill Pape made the second. Motion passed.

(1) Heroes Medallion - Jack Kerney has proposal from Company to make the medallion with our Logo and Red/White and Blue ribbon for \$13.50 and a \$300 setup fee.

Tim Deckard brought samples of a Medallion with our Logo and Red/White and Blue ribbon that can be purchased for \$8.00 and no setup fee.

Jim Parker made a motion that before we purchase Medallions that the Executive Committee set up guidelines for what merits this Award. Terry Wright made the second. Motion passed.

Bill Pape made motion that the purchase of "25 Year" pins be tabled at this time. Buz Koehler made the second. Motion passed.

Dave Elick made motion to get a written quote for the cost from the company that made the sample Medallion for Tim Deckard. Jerry Cohen made the second. Motion passed.

(2) FDIC - Possible attend 2009 meeting. Jim Parker made a motion to attend the FDIC next year. John Smith made the second. Motion passed.

(3) Web-Advertising: Carol Thrawley made motion that we

proceed with efforts to do Web Advertising. Bill Pape made the second. Motion passed.

(4) Grave Markers - Jerry Cohen stated that the cost of markers is \$16.00. He suggested to look for another company to make the marker.

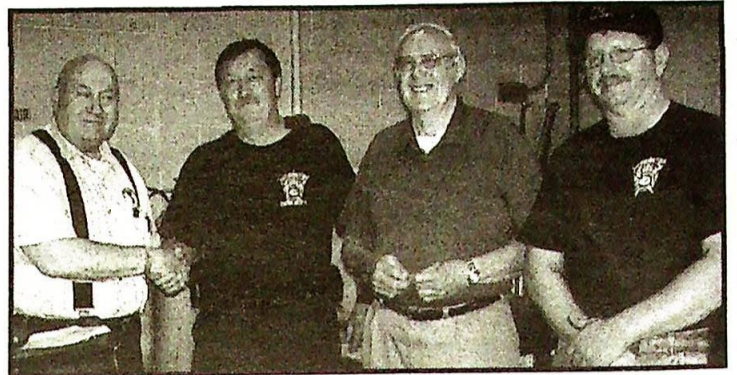
(5) New style Bible was presented by Chaplain Cohen. The old style is no longer available. Motion by Jim Parker that we use the new style. Bill Pape made the Second. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jack Zeeks. Richard Glant made the second. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted
Larry L. Bartlow, secretary

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Loogootee members receive 25 year pins



On May 22nd, District 17A chairman, Jack Harker, presented 25 year pins to Terry Pielemeier, Morgan Huebner and Raymond Berry of Loogootee Volunteer Fire Department. -- submitted by Jack Harker, District 17A chairman

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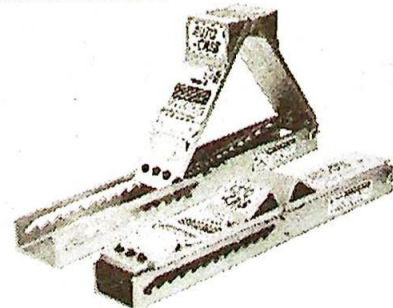
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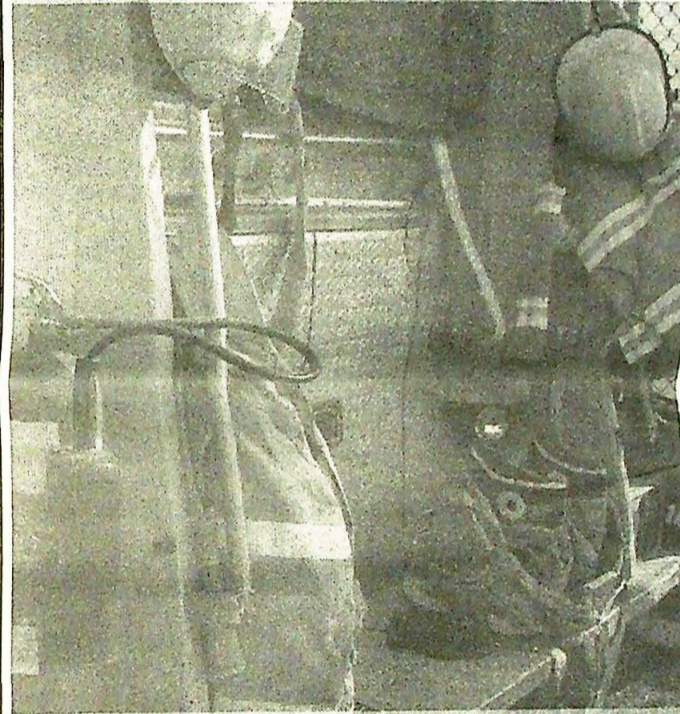
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Where has the summer gone?

For those of you that did not attend this year's convention at Belterra, you missed a good time. Unfortunately I didn't hear of anybody hitting it big in the casino to buy department's trucks, but almost everybody tried.

Congratulations to those newly elected state officers.

Now is the time to start contacting state legislators to let them know what is needed by your department and departments around you. By letting them know your needs they will watch bills that affect the fire service a little closer. It is also important that you contact members of Congress and let them know how you feel about the changes that have been made to the fire service. Let Congress know how difficult it is to take the courses that are required by the Federal Government. The only way members of Congress know how to vote is to hear our concerns. It takes an average of 7 calls to get each legislator's attention whether it is federal or state.

The convention is a time to get with other departments from around the state to discuss what their needs are. It is also a time to start the legislative agenda for the next session.

Plan on attending the 2009 convention in Indianapolis. It will be a fun time for the entire family. The committee is planning some very interesting games within the water park of the hotel. So come "Splash into Indy in 2009".

Sincerely,
Scott Harris
IVFA PR East Central

2008 IVFA Convention officer's meeting report

2008 Convention Officers Meeting

June 19, 2008
Belterra, IN

President Larry Ketchem called the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Chaplain Jerry Cohen gave the Invocation.

Vice President David Elick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Ketchem called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Bill Pape, District 8A made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Past president Willie Parish made the second. Motion passed.

OFFICERS' REPORT:

President Ketchem - Pass. Vice president Elick - Pass. Secretary Bartlow - Advised everyone at the business meeting tomorrow to please identify himself or herself so that the recorder will know whom is speaking. Also on the delegate registration sheet, make sure that you list all people from your district, including the district chairman, that will be voting. Treasurer Harker - Reminded everyone that officer's expenses are \$50 for two nights and \$25 for meals for two days. Also all mileage for officers and delegates is 40-cents a mile. Chaplain Cohen - Pass. Sgt.-at-Arms Bush - Pass.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

PRNW Bradford - Pass. PRNE Sorg. - Pass. PRWC Harrison - Pass. PREC Harris - Pass. PRSW Abrams - Pass. PRSE Williamson - Pass.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS:

Past president Kerney - Pass. Past president Koehler - Thanked all district chairmen for their effort on the petition to the Board of Firefighting Standard and Education on the instructor rule change. Past president Zeeks - Pass. Past president Glant - Pass. Past president Parish - Pass. Past president Nevil - Pass. Past president Bruns - pass. Past president Parker - Pass.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS:

District 1, Tom Orrell - Pass. District 2, Paul Watland - Pass. District 3, Dave Kaufman - Pass. District 4, Terry Smith - Pass. District 5, Tony Farrer - Pass. District 6, Jerry Sprague - Pass. District 7, Walt Reiter - Pass. District 8A, Bill Pape - Pass. District 8B - Lloyd Wright. Pass. District 9A, Leighanne Ellis - Pass. District 9B, Randy Denton - Pass. District 10, David Israel - Pass. District 11A, Robert Meyers - Pass. District 11B, Brent Bush - Pass. District 12, Larry Bruner - Pass. District 13A, Carol Thrawley - Pass. District 13B, Dennis Spears - Pass. District 14, Charlie Moon - Pass. District 15, Steve Anderson - Pass. District 16, Paul Holcomb - Pass. District 17A, Jack Harker - Pass. District 17B, Tim Deckard - Meeting with State Fair Board soon to find out what is needed for this year's fair. As soon as information is available he will get it to Central Office and sent to everyone. District

18, John Smith - District 10 Training area will have a Mandatory, Firefighter I and II and Haz-Mat training starting the third week of July. District 19, Ed Scheele - Welcomed everyone to Convention and have 46 vendors for this year. District 21, Don Fultz - Pass.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Convention 2008 - Steve Mackie -- Made announcements of events of the convention and that MES is sponsoring the meal tonight. David Israel stated that two sits are bidding on Convention 2010, Terre Haute and Clarksville. Audit - Bev Harker -- The Committee needs to meet after this meeting. Insurance - Larry Ketchem -- The American Income Life Insurance is making contact with members. Bridgeport - Carl Bruns -- Three winners have been selected. Ad-Taker - Willie Parish -- Pass. Clothing - Jim Bradford -- Pass. Awards - Dave Elick -- All awards are ready. The Global Award plaques are a new style this year. Fire Schools - Dave Elick -- Pass. Annual Meeting Minutes - Larry Bartlow -- Pass. Legislative - Jim

Lobbyist this year. Mr. IVFA - Mort Sorg -- Everything is ready. By Laws & SOG's - Jim Parker -- Problem with By-Laws that were passed at last meeting. New copies will be passed out at the August Officer's meeting. The suspending of the By-Laws by the Board of Directors to correct Article 5 Section 14 was not of proper procedure. Only the members can suspend the By-Laws by a 2/3 vote. Logo - John Smith -- Pass. Membership - Steve Anderson -- Pass.

Credentials Committee: Larry Bartlow, Carl Bruns, Jim Abrams, Buz Koehler and Diane Harrison.

Mileage Committee: Bev Harker, Ivan Nevil, Richard Glant, Willie Parish and Scott Harris.

President Ketchem had a meeting with the nominating this morning to determine the eligibility of the candidates for office. It was determined that the By-Laws are wrong in the way they amended as to requirements to run for office. Therefore one candidate (Charlie Moon) is ineligible to run for office. Much discussion as to why this

issue took so long to be addressed. The By-Laws to take care of this issue will be undertaken at the August officer's meeting.

Chaplain Cohen states that he needs to order more Grave Markers as the supply is getting low. Tim Deckard has a quote for Grave Markers for \$10.60 per 100. Bill Bush made a motion that we purchase the Grave Markers. Bill Pape made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Tim Deckard also had prices for the "25-Year Pin".

Larry Bruner also had prices for the pins.

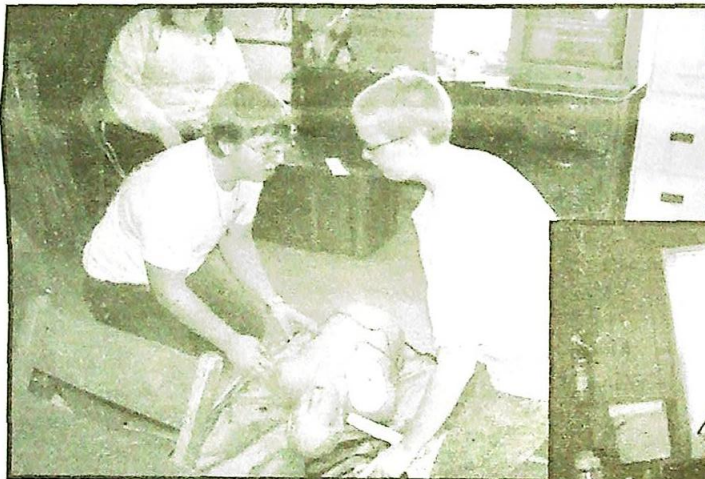
Past president Jack Zeeks made a motion to table this issue until the August officer's meeting. Past president Willie Parish made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Willie Parish announced that the deadline for the August issue of the paper is July 10.

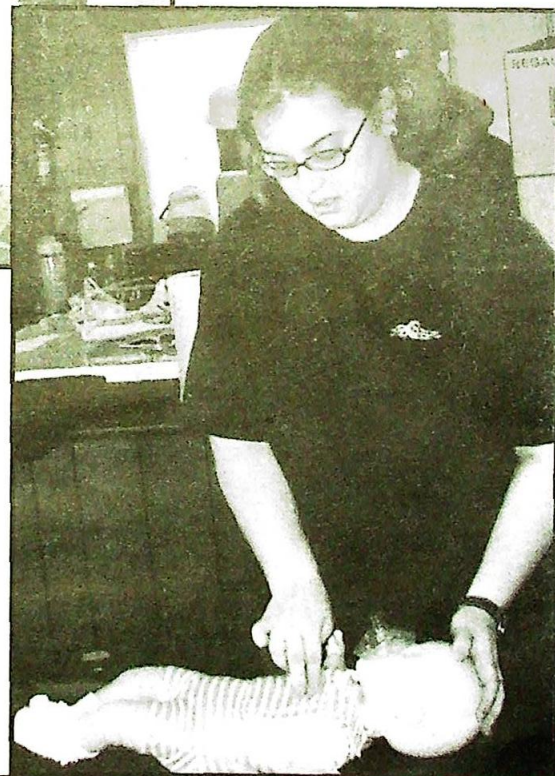
Past president Jack Zeeks made a motion to adjourn. Past president Willie Parish made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry L. Bartlow
Secretary

Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department cadets hold CPR certification



Matt Theurer and A. J. Cain prepare to shock "victim" while instructor Lisa Manor watches.



