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from the
Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum

3rd Quarter July - September 2025

York County Commissioners GHAFM Check Presentation

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York County President Commissioner Julie Wheeler and Vice President Commissioner Scott Burford returned to the Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum on July 2 to present a York County grant check for \$2500 to be used towards our Mini-Split air conditioner expenditures. GHAFM officers and members in attendance were, Gordy Lillich, Jeff Cramer, John Lucabaugh, Gary Rickrode, Wayne Bollinger, Dave Bollinger, Edward Markle, Jim Roth, Dale Geiman, Dwight Bollinger, Carl Boyer and Ken Buohl. Margie Lewis, Hanover Borough Manager, Valerie Meyers, Hanover Borough Communications Manager and Deputy Chief HAFR, Joseph Wysocki were also present. We are very honored to be recognized by our York County Commissioners and appreciate their continued support for our Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum. Julie and Scott, thank you for your generous support and please come back and visit us again.



* At the FIRE MUSEUM *

Museum Visitors



Ken Buohl Photo

Several members of the Occupational Development Center in Lancaster, PA visited the GHAFM on July 16 for a museum tour. Edward Markle and Ken Buohl were their museum docents. Everyone enjoyed our hospitality and they look forward to returning in December for our Train Garden.

Visitor Stats
There were **547** visitors in our museum from 1/2025 through 6/2025



Ed Markle Photo

Jackson Chastain, Meteorologist for ABC 27 in Harrisburg, PA recently visited our fire museum. GHAFM member Ed Markle was his docent.

Apparatus



Gary Rickrode Photo

The members of the Northeast Adams Fire & EMS, Adams County Station 32, formerly Liberty Fire Co No. 1 of East Berlin generously placed "Grandma" a beautifully restored 1926 Brockway Torpedo American LaFrance in our museum. She was their first motorized fire apparatus. "Grandma" also went for a ride in the 2025 Hanover Memorial Day Parade. Thank you Cory Lease, Officers and members of Northeast Adams Fire & EMS for sharing your wonderful fire service history.

Appreciation



Ken Buohl Photo

GHAFM member Keith Tylor and his two beautiful dogs, Lexi, 6 and Sadie, 3 years old stopped in for a visit with us on July 16. They appear to be chilling to the Wednesday fire museum chatter in the Chris Lockard Parlor. Dogs are no strangers to our fire museum, Smoky was a Dalmatian mascot for the Eagle Fire Co. No. 2 during the 1950s.



Gary Rickrode Photo

GHAFM Darlene Funk was presented a GHAFM Certificate of Appreciation for her 6 dedicated years with coordinating the yearly Train Garden cookie sales.



Deb Rickrode Photo



* At the FIRE MUSEUM *

Coming Home



At a GHAFM special meeting on June 25, the membership voted unanimously to purchase Eagle's retired 1937 American LaFrance Junior from its current owner in Montana, Lewis Dielman, Jr. Chief Clouser received the original call from Lewis indicating his father had passed away and he preferred to give the Hanover Fire Dept. the opportunity to purchase it before it was going to an online auction. Chief Clouser shared the purchase details with the GHAFM officers who began the initial discussion with our GHAFM members and set up a vote. A generous loan arrangement was offered and accepted from Mr. Andy Hoffman in support of bringing it home. GHAFM member Tim Kress arranged a donated complimentary trucking arrangement through Aero Energy in New Oxford. When shipping arrangements are complete, she will be back home soon.

GIVE Local York Success

Rob Brady reports Give Local York 2025 was a success! The museum's Give Local York 2025 Committee plus the officers and members of the Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum want to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our donors and the community for helping make our fire museum a success. This year we had 31 donors contribute to the campaign. This includes special stretch pools set up for every participant's benefit including the fire museum. With everyone's help, a positive impact has been made and that impact will continue to grow in making the fire museum better now and in the future.

2026 Calendar Fundraiser



The GHAFM has decided to create a printed 13 month 2026 Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum calendar and sell them as a fund-raiser. They will go on sale at the museum on Wednesday, August 3 from 9am to 3pm and at the GHAFM Membership Meeting on Thursday, August 4 at 6:30 pm. Calendar price is \$10.00 each and if mailing is required add \$3.00. We will have 50 calendars available on these sale dates and additional calendars will be produced if there is additional interest. If you can't pick one up on these dates, contact Ken Buohl at 717-321-3189 and he will help you receive one.

