



# Texas Fire Museum North Texas Historical Fire Society



# SPOTLIGHT

## SPAAMFAA 2005 Winter Meeting

**F**or 4 days in mid-February, the Texas Gulf Coast Chapter served as host for over 200 members of SPAAMFAA for this year's Winter Convention in Houston, Texas. Our TFM/NTHFS chapter made a strong showing at the meeting, with close to 20 members and seven antique fire apparatus in attendance.

During the event, our North Texas Chapter received several awards and recognitions. Apparatus awards included, **Best-of-Show** (Wiley F.D.'s 1947 General), **Judge's Choice** (Graydon Vandament's 1950 Mack LS-85 Quad), **Director's Choice** (David Rounsley's 1959 Pirsch), **Most Impressive Pumping** (Scott Simpson's Mack B-85) and **Longest Distance Traveled Under Own Power** (the whole TFM convoy). Especially gratifying for our chapter, was the receipt of the **Best Newsletter Award**, the highest honor given to a SPAAMFAA Chapter for a newsletter. The editors and contributors of the **Spotlight** newsletter greatly appreciate this honor and we intend to continue the winning tradition by continuing to improve the newsletter's format and content.



Scott Simpson's 1962 B85 Mack, pumping at the National Muster. The venerable Mack was given the "Most Impressive Pumping" Award

For many of our members, this was their first National SPAAMFAA meeting. A great time was had by all and we wish to thank the Texas Gulf Coast Chapter for hosting an outstanding convention and muster and making this year's winter event a truly memorable one. The "bar" has been set high for our North Texas chapter when we host the Winter Convention and Muster in three years in 2008.

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**Meeting Notice:** The Texas Fire Museum & North Texas Historical Fire Society will be conducting our monthly business meeting on Saturday, **March 19, 2005, at 9:00 AM.** Our work session will follow.

Breakfast will be served between 8:00 and 9:00 AM and lunch will be served around 12:00 noon.