Ashley Theurer performs chest compressions during the CPR certification.



Megan Karn uses CPR while partner Chelsea Gettinger is ready to assist.

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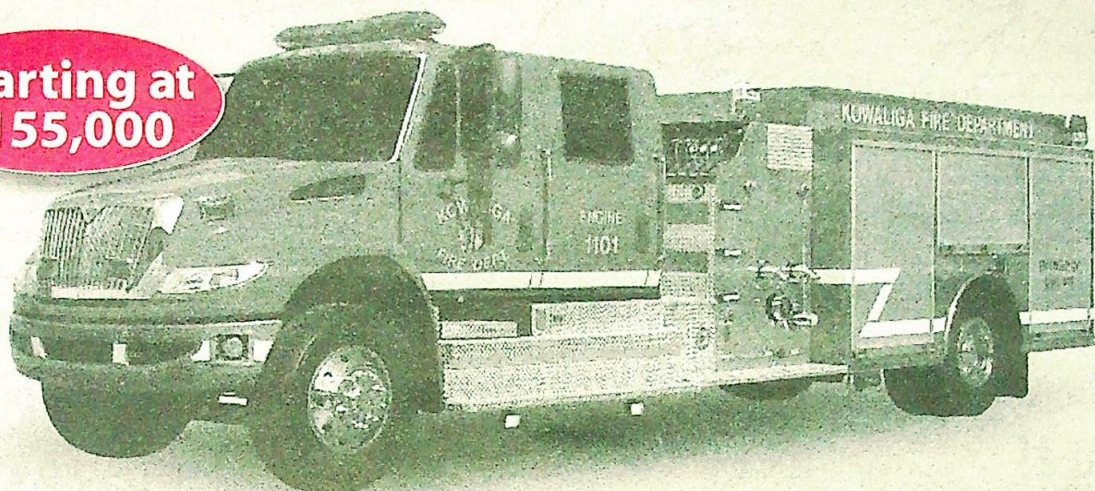
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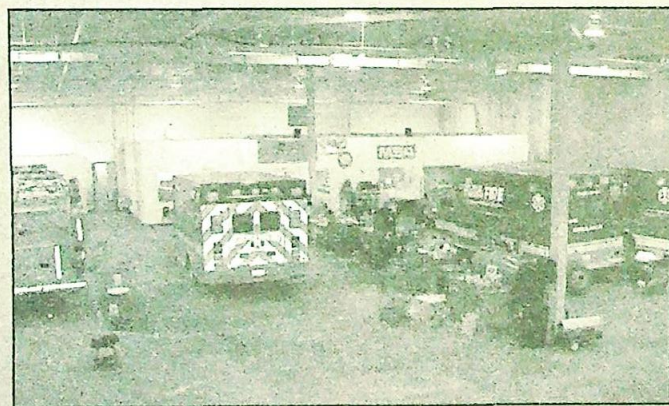


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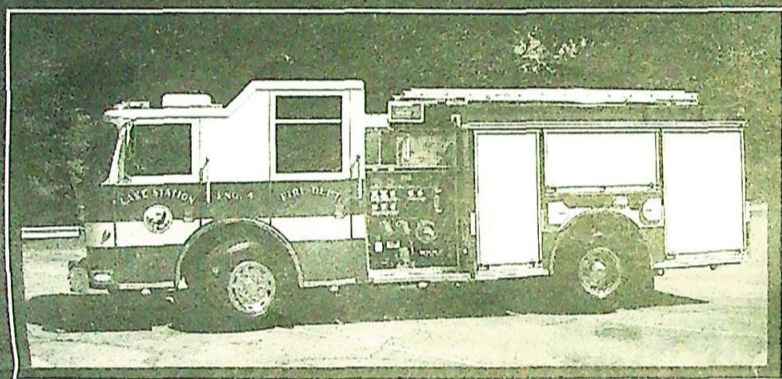
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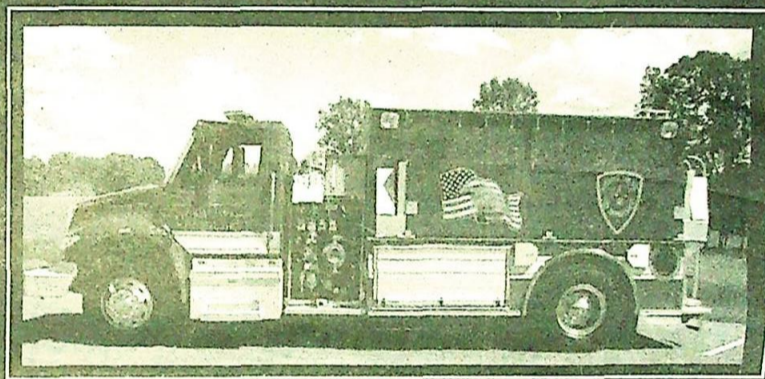
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District 21 chairman Don Fultz and I attended this year's Burn Camp at Camp Tecumseh. Those kids sure can eat! We cooked 720 hamburgers and 600 hot dogs. Past district chairman Perry Martin furnished the cookers.

Congratulations to Steve Macke and his committees for a great convention. I'm sure everyone had a good time.

Convention next year will be in Indianapolis and in 2010 will be in Terre Haute (Bill Bush calls it Terry Hut).

Our new state fire marshal is Jim Greeson. His e-mail address is jgreeson@dhs.in.gov. Please give him your usual fine co-operation.

The IVFA state officers for the year 2009 are listed on the front page.

By the time this article and paper gets printed, your district officers will be elected. Attend your district meetings and find out what is going on in the IVFA.

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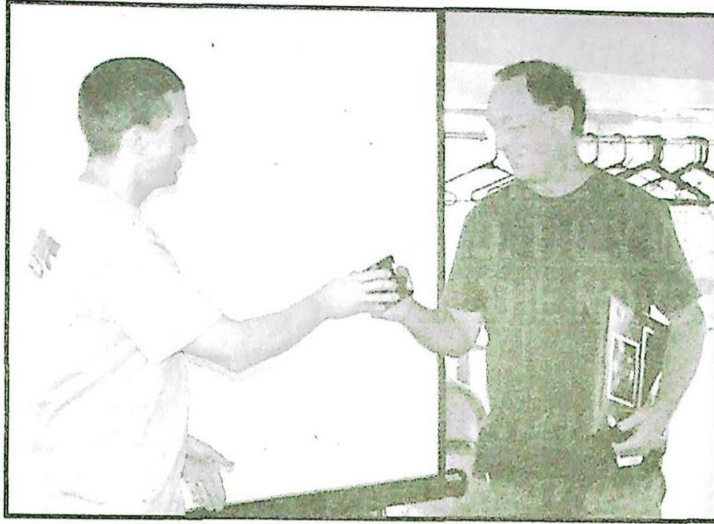
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Frank's family and long time firefighter friends, along with Northeast Fire Department surprised Frank with a hog roast and plaque in his honor. -- Robin Bobay, Fire Prevention/PIO, Northeast Fire and EMS.

**2008 Convention
award winners
chosen**

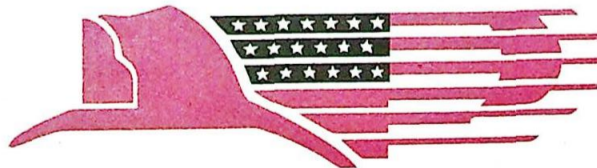
Convention 2008 award winners are as follows:

Mr. IVFA - Jack Harker
Ollie Sandberg - Jerry Liston
Angel Award - Kellie Landers
Lois Boaz - Marie Emery
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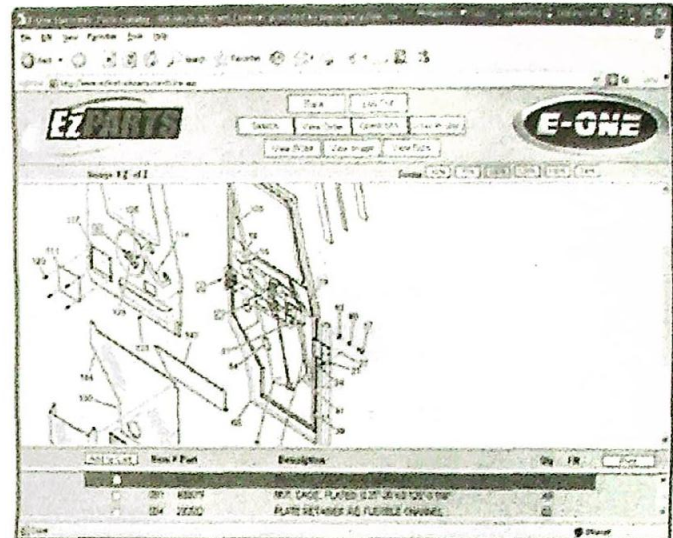
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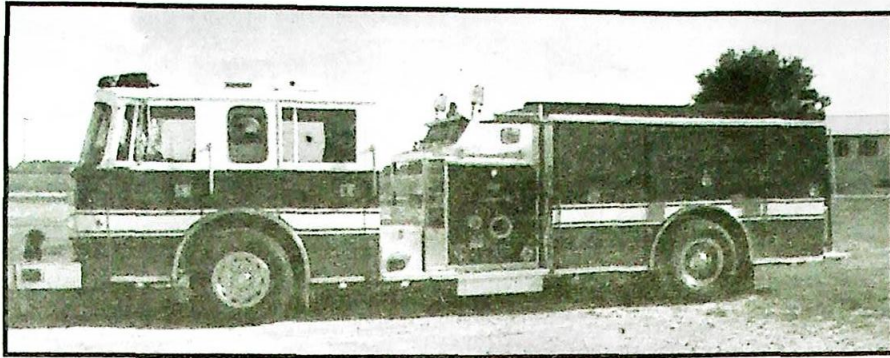
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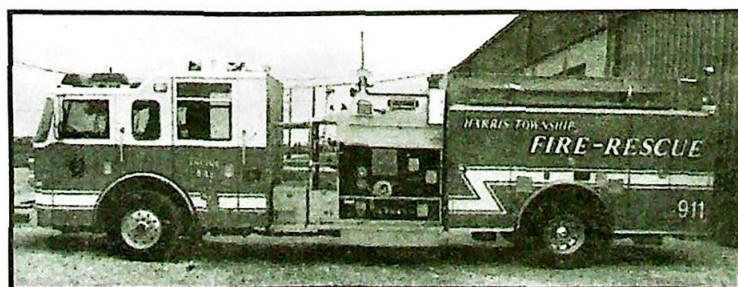
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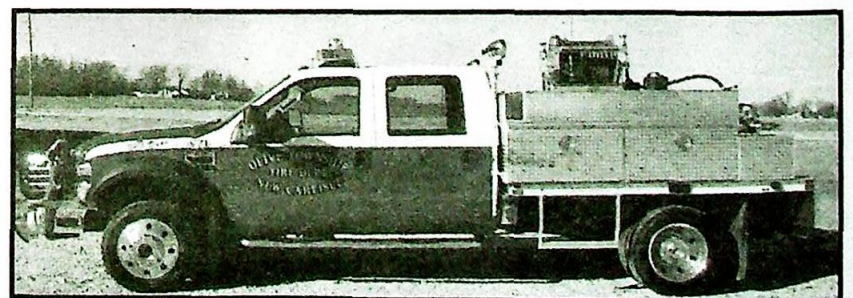
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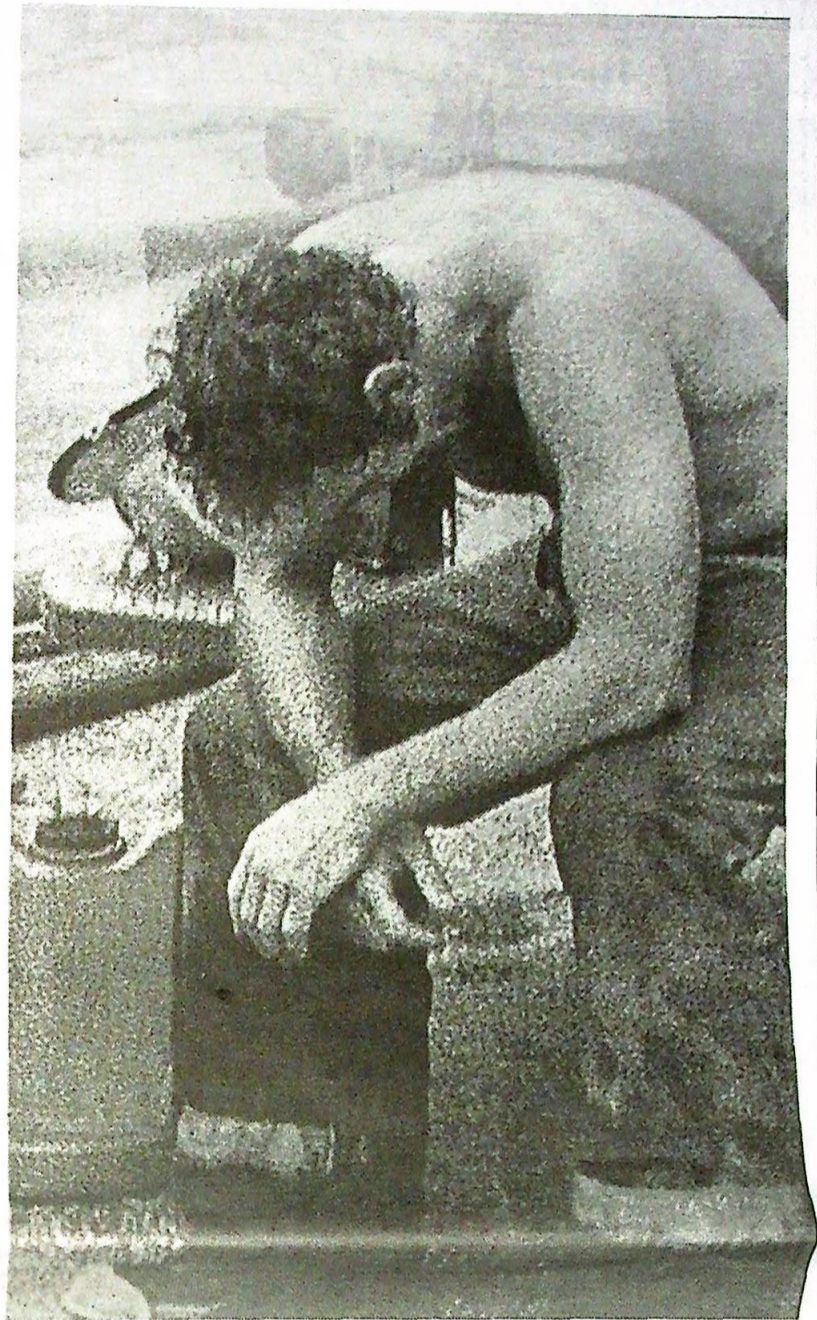


