



# Texas Fire Museum North Texas Historical Fire Society

# SPOTLIGHT

## Apparatus Restoration at TFM

Last month, our restoration team members began restoring two 1947 engines. A 1947 General, owned by the Wylie, TX Fire Department, and a 1947 Mack, (ex-Bonham, TX), owned by TFM President Scott Simpson. These new projects are proceeding in conjunction with the ongoing restoration of the Giddings Fire Department's 1929 Southern fire engine.



1947 L85 Mack before restoration

The 1947 General is a cooperative project, with Wylie F.D. personnel doing a significant portion of the work. TFM has assisted with much of the work and will be doing the painting and gold leaf. With WFD's man-power, this project is moving a rapid pace.

The cosmetic restoration of TFM President Scott Simpson's L85 Mack is an ongoing project that has moved into "high gear". Mechanically, the Mack really only

needed a brake overhaul, which has been completed. The body work is done and this rig will go into the paint booth as soon as the General comes out.

Although both the Mack and the General were built around the same time and are of the same open-cab style, there the similarities end. Differences in manufacturing and in the quality of workmanship become distinct when working on both apparatus virtually side by side. We will be highlighting the progress of each apparatus in this and upcoming issues of the Spotlight.



1947 General before restoration



1929 Southern under restoration

The 1929 Southern is starting to "come back together" and look like a real fire engine again as more bodywork is mounted and the bright work installed. This month we anticipate this apparatus will be moving around the museum under it's own power. We are excited to be nearing this monumental milestone.

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**Meeting Notice:** The Texas Fire Museum & North Texas Historical Fire Society will be conducting our monthly business meeting on Saturday, **October 16, 2004, at 9:00 AM.** Our work session will follow. Breakfast will be served between 8:00 and 9:00 AM. Lunch will be served around 12:00 noon.