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Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum



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“FINAL CALL” for Christopher (Chris) E. Lockard

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On Thursday June 8, 2023 the halls of our Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum fell silent from the passing of our beloved Vice President Christopher E. Lockard. Chris fought a fearless battle for 15 years with his physical condition until his Lord and saviour welcomed him into his heavenly home.

Many of us will remember Chris as the keystone for our museum, always having a positive attitude and never sweating over the big or small stuff. He was always humbled and grateful for everyone’s help at the museum, showing his appreciation with a warm “THANK YOU for YOUR HELP.” Chris was also very dedicated to his hometown Borough of Hanover as a Councilman for the 5th Ward. We will remember Chris as our fierce advocate with the borough for the museum move to the Eagle Fire Co. No 2 fire house along with other legislature about fire safety in Hanover.

Let us grieve for Chris as our friend and Fire Museum matriarch for he has accomplished so much in his short lifetime. Rest in Peace Chris, and may those heavenly fire bells toll for you forever. KB

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* At the **FIRE MUSEUM** *

In Remembrance for Chris Lockard



Hanover Borough Photo



John Lucabaugh Photo



Harrison Jones Photo



Harrison Jones Photo



Christopher E. Lockard

January 9, 1968

June 8, 2023

Final Resting Place
Mount Olivet Cemetery
Hanover, PA



Harrison Jones Photo



* At the FIRE MUSEUM *

Museum Visitors



Harrison Jones, Junior Firefighter Coordinator for the Greater Hanover Area Fire and Rescue visited our Fire Museum on May 27 with his new recruits. Commissioner Roth was their Fire Museum Docent. Young blood learning Fire Service History, a great future in store.



Second grade Students from Park Hills Elementary School visited the Fire Museum on May 12. Fire Museum Docent Dwight Bollinger and Commissioner Roth escorted them through the museum. They presented a hand made Thank You card to our museum.



Teresa Burton of Hanover brought her grandson, Todd Clore to our Fire Museum on June 21. Museum Docent Warren Peter escorted them through the museum. Todd was very excited to see all the items in the museum and he was interested in becoming a future fire fighter.

Who is This Visitor



Additional Visitors

In addition to our Fire Museum Visitors featured, we had the Therit Family visit on April 26, Manheim Elementary School class visit on May 23, Hanover High School Class of 1973 visit on June 3 and Boy Scout Pack #97 visit on June 10. Thank You Fire Museum Docents and Officers for your visitor help.

Train Garden Update

The GHAFM Train Garden Committee plans on beginning work on the 2023 train garden late September, early October. Rob Brady reports he has several new members participating this year and looks forward to their help. Help is needed in all areas of set up and Fire Museum prep. All Fire Museum members are welcome to assist, contact Rob at 717-515-6817. In addition, the Fire Museum was the recipient of several model train donations this year, adding to the variety of scale layouts offered in the train garden. Proposed Hours of Operation this year are Friday: 6pm to 9pm, Saturday: 11am to 7pm and Sunday: 12 noon to 5pm. Keep up on future train garden activity through the Fire Museum Facebook page and emails from Rob.

Building & Grounds



GHAFM member Dave Bollinger with the help of other Fire Museum members installed a piece of white vinyl picket fence on the side yard opening. Thank you, it looks great.



Horseless Carriages Visit



May 16 was a very busy day at the Fire Museum with over 75 pre-1916 automobiles and 150 guests arriving at the museum from 1 pm to 3 pm. Cars of all different colors adorned with brass embellishments showcased this event. All the cars were driven to Hanover after leaving Gettysburg, PA and a brief stop in Union Mills Maryland. Our Museum Docents offered our visitors a comprehensive tour of each museum floor and they engaged in some of our living history exhibits to their delight. After their fire museum visit, the drivers returned to their road trip stopping at several other Hanover attractions. Thank you Susquehanna Valley Region HCCA for visiting and everyone at the GHAFM for your help at the museum that day.