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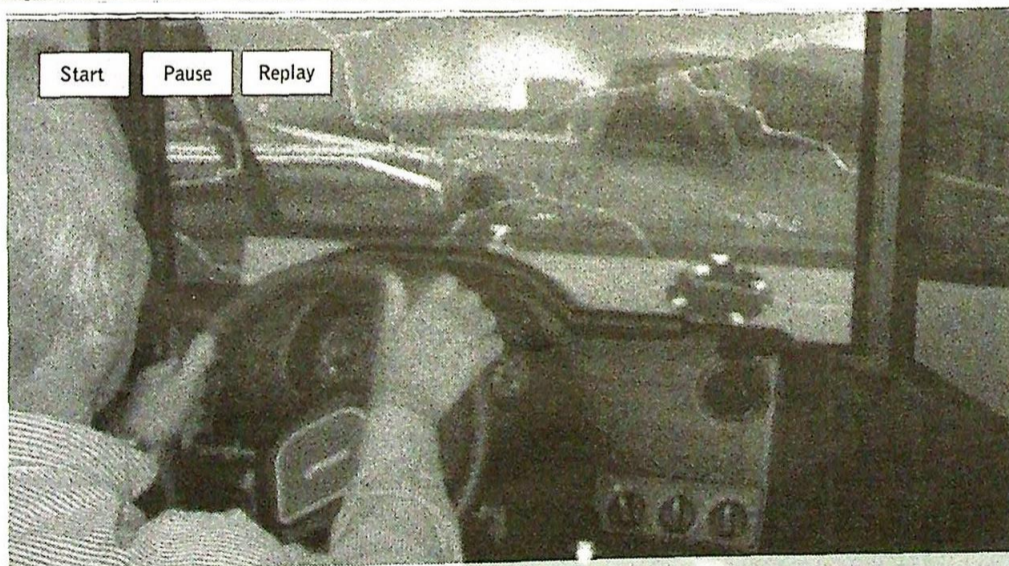
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Murphy awarded 2008 Global Award for District 17A



Jack Harker, chairman, is shown here with Dwayne Murphy of Montgomery Volunteer Fire Department, after presenting him with the District 17A Global Award for 2008. - submitted by Jack Harker, District 17A chairman.

Montgomery VFD receives clock for addition to station



District 17A chairman, Jack Harker, is shown here presenting Chief Timothy Showalter of Montgomery Volunteer Fire Department an IVFA clock for the addition of two bays to their existing fire station. - submitted by Jack Harker, District 17A chairman.

Members receive 25 year pins for service with department



Tim Showalter, Terry O'Brian, and Stephen Murphy of Montgomery Volunteer Fire Department received 25-year pins July 9th from District 17A chairman, Jack Harker, for their years of service with the fire department. - submitted by Jack Harker, District 17A chairman.

Celebrating 50 years



On March 15, 2008 the Poneto Vol. Fire Dept. celebrated their 50th Anniversary at their annual Chili Supper. Also celebrating 50 years on the Fire Dept. was former Chief W. Allen Smith.

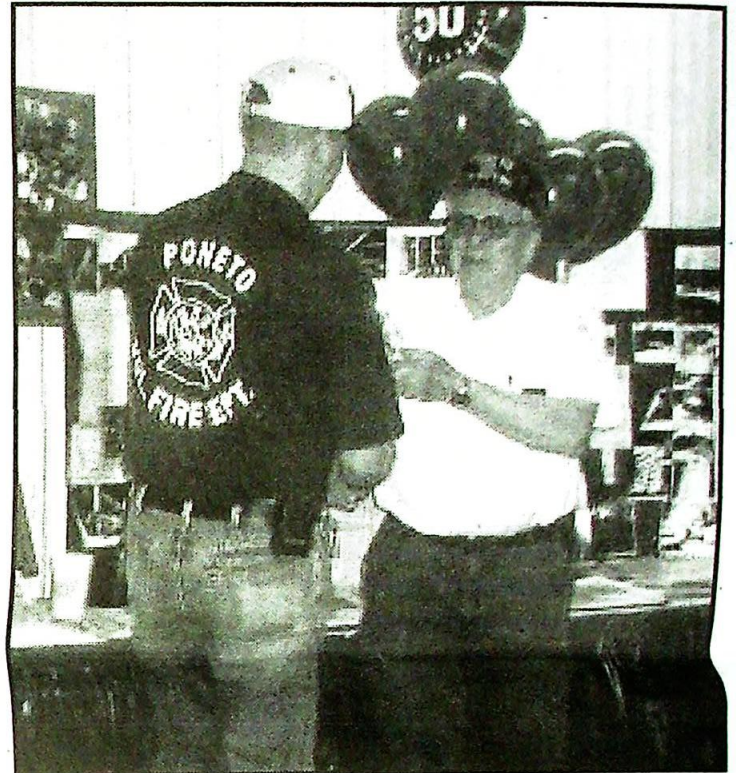
The Fire Dept. was organized in 1957-58 by a group of men from the town of Poneto. A dedication of the newly created fire department was held on July 26, 1958. Speaker of the occasion was Dan Granger, President of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association. There was a parade and a band concert. Presentation of the fire department unit was made by Orville Sullivan Jr., president of the Community Club, which sponsored the project, to Luke Renner, president of the Poneto Town Board. The first fire chief was Howard Smith. Past fire chiefs: Howard Smith - 1958-1962, Paul Platt - 1963-64, W. Allen Smith - 1965-1995.

Over the years, trucks, equipment and people have changed. The addition of pagers was in 1986, and then first responders were added in the 1990's. Fund raisers were held as a source of income. A turkey shoot is no longer held. In March 1980, a chili supper was started and is still the major fund raiser 28 years later.

This year at the chili supper we not only had a lot of good homemade food, but a cake for the anniversary, and a couple of surprises. The first was for Allen Smith, a crystal flame award for being a member of the department for 50 years and chief for 30 years. The award was presented to him by his grandson Tyler Moser, a 4th generation firefighter.

The second was for Chief Len Smith, a painting of the fire station, painted by his daughter Abigail.

The wives also set up a display of newspaper articles and pictures of some of the men that started the fire department. They also had articles of the bigger fires they had been to. Construction of a new station was started in 1979 and dedicated in March 1980. The addition of a third bay, 10,000 gallon underground



tank and overhead filling to the station was built in 2001 and dedicated in March 2002.

Poneto is located on SR 218 & Meridian Rd. in southern Wells Co. It sits at the corner of four townships. Their coverage area is three miles in each direction from the town of Poneto, plus they assist

the other departments in all four townships.

On April 1, 2008, Allen Smith received a certificate from the former IVFA District 7 chairman Mort Sorg, for being a member of the Poneto Vol. Fire Dept. for 50 years service.

Written by Sue Smith, Wife of Chief Len Smith

Larry Gresham receives certificate



(At left) Public Relations Director S.E. Al Williamson presented retiring Harrison Twp. firefighter Larry Gresham with a certificate of appreciation for his 21 years of service at a surprise retirement dinner at the station in Corydon.

Larry was surprised by family and fellow firefighters with gifts and a very special phone call from a daughter and grandchildren from out of town that was unable to be present at the dinner.

Good luck and enjoy your retirement from the I.V.F.A. and the Harrison Twp. F.D. -- submitted by Al Williamson, P.R.S.E.

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By Rebecca L. Sandlin

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Saturday, May 3, 2008 --

Members of Hamilton County's firefighting community are mourning the sudden loss of White River Township Volunteer Fire Department Chief Phil Achenbach.

Achenbach, 59, of Omega, died Wednesday of a heart attack while returning from a trip to Indianapolis. He was driving and had pulled off the side of Interstate 465 approach to the I-69 north exit, according to Kay Hartley of Hartley Funeral Homes.

She said two registered nurses had stopped to help and Achenbach was rushed to Community Hospital North, where he was pronounced dead.

"It's devastating for all of us up here," Hartley said Thursday. "He was a deacon in our church and a very good dad and grandpa. He just was an all-around good guy ... it's just a tragedy."

Cicero Fire Department Chief Steve Peachey said he lost a good friend who will not easily be replaced.

"You know, they're a family up there, and this is a great loss to them," he said. "It's been very hard, because they're basically all one big family."

Achenbach had served as chief for 17 of the 32 years he was with the department. He was also the secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association District 8A, an organization he had been a part of for more than 32 years.

"He was known across the state," Peachey added. "He had a lot of friends."

Peachey said Noblesville, Carmel and Fishers fire departments have stepped in and offered to provide manpower and apparatus to the White River department while members attend funeral services.

Assistant Chief Carl Colbert will lead the department during the transition, Peachey said.

Capt. Ron Lipps of the Fishers Fire Department also expressed his condolences, saying Achenbach along with the White River Township Fire Department, was a regular supporter of the Hoosier Burn Camp and often personally brought donations to the camp, which ministers to children who have suffered burns.

Achenbach leaves behind his wife, Nancy, a son, Eddie; a daughter, Darlene; and grandchildren. Eddie has been a member of WRTVFD for 20 years.

(Article submitted by Jerry Liston, Captain and re-printed with permission from the Noblesville Daily Times.)

Phillip Kent Achenbach

Sept. 2, 1948 - April 30, 2008

Phillip Kent Achenbach, 59, of Atlanta, Ind., died Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at Community North Hospital in Indianapolis.

Born Sept. 2, 1948, in Kokomo, he was the son of Lowell and Geneva (Curmutt) Achenbach.

He was a 1966 graduate of Hamilton Heights High School and a 1968 graduate of Lincoln Technical Institute.

He worked for several Chevrolet dealerships in central Indiana and also farmed. He joined the White River Volunteer Fire Service in 1976. He became fire chief in 1990.

He was a member of Omega Christian Church where he served as a trustee and deacon. He was also a member and secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Fire Department Association. He was a member of a local adult farmers group that meets monthly.

He greatly enjoyed his association with the Indiana Truck Pullers Association as well as the Indiana State Fair Antique Farm Equipment Shows.

