

City of Salida Fire Department Kissel Engine Restoration Project



The Kissel Engine in 1912

On September 27, 1912, Salida City Council approved the purchase of a 1911 motor fire truck at a cost of \$5,300 from the Anderson Coupling and Fire Supply Company. This apparatus was a combination hose and chemical car. In 1923, the apparatus was retrofitted with a Waterous 300 GPM pump which is basically how all modern fire apparatus operate. The Kissel was in service from November 1912 until April 1942 when it was replaced with an International Howe (which the city still has). The Kissel was then relegated to the City Water Works on Little River.

In the 1960s, the Salida Volunteer Firemen and paid staff, under the direction of Chief Jack Henderson, retrieved the Kissel in pieces from the city water works and restored the apparatus. It became the pride and joy of the firefighters and became a parade favorite. The Kissel continued to be a parade favorite as well as a draw at the annual Angel of Shavano Car Show. In 1998, The Kissel was featured in the Society for the Preservation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus in America's (SPAAMFAA) quarterly publication. Unfortunately, around 1999 the truck began to overheat in parades. There was a concern that the engine block could be cracked. The truck was again taken out of service and has not been driven since.

Today, the Kissell has been landmarked locally. The local landmark designation allows the Fire Department to apply for the Colorado State Historical Fund Competitive Grant. Currently, additional funds are needed to meet a \$15,000 minimum match, which is the 25% match for the grant needed to fully restore the truck. Please consider donating to meet the grant matching fund.

**For your donation of \$500 or more you will receive a plaque of recognition on the Kissel truck.
Send this form and your check (of any amount) to:
Salida Fire Department, P.O. Box 86 Salida, CO 81201**

___ Yes, I would like to donate to the Kissel Restoration Fund
In the amount of: \$ _____
Name/Business Name: _____

*All are welcome to donate and see the Kissel Engine at the Fire Station, 124 E Street

Salida Hose Co.



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A fully restored Kissel Engine