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Welcome to the Canada 150th issue. Our featured rig is Toronto's entry to the sesquicentennial wrap collection as several GTA services engaged in this process along with Vancouver. High rise 332 is a 2005 Spartan Metro Star FF MFD / Dependable rig, the officer's side mural depicts scene from the city's past, including several fire related ones.

Past member Mike Blazetich of Welland passed away in his 95th year. Mike was also a founding member of the RNFBA and of Welland's Merrittsville Fire Brigade. He joined the Welland FD in 1952 and rose to the rank of Deputy Chief in 1976 before retiring in 1985, starting his career with Crowland FD in 1952. Legendary Wisconsin buff and collector Keith Franz passed away on June 14, aged 87. Franz was father to GTMAA VP Carolyn Franz Wignall and father-in-law to past-OFBA president and current member Gary Wignall. He and his wife Mary maintained a large fire apparatus museum at their home in Slinger, WI. Our sincere condolences to their family and many friends.

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From the Office of the President ...

Once again, our apologies for the cancellation of the June photo tour after the Wellington North Fire Department cancelled our visit at what seemed at the time to be the last minute. However the move was prophetic as we wouldn't have been able to visit the area anyway as the Town of Minto and Mapleton Township both declared states of emergency due to flooding on the day before our tour was to take place and it would have been very difficult to notify everyone in time. The July 29th photo tour saw 11 members and 1 guest turn out on a beautiful warm and sunny day to visit the Uxbridge, Whitchurch-Stouffville and Central York departments along with a quick stop at the Newmarket Museum where some fire memorabilia is on display.

This is an election year and I am hoping some of our younger members will step forward and put their names up for election to your executive board. The average age of the present board of directors is 69 and none of us are getting any younger. One board member is being forced to resign due to health concerns and another would like to step aside and let someone else take over. This is your club and we need your help in keeping it vibrant and relevant now and into the future. At the present time the board of directors meets twice a year in addition to attendance at the Annual Meeting. Please consider running for office as you will enjoy the experience. A nomination form is included with this issue and we ask that completed forms be returned to the Membership Secretary before the end of August so that any necessary ballots can be prepared and sent out with the September/October issue for those unable to attend the annual meeting. Also with this issue you will find the flyer for this year's Collectibles Show and Sale which will precede the Annual General Business meeting on November 4. If possible, please copy and distribute the flyer to your local fire service or station(s). Thanks. The August photo tour will take place on the 19th in Essex, Kingsville and Leamington starting at 0930 hrs at Essex Station 1, 55 Alice St. North in Essex thanks to members Walt McCall and Rick Loiselle and I hope to see you there. The tour of Richmond Hill has been confirmed for September 16 starting at Station 8-2, 13067 Yonge St at 0900 hrs and planning is also underway for the final tour in southern Simcoe County on October 14.

Bob Rupert

From our Membership Secretary

As a follow up to a previous column regarding a Fire & Life Safety Presentation by the Toronto Fire Service, a most informative evening was spent by over 50 residents listening to the presentation given by Bob Wong and Luigi Trasolini on how to prevent and what to do in case of fire. I would personally like to thank Denise Hynes for arranging the evening. After some disastrous events of the past few months, I heartily recommend it to anyone living in a high rise or single family dwelling. It is very easy to arrange with your local department, and could save your life.

On a related subject, I was fortunate, recently, in being able to visit 9 fire stations in various parts of the United Kingdom – from Guernsey to Glasgow. One of the more interesting ones was the station on the Island of Guernsey in the Channel Islands. Expecting to find a small station on the Island of around 63,000 residents, at the peak of the very hilly capital City of St. Peter Port, was a most beautiful building with 8 bays containing a total of 9 fire appliances (4 water tenders, 2 water carriers, 1 aerial, 1 heavy rescue, 1 light striker plus 9 trailers carrying various miscellaneous equipment). It was pointed out that, aside from the airport, this station covered the whole Island of 24 square miles. Hopefully you will get to see some of my photos in future issues of The Third Alarm.

Finally, as Membership Secretary, I would be remiss if I did not remind our readers again of our need to find new members. If you know of anyone who is interested in the Fire Service and would like to join our organization, please have them get in touch with me. Obviously, it is impossible for many of our “far away” members to join our monthly photo tours, but at only \$20.00 a year, one receives one of the best fire buff news letters put out - six copies of the electronic version of The Third Alarm. They consist of up to 40 pages of interesting articles and photos of fire trucks from all over and all in full colour.

I look forward to hearing from you. Until then, enjoy the rest of the summer and stay safe.

Robert Herscovitch, Membership

From the Editor...