Survivors include Nancy Louise (Blackford) Achenbach; mother, Geneva Achenbach of Atlanta, Ind.; son, Eddie (wife, Julie) Achenbach of Lapel; daughter, Darlene (husband, Mike) Sutton of Cicero; grandchildren, Braydon, Nathan and Ean Achenbach, and Cameron and Kailey Sutton.

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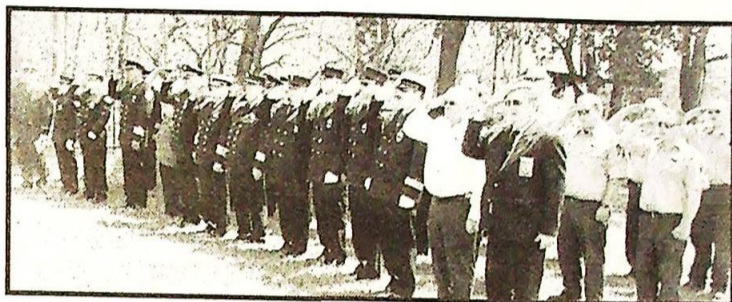
The Hartley Funeral Home hearse carrying White River Twp. Fire Chief Phil Achenbach passes under the American flag supported by Noblesville and Cicero apparatus during the funeral procession.



Pallbearers carry the casket of White River Twp. Fire Chief Phil Achenbach to the gravesite at Arcadia Cemetery, followed by wife, Nancy Achenbach. Nancy is assisted by Mike Hartley, of Hartley Funeral Homes.



Hearse stops in front of the White River Twp. Fire Department during the funeral procession to the Arcadia Cemetery.



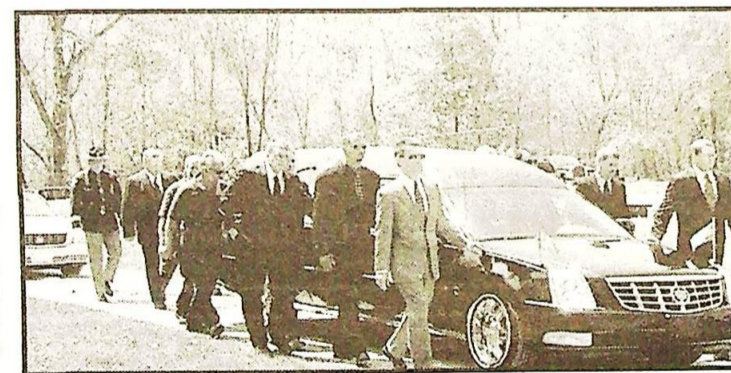
Firefighters salute during Firefighters Last Call services at the funeral of White River Twp. Fire Chief Phil Achenbach.



Hearse passing by the White River Twp. Fire Department.



Bruce Knotts, of the Carmel Fire Department, rings bell during Firefighters Last Call service.



Pallbearers walking with the hearse at the Arcadia Cemetery.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

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IVFA SPECIAL RECOGNITION LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

The State of Indiana provides Special License Plates to qualified members of organizations such as the IVFA. This program is administered through the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The IVFA Central Office coordinates the program for members of the Association. You will not be able to obtain license plate request forms unless you complete the following instructions. **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

To Obtain Your License Plate(s) You Must:

1. Be a **paid-up member** of the IVFA when your license plate(s) are due for renewal.
2. Return your **Individual Plate Requests** to the IVFA Office - P.O. Box 4797 - Evansville, IN 47724 no later than 30 days before the month you wish to receive your license plates. This form must contain the **number of plates you are requesting, and the year of the plate; along with \$5.00 for each license plate requested.**

BMV PROCEDURES

After you have completed and mailed in your license plate form application you will receive the number of license plate forms you ordered. At that time, it is necessary to submit the form(s) to the BMV.

1. Submit or mail one (1) license plate request form to the BMV for each license plate requested.
2. Must be an original form (with the raised seal on the bottom right hand corner).
3. Forms are computer printed; copies are not acceptable.
4. Pay a fee of \$12 for each plate requested in addition to all other registration fees and taxes.
5. Follow all directions supplied to you by the BMV.

This is a general outline of the steps needed to renew Special License Plates. The IVFA only supplies the necessary authorization form(s) to obtain the IVFA Special Recognition License Plates.

Upon receiving the form(s), members must follow and complete all BMV regulations in order to receive the plates.

Please, do not send vehicle registrations to the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association, only to the BMV.

Renewal Months by First Letter of Your Last Name

January 31 - Corporations & Fleet Vehicles	May 31: Ho - I	Sept. 30: So - T
Feb. 15: A - Be	June 15: J - Km	Oct. 15: U - Wk
Feb. 28: Bf - Bz	June 30: Kn - L	Oct. 31: Wl - Z
March 15: C	July 15: Ma - Me	
March 31: D	July 31: Mf - O	
April 15: E - F	Aug. 15: P - Q	
April 30: G	Aug. 31: R	
May 15: Ha - Hn	Sept. 15: Sa - Sn	

3. The application contains a space to write the number of license plates requested, making necessary to fill out **only one application per person, not per license plate.**
4. *You only need to send \$5.00 per each license plate requested.*
5. The license plate form(s) will be sent to each individual at their home address.
6. This application form can be copied and kept in a file for further use throughout the year!
7. See additional instructions for **BMV** procedures.

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(Year of Plate Renewal)

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Department Name _____ Department # _____

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City/State/Zip _____ Date Your Plates Renew _____

Home Phone # _____ Evening Phone # _____ # Plates Requested _____

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Guidelines for submitting news articles

1. Permission/authorization needs to be obtained from the newspaper that the article is being submitted from.
2. This information will need to come from the editor/publisher of that newspaper stating that the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association has permission to re-print said article.
3. The authorization needs to be sent along with the article or can either be e-mailed to Rensselaer Printco: printco@nwiis.com or faxed to: (219) 866-5000. Phone calls cannot be taken regarding the authorization - the information needs to be in writing.
4. The newspaper article being submitted will be held until the authorization has been received.
5. The authorization needs to be dated and signed by the person giving the permission to re-print.
6. The person submitting the article for publication is responsible for obtaining this information for re-print.

PLEASE NOTE!

The form above should be filled out and mailed, along with your money, to:
IVFA CENTRAL OFFICE - BARBARA KERNEY
P.O. BOX 4797, EVANSVILLE, IN 47724
INDICATE ON THE ENVELOPE YOUR PLATE RENEWAL DATE

Please do not send the application to this newspaper

- that will only delay your application and you may miss out on getting your special plates.
- \$3.00 of this \$5.00 fee goes towards the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund.
- Thank you for your cooperation.

**November 10
deadline is
October 10**

Achenbach obituary ...

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Funeral services were held Monday, May 5, 2008 at Cicero Christian Church with the Rev. Neal Brown officiating.

Burial took place at the Arcadia Cemetery.

Arrangements were being handled by Hartley Funeral Homes Cicero Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Omega Christian Church, c/o Hartley Funeral Homes, P.O. Box 407, Cicero, IN 46034.

Holland to host celebration

Holland, Indiana was founded by Henry Kunz, who settled here in 1855, when the land was covered by native forest. His original plot was dated May 20, 1859. It is believed the town was named Holland because the neighboring settlements referred to the early German settlers as Dutchmen.

To celebrate the town's founding, the Fire Department is continuing the tradition of a town celebration, held each year on the third Saturday of September. The Holland Fire Department has a proud history reaching back to its founding in June 1891. This small town department boasts nineteen state certified volunteer firefighters, one tanker, two new pumpers, one field fire unit, and an EMS/rescue vehicle.

The celebration was moved to the Town Park in 2006 to allow for expansion in preparation for the 150th anniversary in 2009. The 2008 event will be a two-day celebration beginning Friday, September 19, at 5:00 p.m. to midnight and on Saturday, September 20, from 10:00 a.m. to midnight. The Community Fest will conclude with a Church Service on Sunday, September 21, at 10:00 a.m. at the Holland Elementary School. Order of the day includes food, fun, games, and a Beer Garden. Free parking, free admission, camping, and fishing available.

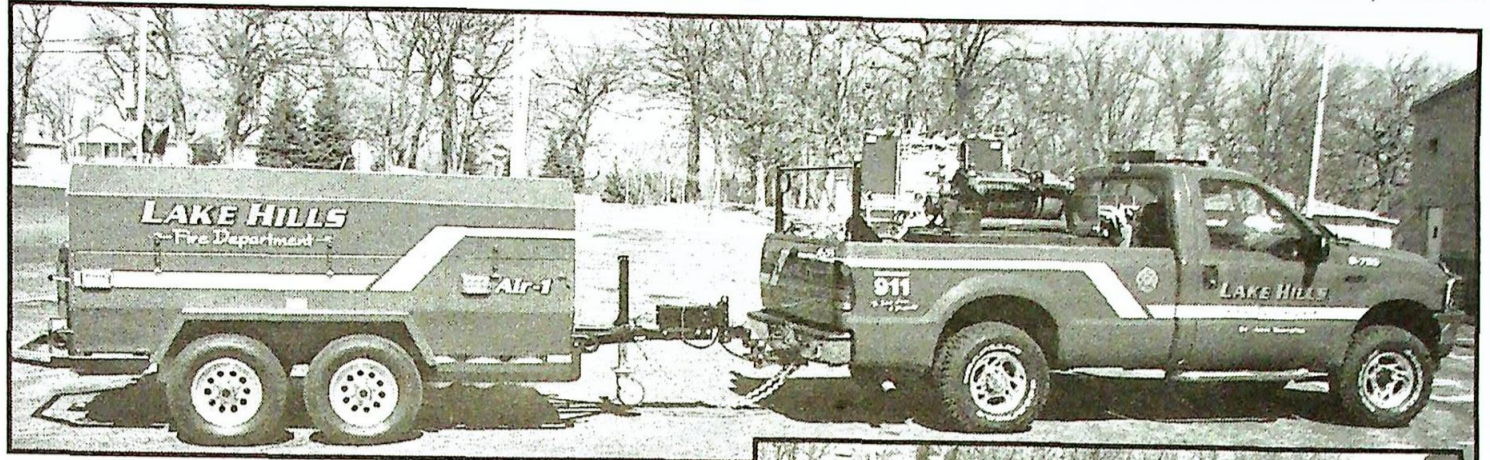
Booths will have a varied selection of food for sale including: fish sandwiches, grilled chicken sandwiches, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, homemade pie, ice cream, Raider fries, and walking tacos. A Pork Chop dinner, catered by Sander Catering and sponsored by the Fire Department will be served at 4:00 p.m. EST.

Some of the games include athletic events such as: 3-on-3 basketball, horseshoes, volleyball, kickball, and whiffleball.

Many free events are planned including: a kiddie tractor pull, dog show, sack race, egg toss, cake walk, dance for the middle school/high school age kids, antique tractor display, and a live band on the Main Stage.

Directions: Holland is located halfway between State Road 64 and Interstate 64, on Hwy. 161. Take Interstate exit 54 north three miles or travel south from State Road 64 three miles. The Community Fest is held at the Town Park located at the Windmill at the north edge of

Lake Hills Fire Department puts new suburban in service

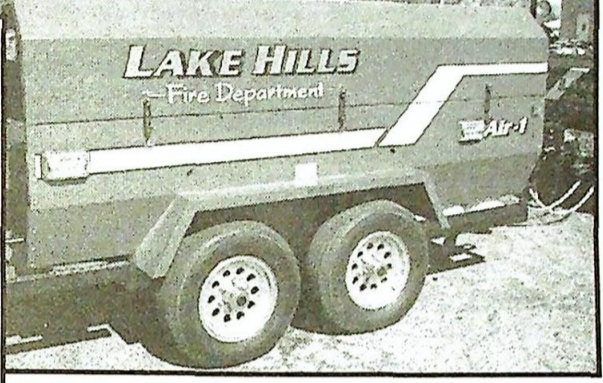
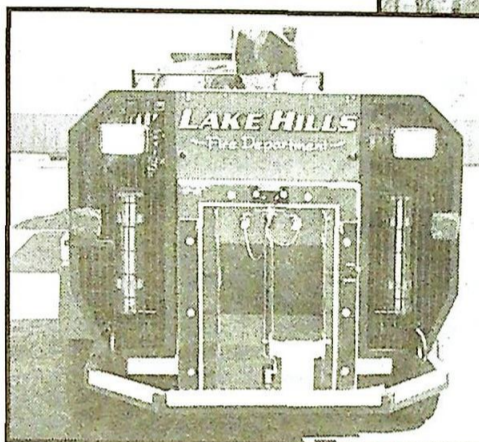


Lake Hills Fire Department has put into service this 2008 4x4 Chevrolet Suburban in the spring of 2008. 5958 is a BLS non-transport vehicle that goes out on all EMS calls and is used as a support vehicle.

