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*Yet Another Chance to Add Charleston
To Your Memories Board !*

*Historic Architecture, Plantations, Beaches & Barrier Islands,
Shopping, Southern Cooking and Southern Hospitality
all await you in Charleston!*

*Come and Explore the many aspects of Charleston.
Be sure to bring your camera to capture the beauty of the Lowcountry.*



February 27 - 29, 2020

North Charleston, SC

Welcome to
Charleston!!

Join us for the 2020
SPAAMFAA
Winter Convention

HOST HOTEL The Crowne Plaza Charleston Airport Convention Center will be the host hotel for our convention. It is located at 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd., N. Charleston, SC 29418. The host hotel is located adjacent to the Tanger Outlets and the North Charleston & American LaFrance Fire Museum and approximately 2 miles from Charleston International Airport and provides a courtesy van for transportation to and from the airport. Please make your room reservations directly with the hotel at (843) 744-4422 by January 26, 2020. Mention SPAAMFAA for the special rate of \$124 per night or you may book online using this link https://www.crowneplaza.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=CP&localeCode=en@ionCode=1&hotelCode=C HSSC&_PMID=99801505&GPC=SPA&cn=no&viewfullsite=true

Be sure to reserve early as we don't want you to miss the chance to attend! So, take the time right now to check out the registration information enclosed and get your reservations in early. We invite you to enjoy one of the great vacation areas on the east coast. So come early or stay late as the rate is good for 3 days before and after!

Since no Chapter bid the 2020 Winter Convention, SPAAMFAA National will be hosting an abbreviated 3 day event. We will offer "Explore On Your Own" information regarding the many attractions that Charleston has to offer, including some less known ones that are familiar to locals, but will likely be of interest to you as well. There will be no scheduled bus tours, so if you don't want to explore, you can enjoy visiting with friends, old and new, in the spacious atrium or on the outside patio at the hotel, or "Shop 'til You Drop" at Tanger Outlets and the other nearby businesses. Thursday evening will feature 2 seminars and Friday evening will include the Chapter Presidents' meeting and the Membership meeting. There will be an indoor flea market at the hotel on Saturday.

SEMINARS

Seminar 1 - Waterous Apparatus from 1904 to 1938: Company records, Apparatus, and Photo Archive Warren Lun 2/27/20 – 7:30-8:15 pm

The presentation will be the written build records of Waterous Engine Works of South St. Paul, MN from 1904 thru 1938. Records cover hand/horse drawn gasoline power pumpers thru the motorized apparatus manufactured there. The records will be accompanied by factory photos of apparatus from the Waterous archives compiled by the late Ron Pearson of Blaine, MN, a member of SPAAMFAA.

Seminar 2 – Photo Karoke 2/27/20 – 8:30-11 pm

"Fire Trucks I have Known" ... a Cavalcade of photos from SPAAMFAA members throughout the country, of apparatus you have probably never seen up until now, along with informative comments by the presenters as to how they were discovered, why they are unusual, and possibly their current state. Members are encouraged to bring a flash drive with up to twenty of your favorite apparatus, which you alone may have knowledge of, for the enlightenment and entertainment of our members.

2020 SPAAMFAA Winter National Convention Convention Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____

Cell () _____ Email: _____

Name(s) for Badge(s) _____

SPAAMFAA Chapter Affiliation (if any) _____

I will be arriving ___ before Thursday ___ Thursday ___ Friday ___ Saturday only

Registration Fee Total: _____ @ \$10.00 \$ _____

Unlimited access to North Charleston & American LaFrance Fire Museum during the Convention

_____ Ages 12 & under Free _____ Adults (over age 12) @ \$5 \$ _____ Total: \$ _____

I would like tickets to Saturday's Awards Banquet Total: _____ @ \$50.00 \$ _____

Lowcountry Buffet Dinner will include the following: She Crab Soup, Red Bliss Smashed Potatoes, Honey Glazed Baby Carrots, Fried Chicken, BBQ Pulled Pork, Peach Cobbler, and cornbread. All served with Carolina Iced Tea, Regular and Decaffeinated Coffees.

I would like to reserve _____ commemorative t-shirts @ \$20.00 \$ _____

(Shirts will be with your Convention Packet when you arrive)

Adult size: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ Extra Large _____ 2X _____ 3X _____

I would like Flea Market space(s) – table provided Total: _____ @ \$35.00 \$ _____

(Please complete Vendor Registration Form)

Grand Total: \$ _____

I/We want to participate in the "Photo Karoke" Seminar _____

I/We will attend the following seminars (indicate number attending each) 1 _____ 2 _____

Please make checks payable to: **SPAAMFAA**

Mail to: Candy Bennett, SPAAMFAA Convention, 8035 Bird Pond Rd., Adams Run, SC 29426-5545

For further information, contact Candy Bennett, SPAAMFAAconvention@gmail.com or 843-889-5098

Banquet Deadline: February 10, 2020

No Refunds after: February 15, 2020

2020 SPAAMFAA Winter National Convention Vendor Form

Company Name _____ Contact Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _ Zip _____ Phone () _____

Cell () _____ Email: _____

Name(s) for Badge(s) _____

I am interested in reserving _____ Space(s) at \$35 each Total \$ _____
(spaces will include a table and chair)

(Set up begins at 8 am) Vendor Area open from 9 am- 2pm February 29, 2020. No food vendors.