Parkville Fire Co. Weathervane



Gary Rickrode Photo



The Mason-Dixon Youth for Christ located in the retired original Parkville Fire Co. fire house at 889 Baltimore St. in Hanover, recently announced they were tearing down this fire house due to building a new church on the property. They offered the Fire Museum an opportunity for removing anything of historical value from the building prior to demolition. Demolition is scheduled for sometime in the future, however they offered the opportunity to remove the weathervane prior to that date. Wayne Bollinger coordinated the removal effort with Hanover Area Fire & Rescue Kevin Adams and Anthony Phillips of A shift along with Engine 79-2 to facilitate it's removal from the bell tower. The weathervane is almost 5 feet tall and it is made of steel with an light amber colored glass ball. Gary Rickrode is shown holding it with his grandson Kaius after it was brought back to the fire museum.

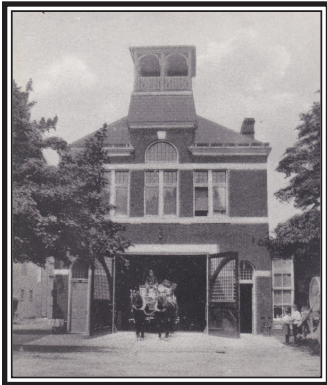


Kevin Adams Photo

A tip of the old tin fire helmet to Hanover Area Fire & Rescue for their assistance with removing this wonderful fire service artifact. Well done Kevin and Anthony we appreciate your assistance.



From the Fire Museum Archives



This issue of The *REGISTER* will feature belfry bells of the Hanover Fire Department. Our first bell was in the belfry at the Hanover Fire Co. No. 1 on Chestnut Street erected in 1882. Baltimore Bell and Foundry Company forged this bell in Baltimore MD in 1883. It is mounted on a cast iron frame with 4 legs and originally had a hand wheel ringer, later to be cut off the bell crank. The spokes of the wheel can be seen cut off on the remaining socket on the bell crank. This bell remained in the Hanover Fire Co. No. 1 belfry until 1980 when it was removed after the sale of this fire house. The bell was moved to a permanent location at the new Wirt Park Station on North Franklin Street in 1980.

In 1903 the Eagle Chemical Co. No. 1 was organized and built an engine house on Hanover Street. This wooden structure was home to this 50 lb. bell borrowed from the Hanover Street Elementary School located directly across the street from their engine house. There is no history of the foundry that cast this bell and it only served until 1905 when it was replaced with a \$160, 1325 lb. bell from the Blymyre Company. This bell ended it's service shortly after installation as it did not give good satisfaction. Immediately in 1905 a 1,000 lb. bell from McShane Bell and Foundry from Baltimore MD was ordered and placed in it's belfry.



After outgrowing the original Eagle Chemical Co. No. 1 engine house, Hanover Borough built a new engine house and borough council chambers adjacent to their old fire house on Hanover Street. It was built in 1914 and their 1905 McShane Bell and Foundry bell located in their old engine house was placed in it's belfry. This bell was removed from the belfry when Hanover Borough vacated the building in 1980. It too was sent to the new Wirt Park Station for permanent placement.



This is an Acme Bell Striking machine circa 1911 attached to the bell at the Hanover Fire Co. No. 1. Two of these were purchased and installed at both Hanover fire houses. They operated off the Gamewell Fire Alarm system. When an alarm came in and the Gamewell Fire Alarm system punched out the alarm, this striker was activated from electric pulses from the Gamewell Alarm System and mechanically activated the bell striker with a rod connected to the bell striker at the bell. Firemen activated the striker rod each night 4 times manually to alert people the 10 o'clock nightly curfew was beginning. The Acme Bell Striking Machine that was at Eagle Chemical Co. No. 1 is currently privately owned.

As the FIRE Bells Toll





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



In this “Wayne’s World” article, Wayne Bollinger, our Fire Museum Curator is highlighting two items from the Fire Museum and a 1948 Mack Baltimore City fire truck owned by Eddie Schwartz.

Wayne is surveying a large collection of model trains donated to the Fire Museum from Charles Briggs, a retired fire buff from Baltimore City. His trains will be added to the museum’s other model train items displayed at the Holiday Train Garden in December.



Wayne is also highlighting an anonymous donation of a Baltimore Fire Dept. helmet from Engine Co. 33 Badge 460. This leather helmet will be displayed in the Hanover helmet display case.

