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from the
Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum



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Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum Wins Festive Award



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On November 25, Christmas in Hanover PA and Main Street Hanover awarded the Ray and Janet Black Spirit of Christmas Award to The Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum in cooperation with Hanover Area Fire and Rescue, Operation Claus, and mutual partners Pleasant Hill Volunteer Fire Co., Porters Fire Co., Southeastern Adams Volunteer Emergency Services and the Gettysburg Fire Dept. Justine Trucksess of Main Street Hanover presented this award to our Fire Museum's very own Fire Commissioner, Jim Roth and Chief Clouser. Tip of the old tin helmet to the members of the Fire Museum and their special partners on winning this festive award.



*The Greater Hanover Area
Fire Museum extends a
Happy New Year to all our
members and friends.
May the new year bring prosperity
and peace to you and your families.*



* At the FIRE MUSEUM *

Bring on the HEAT



GHAFM President Chris Lockard announced we have our steam boiler in the basement updated, Inspected and approved. C. H. Davidson came in and updated some piping and controls to comply with Pennsylvania state regulations for boilers. Our boiler was inspected by a PA state boiler inspector and approved for immediate use. President Chris Lockard, Treasurer, Tony Funk, Vice President, Gordy Lillich and Commissioner Roth were instrumental in pushing this project to completion.

Christmas Party

Our Fire Museum Annual Christmas Party was held on December 11 with around 25 members and guests attending. Bruce Yealy provided the fried chicken and attendees brought a variety of other food items.

Catching the Drips

Our fire trucks on display at the Fire Museum had recently been moved to the Clover Lane and Wirt Park fire stations for accommodating the Holiday Train Garden in the fire museum. On a recent safety check visit, we noticed some oil drips under these trucks, so we purchased two oil drip pans and accepted a donation from Wes Smith of Bay City Restaurant for six used baking sheet pans. Fire Museum member Malden Miller donated a few oil soak pads to place in these oil drip pans. Thank you Wes and Malden, we sincerely appreciate your donations.

New Computer

Early November brought a catastrophic failure to our Fire Museum's desktop computer. The Fire Museum Membership voted to purchase a Lenovo ThinkCenter business class computer and Dell monitor from Hartman Computers in New Oxford, PA. Enhancements included a memory upgrade to 8GB, a 500GB SSD internal hard drive and a fresh current Windows 10 operating system. Open Office and Quicken were installed for creating letters and spreadsheets along with Treasurer Tony Funk using Quicken for completing the Fire Museum's financial requirements. This computer is available for all members and there will be a monthly folder backup to thumb drives.

Parlor Clock Repair



Dale Geiman volunteered to repair the vintage Smith Jewelers clock in the parlor after it was keeping incorrect time. He purchased and installed a new clock works with enhanced hour and minute hands. Thank you Dale, you did a great job with the repair and keeping us running on correct time.

Train Garden Set Up

Several Fire Museum members assisted Rob Brady and his Holiday Train Garden Committee with bringing the train layouts from Clover Lane Station and help organize their set up. Set up continued for several weeks and culminated with the wonderful Holiday Train Garden displays you are admiring at this year's Holiday Train Garden.

Basement Progress

Gordy worked with the York County Work Release Prisoners who completed the wall painting in the basement. Thank you Gordy for keeping the basement project rolling.



Hanover Christmas Parade Grand Marshal “Commish” Jim Roth

The Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum had one of our famous members bestowed with a special honor this year for the November 25, “2022 Hanover Christmas Parade.” Retired Hanover Borough Fire Commissioner, Jim Roth was the Grand Marshal, escorting Santa Clause to his cabin on Hanover’s Center Square. The “Commish” as we affectionately call him at the Fire Museum was born in Gettysburg, PA into a fire service family, served in the Vietnam War then joined the Hanover Fire Dept. where he was promoted to Fire Commissioner in 1978 and served Hanover residents and the Christmas Parade for 32 years. Fire Museum member, Gary Rickrode transported the Commish and his family through the parade in his retired 1940 Chevrolet fire truck from the Gettysburg Fire Dept. The “Commish” served on this fire truck at Gettysburg Fire Dept. As a tribute to the “Commish”, Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum and Fire Departments from Hanover, Gettysburg, SAVES, Pleasant Hill and Porters escorted him through the parade. The Commish kept a close eye on Santa, transported in our Fire Museum President Chris Lockard’s retired Hanover Fire Dept. 1961 International fire truck. Santa was chauffeured by Fire Museum Member Malden Miller and arrived safely at his cabin.