Building & Grounds



GHAFM member Mandi Smith prepared two beautiful black flower planters with seasonal flowers and then placed them at the fire museum's front engine bay doors and main entrance. She planted white and red geraniums, Angel Wing begonias and coleus in each planter. Thank you Mandi for sharing your very talented gardening skills with our fire museum.

GHAFM Member Dave Bollinger donated and set up a storage feed box for our fire horse exhibit.

Building and Grounds Coordinator, Dennis Weaver is very busy with summer tasks around the museum. He is mowing, cleaning debris from the alley, pulling weeds and washing windows. The Community Assistance personnel assisted with weed pulling and placing mulch. He reports all is well with the building and grounds.

Cardinal Elevator and Keystone Elevator Inspections were recently contracted to perform elevator maintenance and inspections on our lift in the museum. Some cost savings and ease of coordinating required inspection schedules will be experienced. Also Cardinal Elevator is from Littlestown, a plus when we have any repairs required.

Our bookcase project in the Chris Lockard Parlor is beginning to pick up steam. These cabinets are for archiving printed materials used for research. They were built locally and are currently awaiting staining by GHAFM members.



The GHAFM is not always about historical fire service related items. We are fortunate to have a lively bunch of guys and gals that have other interests. Dale Geiman recently drove his 100 year old 1925 Dodge Brothers screen side truck to the fire museum and offered a ride to our members. Jim Roth and John Lucabaugh are shown with Dale.



“Members ON THE ROAD”



Our GHAFM members have been very busy the past several months. Members traveled to Hampstead (MD) VFD 125th Anniversary, Pleasant Valley (MD) VFD Muster, St. Marks Church “Honor Our Heroes” day, Hanover Memorial Day Parade, Winchester, VA Bloom Festival Fireman’s Parade and PA Pump Primers Muster. All have been ambassadors for the world of Historical Fire Service and spreading the word about our great fire museum.

Photo Credits: Ken Buehl, Gary Rickrode, Toni Mayr



The Heartbeat of the GHAFM - OUR VOLUNTEERS



“Homecoming Day at GHAFM”



Lively banter, laughter and favorite stories about serving in the fire service filled the old Eagle No 2 station house again as the Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum and GHAFM member Rob Holt hosted 65 former and retired firefighters and auxiliary members on Homecoming Day on May 3 to highlight their dedicated service and brave actions to save lives and protect homes and businesses. They had an opportunity to see the museum collection, including equipment and apparatus they used during their years of service.

“Firefighter, EMT, ladies auxiliary member... All of you are heroes. Every day, we reflect upon your sacrifices and tireless service to our communities,” GHAFM President Gordon Lillich told the group. “We’re ever mindful of the challenges and hardships endured by you and others who served on a fire company and auxiliary, and we remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their communities.”

Hanover Area Fire and Rescue Commission Chief Tony Clouser the featured speaker for Homecoming Day, recognized some retired firefighters who were role models during his early years in the fire service. “It brings back a lot of memories. I was talking with one the members who I had not seen in years, and I just found out that he is one of my neighbors.”

He told the former volunteers and professional service members they made an enduring positive impact in their towns and neighborhoods. He emphasized that they are still remembered for being courageous and selfless in times of danger and crisis. “There are many people in this community who witnessed you and your colleagues responding to alarms and calls for help to save a life, to keep a building from being destroyed. You are part of a proud tradition of community firefighting. The fire services in the greater Hanover area owe a great debt of gratitude for the commitment and sacrifice by each of you and your families, who upheld the great firefighting traditions.”

He emphasized that the former volunteers and retirees can still help their local fire companies by encouraging the future generations of firefighters, EMTs and auxiliary members. “You, the veteran volunteers and retirees, can be local ‘ambassadors’ who encourage young people to consider volunteering in the fire service or becoming a professional firefighter or paramedic. You can do that by sharing personal experiences and proud memories of working with your colleagues to protect our community.”

“This is great. I haven’t seen some of them in years. They’re legends. People still talk about them,” said GHAFM member Ed Schwartz as he watched retired volunteer and professional fire, EMS and auxiliary members smile and share memories.

Camille Brady was among the honored guests who joined long-time friends and colleagues in recounting many memories during a picnic lunch served by Kevin Costella of K&K Concessions. “Thank you all for doing this. We appreciate that you remember us,” Brady said.

