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Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum

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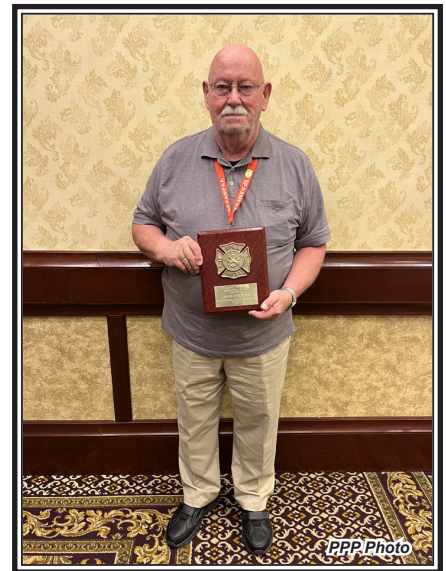
## 2023

William L. Robinson

SPAAMFAA  
AWARD

for

James Derstine



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Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum's James "Jim" Derstine was awarded the William L. Robinson Memorial Award for outstanding service to the Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Motor Fire Apparatus in America. This annual award is presented to a SPAAMFAA member who has "given the most to SPAAMFAA, with the least recognition." Jim received his award at the 2023 SPAAMFAA Summer Convention in Warwick, Rhode Island on July 15.

Jim has a 63 year history in the fire service starting in 1961 when he joined the Midway Volunteer Fire Co.. in Enola, PA . As an 18 year old, he joined the military to serve his country in various fire service ranks for the Air Force and Army. Jim also served at the Carlisle Barracks in Carlisle, PA and New Cumberland Army Depot in New Cumberland, PA. He also served fire service duties overseas in Korea and Cuba along with visiting fire houses in 48 different countries.

Jim has always had a passion for our fire service history having joined SPAAMFAA in 1975 and held offices of Trustee and Vice President as well as sitting on numerous committees. He helped create the PA Pump Primers, Central Pennsylvania SPAAMMFAA Chapter where he held the office of President 3 times and was one of the founders for the PA National Fire Museum in Harrisburg, PA.

Jim is also an avid believer in fire service education. He was a classroom and field instructor at the PA State Fire Academy for 34 years and a fire suppression instructor in the Fire Science program at HACC in Harrisburg for 37 years.

We are very fortunate to have Jim as a GHAFM member. He has assisted us with many projects and everyone enjoys hearing his life stories in the fire service at our Wednesday chats. Congratulations on your special award, it is very much deserved and we are very proud of you and your accomplishment.



# \* At the FIRE MUSEUM \*



## Chris Lockard Train Platform

On July 26 an “All Hands on Deck” was transmitted for assistance with moving and transporting a model train platform to the Fire Museum. It was donated by the parents of our Past President Chris Lockard. Coordinated by Bob Murray with the assistance from 9 Hanover Area Fire and Rescue Commission Local 2045 members, 3 of their sons, John Lucabaugh and several GHAFM members, they moved his train platform to the fire museum’s second floor.



This train platform was a joint effort of Chris and his family friend Bob Murray and it’s construction was started during covid and continued until Chris’s passing. It is 10’ long and 5’ wide constructed of a plywood base with an 1980s vintage O gauge train layout to accommodate current M&H and Lionel trains. Engines include a Western MD 8501 switcher, Santa Fe 212 with vista dome and Pullman cars and a New Jersey Central 2-3-1 steam engine running on 3 main lines. A Metropolis Transit Trolley suspended on pillars adorns the center of the platform. A great variety of Plasticville houses compliment the layout. Bob is currently putting final electrical and mechanical touches on the platform in anticipation of the Fire Museum’s Holiday Train Garden scheduled for December. Thank you Bob and Chris Lockard family for you donation and a tip of the old tin helmet to everyone who assisted with this project.

## The Holiday Train Garden Is Coming to Town



Our **GHAFM 6th Annual Holiday Train Garden** Chairman, Rob Brady, has established the following important dates and times for our Holiday Train Garden. Please contact Rob at 717-515-6817 with your questions and keep up to date on activities by using the Holiday Train Garden QR Code above.

**Apparatus Move** - Wednesday, October 4 – Antique apparatus is moved to the appropriate Hanover Area Fire & Rescue fire station.

**Moving and Initial Set-up Days** - Friday, October 6 – Move train garden supplies from Hanover Area Fire & Rescue Clover Lane Station to the fire museum. Saturday, October 7 – Begin setting up the layouts reorganizing the museum.

**2023 Hours of Operation** - Fridays: 6 PM to 9 PM Saturday: 11 AM to 7 PM Sunday: 12 Noon to 5 PM Week between Christmas and New Years: December 26, 27, and 28 9 AM to 3 PM December 29: 11 AM to 9 PM December 30: 11 AM to 7 PM.

**Days of Operation** - November 24, 25, and 26, December 1, 2, and 3, December 8, 9, (days for cookie sale – until sold out) and December 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30.

### HOBO AWARD

will be awarded to a 2023 Holiday Train Garden sponsor with the highest contribution. To be eligible, a sponsorship must be a minimum of \$1200. As winner, a sponsor’s organization will receive a reserved evening at the train garden between December 26 and 28. Light refreshments will be served. In the event of a tie, a qualifying winner will be selected from those sponsors. The 2023 HOBO AWARD winner will be announced on December 4. Sponsorships are an important aspect of this event and help support it in many ways, please consider helping Rob Brady pick up some sponsors.





# \* At the FIRE MUSEUM \*

## Museum Visitors



Gary Rickrode Photo

A group of Hanover YWCA Day Camp youngsters visited the Fire Museum. Dwight Bollinger and other GHAFM members were their Museum Docents.



Gary Rickrode Photo

Twenty eight members from the Adams County Emergency Services 2023 Junior Cadet Academy visited the Fire Museum the week of July 24 as part of their Fire Service History training. Jim Roth and other GHAFM members were their Museum Docents.

## Building & Grounds



In recent years at the Fire Museum there was unanimous concern about the cooling and humidity removal efficiency with the window air conditioners in the display areas of the Fire Museum. Gordy Lillich researched all options with local HVAC contractors and presented a proposal to the Fire Museum members for having Iron Ridge HVAC install two Daikin Aurora mini-split wall mount units on the second floor. Units look great and operate very well. Thank you Gordy for your valuable guidance with this project.



Gary Rickrode Photo

Our fire hydrant outside the Fire Museum required some TLC. A call to Hanover Area Fire & Rescue Capt. Kemmerley resulted with Fire Fighter Kevin Keyser's assistance. Kevin did a great job painting it and we sincerely appreciate all the assistance the HAFR brings to our Fire Museum.

## Storage Shed Re-Hab

Before



Gordy Lillich Photo

After



Gordy Lillich Photo

GHAFM President Gordy Lillich lead a team of talented museum members and volunteers with re-habbing our storage shed at the rear of the fire museum property. New spouting, shingles, paint and replaced some siding boards were the focus of the re-hab. Adams County Station 33 Junior firefighters will be coming in to complete the painting.



### Fire Museum QR Code

This is a QR code that will connect your cell phone to the fire museum website. Use your QR scanner AP on your phone by hovering it over this symbol. Exciting additions are being added to our website.



# Fire Museum Members on the Road



### 2023 SPAAMFAA Summer Convention

The GHAFM was well represented at the SPAAMFAA Summer Conference in Warwick, Rhode Island from July 12 to 15. L - R: Gary Rickrode, Debra Rickrode, Jeff Stauffer, Eddie and Darlene Schwartz, Jim Derstine, Wayne Bollinger, Malden Miller and Les Eser attended. Malden drove his 1968 HAHN 1,250 miles round trip from Hampstead, MD.



### York County Firemen's Association 111th Annual Convention

GHAFM Members Malden Miller, Gary Rickrode and Dale Hartman attended the York County Convention parade held in York PA on August 12.



### Pleasant Hill VFC Muster

Dave Bollinger, Kevin Adams and Gordy Lillich were our museum ambassadors in Pleasant Hill on August 26. Other members were in attendance with their apparatus, visiting or working.

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### PA Pump Primers Muster

Ron Zinn, Ed Markle, Gordon Lillich and Dave Bollinger selling Fire Museum collectables in the Pump Primers Flea Market July 8 in Harrisburg.