Thank You for Your Dedication to Hanover



Christmas in Hanover and Harrison Jones Photographer Photos





A Grand Fire Museum Event



For those of you familiar with aluminum Christmas trees with color wheels, there was a very nice surprise in the Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum Holiday Train Garden this year. Lori Brillhart, sister of Jason Kopp, one of our Train Garden Co-Chairs provided an “Evergleam” aluminum Christmas tree with a red, blue, green and yellow rotating color wheel complete with a Lionel train and lots of 1950s Christmas embellishments. Lori is a collector of all things Christmas and findings from her search for vintage items is on display under the tree. She was very happy to share her passion with our Fire Museum and it was an opportunity to work side by side with her brother who also cherishes Christmas and trains. A special GHAFM “THANK YOU” to Lori. I’m sure you brought back a few memories for our train garden visitors.





2022 Holiday Train Garden



WE HAVE A WINNER!

A big hearty congratulations goes out to the **McSherrystown Home Association**, the 1st annual Hobo Award winner! This year the museum's train garden committee started a sponsorship and fund-raising effort to support the community engagement efforts of the museum including the train garden. In keeping with the railroad theme, the HOBOWARD was created! It will be awarded annually to the group who provides the largest sponsorship of the year! The community support for the train garden and fire museum is greatly appreciated!



Holiday Train Garden Co-Chairs.
L to R: Kevin Adams, Rob Brady & Jason Kopp

The Spirit of Christmas Trains

The spirit of Christmas Trains was alive and well in the Fire Museum's 2022 Holiday Train Garden under the direction of Rob Brady. Eleven layouts sprouted on the museum floor like flowers in spring. Fire Museum members, train clubs and community friends brought their model training talents and in the blink of an eye, the trains appeared and were running. Sheldon's circus train and the Western Maryland Modular Train Club were back again this year.

New additions included a special aluminum Christmas tree layout created by Lori Brillhart, a John Deere tractor and train layout from Jason Kopp, a layout from Bruce Yealy and a GHAFM Member's American Flyer layout created with the help of Ron Barsella of Toy Trains Unlimited and Jamie Cramer.

Our visitors enjoyed Tuxedo Drive and Winds of War bands playing holiday music at various times. A special THANK YOU goes out to our Fire Museum ladies for their cookie sale and McSherrystown Home Association for their generous Train Master Sponsorship. Our raffles were a great success and many tickets were sold. Bruce and Dana Yealy and Eddie and Darlene Schwartz families, Olive Branch and Bill Perkins donated wonderful prizes.

A record number of visitors from far and near attended this year. We had a record setting 200 visitors on Saturday, December 16. As the lights go out on our 2022 Train Garden, a new year dawns with visions of even a greater 2023 Holiday Train Garden.



Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum
5TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY TRAIN GARDEN

OPERATING MODEL TRAIN
Layouts and Displays

OPERATING DATES & TIMES FOR 2022

Friday, November 25	6-9 PM	Friday, December 16	6-9 PM
Saturday, November 26	11 AM - 8 PM	Saturday, December 17	11 AM - 8 PM
Sunday, November 27	12 - 5 PM	Sunday, December 18	12 - 5 PM
Friday, December 2	6-9 PM	Friday, December 23	6-9 PM
Saturday, December 3	11 AM - 8 PM	Saturday, December 24	CLOSED
Sunday, December 4	12 - 5 PM	Sunday, December 25	CLOSED
Friday, December 9	6-9 PM	Monday, December 26	12-8 PM
Saturday, December 10	11 AM - 8 PM	Wednesday, December 28	9 AM - 3 PM
Sunday, December 11	12 - 5 PM	Friday, December 30	12-8 PM

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



Wayne Bollinger, our Fire Museum Curator accepted several new additions for the museum in the 4th quarter of 2022. Ken Buohl donated a 6” bronze hose cart bell. The bell has an unknown fire service origin, he purchased it in an antique shop in Braddock Heights, MD near Frederick, MD. He also donated a Cairns Fire Helmet Co. miniature leather fire helmet and cigarette lighter appreciation award. These fire helmets were hand made between 1950 and 1960 and gifted to Fire Chiefs after a large purchase of fire helmets.



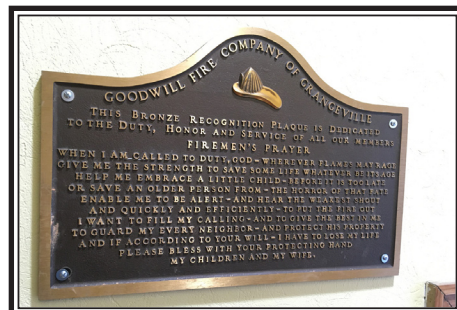
Retired Baltimore County Fire Dept. member Sandy Davis donated an original painting of a fireman painted by his son Tracey Davis, also a retired Baltimore County Fireman. Sandy was one of the original Coronary Van Drivers in Hanover.



This hand made Penn Township Station 49 wooden insignia was donated to the Fire Museum by the Penn Twp. Commissioners after their merger into the Hanover Area Fire and Rescue. It was previously displayed in the Penn Township Commissioners’ meeting room.



John Mower donated an artist rendering of the Revonah Spinning Mill located on East Middle St. This rendering has very fine detailed graphics. The building in the rendering replaced the American Machine and Foundry building that burnt to the ground in early 1900.