5958 is outfitted with a brush guard and federal signal's newest light bar and Viper deck lights. 5958 replaces a 1989 Suburban that will be used by the department assistant chief.

Engine 1515 sister truck Tanker 1541 arrived in March and was put into service in April. 1541 is a 2008 Pierce Lance 2000.

Tanker 1541 is a six man cab with enclosed pump panel. Tanker 1541 features Pierce's Tac-4 suspense and side roll protection system. The Tanker is outfitted with a 1500 gpm Waterous pump and 3000 gallon tank. 1541 is classified as a Class A pumper. 1541 will respond on all Center Township calls and mutual aid requests for tanker and manpower. (On the right is Engine 1515, pictured left is Tanker 1541). - submitted by Matt Kodicek, Firefighter/EMT, Crown Point Fire/Rescue



Holland. The park offers primitive camping, shaded areas, picnic tables, free parking, and

parking spaces. All times are Eastern Daylight Savings. Holland is a short drive from Holiday World

and Splashin' Safari in Spencer County.

OPEN BURNING CAN CAUSE...

- ✗ Eye, nose, and throat irritation
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 - ✗ Shortness of breath and coughing
 - ✗ Stomach or intestinal upset
 - ✗ Headaches or memory loss
 - ✗ Skin irritations or burns
 - ✗ Eye damage
- SMOKE FROM BURNING FIVE POUNDS OF LEAVES CONTAINS ABOUT ONE POUND OF AIR POLLUTION.**

Gorball presented Global Award for District 2



Clint Gorball (center) of the Lowell VFD is presented the Global Award for District 2 by Glenn Linhart (left) of Global Emergency Products and Paul Watland (right), District 2 chairman. -- submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

2008 Miss Flame receives congratulations

2008 Miss Flame, Kristen Wylie of South Milford Fire Department, being congratulated by IVFA vice president Dave Elick and IVFA District 6 chairman Jerry (Spook) Sprague. -- photo provided by Kristen Wylie and submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.



- WEBSITES -

OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL
<http://www.state.in.us/sema/osfm.html>

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
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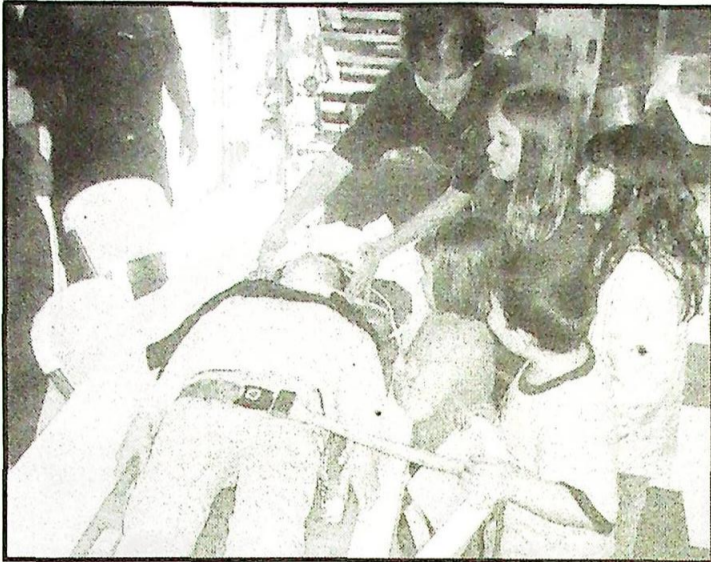
IVFA LOGO COMMITTEE

THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE LOGO COMMITTEE.

District 2 Term: Jan. 1, 2005 - Dec. 31, 2008
District 6 Term: Jan. 1, 2005 - Dec. 31, 2008
District 13-A Term: Jan. 1, 2008 - Dec. 31, 2009
District 18 Term: Jan. 1, 2005 - Dec. 31, 2008
District 21 Term: Jan. 1, 2008 - Dec. 31, 2009

Anyone interested in using the IVFA Logo should contact one of the above District Chairmen for information.

Girl Scout troops earn badges in fire safety and first aid



On March 15, 2008, 25 girls involving three troops, came to Lewis Twp. Station in Coalmont where they earned the badges in fire safety and first aid.

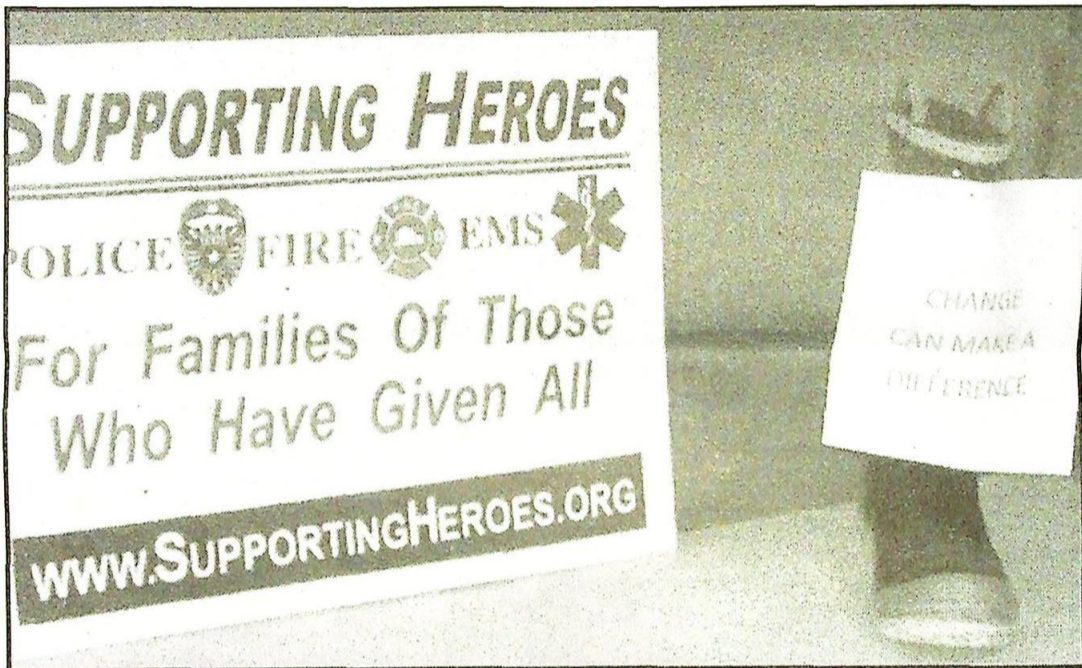
There were four stations set up: 1) First Aid, 2) Rainbow Valley, 3) Smoke tunnel - Stop, Drop, Cover and Roll, 4) Engine and Rescue.

After rotating the groups through the stations, it was time for refreshments where questions were asked and everyone won a prize.

It was a fun-filled day and the girls learned a lot. -- submitted by Diane Harrison, WCPR.

Pictured above ... Sierra Miller, Girl Scout member, volunteered to be the patient. Pictured at right ... A group picture of everyone that participated.

Spaghetti dinner held for Supporting Heroes



On March 30, 2008, an All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner was held at the Lewis Twp. Volunteer Fire Department for Supporting Heroes.

Departments helping with this event were Lewis Twp., Jasonville, McCutchanville and Wright Twp. \$1,144.68 was raised.

A special Thank You to everyone who came out and supported the cause.

Supporting Heroes is a great organization that supports us in our times of need during the line of duty loss of our Brothers and Sisters in the Fire Service, Emergency Medical Service and Police.

Eric Johnson, (pictured at right) Supporting Heroes Director, was a popular guy. Everyone wanted to measure him as tickets were \$5.00 for as tall as you are. -- submitted by Diane Harrison, WCPR

DeLor receives 25 year pin



District 2 chairman Paul Watland, presents David DeLor of the Crown Point Volunteer F.D. with his IVFA 25 year service pin. -- submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

Mike Scott receives District 12 Global Award



District chairman Larry Bruner, (left), presented Mike Scott (right), the District 12 Global Award for his dedication to the fire service during their business meeting at Lizton, Indiana.

Mike is the assistant chief of the Union Twp. Fire Department in Lizton. -- submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman.

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When approaching an intersection, slow down and make sure the coast is clear.

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A big "Thank You" from your 2008 Miss Flame

I would like to take this time to thank everyone for the opportunity I have been given to represent the IVFA.

We all had a wonderful time at the convention. All of the Miss Flames are doing a fantastic job representing their district and the state of Indiana.

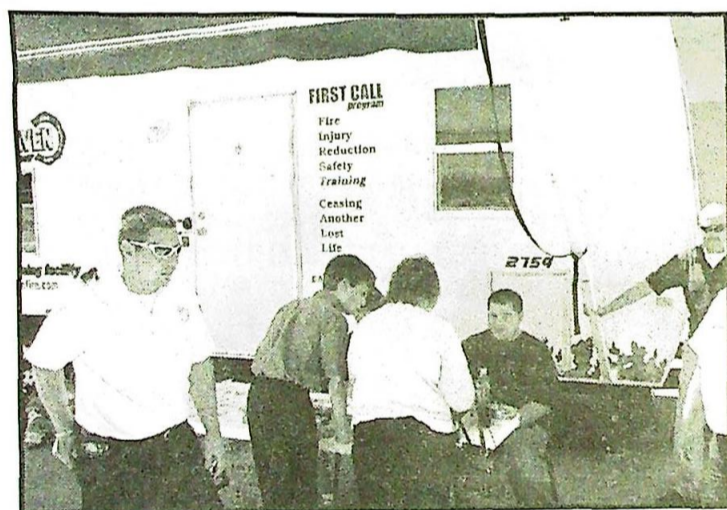
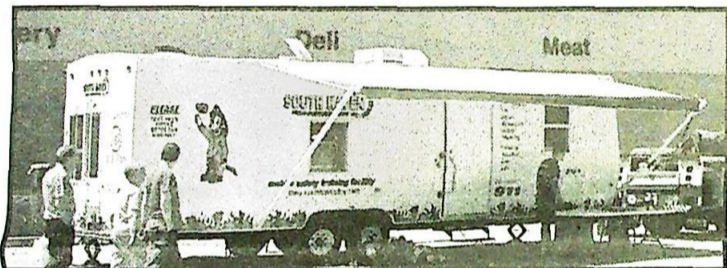
It was a pleasure spending time with them and all who attended the convention. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible as I travel throughout the state this year. Please feel free to contact me at missflame08@yahoo.com with your event information.

Let's all work together to support our firefighters and our Association.

Sincerely,
Kristen Wylie
IVFA 2008 Miss Flame



SHFD Mobile Safety Training Unit visits Valparaiso



On June 14 the South Haven Fire Department's recently acquired Mobile Safety Training unit made a visit to the City of Valparaiso at the invitation of Washington Township Fire Chief Rob Huffstodt.

Purchased in mid 2007 with a grant received from the Department of Homeland Security's Fire Safety and Prevention program the South Haven unit has already made several short "guest" appearances at Porter County events since being unveiled to the public during last year's South Haven Fire Department Fire Fest. The unit not only allows department personnel to help educate young and old on the dangers of fire in the home but allows participants in programs to actually "escape" from a smoke filled building. Another feature of the new unit is the ability to simulate the approach of a severe storm or tornado.

When the Washington Township Fire Department was asked to take part in a Safety Day exhibition at the Valparaiso Wal-Mart, Chief Huffstodt and his firefighters were more than eager to participate. In an

effort to make the day even more special Chief Rob contacted the South Haven department and asked to borrow the safety training unit for the day. South Haven Chief John Kephshire took an extra step in not only "loaning" the unit for the day but providing fire prevention literature, gun locks and smoke detectors to anyone who completed the experience inside the simulator. A word of praise must go out to Firefighters Jordan Bucy and David Korbal and Firefighter/EMTs Steve and Pauline Weiss of the South Haven department who spent the entire day operating the trailer and presenting program after program for those who stopped by to check out the displays and other assembled apparatus. - submitted by Chief John Kephshire, South Haven Fire Department.



