

SPOTLIGHT



TFM Attends Annual Dallas Parade

On Sunday, March 14th, the Texas Fire Museum celebrated Saint Patrick's Day by participating in the annual Downtown Dallas Saint Patrick's Day Parade. TFM had 10 pieces of antique fire apparatus in the parade. Due to the lack of drivers, several more rigs were left behind at the museum.

It is interesting to note, that unlike years past, many of the TFM participants in this year's event were new members. For some, this was their first parade to participate in driving an apparatus. It is also the first TFM event where the planning and organization was carried out by volunteers from the membership, rather than by the members of the TFM Board. In fact, due to other commitments and travel plans, only one board member was able to attend this year's parade. It is great to see that the Texas Fire Museum membership has grown to the point where direct Board involvement is no longer required to get an event organized. Many thanks to the following members that made this event so successful: **Lindsay Dye, Bill Carroll, Art & Rhonda Smith, Grady Jones, Dale Boeth, Bob Barrett, Scott & Ellen Johansen, Jim & Steve O'Neill, Darrell Scott & Bill Kempe.**



1968 Pontiac Chief's car, 1970 Ward, 1971 ALF, 1978 ALF & 1980 ALF 100' Ladder Chief.



TFM members stand beside a 1950 L Mack, 1957 Pirsch, 1962 B Mack & 1965 C Mack.

Of course, no Saint Patrick's Day event is complete without green engines, and this year we had two in the parade; Graydon Vandament's 1950 Mack LS-85 Quad, (ex-Green Tree, PA), and James & Steve O'Neill's 1951 710CO American LaFrance. (See article on page 3).

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Meeting Notice: The Texas Fire Museum & North Texas Historical Fire Society will be conducting our monthly business meeting on Saturday, **April 17, 2004, at 9:00 AM.** A work session will follow.

Breakfast will be served between 8:00 and 9:00 AM. Due to many members attending the Farmers Branch car show, lunch will not be served.