Ted Clouser of Hanover PA, donated a Firemans’ Prayer bronze plaque from Goodwill Fire Co. of Grangeville. He received this as part of a scrap metal collection. We now have all three plaques, one from Pennville, Grangeville and Parkville.





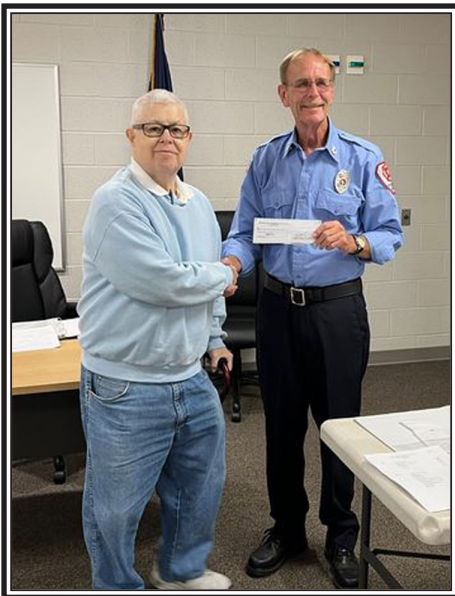
Fire Museum.....Do You Know!

Do You Know About AmazonSmile and How it Impacts the Fire Museum.



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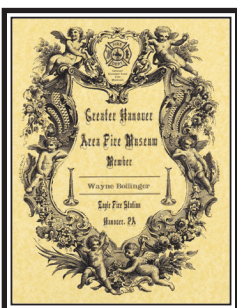
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A big **"THANK YOU"** to the officers and members of Hanover Area Volunteer Fire Rescue! Retired Fire Commissioner Jim Roth accepts a generous donation from fire company President, Jeff Spielman. Their contribution will provide support for the museum's annual operating budget. This partnership with the HAVFR and Hanover Area Fire Rescue is key to our success. What really makes us a strong museum? Strong community support from our many partners! Stay tuned as we'll highlight a few more in the coming weeks!



November brought a long distance visitor from Germany to the Fire Museum. Alexander Kourill from Frankfurt am Main, Germany escorted by his USA friends, Jeremy and Darin Weaver were led on a tour of the Fire Museum by Commissioner Roth. Alexander, although not a firefighter, enjoyed seeing our Hanover area fire service history. He was very interested in our museum newsletter and calendars, so we sent him home with a newsletter and a 2023 outdoor calendar with wildlife photos. Photo left to right: Alexander, Commissioner Roth, Jeremy Weaver and Darin Weaver.



Your vintage Fire Museum member certificates are ready for pick up at the Fire Museum. All current paid up members and new members will receive a certificate with your name printed on it. It is printed on 8 1/2 x 11 parchment paper ready for framing. You may pick up your certificate in the museum or contact Ken Buohl for mailing it to you or arranging a special pick up. You will be responsible for the cost of mailing it to you. Call Ken Buohl 717-321-3189 with questions.

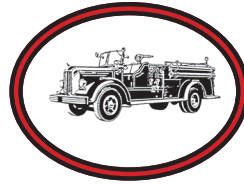


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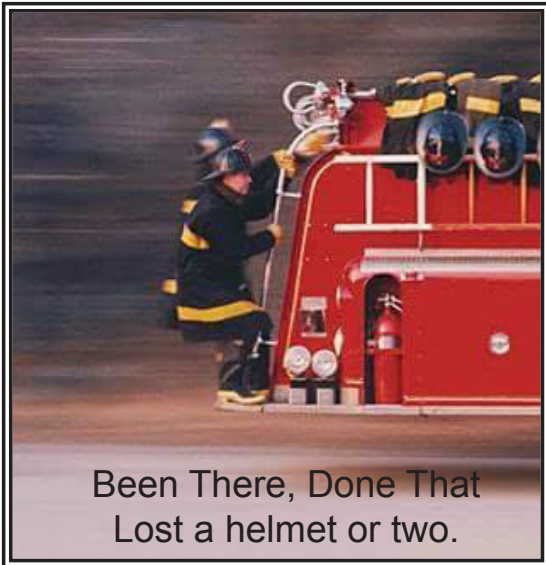
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HUMOR ON THE TAILBOARD



To:

What’s Happening at the Fire Museum

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

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

Monthly Membership Meeting : 1st Thursday of each month, 7 pm at the Fire Museum.

January 5 - Membership Meeting and Installation of 2023 Officers.

February 2 - Membership Meeting

March 2 - Membership Meeting

Congratulations to our newly elected 2023 GHAFM Officers.

President - Gordon “Gordy” Lillich

Vice President - Chris Lockard

Treasurer - Tony Funk

Assistant Treasurer - H. Hal Wyatt

Secretary - Gary Rickrode

Museum Curator - Wayne Bollinger

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.