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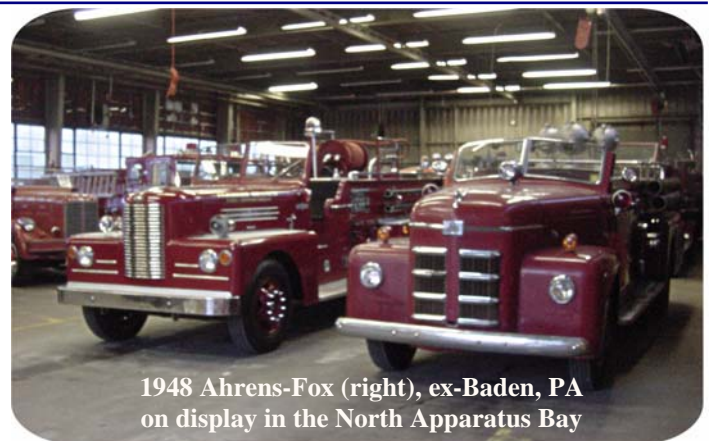
Ahrens-Fox Donated to TFM

On Wednesday, August 18, 2004, the Texas Fire Museum received another fabulous donation of a unique fire apparatus. The 1948 Ahrens-Fox engine was donated by the Baden, Pennsylvania Volunteer Fire Department. It is an honor that the fire department chose TFM to be the caretaker and protector of this piece of Baden history. The apparatus is in very good original condition with only a few minor things that need to be repaired. The 750 GPM pumper is powered by a type 140 Waukesha 6 cylinder motor and is equipped with a Federal propello ray siren, three Crouse-Hind flood lights, a pedestal mounted Roto-Ray light, and a number of nozzles and tools. A unusual feature is the rear windshield, protecting the firemen riding the tailboard.

In typical TFM fashion, our restoration team had thoroughly checked out the motor, changed the oil and lubricated the chassis within hours of it's arrival. On Saturday, member Dale "Beacon Man" Boeth, tore down and did major repair work on the damaged Roto-Ray light and it should be ready for remounting within a week or two. Also on Saturday, several TFM members started to polish and detail the rig, making the original paint come alive again. The engine is now proudly displayed in the North Apparatus Bay at the Texas Fire Museum.

The Baden engine is actually the second 1948 Ahrens-Fox displayed at TFM.

The other apparatus is a fully open cab pumper that originally served the Dallas Fire Department. Unfortunately, this engine is in very poor shape and will likely become a parts truck to support other restorations. (Continued on page 4)



1948 Ahrens-Fox (right), ex-Baden, PA on display in the North Apparatus Bay



Members detail the Baden Fox



1948 Ahrens ex-Dallas, Texas

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Meeting Notice: The Texas Fire Museum & North Texas Historical Fire Society will be conducting our monthly business meeting on Saturday, **September 18, 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.