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2008 SPAAMFAA Winter Conference

On February 21-23, 2008, Texas Fire Museum/ North Texas Historical Fire Society (North Texas SPAAMFAA Chapter) was honored to host the 2008 SPAAMFAA Winter Conference which was the kick off to the Golden Anniversary of SPAAMFAA. This was our first conference to host and was unlike any other past conferences. Along with historical and fire related tours around the Dallas-Ft. Worth area, the primary focus of the conference was to introduce the attendees to our unique facility and allow them to get a first hand look at the activities that go on here.



Our facility allowed us to host specific seminars related to repair and restoration of antique fire apparatus and host a different type of vendor fair. The vendors displayed their products and provided expertise in the areas of repair and restoration. A pumping seminar along with seminars on newsletters and multi media creation rounded out the conference.

A first for a SPAAMFAA conference was the "Ladies Day" that was held on the same premises as the main conference activities. From comments overheard during the day on Saturday, the ladies certainly enjoyed being included in the on site festivities. Topping off the conference was the banquet in which keynote speaker, Lt. Denny Burris (Retired Chaplain-Dallas Fire-Rescue), provided a stirring talk that should keep all antique apparatus buffs motivated to continue preserving and appreciating these wonderful pieces of machinery.

We express our sincere thanks to SPAAMFAA for allowing us the opportunity to host a special event such as this. A "Texas Sized Thank You" goes out to the 159 attendees representing 25 chapters for taking the time to come visit our facility and make this one of the best conferences ever held. We hope that all will come back and see us during your future travels through the Great Southwest. Thanks also to TFM Members Katrina Falk- Silva and Lindsay Dye for their photos of the conference activities.

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Meeting Notice: Texas Fire Museum & North Texas Historical Fire Society will be conducting our monthly business meeting on the third Saturday of each month (except December) beginning at: **9:00 AM**. Our work session will follow.

Lunch will be served around 12:00 noon.