Annual pork chop dinner held



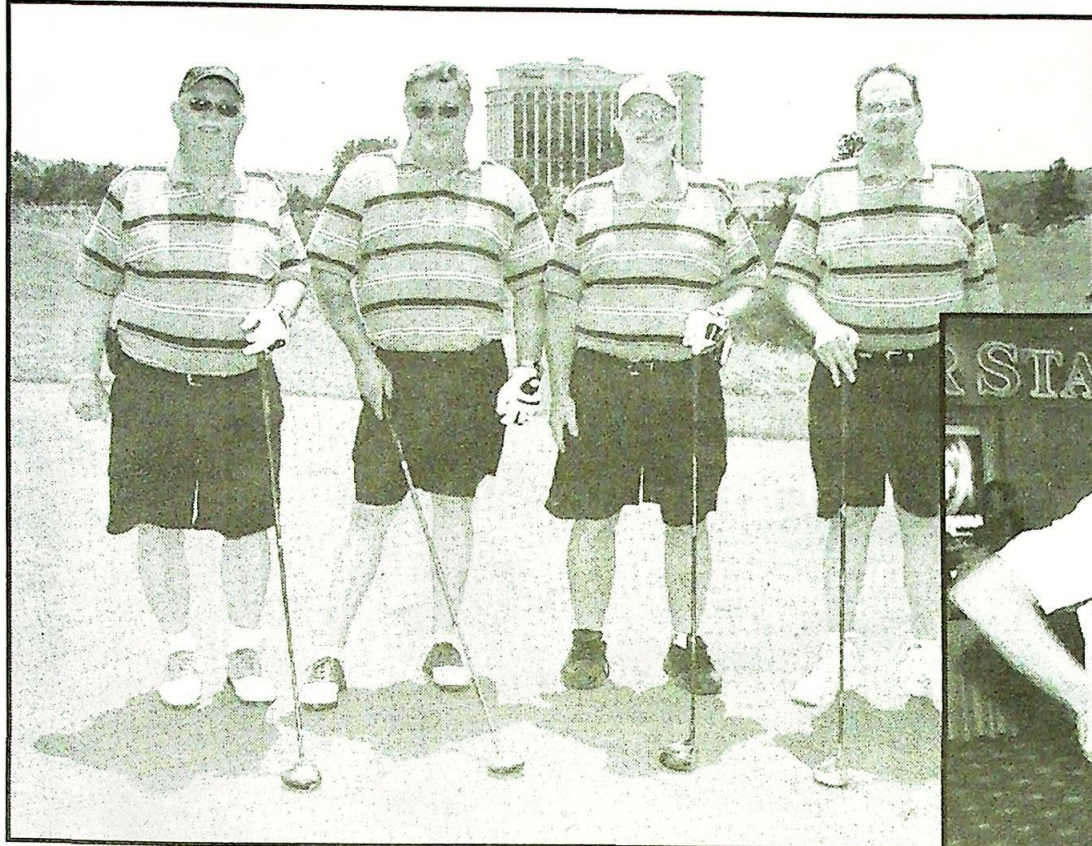
On Sunday, June 29th, Montgomery Township Volunteer Fire Department, District 14, hosted their annual pork chop dinner. - submitted by Charlie Moon, District 14 chairman,

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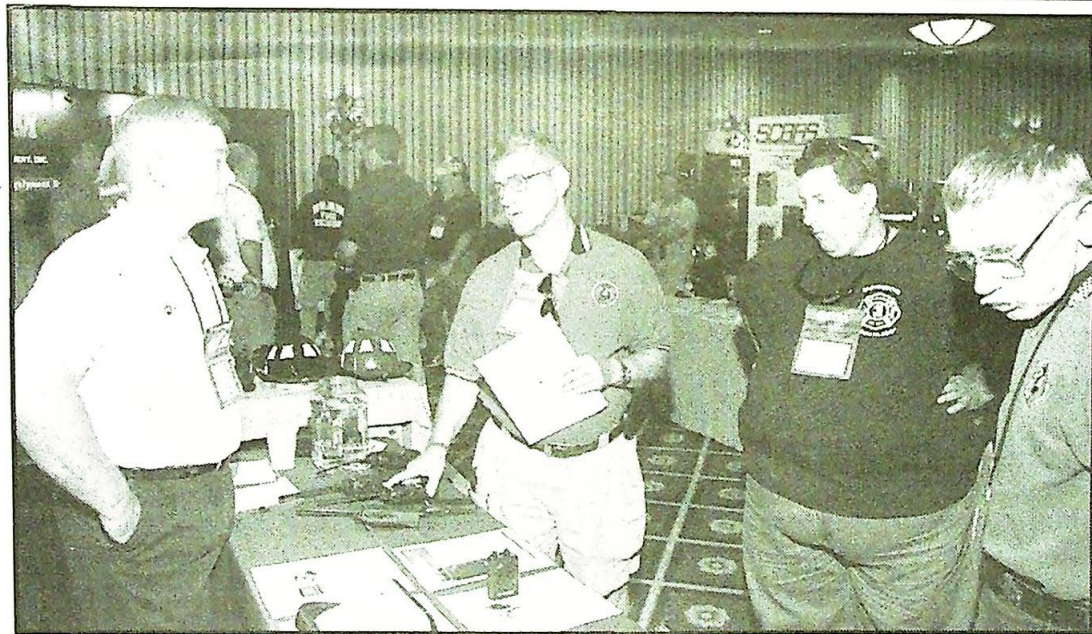
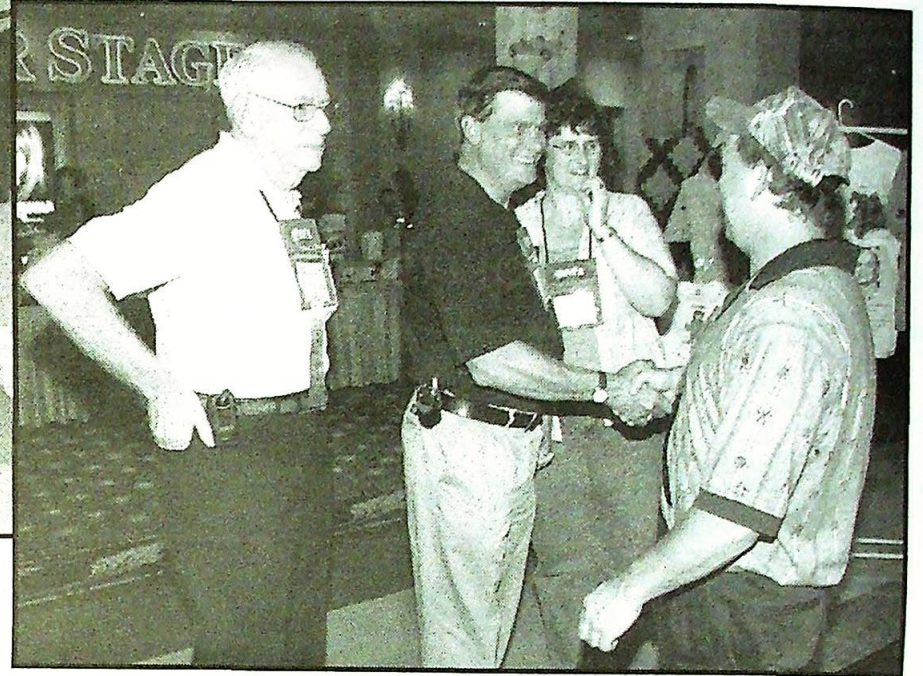
CLASSIFIEDS

Departments are entitled to 1 (one) free ad of 50 (fifty) words or less per issue. One (1) item only. Additional items or words will be billed at current rate. **RATES:** Twenty-five (25) words or less, including name and address = \$9.40. **TERMS:** CASH with advertising copy. Include name and address in your ads. Submit legible copy. Publisher is not responsible for errors caused by illegible copy. Type or print all ads. Your co-operation is appreciated.

2008 Convention Highlights



*Photos submitted by
Stephen Macke*



WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED THE IVFA 2008 CONVENTION THIS YEAR AT BELTERRA.

WE HOPE EVERYONE HAD A GOOD TIME.

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE DEPARTMENTS WHO BOUGHT RAFFLE TICKETS.

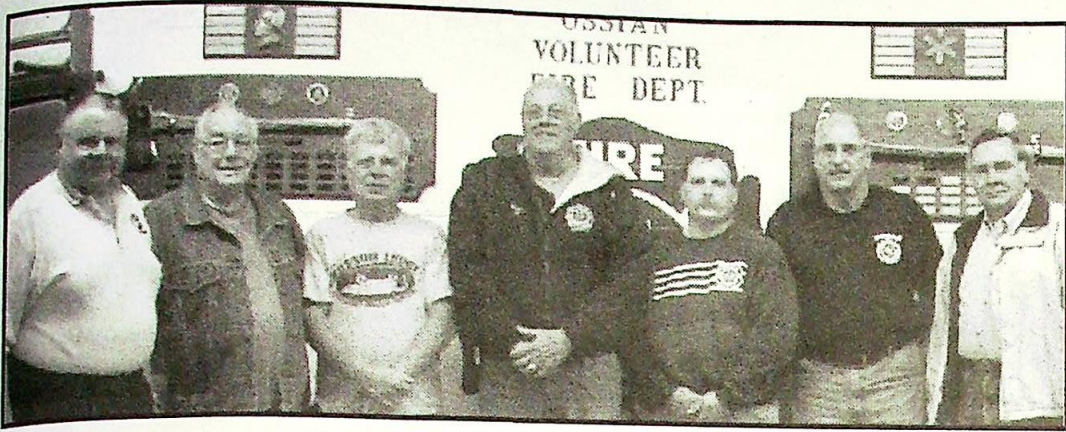
YOUR SUPPORT HELPED KEEP THE COSTS OF THE CONVENTION DOWN.

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Ossian VFD members receive 25 year pins for service to department



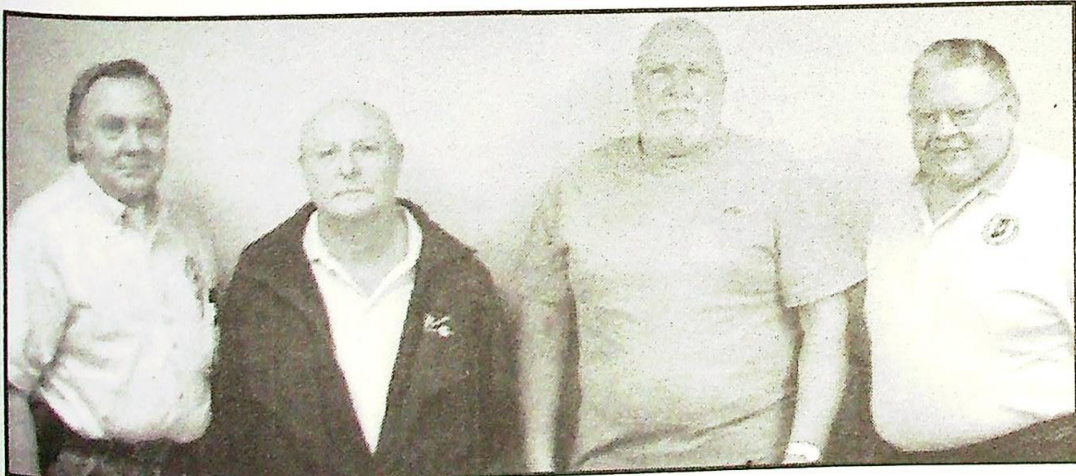
OSSIAN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT - DISTRICT 7 - 25 year pins were presented by (left to right) Mort Sorg, PRNE, to Larry Curry, Michael Fenstermaker, David Furey, Jeffrey Miller, Richard Park and Walt Reiter, district chairman. -- submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman.

Ossian member Lynn Yager receives 50 year award for fire service



A 50 year award was presented to Lynn Yager of the Ossian Volunteer Fire Department by Walt Reiter and Mort Sorg. -- submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman.

Twenty-five year service pins awarded to Monroeville VFD members



MONROEVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT - DISTRICT 7 - 25 year pins were presented to Keith Bultemeier and Steven Luginbill by Walt Reiter and Mort Sorg, District 7. -- submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman.

2009 IVFA Convention to be held June 17th - June 20th in Indianapolis, Indiana



Baskins Robbins Firefighter night held

Division Chief Mark Baumgardner Sr., with Crown Point Mayor Dave Uran and his wife and children at the National Firefighter 31 Cent Scoop Night at the Baskin Robbins Restaurant in Crown Point. -- submitted by Marge Baumgardner

Lovett VFD chief 2008 Global Award winner



District 14 chairman Charlie Moon is shown presenting Don Thomas, Chief of Lovett VFD, with the 2008 Global Award at the 2008 convention at Bel Terra. -- submitted by Charlie Moon, District 14 chairman.

Tom Jones awarded 50 year service pin



Tom Jones, Monroeville Volunteer Fire Department, District 7 is awarded his 50 year award by Walt Reiter and Mort Sorg. -- submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman.

