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Christmas in August at the GHAFM

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Christmas came early to the Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum with the arrival of two previous Hanover Fire Dept. Eagle No. 2 retired 1937 and 1970 American LaFrance fire trucks living in Montana. Through the dedicated efforts of the Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum, local supporters and through the wonderful cooperation with the Hanover Fire and Rescue Commission these trucks will now be preserved in our museum for eternity. Bringing these back to our museum has created a display of five Eagle Fire Co. No. 2 generations of fire fighting history. Please see additional story details on page four and five.

* At the FIRE MUSEUM *

Museum Visitors



Nick Damp and Mallory Metzner from ABC News 27 visited the GHAFM to film a story about the Gamewell Alarm system in Hanover. We appreciate this coverage at the GHAFM, Thank You Mallory and Nick. Link to their story is here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHpEstfWjIA>



Twenty two Members of the Adams County Jr. Fire Academy class of 2025 visited the GHAFM for a fire history lesson as part of their training. A chicken Bar-B-Que meal was served by HAV-FR and HAFRC personell at the Hanover Street Elementary cafeteria prior to their visit. Jim Roth, Gary Rickrode, Larry Sherfey, Dwight Bollinger Carl Boyer and Ken Buohl were their museum docents.

Building & Grounds



Our Chris Lockard Parlor archival research cabinet is now complete and ready to store many items used for researching the greater Hanover area fire service history. Jodi Cramer reorganized the notebooks into color coded categories for each type of material. This cabinet will hold very valuable fire service materials in a very user friendly manner. Andrew Maher Custom Furniture built this beautiful cabinet and Gordy Lilich assisted with finishing it. Thank you Gordy and Jodi for your valuable assistance.



Ed Hamilton right, retired York City Fire Chief and GHAFM member visited our fire museum for a look at our newly acquired Eagle Fire Co. No. 2 1937 American LaFrance fire engine. Gary Rickrode welcomed Chief Hamilton to the fire museum.



Gary Rickrode applied donation labels to our HVAC units. They list the people or corporations that donated funding for these units. Three of the four HVAC units are paid, one is not.



The 2025 GHAFM Train Garden Committee, Rob Brady, Jason Kopp and Kevin Adams built storage shelves in the museum shed to house train garden supplies.



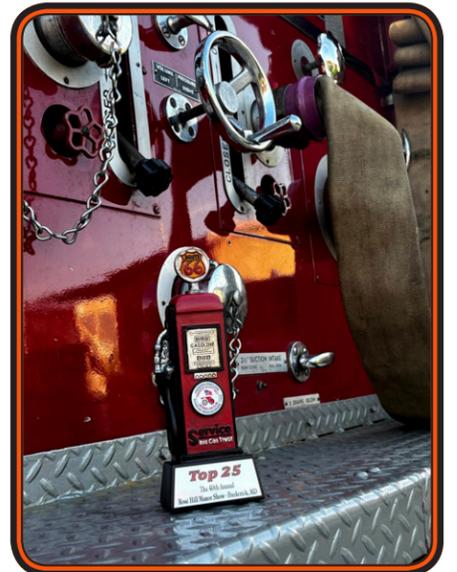
Dale Geiman and Jim Roth hang a donated Penn Township Volunteer Emergency Services banner.

"Members ON THE ROAD"



Our GHAFM members have been very busy the past several months. Members traveled to Hampstead (MD) VFD 125th Anniversary, Pleasant Hill Fire Muster, York County Firefighters Association / Old Fire Farts Muster, National Night Out at SAVES and Penn Twp., Warehime mansion Night of Music, Hammersla's 13th Annual Car Show, Rose Hill Manor Car Show, and Kreepers Krew / Advanced Auto fallen police officers benefit. All have been ambassadors for the world of Historical Fire Service and spreading the word about our great fire museum. A special Thank You for our members and families, job well done.

Photo Credits: Dale Hartman, Toni May and Gary Rickrode



The Heartbeat of the GHAFM - OUR VOLUNTEERS



A Road Home Traveled Twice For Two Old LaFrances



Ken Buohl Photo



A lazy summer day in 2025 brought a phone call from Hanover Fire and Rescue Commission Chief Tony Clouser to our Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum President Gordon Lillich. Chief Clouser worked out a deal with the Lewis Dielman Family, Linn, Mark and Alberta Dielman for the Fire Museum's opportunity to purchase the 1937 American LaFrance fire truck previously owned by the Eagle Fire Co. No 2. The Dielman family had purchased this truck in 1970 from the Hanover Fire Dept. and drove it back to Box Elder, Montana on a wing and a prayer and a 55 gallon drum for gasoline. This tough old workhorse made the trip with flying colors to join over 600 cars and trucks the Dielman family had collected over many years. The 1937 LaFrance was Mr. Dielman's favorite fire truck having shown this truck over the years at many car shows.