Homecoming Day at GHAFM Editorial Recap by: Rob Holt

Photo Credit: Ken Buohl & Rob Holt





“From the Archives” Above & Beyond

Members at the GHAFM and our community supporters share their artifacts, skills, knowledge and financial assistance above and beyond for enhancing our museum. Let's share a heartfelt "Thank You" to the following for their generous efforts.



Eagle Fire Co. No. 2 - 1917 Brockway ALF

Contributor: GHAFM Museum Curator, Wayne Bollinger

As the heyday of horse drawn fire apparatus was winding down, Hanover's Eagle Fire Co. No. 2 decided to make a new motorized fire apparatus purchase outside the purview of the Borough of Hanover. They independently purchased a 1917 Brockway American LaFrance Type B6 COMB, sales order No. 93481 dual tank chemical and hose wagon mounted on a Brockway chassis. While the age of chemical firefighting was knocking on the door, they were looking to the future purchasing this fire truck with two chemical tanks. An unconfirmed rumor states the Eagles wanted to keep up with Hanover No. 1 by having two engines in their station. This fire truck was the companion truck to the Eagle's 1917 Type 75 American LaFrance purchased for them by the Borough of Hanover, hauling hose and providing support with their chemical firefighting capabilities. Brockway and American LaFrance teamed up to produce some excellent fire apparatus, enough to advertise their products together as shown in the photo below.

The Brockway ALF was short lived with Eagles' having only 9 years of active duty before they received a 1926 Reo Speedwagon Pirsch city service truck purchased by the Borough of Hanover. Having no practical use for a combination chemical hose wagon, in 1926 they sold it to Centennial Fire Co. located North of McSherrystown, PA in Adams County. It was in active service until 1938 when it experienced a catastrophic motor failure. They decided to purchase a 1938 Chevrolet truck chassis and mount the chemical tanks and hose bed to it. They also added a Gould PTO water pump, 150 gallon water tank, 500 feet of 1 1/2" hose and converted the chemical tanks to water, enhancing it's firefighting capabilities.

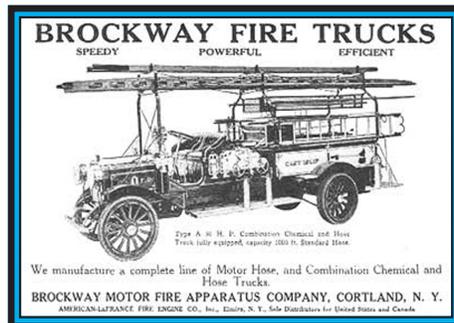
It was retired from Centennial Fire Co. in 1973 and sold for \$800 to a private individual. It is currently owned by GHAFM member Dave Bollinger.



Ken Buehl Photo

Rob Holt (above) was the driving force behind our GHAFM Homecoming Day. He spent countless hours organizing and planning a fantastic event. Please give Rob a tip of the old tin helmet for his efforts.

Thank You goes out to: Tim Kress and Aero Energy for their complimentary trucking for bringing the 1937 American LaFrance Junior fire truck back to the GHAFM. Andy Hoffman for his generous loan arrangement for purchasing the 1937 ALF. Ed Markle for sorting fire company mugs for the museum mug display, Jim Roth, Carolyn Markle, Tierney and Marie Myers, Edward and Linda Weller, Georgia Bittle and Hanover Area Fire and Rescue for their Nancy Myers memory donations, trains from Jeff Stauffer, Carl Boyer Jr. monetary donation, Jim Stair for Arendtsville International DVD. Pleasant Hill VFD book and fire extinguisher from Galen Wentz, GI Joe firefighter collectable from Dave Richards, fire collectables from Ken Buehl, various fire history books from Malden Miller, Carolyn Markle Wish List item, Chief Ed Flickinger Hanover FD items from his daughter Jeannie, curio cabinet from Brian McDermitt, Fire Company mugs from Joseph Wallace, miniature ferris wheel from Ron Borsella, Joe Markle Memorial donations from William Parsons, Carolyn Baumgardner, Debrah Hahn, Teresa Hansford, Jim and Gail Roth, Hanover Area Fire & Rescue, Hanover Borough and Timber Lane Family.





Fire Museum.....Do You Know!

