

Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum The **REGISTER** Newsletter

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## **Museum Newsletter is Back**



At a recent Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum meeting, the membership unanimously accepted an offer by museum member Ken Buohl for resurrecting the museum's newsletter. Ken is a retired 50 year Commercial Printing Manager and has a long history of producing and editing newsletters for a few non-profit organizations. Ken was Editor for the SPAAMFAA *Silver Trumpet*, Pennsylvania Pump Primers, Central PA SPAAMFAA Chapter, *Primers Times*, the East Berlin Historical Society, *Informer* and the Conewago Valley

AARP Chapter #4370, AWAKE during his 50 years of editing and publishing experience. His printing background spans various publishing and printing for newsletters, magazines, catalogs, newspapers, books and other published materials. On his personal side, Ken is a third generation fireman with many ties to the Eagle Fire Co. His grandfather was a member of Hanove Fire Co. #1 and his father was an active volunteer fightighter at Hanover Fire Co. #2. Born and raised on the 200 block of Locust St. and attending the Hanover Street Elementary School, he had frequent visits to the Eagle fire station. He is also a life member at Pleasant Hill V. F. C. and Manchester (MD) Fire Co. along with a member of the York Springs Fire Co. for many years. Ken is married for 54 years and has 3 grown children and 12 grandchildren. He currently lives in West York with his wife Peggy Jo and they also have a residence in Hanover. Ken has volunteered with a few museums, The York County History Center Fire Museum, Eastern Museum of Motor Racing, East Berlin Historical Society Liberty Fire Co. and Town Hall and the AACA Museum in Hershey. He is looking forward to providing noteworthy news for Fire Museum members and report what is currently happening in the Fire Museum for your reading enjoyment. Your newsletter will be distributed via Email and a limited amount will be printed for distribution at the Fire Museum. Please give Ken a big welcome when you see him and don't forget to send him your comments and stories about your experience with the Fire Museum or Fire History adventures.

> Membership at the Fire Museum is Priceless Won't You Please Sign Up a New Member

## **Honor for Commissioner Roth**



The Christmas in Hanover PA committee is both excited and honored to announce their very special parade Grand Marshal for 2022! The Hanover Christmas Parade kicks off at 9 am on November 25, 2022 and will be lead by Hanover's beloved retired Fire Commissioner - James "Jim" Roth! Please help congratulate and celebrate Commissioner Roth! After previously leading Santa to the cabin for 32 years, they are excited to welcome him back this year as their guest and honoree! They also extend a special thank you to Chief Anthony Clousher for presenting their offer to Commissioner Roth when they stopped by the Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum! Enjoy your ride Commish, all of us here at the Fire Museum are very proud of your dedication. Be a good boy or Santa will not be nice to you.

# \* At the FIRE MUSEUM \*

34 Dodge Gets a New Fuel Pump



Several museum members discovered a fuel leak on our 1934 Dodge after a gas her up run. Malden Miller and Ken Buohl immediately evaluated the leak and purchased a new fuel pump to correct it. Dwight Bollinger inspected the repair, started the Dodge and gave his seal of approval. It now purrs like a kitten.



NEW..Project Board



Museum Curator Wayne Bollinger, Dave Bollinger and Ken Buohl placed a white board outside the elevator listing ACTIVE PROJECTS ongoing in the museum. This will alert the museum members of projects and a contact name for that project for volunteering their help. Please list any active projects on this whiteboard when you start them and be sure to provide your phone number for contacting you. Projects will be removed upon completion. Feel free to volunteer your skills and knowledge to your museum it is very welcome.

Basement Clean-up and Paint



The infamous Fire Museum basement was a recent focus point for our Fire Museum Vice President, Gordon (Gordie) Lil-Gordie spearheaded a lich. clean up, paint, new lighting and organization expedition with great success. He used the York County Prisoner Work Release folks and several museum members for assistance. He reports there is additional work to do, but this man was a miracle worker. Come in to the museum and see his and his crew's wonderful work.

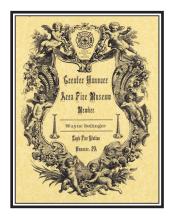


# The TRAINs are Coming..Choo Choo

Rob Brady, our Fire Museum Model Train Garden Coordinator along with assistants Jason Kopp and Kevin Adams report we will have at least 6 operating layouts this year at our Fire Museum Holiday Train Garden where the model train gauges will go from N gauge to G gauge. Set-up Day will be on October 15 with a meeting at Dutch Country Restaurant at 8:30 am followed by loading up at Clover Lane Fire Station and finally

proceed to the Fire Museum for set-up. Train garden hours are Friday nights 6 pm to 9 pm, Saturdays 11 am to 8 pm and Sundays 12 Noon to 5 pm which are expanded hours this year. Dates for the Holiday Train Garden are: November 25, 26, 27, December 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, Monday, December 26, noon to 8 pm will be an expanded day, Wednesday December 28, 9 am to 3 pm will be an expanded day, December 30, noon to 8 pm will be an expanded day and Christmas Eve and Day and New Years Eve will not have any operating hours. Listed hours are subject to change, so Rob asks you to keep checking in with him for any updates. Two different bands, a brass band on December 3 at 2 pm and Tuxedo Drive on December 17 will be playing this year for our visitors' enjoyment. We have a surprise partner this year who will be holding at least one or two special fund-raising events at the museum during the holiday season. Raffle tickets will be available for selling and purchasing. Your help selling tickets is greatly appreciated, please contact Rob for tickets or pick them up at the Fire Museum. Please come out and support our fund-raising efforts. Volunteers are very welcome, contact Rob for scheduling your help. More information will be forthcoming from Rob, so "ALL ABOARD" for another successful year with the Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum Holiday Train Garden.