While finalizing plans for bringing the 1937 LaFrance home, GHAFM member Edward Markle informed GHAFM President Gordon Lillich he received a call from Kent Niles at the West Fork Fire Dept. in Darby, Montana announcing they were ready to return the Eagle Fire Co. No 2 Engine 46-2. It is a 1970 American LaFrance pumper that they had donated to them in 2001 from the Painted Rocks Fire Dept. in Darby Montana. Painted Rocks Fire Dept. had 46-1 and 46-2, aka the twins donated to them in 2001 by the Hanover Fire Dept. Great Falls Fire Dept. has purchased a more modern pumper and were ready to retire the 1970 LaFrance they ran out of their fire station first due from the first day they received it. 46-1 remained at Painted Rocks Fire Dept., however it was placed out of service due to rust issues and then scrapped a few years ago.

The wheels were moving quickly requiring GHAFM membership approval for bringing them home, coordinating transportation from Montana to Hanover and meeting financial requirements. With the generous help of Andy Hoffman, Tim Kress, Hanover High School, Larry Marshal,

Aero Energy, Ox Industries and Bosley Towing the 1937 ALF was East bound to Hanover on July 31. GHAFM Treasurer, John Lucabaugh and GHAFM Newsletter Editor, Ken Buohl were tasked to go to Montana and prepare the 1937 LaFrance for transport back to Hanover. They drove 4302 miles round trip from Hanover to Montana and back to Hanover, traveling through 10 states in 6 1/2 days for a total of 71 hours driving time. Mike from Forry Transport picked up the 1970 LaFrance in Darby, Montana and brought it back to Hanover with loading help from the West Fork Fire Dept. The 1970 arrived in Hanover on August 22.

Both trucks are now tucked into their resting spots at the GHAFM and Clearview Fire Station after the Truck Preservation Committee and GHAFM members worked diligently to clean that Montana dust from these beautiful trucks. PA Dept. of Transportation Title and Tag work is being processed by Runkles and hopefully returned soon. We plan to use the 1970 LaFrance for our traveling truck spreading the word for the Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum. The 1937 LaFrance will need some mechanical work performed in preparation for road worthy travel. Both of these trucks will join a group of 5 generations of Eagle Fire Co. No. 2 fire trucks that served in our fire museum fire house. They are a Hanover FD hand drawn hose cart, 1883 Silsby steam pumper, 1937 American LaFrance, 1961 International Howe and a 1970 American LaFrance, all served with Eagle Fire Co. No 2.

It sure was a task to accomplish the return of these two trucks in a short time. Lets call it "Montana Madness" for a better description. No matter how old you are, the thrill of a fire truck returning home will sure cause a stir around Hanover. Our GHAFM members are proud to be the custodians for this wonderful Hanover Fire Dept. history and we sincerely appreciate all the assistance from the greater Hanover community and Hanover Borough.

Article by: Ken Buohl



Mr. Lewis Dielman, from Elder, Montana, who purchased the 1937, LaFrance, 139 from Hanover Fire Dept. for Antique Museum. Placed in service Sta 2- 1937 Out of service Sta 2- 1962 (Used as Reserve Apparatus) Sold from Dept. - 1970