Welcome to the sesquicentennial edition, in which we concentrate mainly on things Canadian. I am obliged to the following for photos in this one to: Dave Stewardson, Walt McCall, Kenneth Lai, Ken Buchanan, Rob Simpson, Shane MacKichan, Paul Measday, Doug Holmes, Rick Loiselle, Terry Yip and Neil McCarten. I also thank Metalfab Fire Trucks, Maxi Métal Fire trucks and the Vaughan Fire Service for photos and info. Thanks also to Walt McCall for usual column, Bob Rupert for the rosters and Ken Buchanan and Gary Dinkel for information.

Desmond Brett, Editor, Third Alarm

Calendar:

Photo Tours – 2017

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| August 19 | Essex, Kingsville and Leamington starting at 0930 hrs at Essex Station 1 at 55 Alice St. North |
| September 16 | Richmond Hill, starting at Station 8-2, 13067 Yonge St at 0900 hrs |
| October 14 | New Tecumseth, Essa and Innisfil |

Other Calendar Events

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| August 23-26 | IFBA Convention - Indianapolis, IN http://ifba.org/ |
| November 4 | OFBA Fire Services Collectibles Show and Sale and Annual Meeting |



The group that attended the tour in July. (Desmond Brett photos)



The new Uxbridge fire hall, opened earlier this year.

OFBA Photo Tour
Uxbridge, Whitchurch-Stouffville, Central York
July 29, 2017

Central York Fire Services

Fire Station 4-1 - 984 Gorham Street, Newmarket (Headquarters) Built 1992

Engine	411	2012 Spartan Gladiator Classic ELFD / Crimson / Dependable	1500/550/17	SO#211094
Engine	412	2006 American LaFrance Eagle 148 RR	1050/550/20A/20B	S#W76214
Utility	410	2011 F-250 4x4 Brush Truck (123/66)		
Chief	4-4	2017 Ford Expedition Command Vehicle (Platoon Chief)		
Car	4-5	2013 Ford Expedition Command Vehicle (Spare)		

Fire Station 4-2 - 125 McCaffrey Road, Newmarket Built

Engine	421	2006 American LaFrance Eagle 148 RR	1050/550/20A/20B	S#W72613
Engine	422	1999 Freightliner FL80 / Fort Garry	1050/500/50F	S#M6313
Engine	442	1997 E-One Cyclone II / Superior (spare)	1050/500	S# SE1780
Platform	427	2013 Spartan Gladiator Classic LFD / Smeal 100' RM tower (out of service for repairs)	1665/250/25F Chassis SO#76707 / body SO#4193	

Fire Station 4-3 - 220 Edward Street, Aurora Built 1978

Engine	431	2014 Spartan Gladiator Classic ELFD / Spartan ERV / Dependable	1500/500	SO#213159-01
Aerial	436	2012 Spartan Gladiator Classic LFD / Smeal 105' RM	1500/330/25F	
			Chassis SO#75077 / body SO#4070	
Hazmat	438	1998 Freightliner / 1996/1989 Dependable		
Support	40	2007 Wells Fargo Utility Trailer		
Parade		1926 International / Lorne pumper		x - Aurora Pump 1

Fire Station 4-4 - 1344 Wellington Street East, Aurora Built 2005

Engine	441	2009 Spartan Metro Star-X EMFD / Smeal	1050/880	V#CO70286
Aerial	446	2017 Spartan Gladiator Classic LFD / Smeal 55' RM	1550/500/30	S#719140/SO#4646
Tanker	444	2012 Spartan Gladiator Classic SMFD / Smeal	1050/2500	S#215070/SO#4071

Training Centre - 623 Timothy Street, Newmarket

Parade	1931 Bickle pumper	x- Newmarket Pump
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Tanker 444 2012 Spartan Gladiator Classic/Smeal 1050/2500

OFBA Photo Tour
Uxbridge, Whitchurch-Stouffville, Central York
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Uxbridge Volunteer Fire Department - 301 Brock St. West Built 2016

Pumper 71	2009 Spartan Gladiator Classic MFD / Seagrave	1050/625/20F	V#CO69839
Tanker 74	2001 Freightliner FL80/ Fort Garry	440/1500	V#C50276
Rescue 79	2001 GMC K3500 4x4 / Fort Garry		S#M6688
Car 75	2017 Dodge Ram pick-up utility		
Car 1	2011 GMC Acadia		
Parade	1941 Chevrolet / Bickle hose wagon		
Spare 73	2005 Spartan Advantage 4x4 / Rosenbauer	1500/500/30F	S#
Spare 72	1999 Freightliner FL80 / Fort Garry	1050/900	S#M6241

