




# The **REGISTER**

Noteworthy News  
from the  
Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum

1st Quarter January - March 2024

## Hanover Borough Honors Chris Lockard



The Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum was honored to receive a framed Hanover Borough proclamation honoring our Past Museum President, Christopher Lockard. Hanover Mayor, SuzAnn Whitman presented it to Fire Museum President, Gordy Lillich, Fire Museum Curator, Wayne Bollinger and Fire Museum member, Retired Hanover Fire Commissioner James Roth. It will be hung in the Chris Lockard Parlor in honor of Chris and his many achievements at the Fire Museum.

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### From the President's Desk

*New Year wishes to all the members and friends of the GHAFM. As we recap 2023, we have accomplished so much. Without your help and support it would not have happened. I cannot express my sincere gratitude enough. Let 2024 bring our museum more growth and exposure to better serve and educate.*

*Thank You! President, Gordy Lillich*





# \* At the FIRE MUSEUM \*

## Christmas Party 2023



Twenty Two GHAFM members and seven guests celebrated together with a Christmas Party at the Fire Museum on December 10th. Bruce and Dana Yealy provided broasted chicken and members brought an abundance of side dishes. Landon Esbach provided fire museum made ice cream and a tour of his model railroad layout. Each attendee received a gift compliments of the Yealys.



GHAFM Secretary Gary Rickrode drove SAVES Rescue 29 to the Conewago Elementary School and gave a fire prevention program to their students. Great efforts Gary to bring your professional skills to our community.



Our 2023 HOBO AWARD was awarded to Hanover Eagles F. O. E 1406 a Holiday Train Garden sponsor. As winner, a sponsor's organization received a reserved evening at the train garden. Congratulations Hanover Eagles we sincerely appreciate your donation to the train garden and we hope you return again next year.

## Happy Birthday Bob Adams



GHAFM member Bob Adams recently celebrated his birthday at the Fire Museum. Bob was one of the first full time EMT / Firefighters hired by Hanover Fire Co. No. 1. Happy Birthday Bob, glad you enjoyed your special day at the fire museum.

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If you happen to see one of these posters around the Fire Museum, feel free to scan the QR Code with your cell phone app. It will take you to our donation button on the Fire Museum Web site. It will allow Pay Pal, Debit and Credit card payments. It's real easy and painless to donate money to your museum. We are a not for profit museum and accept monetary donations. Please consider adding a little extra to your give list for 2024.



GHAFM Secretary Gary Rickrode photo of his Chevy fire truck with the Fire Museum's Christmas Lights.





# \* At the FIRE MUSEUM \*

## Museum Visitors



Gary Rickrode Photo

GHAFM Life Member Bill Rickrode and his wife Brittany visited our Fire Museum from Pineville, NC on Halloween. We hope you had a spooktacular visit.



Harrison Jones Photo

Rescue 79 of the Hanover Area Fire and Rescue stopped by the Fire Museum for a photo opportunity with the Christmas lights adorning the museum. Thank you for stopping by, we appreciate your support and assistance to keep our fire service history alive. Be safe and we hope Santa brought you some good boys and girls presents. Happy New Year, come back soon.



Gary Rickrode Photo

Cub Scout Pack 97 from York New Salem visited the GHAFM. Jim Roth was their museum docent.



Gary Rickrode Photo

Pat Wagaman, wife of new GHAFM member and past career Hanover fire fighter Tony Wagaman tries out our museum prop. Pat, welcome to our GHAFM family and we hope to see you in the Fire Museum often.

## Building & Grounds



Harrison Jones Photo

Coordinated by our GHAFM member Rob Brady, four Junior and Senior members from the Hanover Area Fire and Rescue 79 came in and completed the final Storage Shed Rehab task of painting the final coat of red paint. Tip of the tin helmet for all the assistance these fine volunteers give our fire museum.

**Like to Have Some Train Fun**



Rob Brady Photo

Museum Curator Wayne Bollinger and Eddie Schwartz work at re-railing a de-railed train. Yes, those old guys like trains and spending time running them for our visitors. Won't you join us next year. You don't need to be old to help.





# Fire Museum Members on the Road



Dale Hartman Photo

## Westminster Christmas Parade

GHAFM Members Malden Miller, Doug Graf, and Henry and Dale Hartman attended the Westminster, MD Christmas Parade on November 25. A convoy of 14 antique fire trucks adorned with hundreds of thousands of colorful Christmas lights made this parade very special on a cold evening. Vehicles were limited to 10,000 lights per vehicle. Thousands of spectators young and old lined the streets of Westminster, many dressed in holiday costumes to enjoy this parade. The Hartmans graciously carried our Fire Museum and Train Garden banners on their fire trucks.