November 10th deadline: October 10, 2008

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LOU BARTLOW	1996-1998	Box 12, Montezuma, IN 47862 - (765) 245-2125
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MAXINE DAVIES	1992-1994	5 Brookside Street, Fillmore, IN 46128 - (765) 246-6220
NANCY NEAL	1990-1992	749 Walnut Street, Hope, IN 47246 - (812) 546-5391
TONI SORG	1988-1990	14430 Comer Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46819 - (260) 639-3969
LORETTA NULLINER	1986-1988	3091 Dumas Ave., Spring Hill, FL 34609 - (352) 686-8905
NICKIE SUNDAY (Deceased).....	1984-1986	
BARBARA PARKER	1982-1984	403 N. 11th Ave., Beech Grove, IN 46107 - (317) 783-9293
BARBARA SURBER	1980-1982	2003 Flamingo Way, Franklin, IN 46131 - (317) 738-4786
LUCY STOFER	1978-1980	718 So. Inomar Street, Indianapolis, IN 46241 - (317) 241-1946
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STATE OFFICER'S MEETING



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IVFA Auxiliary Quarterly State Officer's Meeting
Sunday, May 4, 2008
Columbus, Indiana
Call to order: president Martha Thomas.
Prayer: Joann Hays opened the meeting with prayer.
Pledge to Flag: Miriam Schaeckel led the group with the Pledge of Allegiance.
Roll call: Tammy Hungate, there were 21 members and four guests.
Minutes: motion by Beth Caudill and seconded by Rhonda Moon to dispense with the reading of minutes. Motion carried.
Treasurer's report: Dorothy

Reiter.
Correspondence: None. Lou Bartlow filled in for Malinda Bell, absent due to shoulder surgery.

Membership: Tammy Hungate, we have 804 paid members to date. If you did not have your dues paid by September 30, 2007, you will not be able to vote at convention. She sent letters to everyone who had not paid the first of September and told them they needed to do this.

Chaplain's report: Bette Selmer, absent.

Auditing.
Games: Marilyn Dever, absent.
Jim Bradford brought in the newspapers for anyone who wanted them.

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Faye Sallee said that she is not receiving messages about people in

the organization who are ill or pass away. The call list needs to be used. Martha's phone numbers is 502-773-1746.

Installation: Barb Parker - she will be ready.

Financial Study: Lou Bartlow, nothing at this time.

Miss Flame: Barb Kerney, their committee met yesterday and they are in need of funds. Everything keeps going up. Lou Bartlow made a motion that they repay the auxiliary the \$300.00 they loaned them repay Barb Kerney what she has invested and put rest in the Mary Mackin Fund and to pay the Miss Flame expenses out of that fund. Joann Hays seconded. Motion carried. Barb said we have 22 girls this year plus our last year winner. District chairmen, pick up your poster for your Miss Flame before you leave today. They will not be decorating their doors this year. She doesn't want to hurt anyone's feelings, but if you have a problem in your district, it stays in your district, so please work it out there.

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Bylaws: Toni Sorg, she has received one, Article 11 Section 1, Election of Officers.

Jewelry: No report.
Nominating: Susie Stout, they are ready.

Membership: Diana Griffin, no report.

Historian: Joann Hays and Phyllis Vargo, doing fine. Still need pictures for Book One.

President's Advisory: Phyllis Vargo, Doing fine.

Lois Boaz: Carolyn Zecks, we're okay.

Parliamentarian: Toni Sorg, doing fine.

Old Business: Last meeting you were to see how your district felt about raising the dues. A poll of the districts was taken the suggestion was defeated.

New Business: Nothing.

Convention Report: Chairman Steve Macke came in to speak to the group. There will be a meal on Wednesday night, special luncheons on Thursday and Friday, hot dogs on Thursday night, banquet on Friday night. They are giving away a Polaris four wheeler and several other prizes. Tickets are \$5.00 each. If you are using a debit card to hold your room, they will charge you \$50.00 but it should be returned to your bank account. The slogan this year, "Paddlin' Down The River". You can find out after the meeting if your registration and reservation are made. Mrs. Macke will be outside the door.

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Adjournment: Pam Gerdowsky made motion to dismiss and Joann Hays seconded. Motion carried.

Closing prayer: Joann Hays closed the meeting with prayer.

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**IVFAA EMERGENCY CALL LIST
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- PRESIDENT - CALL CHAPLAIN - JOANN HAYS - 812-299-1574
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- TREASURER - DOROTHY REITER - 260-724-7666
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- DISTRICT 3 - LEONA URYGA - 219-872-6245
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- DISTRICT 14 - RHONDA MOON - 812-256-4062
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to go District 19, we had a blast. The Miss Flames represent their districts with much pride, congrats to all the girls, they are all winners in my eyes.

A special thanks to our district Miss Flame Tessa Stoner. You represented District 14 very well.

Then it was back on the road again to Spencer Township Vol. Fire Dept. to prepare lunches for a training for our district on June 28th. On June 29th it was lunch at Montgomery Township where the pork chops melted in your mouth. On July 5th McCullough held a training and their Auxiliary served lunch.

Then on July 10th another district meeting held at Spencer Township where elections were held but all stayed the same in both the IVFA and IVFAA.

Until next time, call me with any events or functions; we love to attend all that we can.

*Sincerely,
Rhonda Moon
District 14 Chairperson*

Joann Hays. Thanks to Bette Selmer for a job well done as well as our present officer.

The Chinese auction did well on selling tickets as did the raffle for the fire axe, quilt and cash. Hope everyone can attend again next year in Indianapolis.

The state meeting for May 3rd and 4th went well. We mostly talked about convention, insurance and by-laws.

Next state meeting will be in Columbus on August 2nd and 3rd.

The meeting held in Batesville for the IVFAA on May 13th was enjoyed by all and the white elephant sale was enjoyed by all.

The Sunman Fire Dept. will be having their festival July 12th and Batesville August 9th.

Enjoy your summer, ladies, and stay well and happy.

*Pam Gerdowsky
District 19 chairman*

Department auxiliary makes donation to Crown Point High School Optimist Club



Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department ladies' auxiliary made a donation to Crown Point High School Optimist Club.

The club helps serve at the ladies' auxiliary annual pancake breakfast. The group has been helping with the breakfast for the past several.

Tammy Lambert, president of ladies' auxiliary presented a check for \$150 to the group the morning of the breakfast. - submitted by Marge Baumgardner.

WHAT'S OUT ...

BABIES SLEEPING IN ADULT BEDS

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DISTRICT 19 REPORT



*Pam Gerdowsky
District 19 chairman*

Hi Ladies,

Hope everyone is well rested after going to the convention in Belterra. I believe it turned out very well and a good time was had by all.

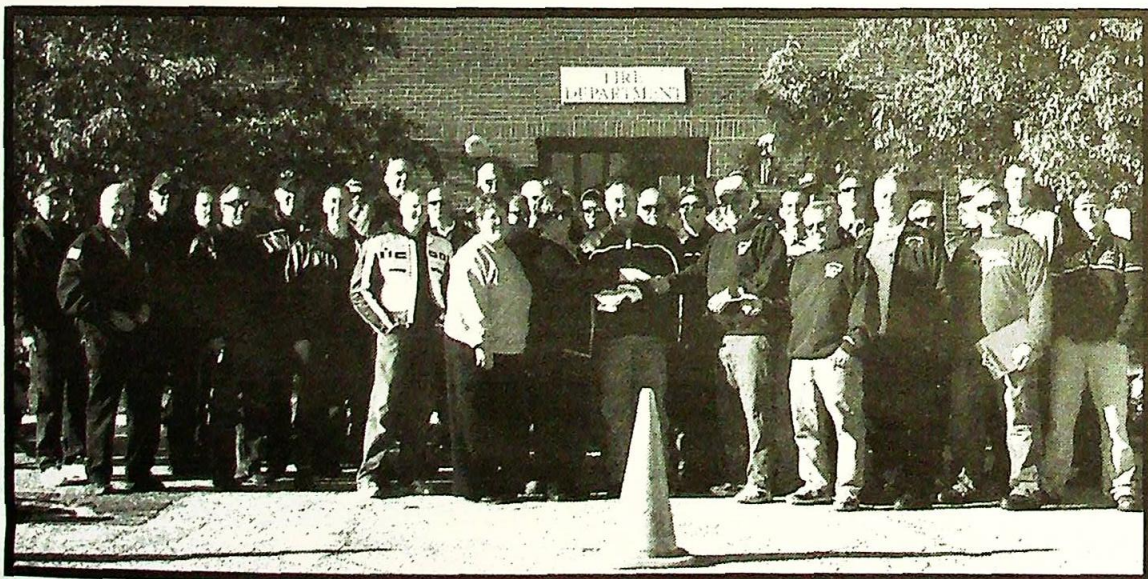
The ladies kept the same officers except for Chaplain, who is now



Crown Point Fire Rescue welcomes two new members

Pictured at left are the newest members of the Crown Point Rescue Department Mark Baumgardner, Jr. and Ryan Cusack after they were sworn in by the Mayor of Crown Point, Dave Uran and Chief Greg DeLor.

(Pictured, left to right) Mayor Dave Uran, Mark Baumgardner Jr., Ryan Cusack, and Chief Greg DeLor. - submitted by Marge Baumgardner.



Bike ride for Burn Camp held

On May 28th, firefighters and police officers from local departments of NW Indiana raised money for the Hoosier Burn Camp.

Pictured in center is Tammy Lambert, president of Crown Point Volunteer Ladies' Auxiliary presenting a \$500 check to Paul Watland, District #2 chairman along with Bob Szot, treasurer of the Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department, also presenting a \$500 check donation from the organization for an approximate total donation of \$2,000 for the Burn Camp. - submitted by Marge Baumgardner.



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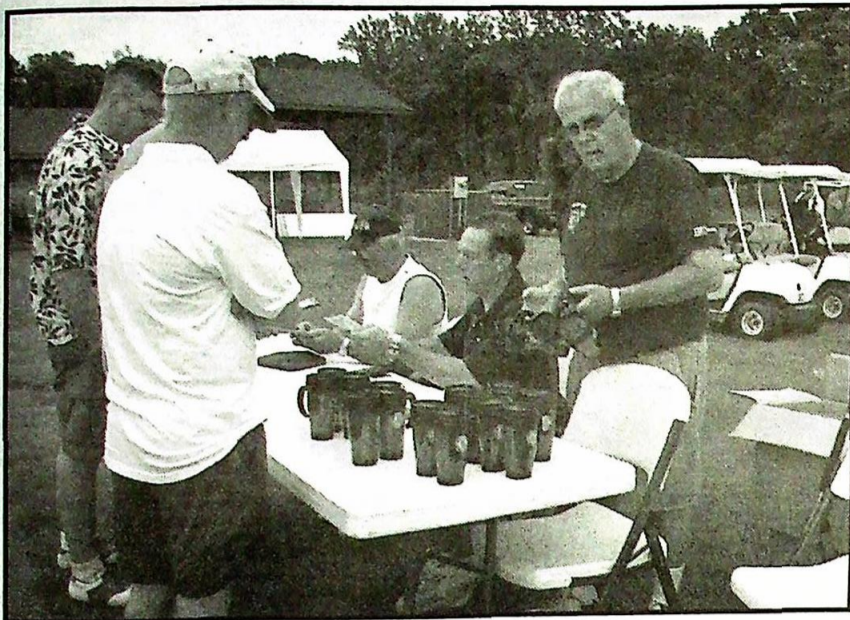
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Crown Point VFD annual golf outing held



Pictured at left: District #2 chairman Paul Watland helps Mark Schweitzer and Bub Wise during registration for Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department annual golf outing, which is a sell out every year.

Pictured at right: Auxiliary members Vera Corning, Linda Watland, and Linda Abraham cook hot dogs for the hungry golfers during the annual golf outing. - submitted by Marge Baumgardner.

IVFA offering shirts, caps and jackets for sale

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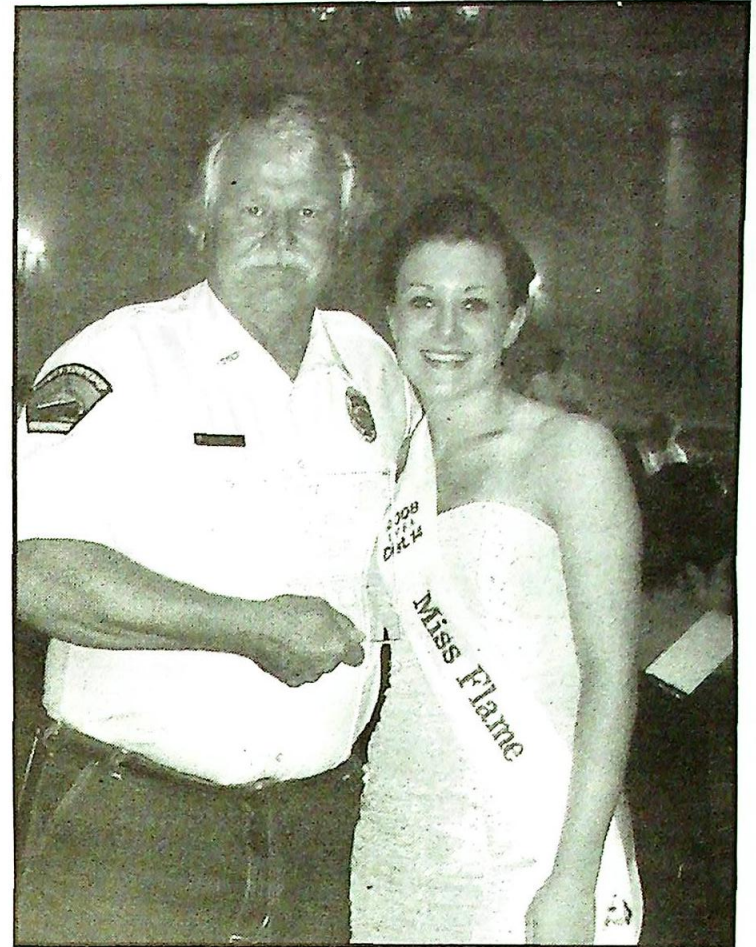


*From
Bel Terra
Convention ...*

Pictured at right—District 14 Miss Flame posing with District 14 Global Award winner Don Thomas of Lovett VFD.