On Order 2017 ? / Dependable pumper



Spare 73 2005 Spartan Advantage 4x4 / Rosenbauer 1500/500/30F



Spare 72 1999 Freightliner FL80 / Fort Garry 1050/900

Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire and Emergency Services

Fire Station 5-1 (Headquarters) - 100 Weldon Road, Stouffville

Built 2009

Pump 511	2017 Spartan / Smeal	1250/750/20F	V#CO81550
Tanker 514	2008 Spartan Metro Star / Seagrave	1050/2200/25F S# 3164	
Aerial 517	2016 Spartan Gladiator/Spartan ERV / Dependable	2000/250/100' platform S# 215145-01	
Rescue 519	2008 Spartan Metro Star / Seagrave / 1989 Superior body		S# SE 1026

Fire Station 5-2 - 15400 Highway 48, Ballantrae

Built 1999

Pump 521	2008 Spartan Advantage FF / Seagrave	1050/500/20F	V#C064568
Tanker 524	2004 Freightliner M2 / Superior	1050/2500	S# SE 3382
Tanker 525	2011 Freightliner FL80 / Asphodel	840/1500	V#CTHA0119
Unit 520	2011 GMC pick-up (tows trailer with forestry equipment)		
Parade	1947 Fargo / Bickle-Seagrave		



W-S Pump 511, a newly delivered 2017 Spartan/Smeal pumper, 1250igpm/750gwt/20gft V#CO81550



Also relatively new, Aerial 517, a 2016 Spartan Gladiator Classic/Spartan ERV/Dependable 100' platform with a 2000igpm pump and 250gwt. (All roster photos: Desmond Brett)



One of Winnipeg's new water rescue units, a 2017 Freightliner M2/Fort Garry rig. s/n M767.



Morris, MB 2000 Freightliner/Superior 1050igpm Hale pump/2100gwt/35gft s/n #SE2051. It formerly served with the Opaskwayak Cree Nation. (Dave Sewardson photos)



Rescue 3, Windsor's first Rescue Pumper, a 2017 Rosenbauer Commander, 1500gpm/500gwt/40gft (Walt McCall photo)

The Apparatus Floor....

Vaughan's new Station 73 officially opened on June 26, it's located at 7690 Martingrove Rd. in Woodbridge. In **North Perth**, construction will start on a new Monkton fire hall in mid-May 2017. The new building will be located on Nelson Street, just north of the current station. It will have three bays, and will be 542 square metres in size. The Counties of **Parkland and Yellowhead** in Alberta are working jointly to build a new fire station in Evansburg to replace Station 10. Negotiations are still underway, but the building is projected for completion in late 2017. **Hanley-Rosedale, SK** is building a new hall, projected completion is later this year. From Ken Buchanan, **Brant County** are building three replacement stations; Cainsville and Onondaga stations will be built on the sites of the old halls and the new hall for Scotland will be built in a different location. **Oakville** has acquired land on Rebecca St. at the site of the old arena was for the relocation of #3 Hall - Central Station.

Minden broke ground for a new multi-bay station on Highway 35, next door to the new EMS station. The \$1.9 million project will replace a 1973 station in town that was damaged in a flood in 2013. It is expected to be finished next spring.

Expected soon: **Hamilton** has received a new KME rescue. **Brampton** has no fewer than three trucks being built at Dependable: Two pumpers for Stations 202 and 206, and a rescue pump for 212. They also have an E-One tower on order.

Truck moves: with new apparatus deliveries, several services had made moves and disposed of older rigs: **Burlington**, with the arrival of Quint 331, has moved Pump 331 to 361 and is selling off 361's old unit.

Windsor Fire & Rescue placed its first rescue pumper into service in early June. It's a 2017 Rosenbauer Commander with 500 gpm pump, 500-gallon booster tank and 40 gallons of foam. The new Rescue 3 -- which replaces a 2000 Saulsbury/Spartan heavy rescue -- runs out of Station 2 on the city's east side. Windsor Fire & Rescue currently has two new stations under construction -- a new Station 6 on Division Road not far from Windsor Airport and a new Station 5 on Northway Dr. near Huron Church Road. Pumper/Tanker #6 will likely move into the new hall before the end of the year, and Station 5 should be ready for occupancy in the first quarter of 2018. In surrounding Essex County, three fire departments have new Chiefs. Earlier this year, Chuck Parsons, formerly Chief of the Leamington Fire/Rescue took over as Chief of the Kingsville Fire Department. Tim Berthiaume, formerly with Windsor Fire & Rescue, was appointed temporary Chief in Leamington until a full-time chief is appointed in August. In April, Bruce Montone retired as Chief of Windsor Fire & Rescue. Just one week later he was hired as Chief of the nearby Amherstburg Fire Department. -- Walt McCall

Terry Yip provided us with another update from Hub, these are their current and upcoming projects:

