

The **REGISTER**

Noteworthy News
from the
Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum

2nd Quarter April - June 2025

York County Commissioners Visit GHAFM

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Gary Rickrode Photo



Gary Rickrode Photo

York County President Commissioner Julie Wheeler and Vice President Commissioner Scott Burford visited the Greater Hanover Fire Museum on February 26. Gary Rickrode, Gordy Lillich, Jim Roth and Wayne Bollinger escorted them through our fire museum, sharing our rich historical Hanover Area fire service history. We are very honored to be recognized by our York County Commissioners and appreciate their continued support in York County for historical entities. Thank you Julie and Scott and please come back and visit us again.



* At the FIRE MUSEUM *

Museum Visitors



Ken Buohl Photo

Carl Boyer and Jim Stair, members of Midway Fire Company visited our fire museum to view the Midway/Arendtsville Fire Company 1927 International Boyer currently on short term display. Carl and Jim drove the International to Arendtsville FC in 2012 when it was sold back to them. Jim created a "Journey Home" video, journaling their drive to Arendtsville to deliver this truck. It is currently being shown in the museum.



Gary Rickrode Photo

Zach from Lape Brothers Photography visited our fire museum on March 29th to photograph our fire museum apparatus and some historical items. They host a Face book page containing various fire service related photos. It is located at <https://www.facebook.com/lapebrothersphotography>. Thank you for visiting us and sharing your wonderful photography talents with us. Come back again soon.

Apparatus



Gary Rickrode Photo

GHAFM member Bruce Yealy brought his beautiful 1984 Chevrolet Grumman retired from Capon Bridge Fire Co., West Virginia to the fire museum for our March featured fire apparatus. Bruce restored it in 2012 as a Los Angeles County Squad 51 tribute truck from the TV show "Emergency". Thank you Bruce for sharing your wonderful truck.



Gary Rickrode Photo

Arendtsville Fire Company's Harriet and Mark Fulton and Kevin Hardy brought their 1927 International Boyer to our fire museum for our April featured fire apparatus display. She has a 1929 Boyer body, 6 cylinder Lycoming engine, 660 GPM Hale rotary pump and carries 250 gallons of water. It was sold to Midway Fire Co., Adams County in 1956 and brought back to Arendtsville Fire Co. in 2012. Thank you for sharing beautiful your truck.



Gary Rickrode Photo

L. to R., Josh Otis, GHAFM Member James Roth and Greg Borys on a fire museum tour. Greg and Josh are Probationary Hanover Borough Fire Dept. employees. Jim was their fire museum docent for their tour. Probationary member museum visits are an important aspect of their fire history education for becoming a fireman.

Appreciation



Gary Rickrode Photo

Gary Rickrode presents GHAFM member Bruce Yealy a Certificate of Appreciation for displaying his truck in the fire museum during March.



Fire Museum QR Code



"Members ON THE ROAD"



Henry Hartman Photo

Several of our GHAFM members attended a booth at the 2025 71st Annual Builders' Home and Garden Show hosted by the Hanover Exchange Club. They greeted visitors and handed out fire museum literature.

Joseph B. Markle, retired Lieutenant/Captain of the Hanover Fire Dept. was laid to rest on March 31 with an escort from our fire museum. Joe Myers, Brian McDermitt, Gary Rickrode and Wayne Bollinger provided driver and escort services.

Rest In Peace
Joe Markle



Gordy Lillich Photo

The Heartbeat of the GHAFM - OUR VOLUNTEERS



Gary Rickrode Photo

2025 GHAFM Officers, Jody Cramer, Assistant Secretary, Jeffrey Cramer, Vice President, Gordon Lillich, President, Gary Rickrode, Secretary. John Lucabaugh, Treasurer and Jamie Cramer, Assistant Treasurer not shown. As officers with appointed positions it is expected they put in more time than members. One of our exemplary officers, President Gordon Lillich logged in 665 hours during 2024. Well done Gordy

Waynes World answer.