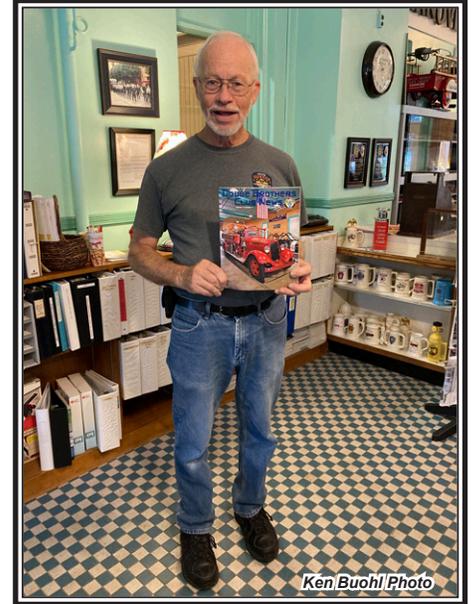
In Remembrance - Last Call



- Dan Lawrence - Member GHAFM
- Dwight L. Resh - Member GHAFM, Grangeville VFC
- Larry Rhoten - Special Friend of the GHAFM
- David Sterner - Member Friendship Hose Co. No. 1, Spring Grove
- Francis E. Myers - Member Jefferson VFD
- Robert Colehouse Sr. - Member Penn Twp. F D
- Larry E. Corbin - Life Member of United Hook and Ladder
- Gloria Soullaird - Mother of GHAFM Member Tim Kress
- Ronald Funk - Brother of GHAFM Member Tony Funk
- Doris Garman - Grandmother of GHAFM Member Brian Bankert
- Amy Sager - Mother of Lori Saxe, Penn Twp. Ambulance Club
- Teresa Hagerman - Lifetime Member SAVES

Line of Duty Deaths - Baltimore City Fire Dept.
 Lt. Mark Dranbauer Jr. and EVD Charles Murda

*Our sincere condolences to our
 Hanover Area fire service family.*



Ken Buohl Photo

Our GHAFM 1934 Dodge Graham Buffalo graced the cover of the Dodge Brothers Club, Inc. magazine recently. One of their members visited the GHAFM and photographed it. GHAFM member Dale Geiman is a member of this organization and proudly displays it in the Chris Lockard parlor.

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Type of MEMBERSHIP

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- \$20.00 - INDIVIDUAL
- \$50.00 - FAMILY
- \$200.00 - LIFETIME

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HUMOR ON THE TAILBOARD



Rare Photo of Spanky & Gang
 Fire Truck in Hanover, PA
 at Famous Hot Weiner

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, 2nd and 3rd Saturdays each month. Other Visits by appointment. Call 717-637-6674 and leave a message.
- GHAFFM Monthly Membership Meeting:** 1st Thursday of each month, 7 pm at the Museum.
- August 7 - Fire Museum Membership Meeting at the Fire Museum 7 pm.**
- September 4 - Fire Museum Membership Meeting at the Fire Museum 7 pm.**
- October 2 - Fire Museum Membership Meeting at the Fire Museum 7 pm.**
- November 6 - Fire Museum Membership Meeting at the Fire Museum 7 pm.**

Please sign up for Fire Museum activities. Sign up sheets are in the Fire Museum.
Thank you for your assistance and support, it is very much appreciated.

Future 2025 Events

- August 16 - Frederick County Mini Muster, Frederick, MD
- August 23 - Pleasant Hill VFC Muster, Hanover, PA
- September 13 - Hanover Area Fire and Rescue Chicken BarBQue, Clover Lane Station 2
- September 27 - White Rose SPAAMFAA Chapter & SAFERS York County Convention, Yorkanna, PA
- Nov. 28,29,30. Dec. 5,6,7,12,13,14,19,20,21, Jan. 2026 2,3,4 - GHAFFM Train Garden**

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What's Happening at the HAVFR & HAFRC

- * **HAVFR Monthly Company Meeting:** 2nd Thursday of each month, 7:00 pm. Use building rear basement door and ring door bell, someone will assist you.
- August 14, September 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13** - Membership Meeting at Clover Lane Station 2 basement.
- * **HAFRC Monthly Meeting:** 3rd Thursday of each month, 5:30 pm. Use building rear basement door and ring door bell, someone will assist you.
- August 21, September 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20** - Commission Meeting at Clover Lane Station 2 basement.