Gary/Rickrode Photo

## Westminster MD Fire Dept. 200th Anniversary Parade

GHAFM Members Dale Hartman, Malden Miller and Gary Rickrode attended the 200th anniversary parade at the Westminster Fire Dept. on October 7. They were all very proud to win awards in their antique fire truck class.

**THANK YOU**  
**Members**  
**for your**  
**Continued Support**  
**to**  
**Promote**  
**our**  
**Fire Museum**



Gary/Rickrode Photo

## Hanover Christmas Parade

GHAFM members Gary and Deb Rickrode attended the Hanover Christmas Parade on November 24. Gary's 1940 Chevrolet fire truck was adorned with a photo of Andrea Niehoff Goodson who was posthumously awarded the Joseph Smith Golden Deeds Award from the Hanover Exchange Club. Andrea was a passionate volunteer with various Hanover not for profit organizations and she passed away April 2023. Malden Miller attended this parade with his 1968 HAHN carrying our museum banner. Dale Hartman had one of his trucks in also. Wayne Bollinger, Dave Bollinger and Rob Brady rode along.

# The 2023 Holiday Train Garden



Gary/Rickrode Photo

A highlight of the Holiday Train Garden was Landon Esbach's grandfather Warren dressed up like a train conductor and told stories about Landon's train layout. He was two years old when this layout was constructed, making it 80 years old. We are very fortunate to have an absolute wonderful group of model train enthusiasts join us each year.

The 2023 GHAFM Holiday Train Garden was a great success this year with the addition of a few new volunteers who stepped up to assist Rob Brady and his crew. Visitors were in abundance each day. Tuxedo Drive band returned this year along with Jeff Toal and Friends band and Winds of War band entertaining the train garden visitors. A few generous sponsors including the Hanover Eagles, McSherrystown Home Association, Hanover Republican Club, New Oxford Social Club and others. The gentleman in the photo to the right is from the Hanover Eagles. There was a generous amount of raffle and door prizes along with a TY Beanie Baby sale. The famous Cookie Sale directed by Darlene Funk was sold out very quickly with some absolute irresistible cookie delicacies. Thank you Rob and crew for your hard work and dedication to make the GHAFM Holiday Train Garden the premier train garden in our area.



Gary/Rickrode Photo





# 2023 Fire Museum In Review

2023 was a very busy year as reported by our GHAFM Secretary, Gary Rickrode. He reports the following accomplishments:

1. We had 1096 visitors to the museum from many parts of the USA and the world.
2. Seventeen new GHAFM members were added.
3. We participated in Give Local York with a very good donation amount.
4. The Fire Museum parlor was named the Chris Lockard Parlor in memory of Past President Christopher Lockard.
5. We successfully hosted the Susquehanna Valley Region of the Horseless Carriage of America where 75 antique cars and 145 members visited.
6. Olivia Blake from PEONY Marketing was hired to assist with the Fire Museum web site and social media platforms.
7. Participated in two Fire Service history flea markets.
8. Acquired Chris Lockard's train display.
9. Installed HVAC Mini-Split air conditioning on the second floor of the Fire Museum.
10. Re-habbed the Fire Museum storage shed with paint, spouting and other structural repairs.
11. Added a QR code for the Train Garden, Newsletter and Pay-Pal donation effort.
12. Accepted the 1961 International fire truck donation from the Chris Lockard estate.
13. Accepted the 1934 Dodge fire truck donation from the Hanover Area Fire and Rescue.
14. Completed another Holiday Train Garden with outstanding visitor attendance and Fire Museum volunteers.
15. Accepted several hundred new donated items for the Fire Museum.
16. Hosted a record number of Junior Fire Cadets visiting the Fire Museum.

**Thank You** everyone who volunteered, baked cookies, showed up when an "All Hands on Deck" call was transmitted and those who support the GHAFM financially.







# “Wayne’s World” One Historical Piece at a Time

## Fire Museum Donations



Gary/Rickrode Photo

This issue of “Wayne’s World” includes several donations and a museum highlight.

Curator Wayne Bollinger reports donations accepted at the fire museum this quarter included two marble pieces from the World Trade Center 911 attack in New York city from an anonymous donor. Wayne designed and manufactured a keepsake box for these items. They will be displayed in the Fire Museum.

