

SPOTLIGHT



NTHFS / TFM Annual May Muster

On Saturday, May 1, 2004, the North Texas Historical Fire Society held their 13th annual muster in the Texas Fire Museum. Yes, in the museum. For the first time in recent memory, the weather did not cooperate with our muster plans. A nasty cold front blew into the North Texas area Friday evening, bringing with it severe thunderstorms. The rain continued well into Saturday and with temperatures only in the mid-fifties and a cold north wind howling, any thoughts of taking the "old girls" out to Fish Trap Park were quickly put aside.

Not to be deterred by a little foul weather, the NTHFS/TFM members utilized one of the more unique features of the Texas Fire Museum to show off for our visitors. President Scott Simpson's 1962 B Model Mack was pulled into the Pump Test Room, a hard suction was dropped into the 25,000 gallon cistern under the floor and in short order, a deluge gun was firing out 750 gallons per minute into the cistern's return pipe. Unless anyone out there has information to the contrary, the North Texas Chapter hereby lays



A 1962 B Mack pumping 750GPM in the pump test room at the Texas Fire Museum.

claim to having SPAAMFAA's first indoor, "wet" muster. Besides the pumping action, members and visitors were able to see over 50 antique fire apparatus that were on display and see the progress being made on several restoration projects that are underway. All in all, everyone, including our visitors from two other SPAAMFAA chapters had a great time. Special thanks go to member Glen Wild, who showed off his chef training and skills by preparing several wonderful meals throughout the day.

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Meeting Notice: The Texas Fire Museum & North Texas Historical Fire Society will be conducting our monthly business meeting on Saturday, **May 15, 2004, at 9:00 AM.** A work session will follow.

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