

## Loveland Fire Exhibit Inc. 2015 review

2016 is here already. It seems like 2015 has past so fast. A few things have happened since the last newsletter.

The equipment committee has done a terrific job on the Mack. Larry Halsey, Rod Ayres and Merlin Dietz repaired the power steering leak and removed the PTO. The coolant problem has been fixed and we are working getting good tires on the front. With all that, the Mack should be in good working order.

We still do not have any timeline on getting the collected artifacts back on display. We have investigated a couple of options that did not work out. One option was a building on the new west portion of the fire training facility. After going through conceptual review, it was beyond our ability to proceed with that option. We had an offer of a private business/public co-operative display, but it was determined that would set a precedent for other businesses to request use of the artifacts. We will continue to investigate other options as they come forward.

We are still getting articles donated from Loveland Fire-Rescue Authority and the Ray Mehaffey family donated convention articles from the 50's. Please let us know if you have any memorabilia that we may be interested in and you would like to donate. Even though it is not on display now, if we don't collect it, it will be lost forever.

About 30 past members attended the picnic hosted by Frank and Mary Kauffman in July. Attendance was about 60 with guests. It was good to see many past members we haven't visited with in years. We are looking forward to next summer's picnic.

Loveland Fire Exhibit participated in the corn roast parade with the Mack and Model A. Thanks to all who participated. It helps to keep our name out there if we ever need a fund raiser.

The by-laws were updated at the October meeting. Most of the changes were housekeeping measures to comply with how we were already operating. The new change in membership was adding an in-active member. The inactive members have all the rights of active members except voting rights and are not counted for a quorum to conduct business at meetings.

We presently have twenty-six (26) members classified as active and one inactive member. Anyone who is interested in the preservation of the history of the Loveland fire service may be a member of Loveland Fire Exhibit, Inc. We generally meet the fourth Friday of the odd number of months at Fire Station #2 at 1:30p.m. Our annual meeting with election of officers is in March. Copies of our by-laws are available on request.

Our goal in 2016 is to make progress on getting at least some of the artifacts back on display.

I hope everyone has a good 2016.

Fran Lyons, President  
Loveland Fire Exhibit Inc.