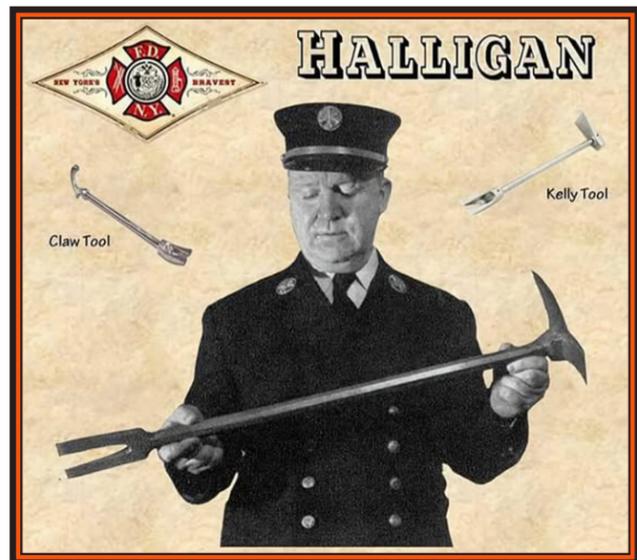


Ken Buohl Photo

“From the Archives” Above & Beyond

Halligan Bar

Contributors: New York City Fire Museum and Wikipedia



The Halligan bar was designed by FDNY Deputy Chief Hugh Halligan in 1948 and manufactured by blacksmith Peter Clarke, who collaborated on the first prototype named the “Master Key”. It was invented to overcome the limitations of earlier, less versatile tools, offering firefighters a single, multi-purpose tool for prying, and twisting. It was allegedly modeled on a burglar’s tool found in the rubble of a bank fire during overhaul operations.

The Boston Fire Department was the first major customer of the Halligan bar, purchasing one for every fire company in the city. However due to a dispute between the Department and Halligan, the tool was not purchased by the FDNY until the patent expired and the Department was able to buy comparable tools from other vendors. Nonetheless it was widely used; firefighters purchased their own “Halligans” out-of-pocket, a tribute to its effectiveness and dependability. The FDNY now issues a modified Halligan Tool called the “PRO-BAR,” manufactured by Fire Hooks Unlimited, for use as the primary forcible entry tool. Despite Halligan popularity among FDNY ladder companies and the department initially refrained from purchasing the tool to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest, this led to widespread adoption of the tool, first in North America and eventually worldwide.

The Halligan bar has become the most versatile hand tool for fireground tasks over the past seven decades. The Halligan is often paired with an axe to form the “Hooligan” for added leverage or a Halligan bar and a flathead axe can be joined (and partially interlocked, head-to-toe) to form what is known as a married set of irons or simply the irons.



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.

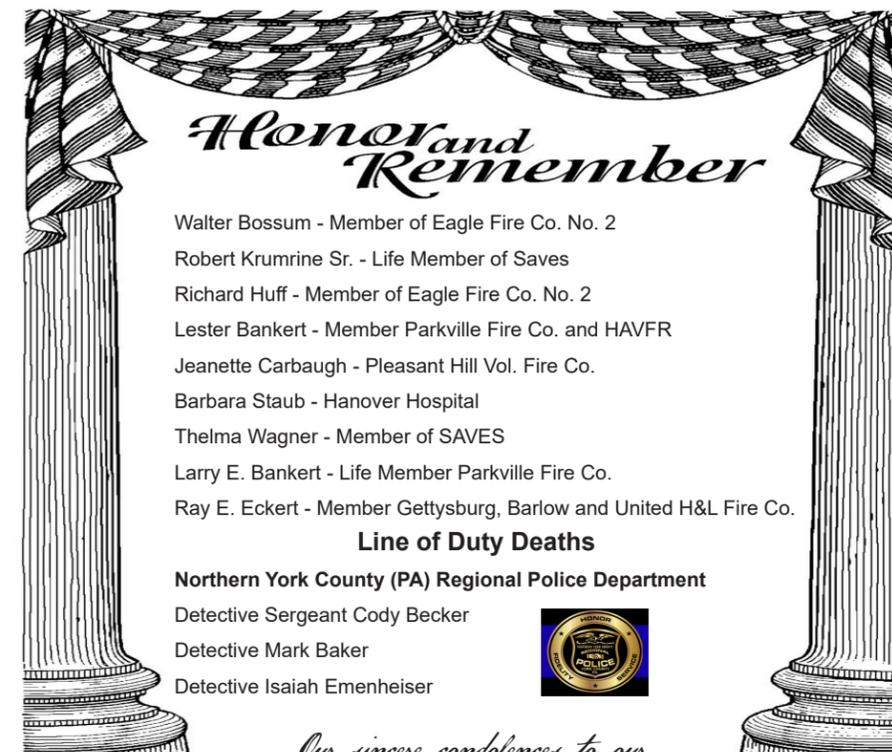


Above - Retired HAFRC Captain Joe Myers donated a tribute display to the museum with items from their 1977 American LaFrance ladder truck.

Thank You goes out to: All of our loyal fire museum supporters that helped bring the 1937 and 1970 LaFrance home and preparing it for PA DOT. Bill Perkins for paying cost of 1934 Dodge radiator cap. ABC-27 for their visits, Hanover Area Fire & Rescue for chicken dinners. Ken Buohl, Jean McCracken, Brian McDermitt and Malden Miller for donated items. