

Welcome to Portland!

Join us for the 2021 SPAAMFAA Summer National Convention & Muster

July 14-17, 2021

The Pacific Northwest Chapter invites you to the beautiful and friendly city of Portland, Oregon, for the 2021 SPAAMFAA Summer Convention and Muster. We have a busy week planned for you including scenic and historic tours, presentations on fire apparatus history, preservation, and operation, and delicious Northwest food and beverages, capped off on Saturday by a muster, swap meet, and banquet. There is more to see in the Northwest than is possible in just a few days, so we encourage you to arrive early, stay late, and explore the area on your own.

COVID-19: We expect that by July the COVID-19 situation will have improved. Nevertheless, because your health and well-being are our top concern, we have planned the convention around the recommendations and requirements of Multnomah County and the state of Oregon currently in effect. *Face masks must be worn on the tour buses and in all indoor locations.* We will monitor the COVID-19 situation and will make adjustments to the tours, activities, and food and beverage service as necessary. In the event that it's necessary to modify or cancel any portion of the program we will communicate that information promptly and provide refunds when appropriate. No refunds for attendee self-cancellation after June 30, 2021. Merchandise is non-refundable

The **Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel** is our convention headquarters hotel and is located at 8235 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR 97220. Book your room NOW at this <u>link</u>, or by calling the hotel at (503) 281-2500 and providing the group code **SPAAMFAA 2021**. Book early so you don't miss out on the group rate of \$139 per night, available July 10 - 20. (This is a very favorable room rate for the Portland area during summer.) The Sheraton is a beautiful facility offering a free airport shuttle and free hot breakfast buffet to SPAAMFAA guests.

If our block of rooms at the Sheraton sells out you may stay instead at the **Hampton Inn** located immediately east of the Sheraton at 8633 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR 97220. You may book at the same low rate of \$139 per night, available July 11 – 19, by following this <u>link</u> or by calling the Hampton Inn at (503) 335-2854. The Hampton Inn also offers a free breakfast and airport shuttle.

Air Transportation: Our hotel is located one mile from the main terminal at Portland International Airport (PDX). After collecting your luggage, walk outside to ground transportation and call the Sheraton hotel shuttle, (503) 281-2500, option 1.

Rail Transportation: Amtrak provides thrice-weekly service to Portland from Chicago on the Empire Builder, and from Los Angeles on the Coast Starlight. The Portland Amtrak station is located downtown and is a 20-minute ride by car during light traffic, or a one-hour ride on Portland's MAX light rail green and red lines for \$2.50. Walk directly outside Union Station for Uber or taxi, or walk one block south for the MAX light rail. Take the MAX green line from Union Station to the Gateway station. Then transfer to the red line for the short ride the rest of the way to the airport. At the airport, call the Sheraton hotel shuttle, (503) 281-2500, option 1. If traffic is heavy, the MAX may be the better choice coming from the Amtrak station.

Fire Apparatus: There is no charge to register your apparatus for the parade and muster, however please do pre-register so we can plan accordingly. Owners registering their apparatus by June 30 receive a complimentary convention challenge coin. SPAAMFAA safety rules will be in effect and proof of insurance is required. If you need storage for your tow vehicle or special accommodations please contact us. Apparatus will park behind the hotel in a gated lot. There will be overnight security.

Merchandise: We are offering convention **t-shirts** for \$20. The 100% cotton t-shirts are gray and feature the PNW Chapter logo on the left front and a Portland 1924 American LaFrance pumper with the Portland city skyline and Willamette River on the back.

The **challenge coin** is \$10 and is 1 ³/₄" diameter, in full color, featuring a 1943 Mack pumper against a background of Mt. Hood on one side, and the PNW Chapter logo on the other.

We also are offering a **convention video with muster photos** in a DVD or on a USB memory stick for \$20.

Tour #1 – Wednesday – Mt. St. Helens volcano tour. On Wednesday morning we cross the Columbia River into Washington and follow I-5, and the Columbia, Cowlitz, and Toutle Rivers. Along the way we will do some train-watching along the busy double-track BNSF Seattle Subdivision as we travel north and head into the Cascade Mountains.





We will stop in Kid Valley, WA and visit the North Fork Survivors gift shop and the A-frame cabin partially buried by Mt. St. Helens mudflow. We can't promise a photo op, but several Bigfoot sightings have been reported in Kid Valley. We continue up the Toutle River to the Johnston Ridge Observatory, where we will enjoy stunning views of Mt. St. Helens and lunch before returning to Portland.

This tour includes a Subway boxed lunch with your choice of sandwich, with chips, cookie, and water or soda for **\$45 per person**. Estimated length of tour is seven hours. We will take your sandwich order after you register.

Tour #2 – Thursday – Columbia River Gorge, Hood River, WAAAM Museum, and Mt. Hood loop. On Thursday we head east on I-84 following the Columbia River for more train-watching along the Union Pacific Portland Subdivision. We will stop for a photo at the famous Multnomah Falls before continuing to the town of Hood River and the Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum for a tour and hamburger lunch. After lunch we will visit the historic Timberline Lodge for a photo op, located on the side of Mt. Hood at the elevation of 5,960 feet. We finish the tour by returning to the hotels via US-26 and the Cascade foothills.





Tour includes admission to the museum and a hot lunch consisting of hamburger with lettuce, tomato, cheese, pickle, condiments, chips, cookie, and water or soda for \$55 per person. Estimated length of tour is eight hours.

