

## Boulder Creek's 'Spirited' Firemen The Best

The Boulder Creek Volunteer Fire Department is the best in the state, according to those who awarded the perpetual trophy to nine Boulder Creek firemen at the recent firemen's muster in Columbia.

Boulder Creek Fire Chief Bud Tomlin explained that his men — and their wives — received the trophy for showing the most spirit at the annual firemen's get-together in Columbia.

His department not only won the trophy for its display of two antique fire engines in Columbia's parade, but also for its participation in the hose laying contest and in the bucket brigade.

Boulder Creek firemen paraded in Columbia with their 1924 Model T hose wagon and with their 1915 chemical truck. These antique fire vehicles, restored by Boulder Creek Fire Capt. Gene Meschi, aren't actually used by the Boulder Creek Department to fight fires, but are on display in such events as the Columbia muster.

Local residents will be able to view these two antique vehicles and other antique fire apparatus at the muster that will be held by the Boulder Creek Volunteer Fire Department June 7 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Graham Hill Showgrounds.

Anyone owning antique fire equipment is invited to display it at the muster, according to Tomlin. More information on the muster may be obtained by calling Tomlin at 338-2542.

The Boulder Creek department also will award a perpetual trophy to the fire department which performs the best in a surprise event at the muster.

Other events that will be held include a bucket brigade, tug of war and a barrel shoot which involves shooting water from a hose at a barrel suspended on a cable.

A bucket brigade involves several members of a fire department moving water with buckets from a large tub to a small tub.



Chief Bud Tomlin, Capt. Gene Meschi and Andy Robustelli with trophy.

Tomlin related that it was the wives of Boulder Creek firemen who participated in the bucket brigade at Columbia.

Boulder Creek firemen also proved in Columbia that antique fire equipment may be old, but its not useless. In the hose laying contest, Boulder Creek

firemen came in second place using the 1924 Model T hose wagon.

It took the Boulder Creek team 45.9 seconds to lay the hose with their antique truck, compared to the winning time of 45.6 seconds. The winning team used a 1947 GMC truck, Tomlin said.

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