Job# 1222 Trail BC Spartan engine	1204 Stock CAFS mini Ford F550 4x4 complete, demo
1223 Roberts Creek B.C. M2 4 door pumper	1224 Pilot Mountain B.C. Freightliner pumper
1225 McBride B.C. Spartan MetroStar pumper	1226 Langley City B.C. Spartan pumper
1227 Ness Lake B.C. Freightliner pumper	1228 Maple Ridge B.C. Freightliner tanker
1229 Dawson Creek B.C. Freightliner pumper	1230 Abbotsford B.C. Spartan pumper
1231 Abbotsford B.C. Spartan pumper	1232 Lower Nicola Indian Band Spartan pumper
1233 Sun Peaks B.C. Freightliner pumper	1234 Whitefish Alberta Freightliner pumper
1235 Gabriola Island B.C. Freightliner tanker	1236 Errington B.C. Spartan pumper
1237 Errington Spartan pumper	1238 Dawson Creek B.C. Freightliner rescue
1239 Spruce Grove Alberta Spartan pumper	

Apparatus Roundup:

ONTARIO *-corrected or added information for a previous listing

West Grey	2017	HME Ahrens-Fox quint 1500gpm/400gwt/80' rearmount
Collingwood	P. 1 2017	Spartan/Dependable 2000gpm/750gwt/50gft
Whitchurch-Stouffville	511 2017	Spartan/Smeal 1250igpm/750gwt/20gft
Ajax	2017	Spartan/Smeal 105' quint
Kingsville	219 2017	E-One Cyclone II 1665/250/95' (ex-Telluride FPD, ex-Brighton, NY)
S. W. Oxford	P.61 2017	Freightliner 114SD/Metalfab 1050igpm/1000gwt/25gft FoamPro 2001 FS



Collingwood, ON recently acquired this 2017 Spartan/Dependable 2000gpm/750gwt/50gft (Ken Buchanan photos)



Burlington Quint 331 2017 Smeal - Spartan 7052 LPM - 1514 LT - 23M xx81887 (Doug Holmes)



Just delivered to Central York, Aerial 446 is a 2017 Spartan Gladiator Classic/Smeal 1550gpm/500gwt/30gft/55' aerial. (Desmond Brett photo)

Toronto	P.121	2017	Spartan Metro Star/Spartan ERV/DEV 2250gpm/600gwt/30gft(A)
Toronto	P.132	2017	Spartan Metro Star/Spartan ERV/DEV 2250gpm/600gwt/30gft(A)
Toronto	P.413	2017	Spartan Metro Star/Spartan ERV/DEV 2250gpm/600gwt/30gft(A)
Windsor	RP.3	2017	Rosenbauer Commander 1500gpm/500gwt/40gft
Douro Dummer		2017	IHC 7400/ Fort Garry PP(CET)/2500igwt s/n M808
Waterloo	P.3	2016	Spartan/Dependable 1250igpm/833gwt/25gft
Madoc Twp.	Unit 1	2017	Freightliner M2-106/Pierce FXP 1000gpm(H)/3000gwt SN#30652-1
Brant County	Unit 17	2017	Dodge 5500/Front Line Emergency Vehicles
Central York	A.446	2017	Spartan Gladiator Classic/Smeal 1550gpm/500gwt/30gft/55' RM
Lucan-Biddulph		2017	Freightliner M2-106/Metalfab 420igpm(H)/1800gwt