Other donations included totes of historical memorabilia from the Penn Twp. Emergency Services, various fire memorabilia items from Jean Masenheimer, photos, a plate and sprinkler heads from Larry Sherfey, several photos, challenge coins and a hat badge from Eugene Lockard, drip pans from Dennis Fausey, train track and transformer from Sue Miller,

Donations are always welcome, contact Wayne Bollinger for donation instructions and paperwork.

## “What is IT”



Gary/Rickrode Photo

Curator Wayne Bollinger is holding a kerosene fueled ignitor for our 1882 Silsby steam pumper displayed in the museum. It is manufactured from brass, has a cotton wick, is 20 inches long and 2” in diameter. The smaller part is the snuff cap for extinguishing the flame on the wick.

It was used by the engineer to light the coal in the steam pumper’s fire box. Oil soaked rags were paced in the bottom with kindling and coal on top. The engineer would light the kerosene ignitor and applied the flame to the oily rags that created a fire to burn the coal.

This is a very rare item and the GHAFM is very excited to have it on display. It is a donation to the Fire Museum from Larry Baubilitz.

## \* On Standby \*

### Fire Truck Repairs and Rehab

Henry Hartman replaced some wiring on the 1934 Dodge after it broke down while being transferred to the Clover Lane Station. Thank you Henry for your professional repair getting her going again.

Brian McDermitt is installing a canvass cab over framework and building a removable hose load for the museum’s 1961 International consisting of 2 1/2” and 1 1/2” attack lines. Thank you Brian for adding these items to the International.



Gary/Rickrode Photo



Gary/Rickrode Photo

The Fire Museum’s Dodge and International fire trucks were transferred to Clover Lane Station and Clearview Station during the Holiday Train Garden after all insurance, title work and registration was completed. Several GHAFM members and officers have been working for some time with finalizing the donations of these fire trucks to the Fire Museum. President Lillich announced at the December Membership Meeting “it’s official”, everything for the donation and vehicle registration is complete. Thank you everyone that worked to bring these trucks permanently to the fire museum.

Curator Wayne Bollinger reports the brakes on the Fire Museum’s 1961 International are working fine after Henry and Dale Hartman made several repairs recently.





# Fire Museum....Do You Know!

## New Arrival



Hanover, Borough Photo

GHAFM member Andy Hoffman was recognized as a Guthrie Memorial Library Honoree at their 10th Annual Honors Event. It is awarded to individuals who have distinguished themselves by dedicated years of service to both Guthrie Memorial Library and the Hanover Community. Congratulations Andy.



Gary Rickrode Photo

GHAFM members Rebecca and Tyler Crone and their children welcomed their newborn daughter Elowyn Rose Crone to their family on November 25. They are the daughter and son-in law of GHAFM members Gary and Deb Rickrode. Congratulations proud parents.



Gary Rickrode Photo

GHAFM members Jim Roth, Gary Rickrode and Rob Brady presented a history of Hanover Fire Dept. to a group of twenty residents at the North Point Community Center. It was followed by a Fire Safety talk and fire extinguisher demonstration by on duty Hanover Area Fire & Rescue career fire fighters.



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# HUMOR ON THE TAILBOARD



**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 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.

- January 4** - Fire Museum Membership Meeting at the Fire Museum 7 pm.
- February 1** - Fire Museum Membership Meeting at the Fire Museum 7 pm.
- February 21 - 24** - SPAAMFAA Winter Conference - Fire Museum of Memphis, TN
- March 7** - Fire Museum Membership Meeting at the Fire Museum 7 pm.
- March 16** - Miles Greenwood Historical Fire Apparatus Society Flea Market, Cincinnati, OH
- April 15 - 20** - FDIC International Conference, Indianapolis, IN
- April 20 - 21** - Union Historical Fire Society Auction & Flea Market, Allentown, PA

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*Please consider attending your Fire Museum's Monthly Membership Meetings.*

## What's Happening at the HAVFR & HAFRC

- \* **HAVFR Monthly Company Meeting:** 2nd Thursday of each month, 19:00. Use building rear basement door and ring door bell, someone will assist you.  
**Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Mar. 14** - Membership Meeting at Clover Lane Station 2 basement.
- \* **HAFRC Monthly Meeting:** 3rd Thursday of each month, 17:30. Use building rear basement door and ring door bell, someone will assist you.  
**Jan. 18, Feb. 15, Mar. 21** - Commission Meeting at Clover Lane Station 2 basement.