Pictured at left is Eric Johnson of Supporting Heroes posing with district chairman Jerry Sprague and “yes”, Jerry is standing up!

— submitted by Charlie Moon, District 14 chairman.



McCullough VFD Clarksville Station 3 hosts a training with Lafayette VFD



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On Saturday, July 5th, two departments came together to train in a house located in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

With several members present, fires were lit in different rooms to show new recruit and refreshing older members on fire and smoke behavior. They also trained on hand tools, ladders and different hose patterns along with SCBA's.

After the training was over, the departments burned the rest of the house down to make room for a newer house and then the departments had lunch provided by the Auxiliary.

Pictured are firefighters in McCullough VFD Station 3 training.

— submitted by Charlie Moon, District 14 chairman.

**November 10th
deadline is
October 10, 2008**

Thorncreek Twp. FD takes delivery of brush truck



Thorncreek Township Fire Department in Whitley County, Indiana, recently took delivery of a Fast Attack Brush Truck from Wildfire Manufacturing, Inc. This Ford F350 crew cab features a 220 gallon custom water tank, 500 gpm Darley diesel pump, safety jump seats, emergency and scene LED lighting, and a navigation system. - submitted by Anisa Waterhouse, Wildfire Manufacturing, Inc.

Whiteland High School takes delivery of a M.E.R.V.



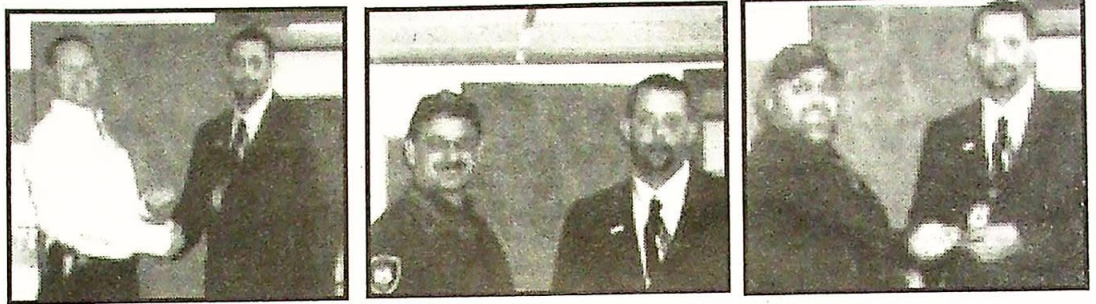
Whiteland High School in Whiteland, Indiana, recently took delivery of a M.E.R.V. (Mini Emergency Response Vehicle). This will be used by emergency personnel during sporting events at the High School's athletic facility. - submitted by Anisa Waterhouse, Wildfire Manufacturing, Inc.

IVFAA holds basket raffle to raise money



The IVFAA held a basket raffle to raise money to the Auxiliary. Bob Ogan of the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department won one of the baskets. Presenting the basket to Bob is Ashley Theurer, District 8B Miss Flame. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman

Monroe Township VFD members receive awards



Charlie Moon presents three members of Monroe Township VFD 25 year pins on February 12, 2008. (Top left) Doug Dunlevy; (center) Mark Furnish and top right) John Waggoner. -- submitted by Charlie Moon, District 14 chairman.

District 8B chairman poses with District 8B Miss Flame at convention



Pictured with Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman, is Ashley Theurer, District 8B Miss Flame, at the convention held in June at Belterra.

- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman

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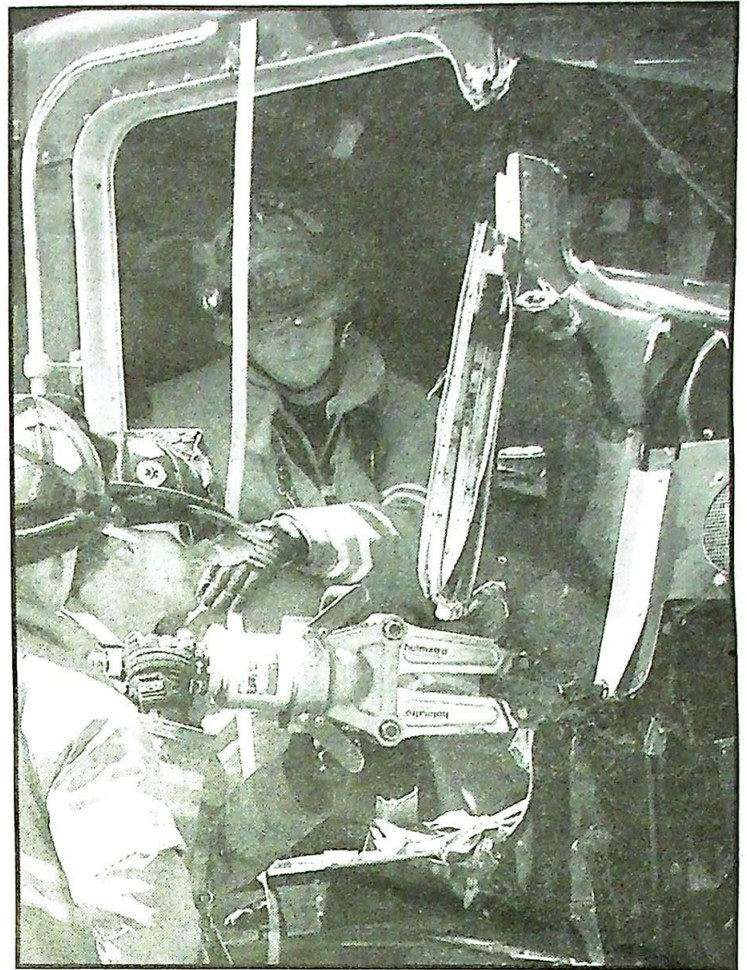
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Crown Point Fire Rescue holds Technical Rescue Training



The members of the Crown Point Fire Rescue Special Operations Division completed an awareness and operations level course for heavy duty rescue on May 17 and 18 and May 30 and June 1st.

Pictured above is Matt Kodiek, along with Division Chief Mark Baumgardner, Sr., Captain Steve Tobias, and Firefighter/Paramedic Tim Martin during TRT Training.

Pictured at right is Firefighter/EMT Aaron Wirtz using a power cutting tool on the post of a cab semi. - submitted by Marge Baumgardner.



Extrication training classes held

On Saturday, June 28th, District 14 along with Amkus Tools held a car extrication class at Spencer Township Volunteer Fire Department located near North Vernon.

Firefighters from the district had about four hours of classroom time and the rest was hands on.

The classroom instructors were: Drew Tenhundfeld and Rod Pressel of Hoosier Fire, who went over accident scene safety, restraint system safety, alternative fuels, hybrid vehicles and highway safety.

Lunch was provided by Hoosier Fire and served by the District 14 IVFAA.

After the classroom portion, off to a salvage yard to use Amkus Tools on several different cars and trucks. There everybody had a chance to make cuts and pop doors; several scenarios were made for the students.

After the class each firefighter was given a certificate of completion.

Pictured are District 14 members that attended the extrication training during classroom and hands on training. - submitted by Charlie Moon, District 14 chairman.

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New EKG monitors for Crown Point Fire Rescue



The Crown Point Fire Rescue recently purchased three new EKG monitors from Zoll Medical Corp.

These monitors are capable of performing normal EKG monitoring, defibrillation, pacing, synchronized cardioversion, 12 lead EKG, pulse oximetry and automatic blood pressure measurement. The monitors are also capable of sending the EKG rhythm to the emergency room by the use of cellular phone service in the ambulance.

The new monitors were purchased due to recent improvements in the technology of the monitors which in turn allows the department's paramedics to use the improved technology for the benefit of the patient. The new monitors will replace monitors that

have been in service for six years. It is anticipated that the service time of the new monitors will be five to seven years.

The purchase price of the three new Zoll monitors was \$58,000. Funds used to pay for the purchase came from the department's emergency medical service cumulative fund. The monitors that were used prior to the purchase of the new monitors were used as trade in.

Pictured are Assistant Chief Gerard Abraham, Mayor of Crown Point Dave Uran and Mark Baumgardner, Sr., Division Chief. - submitted by Mark Baumgardner, Sr., Crown Point Fire Dept., Division Chief of Operations

CPVD Members participate in annual Crown Point July 4th parade



Pictured is the Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department before they begin the annual Crown Point 4th of July parade. - submitted by Marge Baumgardner, CPVFD ladies' auxiliary vice president/secretary.



Pictured is the ladies' auxiliary of the Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department before they pass out candy at the Crown Point annual 4th of July parade. - submitted by Marge Baumgardner, CPVFD ladies' auxiliary vice president/secretary.

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2. Don't go it alone. Always have someone keeping watch from the shore, or better yet, use the buddy system.

3. Don't swim for up to one hour after eating.

4. If lightning occurs, get out of the water as quickly as possible.

5. NEVER swim or operate a boat while under the influence of alcohol.

6. Don't overdo a good thing. Use a waterproof sunblock while swimming and avoid overexposure to the sun's burning rays between the hours of 12 noon - 3 p.m.

Ladies' auxiliary buys CPR mannequins



The Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department ladies' auxiliary purchased CPR mannequins with the profit from their 14th annual pancake breakfast.

Pictured along with the members of the ladies' auxiliary are (left to right) Paul Watland, District #2 chairman of the I.V.F.A., Mayor of

the city of Crown Point Dave Uran, Division Chief Mark Baumgardner, Sr., and Assistant Chief Gerard Abraham.

The Crown Point Fire Department has been offering free CPR classes to the community monthly. These classes have been a huge success since they started them

on March 9th.

The ladies' auxiliary helped with purchasing a set of the mannequins for the department with part of the proceeds from their annual pancake breakfast. - submitted by Marge Baumgardner.

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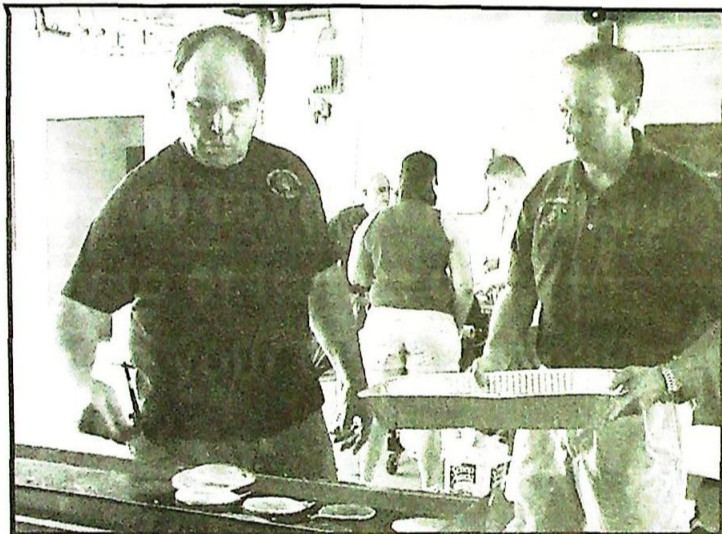
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Our contact for obtaining a clock needs to receive your request for a clock with enough lead time to have it made and get it to you with some days to spare.

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Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Annual pancake hosted by ladies' auxiliary



Pictured are Capt. Gary Huys and Lt. Mark Schweitzer as they manned one of two griddles that the department uses to help cook the pancakes needed to serve over 900 people. - submitted by Marge Baumgardner.



Pictured are Linda Abraham, treasurer of the ladies' auxiliary; members Sherri Herma and Karen Crofford help at the ticket table.

Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department ladies' auxiliary hosted its 14th annual pancake breakfast.

The ladies, along with the help of the volunteers of the department, served over 900 people at the breakfast.

This breakfast would not be a huge success if it was not for the volunteers, members, and the community who help support this event every year.

November deadline: October 10, 2008

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