OUT WEST

Yellowknife, NWT	E.9	2017	Spartan/Smeal 1550igpm/400gwt/20gft/75' rear-mount
Kingait, NU		2017	Freightliner M2/Fort Garry 1050igpm(H)/1000gwt s/n M818
Abbotsford, BC	E.6	2016	Spartan Metro Star/Hub 1750igpm(H)/500gwt/50gft FP 2002 s/o 1209
Abbotsford	E.8	2016	Spartan Metro Star/Hub 1750igpm(H)/500gwt/50gft FP 2002 s/o 1210
Port Hardy	L.17	2017	E-One HP78 1250igpm(H)/78' rearmount SO#140995
Oak Bay	Bat.1	2017	Isuzu Elf/ITB medium rescue
Kelowna	P.1	2017	Spartan Gladiator/Hub S/N 1221
Tahsis	E. 2	2017	Freightliner M2-106/Fort Garry 1050igpm(H)/300gwt/25gft s/n M806
Coquitlam	ATV	2017	Can Am BRP HD10 Defender ATV PP/25gwt
Revelstoke	E. 2	2017	Spartan Metro Star/Fort Garry 1050ipgm/600gwt/25gft s/n M779
Anglemont	E. 1	2017	Freightliner M2-106/Hub 1050igpm(W)/ 1000gwt /30gft FP 1600 FS s/n 1214*
Ashcroft	E. 3	2017	Freightliner M2-106/Hub 1250gpm(H)/ 1000gwt /35gft Aquis 2.5 FS s/n 1215*
Charlie Lake		1996	IHC S4900/Superior PTO/1500igwt S/N SE1589 X-Dawson Creek BC
Fanny Bay		2017	Freightliner M2-106/Fort Garry 1050igpm(H)/1000gwt/25gft s/n M810
Cremona, AB	230	2017	Freightliner M2-106/Pierce walk-in heavy rescue
Clearwater	601	2017	Freightliner M2-112/Hub 625igpm/3000gwt (SN M795)
Leduc County	P. 5	2017	Spartan Metro Star/Fort Garry 1050ipgm/1000gwt/10gftA/25gftB s/n M798
Leduc County	P.16	2017	Spartan Metro Star/Fort Garry 1050ipgm/1000gwt/10gftA/25gftB s/n M799
Acadia Valley	U. 6	2017	Freightliner M2-112/Fort Garry 625igpm/3000gwt SN M795
Canmore		2017	E-One Typhoon4x4 1050igpm/780gwt
Conklin		2017	Freightliner M2-106/Fort Garry 420igpm(D)/1700gwt M804
Blackfallds	R.103	2017	Freightliner M2-106/Pierce 1500gpm(H)/1200gwt/30gft FoamrPro 2002 FS
N.W. Redwater		2017	Pierce Arrow XT 3000gpm(H)/1000gft Husky 300 foam system
Moose Jaw, SK	U.24	2016	Dodge Ram 5500 4x4/Lite Industries/Rocky Mountain Phoenix 225igp/400/10
Morris, MB		2000	Freightliner /Superior 1050igpm(H)/2100gwt/35gft ex-Opaskwayak Cree FN
Miniota	U.1	2017	IHC 7400/Acres 1050igpm(W)/1000gwt/25gft s/n170324151
Winnipeg		2017	Freightliner M2-112/Acres 420igpm/3500gwt/Honda WT40 trash
Winnipeg	(2)	2017	Freightliner M2/Fort Garry water rescue unit
Glenboro-South Cypress		2017	IHC 7400/Acres 1050igpm(W)/1000gwt/25gft s/n170412152
Transcona	302	2017	Ford F550 4x4/Acres 1050igpm(W)/500gwt/20gft s/n #170127149

QUEBEC & THE MARITIMES

Saint-Charles-Borromée	902	2017	Chevrolet Equinox AWD light rescue
Schefferville		2017	Freightliner M2-106/Rosenbauer 1050igpm(D)/800gwt
Chertsey	U.215	2016	Rosenbauer Warrior 1250igpm/755gwt/20gft
Lachute	U.207	2017	Freightliner M2-106/Rosenbauer walk-in heavy rescue
Price	U.930	2017	Ford E450/Maxi Métal medium rescue
Tide Head, NB		2017	IHC 4400/Metalfab 1050igpm/1000gwt/25gft FoamPro 2001 FS
Plaster Rock	U.10	2017	Freightliner M2-106/Metalfab 1050igpm(H)/1200gwt/25gft
Upper Kingsclear	653	2016	IHC 4400/Metalfab 1050igpm/1000gwt/20gft
Atholville		2017	Freightliner M2-106/Metalfab 1050igpm(H)/1000gwt/25gft FoamPro 2002 FS
Dieppe	R.24	2017	Pierce MaxiSaber/Maxi Métal walk-in heavy rescue
Dieppe	L.25	2017	Pierce Enforcer PUC 1500gpm/500gwt/107' Ascendant rear-mount SN 30306
St. George		2017	Freightliner M2-106/Metalfab 1050igpm(H)/1200gwt/2x20gft FoamPro 2001 FS
Pomquet, NS		2017	Freightliner M2-106/Metalfab 1050igpm(H)/1000gwt/25gft FoamPro 2002 FS
Inverness	U.1	2017	Freightliner M2-106/Metalfab 420igpm(H)/1500gwt
Scotsburn	E.15	2017	Freightliner M2-106/Metalfab 1250igpm(H)/1000gwt/25gft FoamPro 2001 FS
Hebbsville	E.15	2017	Freightliner M2-112/Metalfab 1250igpm(H)/1000gwt/25gft FoamPro 2001 FS



Fanny Bay, BC just received a 2017 Freightliner M2-106/Fort Garry pumper with a 1050igpm Hale pump, 1000gwt and 25gft. s/n M810. (Dave Stewardson photo)



Cremona, AB Unit 230, a 2017 Freightliner M2-106/Pierce walk-in heavy rescue (WFR Photo)



Moose Jaw, SK Unit 24 is a 2016 Dodge Ram 5500 4x4/Lite Industries/Rocky Mountain Phoenix brush unit with a 225igpm pump, 400gwt and 10gft. (Dave Stewardson photo)



Glenboro-South Cypress, MB Unit 1 just got this 2017 IHC 7400/Acres pumper-tanker. It has a 1050igpm Waterous pump, a 1000gwt and a 25gft. (Dave Stewardson photo)



La Peche, QC 224, a 2017 Freightliner M2-106/Maxi Métal rig, 1050igpm/1500gwt/25gft.



