

ODHFS
Northern Region Newsletter
December 2020
Christmas Edition

Recent Member News:

Some of our Northern Region members were able to attend a couple of Christmas activities.

A few members attended the Front Royal Christmas parade, but were camera shy and didn't want their names or vehicles to be mentioned.

ODHFS and McLean VFD Member Mike Paris had the McLean 1970 Pirsch out hauling Santa around McLean and the surrounding area for several nights.



We received an inquiry from a local HOA to see if we could provide an antique fire truck for Santa to ride around their community. Member Jim Larsen was able to help out and offered his 1991 Pierce Tele-Squirt SQURT 2 to transport Santa. The event went over very well with the community.



Don't forget to record your activities on the ODHFS Event Tracker on the ODHFS Webpage. You can also let me know and I'll record them for you if you haven't requested access to the ODHFS website.

Apple Blossom News:

The 2021 Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival Fire Fighters Parade has been officially cancelled. BUT all is not lost. The ODHFS Northern Region is currently working with the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Fire Fighters Parade Committee to come up with some alternative activities. Hopefully I'll know more around the end of January, but mark your calendars for hopefully some type of event the first weekend of May 2021.

Help Wanted:

Do you enjoy attending the Apple Blossom event the ODHFS Northern Region does? Do you know this is the premier event for the ODHFS at this time? Do you enjoy seeing all your old friends and telling tales? Do you wish it to continue? We need your **HELP!** Some of our committee members are aging out and who knows if they'll be able to help with the 2021 or even the 2022 event. This is your Region and Event! Without your help this event will come to an **END!**

We are looking for Northern Region members who would like to become part of the ODHFS Northern Region Apple Blossom Committee to help plan and work the event. We need to start having people in the wings to learn the various tasks to put on Apple Blossom in case something happens to anyone on the Committee. Computer skills are a plus. If you wish to learn more please contact me.

Misc.:

Due to the likelihood of being unable to have an in person Northern Region Meeting in March 2021, will are currently exploring the possibility of having a ZOOM meeting. We won't have our annual lunch or auction, but hope to maybe have a featured speaker or two. We would like your thoughts on this. Please e-mail your response to me at racindave@msn.com.

Do you have access to the ODHFS Webpage? Lots of member only extra information can be accessed by you and also to help record events you attend. If you're a member in good standing, contact Jack Sullivan at ODHFSwebchief@gmail.com to be set up for access.

FOR SALE:

We have uncovered a box containing a few short sleeve golf shirts with the ODHFS logo. Colors, sizes and prices below. Some sizes and colors are limited. Shipping not included in price. Contact me for purchase.



Light Blue

Large	\$13.50
X-Large	\$14.00
2XL	\$16.00
3XL	\$18.00
5XL	\$20.00

Brown

XL	\$14.00
2XL	\$16.00

Navy

XL	\$14.00
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Upcoming Events:

Nothing we are aware of at this time. If you are aware of any events please contact me so I can list them and have them also listed on the ODHFS Webpage Events Calendar.

Reminder that all events are subject to change beyond our control!

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Antique Spotlight –

Owners Pride – Manassas Volunteer Rescue Squad

There is usually a story behind a truck, and for this particular ambulance, I am not sure I know most of it. At one time, the Manassas Fire and Rescue Squad were separate organizations. Today they run together. For a number of years, the Manassas VRS has had this 1966 International Travelall. Affectionately named “Creamy”, the rescue squad received the International in 1970 “Courtesy of Norman Realty, Inc”. An earlier photograph I have in my collection also has the verbiage “Donated by Norman Realty, Inc.”. The International was modified for ambulance service. What is puzzling is that documentation I have on this truck says it served from 1970 through 1972. That is two years. I believe it was used as an ambulance, but maybe as a rescue truck as well with the winch on the front bumper. I believe it was then sold to the Evergreen VFD in Prince William County, Virginia and later purchased back by the Manassas VRS. In July of 2015, it was mechanically restored. I believe the department still owns it today and is used as a parade/ceremonial truck.

If you have additional history on this truck, please reach out to me at mnsand23@gmail.com.

Thanks, Mike Sanders





Mike Sanders Photograph



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