GHAFM member Bruce Yealy donated a 1938 MIFRI Fireman training manual, 1949 EJJ Gobrecht advertising fan, 1954 Mechanics Steam Fire Engine & Hose Co. constitution and By-Laws, 1955 PA Fire School dedication program, 1971 IAFF Steams into Memphis Firefighter magazine, and a shoe horn from the Hanover Shoe Co.



Other donations to the museum during this quarter include Fire Engineering magazines, a group of reproduction fire marks and a wonderful selection of various fire service and Fire Department history books. GHAFM Vice President Chris Lockard donated his sun parlor table for adding to the two existing tables in the sun parlor. There were three round tables in the Eagle No. 2 station when it was an active fire house. The set is now complete. Thank you to all our donation patrons for their generous donations.

Big Water from Baltimore



GHAFM Member Eddie Schwartz is displaying his retired Baltimore City High Pressure Service Engine 23, a 1948 L-85 MACK placed in service February 7, 1949. It is powered by a MACK 707 gas engine, has a 750 GPM pump, a Baltimore basket and carries 3 Moose and Son’s Monitors, 2 Ross Valve Manufacturing Co. high pressure street water main valves, 500’ of 3”, 1100’ of 2 1/2” and 50’ of 1 1/2” hose. After retired in 1970 from the Baltimore Fire Dept., Gary Frederick bought this unusual rig for his collection. Eddie acquired it from Gary and now it is part of his collection. Don’t miss the opportunity to view this wonderful pumper. It will be in the Fire Museum for a few weeks.





Fire Museum.....Do You Know!

Last Call Service



GHAFM member Gary Rickrode provided his antique fire truck for Chief Masenheimer's last call ride. Chief Masenheimer was a Chief at Brushtown Fire Co. one of the original owners of Gary's truck.

GHAFM T-shirts

Eddie and Darlene Schwartz announced our T-shirt order has arrived. Pick up your T-shirts on Wednesdays or first and third Saturday's 9-3 at the museum and payment is due when you pick up.

Memorial Day



GHAFM Members Gary Rickrode, Wayne Bollinger and Dwight Bollinger attended the Hanover Memorial Day Parade on May 29.



GHAFM members at a Memorial Day service for deceased HAF&R, Pleasant Hill VFC and SAVES members at the Wirt Park Station.

Success for Give Local York at the Fire Museum



Rob Brady reports the GHAFM participation in GIVE Local YORK was a great success considering this was our first year actively participating. Olivia Blake, Owner of Peony Marketing offered some assistance with marketing the museum on Facebook and creating some visual enhancements. Grand total of all donations was \$2,420.21.

Our Future is Built on Membership

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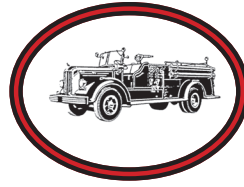
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HUMOR ON THE TAILBOARD



To:

Hey Chief, the newbies on Day Shift want to know what time is nap time.

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.
- GHAFM Monthly Membership Meeting:** 1st Thursday of each month, 7 pm at the Museum.
- July 6 -** Fire Museum Membership Meeting at the Fire Museum 7 pm.
- July 8 - PA Pump Primers Muster, Riverside Park, Harrisburg, PA 10am-4pm**
- July 11-15 - SPAAMFAA National Convention, Warwick, RI**
- August 3 -** Fire Museum Membership Meeting at the Fire Museum 7 pm.
- August 12 - 111th York County Firemen’s Convention Parade, York, PA 12 noon parade.**
- August 26 - Pleasant Hill VFC Muster - 5 miles south of Hanover 10 am-2 pm**
- September 6 - Fire Museum of Maryland “Honoring Our Heroes” Motor Muster 10-3**
- September 7 -** Fire Museum Membership Meeting at the Fire Museum 7 pm.
- September 9 - Schuylkill Historic Fire Society, Open House, Mahanoy City, 9 am-2 pm**
- September 16 - Old Fire Farts of York County Fire Muster, Fawn Grove, PA 9 am-1 pm**

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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.
July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 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.
July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21- Commission Meeting at Clover Lane Station 2 basement.