New to Price, QC, U.930 is a 2017 Ford E450/Maxi Métalrescue. (Maxi Métal photos)



THE ELEPHANT'S GRAVEYARD – WHERE TORONTO'S 700S WENT TO DIE

By Walt McCall

In the 1950s, through the 1960s and into the 1970s, the Toronto Fire Department's pumper and aerial fleet consisted almost entirely of American-LaFrance 700 Series fire apparatus. Between 1947 and 1958 the T.F.D. acquired 43 of these industry-leading cab-forward V-12 classics – second only to New York City.

At its peak, the T.F.D. roster included 25 ALF 840 gpm canopy cab pumpers, twelve open-cab 100-foot aerials, two high pressure monitors and two rescue squads– plus an additional 700 Series open-cab pumper and 100' aerial annexed from Forest Hill. By the late 1960s the 700 Series pumpers, aerials, high pressure monitors and rescue squad (the 1947 squad had since been converted into a hose & booster car) were showing their age and were due for replacement. The TFD placed its first diesel-powered pumpers into service in 1970 and in 1963 had begun to swing away from custom-chassis fire apparatus to commercials – particularly the tilt-cab Ford C-Series. One by one the 700s began to disappear from the TFD frontline and spare apparatus roster until, by the late 1980s, they were all gone.

Where did they go? More than a few were traded in to Thibault and Pierreville on new tilt-cab International pumpers and aerials in the 1980s and headed east down the 401 to Quebec. There, most of the well-worn 700 series pumpers and aerials languished in the trade-in yard behind the Pierreville QC plants. Gradually stripped of parts and various sheet metal body panels, their rusting hulks were ultimately hauled off to local junkyards. Other ex-TFD 700's were stripped of suctions, ladders etc. and sold off at city auctions. With the exception of the two 1949 high pressure monitors – one of which was purchased by the OFBA -- and the 1949 rescue squad , the latter rescued and still owned by OFBA membership card #1 holder Harold McMann, very few have survived.

On my occasional visits to the Thibault and Pierreville plants, I always headed straight for the back lot where the trade-ins were parked. It was like visiting a cemetery, where once-familiar rigs were quietly and ignobly rusting away. Following is a photo gallery of ex-Toronto Fire Department American-LaFrance 700s in various stages of decline and decay.



Faded glory.....ex-Toronto Fire Department ALF 700s rust in peace in Pierreville, Quebec fire truck plant yards. (Photos courtesy Walt McCall)



Vaughan, ON 759, 2014 Spartan Metro Star Classic EMFD/Smeal pumper 1500gpm/500gwt/40ft.
(Photo by Vaughan FRS)



Vancouver, BC Rescue Engine 7 is a 2016 Spartan Gladiator Sirius / Smeal pumper with a 1875igpm pump, 440gwt, 63gft(A0 anda CAFS. (Shane Mackichan photos)





Cabo San Lucas R-1, a min-rescue on a Ford F550 chassis.



Cabo San Lucas M-45.



Cabo San Lucas M-35 (Shane Mackichan photos)



Cabo Airport E-1, a 1975 Walter/'89 CRES



CSL Airport E-2, a 1980 Spartan/Fire-X.



CSL Airport E-4 is an Oshkosh T-3000, X-Denver, CO. (Shane Mackichan photos)



Valley Regional Fire Authority Truck 31, a 2009 Rosenbauer General HME Specter 1500/300/105' Metz



Kent, WA Q-76 2010 Pierce Quantum 1500/800/50/61' and equipped with AllSteer



Kent Reserve Engine 2001 Pierce Quantum pumper with a 1510gpm pump, 500gwt and 30gft.
(Terry Yip photos)



Two more from Kent, WA. Haz Mat 76 2009 Peterbilt tractor with a Kentucky Trailer Hazmat unit, and Ladder 74, a 2007 Pierce Quantum 100' TDA. (Terry Yip photos)



Cabo San Lucas M-11 (SM)



Cabo San Lucas M-36 on a 2008 Freightliner M2 chassis has a 5500L tank and 200L ft.