This hot water valve is located on the Silsby steamer and is used for attaching a small hose for applying hot water to thaw out ice from the caps on a fire hydrant during winter.



Gary Rickrode Photo

Alan Redding, GHAFM Life Member and owner of Redding Memorials repairs a memorial stone for the fire horse Rex. Thank you Alan for your generous repair.

Building & Grounds



Gary Rickrode Photo

GHAFM members Bob Adams, Jim Roth, Jeff Cramer and Tony Wagaman work on updating our Veterans memorial display in the fire museum.

Gordy Lillich and Dennis Weaver installed a new light in the second floor restroom and Gordy rebuilt this light and attached it to the Gamewell alarm board. Dennis tested all emergency lights and inspected exit signs and portable fire extinguishers. A new American flag was raised and the old one was disposed of properly. Gordy and Eddie Schwartz installed a new sink and faucet in the second floor restroom. Gordy and Dennis installed permanent wiring for the horse stall lighting. WFX performed annual portable fire extinguisher testing.

Take Gordy's \$100 GLY Challenge!

Join Museum President Gordon Lillich in donating \$100 to the Greater Hanover Fire Museum during Give Local York! May 1 @ 9PM to May 2 @ 9PM

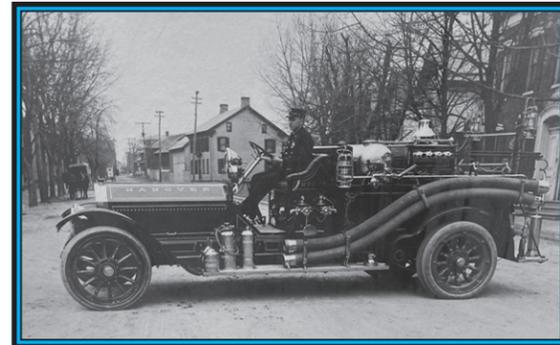
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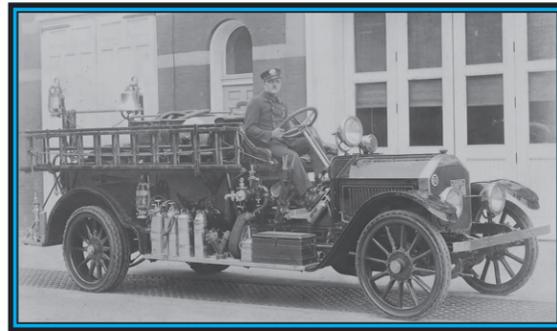
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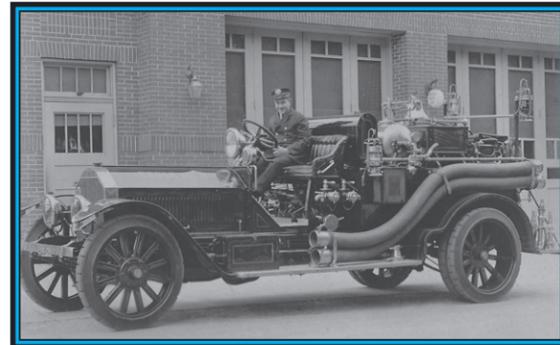
1910 Combination Chemical & Hose Wagon "ROYAL" Co. No. 1



1914 Type 12 1,000 GPM 6 cylinder Triple Combination Co. No 1



1917 Type 40 500 GPM 4 cylinder Triple Combination Co. No. 1



1917 Type 75 750 GPM 6 Cylinder Triple Combination Co. No. 2



1937 Type 400 Junior 750 GPM Triple Combination 12 Cylinder Co. No. 2



Article Content Compiled by Wayne Bollinger GHAFM Fire Museum Curator



American LaFrance Apparatus



1950 Type 700 Midship 85 Foot Aerial No Pump 12 Cylinder Co. No. 2



1970 Type 900 Series 1000 GPM 500 Gallons Water 6 Cylinder Co. No. 1



1970 Type 900 Series 1000 GPM 500 Gallons Water 6 Cylinder Co. No. 2



1977 1000 Series 100 Foot Rear-mount Aerial No Pump V-6 Detroit Wirt Park

NO PHOTO Available

1949 700 Series Pumper on Loan From American LaFrance for 6 Months. Sold to Brushtown Fire Co.