### Vintage Membership Certificates Available



The officers of the Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum have accepted an offer from Ken Buohl to provide every member with a vintage Fire Museum membership certificate. There is no cost to members. Your name will be printed on a sheet of 8 1/2" x 11" parchment paper ready for framing. All current paid up members

and new memberships will receive this certificate. You may pick up your certificate when your 2023 dues are paid at the Fire Museum. New members will be contacted when their certificates are ready for pick up.

### 1934 Dodge Buffalo On a Road Trip



The Fire Museum was invited to attend the Heidelberg Twp. "Family Fun Day" on Saturday, September 24. A special request was made by Paul King to

have the Fire Museum's 1934 Dodge Buffalo there for display and promote the Fire Museum. Museum Member Ken Buohl and Malden Miller drove the Dodge to this event and spent about three hours there handing out museum brochures and greeting children and parents.

## **"Wayne's World"** One Historical Piece at a Time



Our Fire Museum Curator Wayne Bollinger has been very busy with several new additions at the Fire Museum. Wayne attended the S.P.A.A.M.F.A.A. Summer Convention in Massachusetts this summer where he met Lester Eser, a retired FDNY Fireman and also a member of the Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum. Lester offered to loan Wayne an Aherns Fox chrome pressure chamber ball. Wayne also received a brownstone horse head donated by the Williston (VT) FD Fire Chief. It was an embelishment on a Providence Rhode Island fire house. Wayne graciously accepted these items and they are currently on display on the second floor of the museum.



Horse heads were used on fire houses as tributes to their fire horses. They were normally placed on the eves or dorways of a fire house. A few were hand carved from stone or cast in metal. This is a wonderful 1920s era example.

**Tiny Visitor** 

Our Fire Museum had a tiny visitor on September 7. Rex Pratt, the son of Howard County Fire Lieutenant Rick Pratt came along with his father for a visit to our Fire Museum. After a tour with Museum Curator Wayne Bollinger, Rex decided he wanted a photo op with the museum's tiny fire truck. Rick mentioned he enjoyed visiting our museum and will be returning again with some of his friends and family.

## H.O.P.E. Car Rally Visits Museum

Carol Nelson from the Help for Oncology Problems and Emotional Support organization in Stewartstown, PA contacted the Fire Museum as a stop on their 59 mile Road Rally on September 11. Several museum members were on hand to welcome 11 rally participants, a smaller group due to the rainy weather. The rally started and ended in Glen Rock with 9 stops along the way. Rally participants were required to visit all 9 stops and answer a question for each stop. Their question at the museum was, "What is the name of the steam fire engine?

## Memories From the **ARCHIVES**



It's always a hoot to step over to the ARCHIVES notebooks in the Fire Museum and have a look at the past. These photos are from the Hanover Fire Dept. No. 1 archives and display a work group of firemen sanding paint and repairing brakes on a 1949 Chevrolet step side truck soon to be transformed into the first service truck for Hanover Fire Co. No. 1. It is thought, of course with debate from museum members if this was purchased from UTZ Potato Chips. You can see the pride of work in the eyes of these men and the end result is very impressive for those times. There was a date of 1951 on the back of the photo of the completed truck, so we assume that is the year it was placed in service.

**1949 Chevrolet Service Truck Hanover Fire Department No.1** 





Dwight Bollinger holds the actual fire department plate installed on the service truck in front of the driver's door. It is not known where this originally was used, however it is thought it may originally had been on an ambulance. This plate is displayed in the Fire Museum.



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## Humor on the Tailboard



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### What's Happening at the Fire Museum

Wednesday Museum Open: 9 am to 3 pm. every Wednesday. Members welcome.

Saturday Museum Open: 9 am to 3 pm, 1st and 3rd Saturdays and some special holiday hours. Members welcome.

Monthly Membership Meeting : 1st Thursday of each month, 7 pm at the Fire Museum.
 October 6 - Open Nomination of 2023 Officers during meeting.
 November 3 - Close Nomination of 2023 Officers during meeting.
 December 1 - Election of 2023 Officers during meeting.

Holiday Train Garden: Friday nights 6 pm to 9 pm, Saturdays 11 am to 8 pm and Sundays 12 Noon to 5 pm. \*
October 15 - Train Garden work day and set up. Meet at Dutch Country restaurant at 8:30 am.
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\* Special hours on some days, see TRAINS are Coming article in this issue of The Register newsletter.

Hanover Christmas Parade: November 25, 9 am. 1934 Dodge leaves for the parade line up at 8:30 am.

Holiday Christmas Party: December ? - Details not available at time of this publication. You will be contacted directly when details are finalized. Members and guest are welcome.

Dates and Times on What's Happening at the Fire Museum are subject to change. Please check with the appropriate members for new dates and times or check the calendar in the Fire Museum.

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