Cabo San Lucas M-50, an ALF Metropolitan pumper. (Shane Mackichan photos)



Last issue we presented one of the Singapore's new fire boats, here is it's twin, the Blue Swordfish, on maneuvers. Photos courtesy Kenneth Lai)



And now, for Canada's 150 Anniversary, we focus on our home province...



Two rigs now owned by Chatham-Kent: A 1938 Ford/Bickle Seagrave triple that served Tilbury for many years. It has a 300gpm pump and 200gwt. Wheatley's 1953 Chevrolet/Bickle Seagrave has a 500gpm pump and 200gwt. (Neil McCarten photos)





Looking to the past, St. Catharines: 1943 Seagrave Aerial



1943 Seagrave Pumper



1946 Seagrave Pumper



1950 GMC Bickle Seagrave Pumper

And the present, in Halidimand County....



Haldimand Rescue 4 is a 2016 Freightliner M2/Dependable medium rescue.



Haldimand Pump 4 is a 2009 KME Predator pump, 1050igpm, 800gwt, formerly P.10.



Haldimand Pump 4A is a 2000 Pierce Contender, 1050igpm, 840gwt. (Ken Buchanan photos)

If my memory serves me right it was sometime in late 2016 when my wife and I identified that it was Canada's 150th Anniversary in 2017 – well the 2017 holiday location had been decided for us with that fact! By January we had chosen Ontario and Goderich in particular for the location for the Canada Day celebrations. Once the standard holiday worries were settled (flights, hire car, toddler car seat and hotels) I got down to working out the more interesting details – what fire departments would I get a chance to see! With the support of Facebook and various department pages I arranged to meet Desmond Brett and Ken Buchanan at the start and end of the holiday respectively and then in the middle to visit the Canadian Firefighters Museum (Port Hope) and to see Owen Sound F&ES to purchase two of their history books.

Don't worry, this isn't going to be a OFBA version of a holiday slide show, but I must say that those members living in Ontario live in a beautiful place with friendly people and some interesting fire trucks. So what photos I have included? A small selection from the locations noted above with a little commentary on each. I must thank Desmond and Ken for showing me (and in Ken's case my family too) around, the crews at the stations for moving the machines and showing a genuine interest in the fire service in the UK, the staff at the museum for their welcome and Chief Barlow of Owen Sound and his crew for their hospitality.



Desmond and I started our mini trip at City of Markham station 91, 7801 Bayview Drive. Here we saw the appropriately named pumper 911 seen resplendent in its anniversary livery in these two photos above and oppsite. This is a 2014 Spartan Metro Classic/Smeal 1750/500. (All photos by Paul Measday)



At the second of three Richmond Hill stations we visited, station 8-4, 1365 Elgin Mills Road East, we photographed this unusual tanker – a 2013 International Workstar/Spartan/Dependable (1250/1800). This has been converted from a pure engine a few years back.



Having spread the wings and driven east to Port Hope, my wife, son and I had a good look around the Canadian Firefighters Museum (above). Unsurprisingly with such a big collection it wasn't easy to photograph the vehicles but it was lovely to see a JOX aerial in the flesh for the first time. The photo below however is of an unusual 1935 Ford used for fire fighting within the walls of Kingston Penitentiary. Although it has an engine, this is for pumping only and there is no drive train to prevent it being used in an escape attempt. Mindful of the insecure tenure at their current location, I have chosen to include a photograph of the main museum building to record it for posterity.





Having done a loop around Georgian Bay and a quick tour of Manitoulin Island we visited Owen Sound where the four main front line apparatus were pulled out for us to photograph. First up was Pumper 5 – I forgot to ask why the first away machine isn't number one – anyone know? This is a 2012 Spartan Force/Crimson/Dependable (1250/835). Note it is marked up as Owen Sound Fire Department not Fire & Emergency Services. It is understood specifications for a replacement for this machine are being developed.



Aerial 3 was a great find – a now aging 1995 Spartan Gladiator/Novaquintech (1250/150) with 31m ladder. This machine certainly had a presence, necessitating me to cross the road to get a photo!



I have always had a soft spot for American La France vehicles having seen a pumper and tiller respond from a station in San Francisco back in 1988. The first of two seen in Owen Sound was marked as a pumper but also responded as a rescue – it is a 2007 Eagle model (1050/420).



The second American La France, second aerial and final vehicle I snapped at the Owen Sound station at 1209 3rd Avenue East was Aerial 4, a 2004 Eagle with 75ft LTI ladders (1250/420). Having purchased a copy of "Sirens across the sound" – a hardback book on the history of the department – I am looking forward to reading it and recalling our visit.



Photographs in a parade are never the best! However I thought it was worth sharing Goderich Fire Department's Pumper 11 – a 1999 International 4900/C-Max. This is one of three Internationals in the parade. Third fourth vehicle is an Emergency One ladder.