“From the Archives”



Shown above is the damage wrought by an explosion yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Arthur, 103 McAllister street, Hanover. Mrs. Arthur, who was in the kitchen at the time of the blast, is in Hanover General Hospital, suffering from burns of the head, arms and face.



One of the greenhouses at the East Walnut Street plant of Cramer the Florist, damaged by fire early today, is shown as viewed from the section housing the heating system, where the blaze apparently started. In the background are some of the hundreds of flower plants damaged. (Evening Sun Photo)

Famous Fires of Hanover

Contributor: GHAFM Member Greg Halpin

Over the past years, Hanover has been rocked by some disastrous fire dispatches causing extensive damage and destruction. This feature article will transport you back in time to 1957 and 1960 for a look at two of those fire calls.

On April 11, 1957, at 3:20 a.m., multiple phone calls, followed by the sounding of Box 13 at Locust and Walnut Streets, sent Hanover borough firemen to Cramer Florist, to the rear of the 200 block of East Walnut Street. Firemen arrived to find a well-advanced fire involving the boiler room, the coal shed, and a row of storage buildings and garages. Prior to the arrival of firemen, neighbors drove six delivery trucks from the burning garages. The fire had extended to the ends of three 100-foot-long greenhouses.

A general alarm called out all borough fire equipment, while Pennville Fire Company stood by in Hanover. The fire caused an estimated \$30,000 in damage, including 5,000 Easter flowers ready for market. Quick repairs were made to the boiler room to protect the plants in five other greenhouses. The Eagle Fire Company's canteen truck supplied coffee and doughnuts to the firemen.

On August 1, 1960, at 11:40 a.m., the Eagle engine house in Hanover received a telephone call for an explosion on 103 McAllister Street. They radioed the Hanover Fire Company to respond with their apparatus and ambulance where they found the bungalow-type home literally ripped apart by an explosion.

Prior to the arrival of the firemen, neighbor Gerald Marchio of 105 McAllister found 57-year-old Mrs. Mary E. Arthur in the kitchen of the home, burned and cut up, just standing there screaming. He led her from the remains of the home as firemen arrived. Firemen quickly contained the resulting fire and Mrs. Arthur was rushed to the hospital by the Hanover Fire Company ambulance, where she was treated for burns over 15 percent of her body.

Four other homes were damaged by the blast. Investigation revealed that the blade of a road grader that was rebuilding McAllister Street had caught the natural gas service line into the home, breaking a connection in the basement and allowing natural gas to accumulate until it found an ignition source, most likely the water heater.

Above & Beyond

Members at the GHAFM and our community supporters share their artifacts, skills, knowledge and financial assistance above and beyond for enhancing our museum. Let's share a heartfelt "Thank You" to the following for their generous efforts.



Gordy Lillich and Bill Perkins admiring the box alarm boards from the Clearview fire station. Dave Bollinger and Dale Geiman installed them.

Thank You goes out to: Tim Kress and Todd Senseney for removing our Christmas lights and paying for lift rental, Jamie and Michelle Cramer for wireless intercom reimbursement and gift card donation, Jeff Stauffer 4 boxes of trains, Olivia Blake for Face book and Web page maintenance, Henry Hartman for International spark plugs, Carolyn Markle donation for having fire museum banners and International at Joe Markle funeral, Susan Etzle, Hanover Exchange Club for free Builders Show Booth, Capt. Mike Boyce & crew for helping take down Christmas lights and plow snow, Deb and Gary Rickrode for sponsoring a PA Pump Primers trophy, Ken Buohl for Bryer Horse and Fire Wagon donation, Pleasant Hill Vol. Fire Co. drop box security safe donation, Gary Rickrode fire extinguisher donation, Gordy Lillich and Jerry Boxman train donations, HAFR and IAFF for taking care of our museum apparatus during train Garden, John Spinelli for 3 ring binders donation, Ken Buohl for fire bell trophies and Bob Plunkert WFX for performing our annual fire extinguisher service.

Fire Museum.....Do You Know! In Remembrance - Last Call

Honor and Remember

Dave Smith - GHAFM Life Member
(Husband of GHAFM Life Member Mandi Smith)

Nancy Myers - Wife of GHAFM Life Member Joe Myers

Joseph B. Markle - Lieutenant/Captain Hanover Fire Dept.
(Husband of GHAFM member Carolyn Markle)

Benedict G. Neiderer - Life Member SAVES

Christopher Phillips - Past officer Hampton FC and President of ACFCFA

Michael Hartlaub - Life Member Brushtown FC and SAVES

Ellen Livingston - Life Member Irishtown FC

Bernard J. Kuhn - Life Member Irishtown FC

Cleatus Smeak - Life Member HAFR and Eagle Fire Co. Hanover

Our sincere condolences to our
Hanover Area fire service family.



Gordy Lillich is pointing out one of the 24 QRS Code and transcription stations located throughout the fire museum created as a scout project by Justis Murphy. Using your smart phone you scan the QRS Code and it gives you a description of the item featured at that station. This assists visitors to our fire museum during self guided tours. During this project Justin received his Eagle Scout award.

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Fire Service Memorabilia

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HUMOR ON THE TAILBOARD



2030 the year of the new Fire Dept. budget cuts and new fire apparatus.

Dates and Times for Events are subject to change. Please check with the appropriate members for new dates and times or check the calendar in the Fire Museum or contact HAVFR or HAFRC.

Fire Museum & Other Events - Save A Date

- Wednesday Museum Open:** 9 am to 3 pm. every Wednesday.
- Saturday Museum Open:** 9 am to 3 pm, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Saturdays each month. Other Visits by appointment. Call 717-637-6674 and leave a message.
- GHAFM Monthly Membership Meeting:** 1st Thursday of each month, 7 pm at the Museum.
- May 1 - Fire Museum Membership Meeting at the Fire Museum 7 pm.**
- June 5 - Fire Museum Membership Meeting at the Fire Museum 7 pm.**
- July - 3 - Fire Museum Membership Meeting at the Fire Museum 7 pm.**
- August 7 - Fire Museum Membership Meeting at the Fire Museum 7 pm.**

Please sign up for Fire Museum activities. Sign up sheets are in the Fire Museum. *Thank you for your assistance and support, it is very much appreciated.*

Future 2025 Events

- May 3 - Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum Homecoming Day at GHAFM 11:30 am Robert Holt
- June 7 - Chesapeake Antique Fire Apparatus Assoc. 54th Spring Muster, Pleasant Valley, MD
- June 7 - Schuylkill Historical Society Fire Society 100th Anniversary Birthday, Shenandoah, PA
- June 18-20 - SPAAMFAA Summer Convention, Independence, MO
- July 12 - PA Pump Primers 49th Annual Muster Harrisburg, PA
- August 23 - Pleasant Hill VFC Muster, Hanover, PA

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What's Happening at the HAVFR & HAFRC

- * **HAVFR Monthly Company Meeting:** 2nd Thursday of each month, 7:00 pm. Use building rear basement door and ring door bell, someone will assist you.
- May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14** - Membership Meeting at Clover Lane Station 2 basement.
- * **HAFRC Monthly Meeting:** 3rd Thursday of each month, 5:30 pm. Use building rear basement door and ring door bell, someone will assist you.
- May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21** - Commission Meeting at Clover Lane Station 2 basement.