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# Texas Fire Museum North Texas Historical Fire Society



# SPOTLIGHT

## Annual North Texas Muster

On May 3, 2008, Texas Fire Museum hosted its 17th Annual North Texas Muster. Bright, clear skies greeted the attendees along with a crisp, northerly wind. This was our first sunny muster day since 2003.

Fish Trap Park was the sight of the muster as many local residents, along with SPAAMFAA members from Florida, Indiana, and Oklahoma, joined us. The East Texas Chapter contingent also joined us for fun, food, fellowship and, of course, firetrucks.

TFM Past President David Rounsley once again showed his grilling expertise by cooking terrific links and hot dogs. The mere fact that there were no dogs or links left shows what a really fine chef David is.

Congratulations go to the following award winners: Best of Show-Billy Longo's 1973 Mack CF-600 Pumper; Judges Choice-Scott Simpson's 1947 Mack Model LS-85 Pumper; President's Choice-Plains Capital Bank's 1958 American LaFrance 700 Series Aerial; Oldest Apparatus-Dr. Harvey Carter, III's 1926 American LaFrance Type 75 Pumper; Most Impressive Aerial-Keith Kelly's 1961 American LaFrance 900 Series Aerial; and Most Impressive Pumping-Lindsay & Richard Dye's 1961 Mack Model C-95 Pumper.

A new award was handed out this year. The "Lazarus Award" was given to the apparatus brought back from the brink of apparatus death in order to travel to the muster. The initial Lazarus Award winner is Katrina Falk's 1948 American LaFrance 700 Series Aerial. This aerial had been sitting idle for several years, and Team TFM repaired, coaxed, cussed and babied it back to life in order to make its inaugural muster appearance. Photographs in this issue are courtesy of TFM Members Dale Boeth, Katrina Falk, Keith Kelly, Mario Silva and Lindsay Dye. Thanks also to Ben Saladino of *D-FW Area Fire Equipment News* for his photos as well.



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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.