Tour #3 – Thursday – Fort Vancouver National Historic Site. As an alternative to the all-day Columbia Gorge tour, we offer a half-day trip to Fort Vancouver, a 19th-century fur trading post that was once the headquarters of the Hudson's Bay Company's Columbia Department. The fort is named for Captain George Vancouver and is located on the north bank of the Columbia River in present-day Vancouver, WA. The Fort

Vancouver National Historic Site consists of Fort Vancouver, the Vancouver Barracks, Pearson Air Museum, and the historic McLoughlin House.

Cost of the tour is **\$35 per person.** Admission to the Fort Vancouver Stockade is \$10 (free for National Park pass holders) and must be paid separately. All other park features are free. Estimated length of tour is 3 ½ hours.



Tour #4 – Friday – Portland Historic Firehouse Tour, Willamette River Waterfront, and Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue antique collection. We have a great day planned for Friday as we tour the city of Portland and view several historic firehouses with stops at several significant Portland Fire & Rescue facilities. The Willamette River waterfront and downtown Portland are also part of the tour. Then we travel to Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) in Wilsonville for lunch and to see their large collection of classic fire apparatus.

The tour includes lunch at TVF&R for **\$45 per person**. Estimated length of tour is six hours.



Tour #5 – Friday – Portland International Rose Test Garden. Enjoy a beautiful Northwest summer morning in Portland's famous International Rose Test Garden located in Washington Park with views of downtown, the Willamette River, and east Portland. The Cascade Range and Mount Hood are visible on a clear day. The rose garden covers 4.5 acres and features more than 10,000 rose bushes representing approximately 650 varieties. A short walk away is the outstanding Portland Japanese

Garden (additional entrance fee) featuring a serene 5.5-acre Japanese landscape with waterfall, tea house, and mountain view.



Cost of tour is \$35 per person. Admission to the International Rose Test Garden is free. Admission to the Japanese Garden is \$18.95. Estimated length of tour is $3 \frac{1}{2}$ hours.

Explore on your own – There is more to see than we are able to show you in only three days of group tours. Stop by our convention registration desk "Command Post" to pick up a list of additional attractions to see in the greater Portland area.

Evening Seminars – We have an interesting variety of seminar topics for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings. Topics include Pacific Northwest Chapter Owners' Pride, Happy Valley Fire-32 restoration, Kenworth and Western States fire apparatus, Federal Way and Portland Fire Department history, Seattle Fire Department's Boeing turbo American LaFrance 900 Series TDA, pump operation, and more.









Muster and Flea Market – Saturday there will be an apparatus parade to the muster site located nearby on Port of Portland Airport property. Directions to the parade staging area and muster site will be provided at the time of the convention. The muster will include a flea market, food trucks, pumping, and other activities. See page two (above) for information on registering your apparatus for the muster. Vendor registration for the **flea market is \$20 per 20' x 20' space**.

Banquet – We wrap up the convention Saturday evening at the Sheraton with a no-host social hour followed by a banquet. All dinners are **\$40 per person** and include salad greens with Balsamic dressing, fresh baked rolls and chef's choice of dessert. Starbucks coffee, Tazo teas, and iced tea. Dinner choices include:

- Chargrilled chicken Marsala, highlighted with a rich mushroom-tomato garnished Marsala sauce, creamy mashed potatoes, and market vegetables.
- Red wine braised sirloin, slow cooked and garnished with bacon, mushrooms, and onions. Accompanied with parslied potatoes and green beans.
- For vegetarian options we offer seasonal vegetable risotto.

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SHERATON PORTLAND AIRPORT HOTEL

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 14

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration Desk Open
8:30 a.m.	Bus departs for Mt. St. Helens tour
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	SPAAMFAA Board of Trustees Meeting and Luncheon
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Registration Desk Open
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Pacific Northwest Welcome Reception and Seminars

Thursday, July 15

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration Desk Open
8:30 a.m.	Buses Depart for Hood River and Fort Vancouver
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Registration Desk Open
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Open
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Chapter Presidents and General Membership Meeting
9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Seminars

Friday, July 16

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration Desk Open
8:30 a.m.	Bus Departs for Rose Garden
9:00 a.m.	Buses Depart for Firehouses
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Registration Desk Open
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Open
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Seminars

Saturday, July 17

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration Desk Open
8:30 a.m.	Flea Market Opens for Setup
8:30 a.m.	Parade Staging Area Opens
10:00 a.m.	Apparatus Parade Begins
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Muster Activities and Flea Market
6:00 p.m.	Social Hour and No-Host Bar
7:00 p.m.	Banquet



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Convention T-shirts: @ \$20 each Small Medium XL 2XL 3XL 4XL	\$	
Pacific NW Chapter embroidered logo ball caps@ \$20 each	\$	
Convention Challenge Coins@ \$10 each	\$	
Convention video and photos@ \$20 eachDVDUSB device	\$	
Tour #1 Mt. St. Helens – Wednesday@ \$45 each	\$	
Tour #2 Hood River – Thursday@ \$55 each	\$	
Tour #3 Fort Vancouver – Thursday@ \$35 each	\$	
Tour #4 Historic Firehouses – Friday@ \$45 each	\$	
Tour #5 Rose Garden – Friday@ \$35 each	\$	
Banquet – Saturday@ \$40 eachBeefChickenVegetarian	\$	
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Make your check out to: PNW SPAAMFAA

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