Because of this limited availability, it will be first come, first serve. Return this form with your convention registration before February 1, 2020.

For vendors not attending the convention, please return this form with check payable to SPAAMFAA to Candy Bennett, SPAAMFAA Convention, 8035 Bird Pond Rd., Adams Run, SC 29426-5545

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Discount venue tickets will be available for Charleston attractions will be available through the Visitor's Center at the Fire Museum. and there is free trolley service for transportation while downtown. You may get on and off the trolleys at any time and the three trolleys give you access to the museums, market, aquarium, tour to Fort Sumter, four of Charleston's fire stations, a variety of restaurants and shopping. CARTA now also offers express bus service from Tanger Outlets and the Fire Museum Visitor's Center to the downtown Visitor's Center hourly during the day for \$3.50 each way (senior discount available during certain hours) so you don't even need to worry about parking fees or traffic!

Lots to See and Do in Charleston!

The oldest landscaped gardens in America. Earthquake bolts. The spot where the first shot of the Civil War was fired. Sweetgrass baskets. Juggling boards. Horse Drawn Carriage Tours. One of the oldest public markets in America. America's first museum - Charleston Museum - is just one of many museums and historic sites on Charleston's Museum Mile. Charleston is a sophisticated Southern city surrounded by miles of beaches with plenty to do... or not do... it's all up to you. Explore, relax, enjoy!

Patriot's Point Naval and Maritime Museum/	Medal of Honor Museum	Fort Sumter
SC Aquarium	Magnolia Plantation	Middleton Plantation
		Drayton Hall

And for those looking for something different, some lesser known hidden gems- many are county parks:

Brookgreen Gardens is a sculpture garden and wildlife preserve, located just south of Murrells Inlet.

<https://www.brookgreen.org/>

Cypress Gardens is a 170-acre preserve and gardens located in Moncks Corner.

<https://cypressgardens.berkeleycountysc.gov/>

Old Santee Canal Park in Moncks Corner is a 195-acre park that commemorates the area's rich history and habitat. The Berkeley County Museum and Heritage Center is also located within the park's gates.

<http://www.oldsanteecanalpark.org/>

Angel Oak Park The Angel Oak is thought to be one of the oldest living things east of the Mississippi River. Acorns from the Angel Oak have grown to produce authentic direct-offspring trees.

<https://www.charlestonparksconservancy.org/park/angel-oak-park>

Charleston Tea Plantation located on Wadmalaw Island is the only tea plantation in North America.

<https://www.charlestonteaplantation.com/>

Deep Water Vineyard (formerly Irvin House Vineyard) on Wadmalaw Island – tours and wine tastings.

<http://www.deepwatervineyard.com/>

Caw Caw Interpretive Center located in Ravenel. Set on a historic rice plantation, this area offers a range of trails with exhibits & rare wildlife. <https://ccprc.com/53/Caw-Caw-Interpretive-Center>

Botany Bay Plantation Heritage Preserve/Wildlife Management Area is a state preserve on Edisto Island. Botany Bay Plantation was formed in the 1930s from the merger of the Colonial-era Sea Cloud Plantation and Bleak Hall Plantation. If you want to see the South Carolina coast the way the original settlers did, take a step back in time at Botany Bay Plantation Heritage Preserve on Edisto Island. The 4,600-acre preserve includes almost three miles of undeveloped, breathtaking beachfront that you'll never forget.

<https://www.edistobeach.com/botany-bay/>

2020 SPAAMFAA Winter National Convention Schedule

Thursday, February 27, 2020

8:00 am Registration opens
9:00 am Board Meeting - all members encouraged to attend and observe
10:00 am Hospitality opens
Noon Board Lunch (Board only)
7:30-8:15 pm Seminar 1
Waterous Apparatus from 1904 to 1938: Company records, Apparatus, and Photo Archive
8:30 -11 pm Seminar 2
Photo Karoke
11:00 pm Hospitality closes

Friday, February 28, 2020

8:00 am Registration opens
10:00 am Hospitality opens
7:30 – 8:15 pm Chapter Presidents' Meeting
8:30 -10:00 pm Membership Meeting - all members encouraged to attend
11:00 pm Hospitality closes

Saturday, February 29, 2020

8:00 am Vendor Area set up
9:00 am Vendor Area open
10:00 am Hospitality opens
2:00 pm Vendor Area ends
3:00 pm Hospitality closes
6-7:00 pm Social Hour - Cash Bar
7:00 pm Banquet – Guest Speaker Helen Burns
An Update on Progress with the NJ Fire Museum