# From the Fire Museum Archives



## Friendship Fire Co. No. 1 of Pennville

**FIREHOUSE NEWS**  
Friendship Fire Company No. 1 of Pennville

Organized November 6, 1913

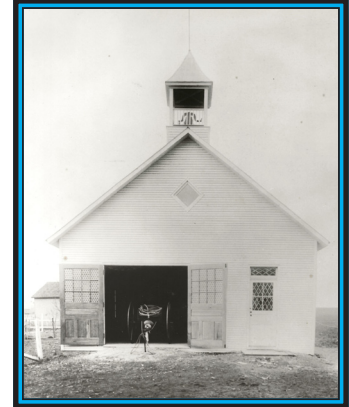
**75th Anniversary**  
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**Yesterday - 1913**  
The first 75 years  
Not being completely satisfied with its name, the Company, on January 13, 1914, amended the name to THE FRIENDSHIP FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 OF PENNVILLE. With a desire to strengthen this new organization, and at the same time to protect the personal interests of the members, the Company adopted by-laws, and petitioned the Court of York County for a Charter. The request of the petitioners was granted, and on March 24, 1914, a Charter was granted by the Court.

**Today - 1988**  
Growth of the Company continued, as did the need for better fire protection and faster and more efficient service. Acknowledging this need, the Company purchased a 1934 Dodge truck, and had it equipped with pumps, the capacity of which was in excess of 500 GPM. A 100 gallon foam tank and other equipment was placed on the truck, giving the Company a mobile unit of essential equipment. The truck was delivered to the Company in April, 1915, and has given most efficient service to the Company since that time.

The necessity of the engine house was increased to an even greater degree, when in April, 1915, a kitchen was added to the building. The Company now has it equipped for "self-sufficiency", especially when a person is present as per a



In the Pennville community of Penn Township, adjacent to Hanover Borough, a need was recognized to protect their citizens from FIRE. On November 6, 1913 a meeting was held by a large number of citizens in their local school building where a fire company was organized and a pursuit of land for a proper engine house was started. Calvin Good was elected head of the fire company.

At their second meeting on November 11, 1913, The Friendship Chemical Fire Co. name was chosen and a plot of land on Westminster Ave. was procured for their new engine house consisting of one room designed to accommodate hand drawn fire apparatus. A bell was purchased on November 3, 1914 for \$25.94 and their first meeting in this building was conducted on January 27, 1914. Not being completely satisfied with it's new name, it was changed to The Friendship Fire Co. No. 1 of Pennville on January 13, 1914 and on March 24, 1914 the company adopted by-laws and petitioned York County Courts for a charter establishing the first fire company in Penn Twp.

A 50 gallon hand drawn chemical tank was their only fire fighting apparatus until public hydrants were installed and fire hose was purchased around July 1 of 1919. A borrowed Hanover Fire Dept. hose reel and electric lights in the engine house were added slightly prior to this date.

In pursuit of a self sustaining fire company, they added an auditorium on November 14, 1922 to hold various fund raising events. Two years later dressing rooms were added increasing opportunities for home-talent productions. In 1935 a kitchen was added for more versatility and a 1934 Dodge / Buffalo 500/100 fire truck was added.

As they reached their "adult age", they had outgrown their original engine house. A fund-raising event was started and land was purchased on Frederick Street and Westminster Ave. where a new engine house was

started in May 1950 and completed in 1951. In 1958 a large addition for a kitchen and banquet area was added and in 1969 a two bay, drive through addition was added to accommodate their new Snorkel aerial fire apparatus. In 1984 additions were added to the two drive through bays for accommodating their new tanker/pumper.

In a January 1, 2017 consolidation of the Pennville Fire Company, Parkville Fire Company, Penn Twp. Ambulance and Penn Twp. Scuba Team, Pennville became part of the Penn Twp. Vol. Emergency Services. On January 1, 2018 Penn Twp. Vol. Emergency Services and Hanover Fire Dept. merged and created the Hanover Area Fire and Rescue.

Currently both The Friendship Fire Co. No. 1 of Pennville engine houses remain in their original locations and were repurposed as housing and a commercial business.





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



This issue of “Wayne’s World” includes several donations, apparatus displays, truck repair and a “What is IT” quiz.

Donations accepted at the fire museum this quarter included Chris Lockard’s 1961 International/HOWE, Hanover No. 2 fire truck donated from his estate after his passing. The Fire Museum has been the caretaker of this fire truck during his illness. We are very grateful to Chris and his parents for this donation and are happy to carry on it’s fire service legacy into the future.

Crown Cork and Seal on Broadway. donated a 1940s vintage C-O TWO dual tank hand drawn carbon dioxide industrial fire extinguisher. Thank you Jeff Cramer for hosing it down in preparation for display in the museum.

Other donations included model trains, fire service literature, patches and books from various donors. Thank you everyone for your support to the Fire Museum. Donations are always welcome, contact Wayne Bollinger.



GaryRickrode Photo

## “What is IT”



This T shaped object was carried on a fire truck for what purpose? Some carried more than one. See answer on page 7.