Seen about to depart after a call in the town the following evening was Goderich Fire Department's Rescue 12 – a 2003 International/Dependable.



The first of two “bonus” photographs not introduced in my preamble – Chatham-Kent’s downtown station in Chatham was the scene for the new kid on the block – a 2017 Spartan Metro Star Classic/Dependable.



Again seen at the downtown station but from station two in the north west of Chatham is one of the department’s pumpers – this time a 2001 HMPE 1871P/Fort Garry (1050/800).



So to the closing photos, the last few taken on a trip out with Ken. 17 Veterans Lane, Oshweken is the home of the main station of the Six Nations Fire & Emergency Services. PR1 is a 2010 Emergency One Typhoon (1250/800) with a fantastic black over red livery.



Aerial cover for Six Nations is provided by a 2016 Pierce Enforcer (1750/400) with a 107 foot Ascendant ladder.



The final stop organised by Ken was to John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport where two crash rescue vehicles awaited us. First up was the newer machine, Red 1 is a 2009 Rosenbauer Panther.



Last in front of the cameras was Red 2 at the airport. This was a 2000 Oshkosh T1500.

Footnote – all apparatus details from firewikia unless noted on the day

And some rigs from out west...



St Albert, AB operates this 2006 Freightline M2/RVI medium rescue as Rescue 1.



St Albert Tanker 1 is a 2007 Freightline M2/Rosenbauer rig, 625igpm/3000gwt.



St Albert Pump 1 runs this 2008 Rosenbauer Commander pumper, it has a 1500gpm pump, with a 600gwt. (Rick Loiselle photos)



Edmonton Garrison Unit 3, a 2007 Sterling/Fort Garry Heavy Rescue



Edmonton Garrison Unit 8, a 2009 E-One Titan 4x4, 1250igpm/1250gwt/160gft.



Edmonton Garrison Unit 4, 2006 E-One Cyclone II Bronto, 1750/240/100' (Rick Loiselle photos)



Tahsis, BC Engine 2 2017 Freightliner M2-106/Fort Garry 1050igpm(H)/300gwt/25gft s/n M806



Leduc County, AB recently received a 2017 Spartan Metro Star/Fort Garry pumper with a 1050ipgm pump, 1000gwt, 10gft(A) and 25gft(B), running as Pump 5 s/n M798.



Acadia Valley, AB recently got this 2017 Freightliner M2-112/Fort Garry tender, Unit 6 sports a 625igpm pump and a 3000gwt. SN M795 U.6 (Dave Stewardson photos)



New last year to Jasper, AB is Engine 1, a 2016 Rosenbauer Commander 1500/1500.



Also St Albert, AB Tower 1, a 2016 Pierce Velocity 1250/250/100' (Rick Loiselle photos)



Another 2016 product went to Lomond & Dist., AB, it is a 2016 Freightliner M2-106 4x4/Maxi Métal VIO1050igpm/840gwt/25gft/CAFS (WestVac)



Conklin, AB 2017 recently took delivery of this Freightliner M2-106/Fort Garry tender. It has a 420igpm Darley pump and a 1700gwt. M804.



Pilot Butte, SK received this 2017 Ford F550 4x4/Acres brush truck in June. It has a 230igpm Waterax pump, a 400gwt and a 20gft.



Another recent buy, Miniota, MB Unit 1 is a 2017 IHC 7400/Acres pumper-tanker, equipped with a 1050igpm Waterous pump, 1000gwt and a 25gft. s/n170324151.(Dave Stewardson photos)



Plaster Rock, NB U.10 now runs with a 2017 Freightliner M2-106/Metalfab pumper/tanker, with a 1050igpm Hale pump, a 1200gwt and a 25gft.



Pomquet, NS 2017 took delivery of this Freightliner M2-106/Metalfab rig last winter. It has a 1050igpm Hale pump, 1000gwt, 25gft and a FoamPro 2002 FS. (Metalfab Fire Trucks photos)

More pics from the July tour...



In Uxbridge, newly delivered Car 75, a 2017 Dodge Ram pick-up utility.



Rescue 79 is a 2001 GMC K3500 4x4 / Fort Garry rig. S/N M6688



Uxbridge's Parade Truck is a 1941 Chevrolet/Bickle hose wagon.



From Whitchurch-Stouffville, Tanker 525 is a 2011 Freightliner FL80/Asphodel product with an 840igpm pump and a 1500gwt runs from Ballantrae. V# CTHA0119.



And Tanker 514, a 2008 Spartan Metro Star/Seagrave 1050igpm pump, 2200gwt and a 25gft is assigned to Stouffville. S/N 3164 (Desmond Brett photos)