## \* On Standby \*



### Pleasant Hill VFC

This beautiful 1947 International KB7/John Bean high pressure fog fire truck came to visit the Fire Museum for a short term display. It is owned by the Pleasant Hill VFC and maintained by our GHAFM member Dale Hartman. Thank you Dale for your continued support for our Fire Museum.



Gary Rickrode Photo

### Fire Truck Repairs

Henry and Dale Hartman took some time out of their busy work schedule to assist Wayne Bollinger with installing a new brake booster on the Fire Museum’s 1961 International. Well done men, and thank you for your continued support, we are very grateful.



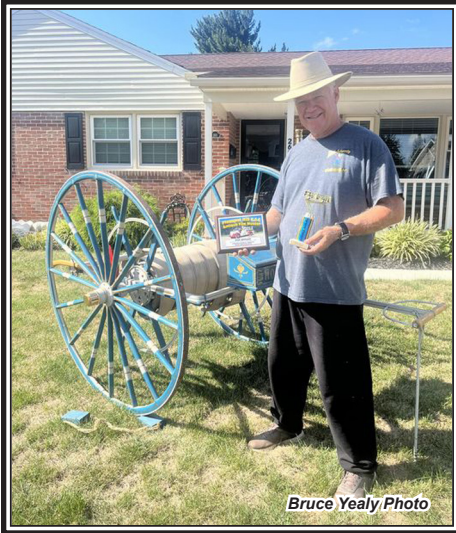
Gary Rickrode Photo

### Gettysburg FD / Brushtown VFC

GHAFM member Gary Rickrode brought his 1940 Chevrolet / Darley fire truck in for a short term display. It is former Gettysburg Fire Dept. and Brushtown VFC pumper with a 400 GPM midship pump and 100 gallons of water. Thank you Gary for bringing your pride and joy in to visit us.



# Fire Museum....Do You Know!



Bruce Yealy Photo

GHAFM Member Bruce Yealy attended the Pleasant Hill VFC Muster on August 26 with two of his hose carts. He won the 1st Place Peoples' Choice and Members' Choice Awards with his robin egg blue hose cart. Tip of the old tin helmet to Bruce for preserving our fire history with your two beautiful hose carts.

## Wedding Bells



Jeff Cramer Photo

GHAFM Vice President, Jeff Cramer and Jody Leppo of Hanover were married June 10, 2023 at Codorus State Park.

**"What is IT" answer.**  
IT is a high pressure hydrant key used from 1912 to 1970s on Baltimore City Fire Dept. high pressure fire trucks. The pick end was used to lift off a manhole cover and the square end was for the Horton hydrant shut off.

**\* Wanted - Three Cookie Bakers \***  
Darlene Funk is in need of three additional cookie bakers for the Holiday Train Garden Cookie Sale on December 8 & 9. Please call Darlene at 717-632-2590 for details. **Thank You** for helping.



GHAFM Secretary, Gary Rickrode won a best appearing award at the 111th York County Firemen's Association Parade in York, PA. on August 12. Congratulations Gary.

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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.
- See 2023 Holiday Train Garden dates and hours in The REGISTER and Posters.**
- October 4** - Fire Museum apparatus move to HAFR fire stations for Train Garden prep 9 am.
- October 6 & 7** - Move Train Garden from HAFR Clover Lane Station to Museum 8 am.  
(Breakfast at Dutch Country Restaurant at 8 am)
- October 5** - Fire Museum Membership Meeting at the Fire Museum 7 pm.
- October 7** - Start Holiday Train Garden layout set up in Fire Museum 9 am.
- October 7** - Westminster MD Muster and Parade 10 am.
- October 21** - Fire Museum of MD Lantern Night, Lutherville, MD 6-8 pm.
- November 3** - Fire Museum Membership Meeting at the Fire Museum 7 pm.
- November 24** - Downtown Hanover Christmas Parade 9 am.
- December 7** - Fire Museum Membership Meeting at the Fire Museum 7 pm.
- December 7** - Holiday Train Garden Cookie Sale Drop Off. 12-6 pm at 417 York St.. or 6:30 pm at the Fire Museum. Contact Darlene Funk 717-632-2590.
- December 8 & 9** - Holiday Train Garden Cookie Sale - See Holiday Train Garden Hours.
- December 10** - Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum Christmas Party - 5:30 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.
- Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 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.
- Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21** - Commission Meeting at Clover Lane Station 2 basement.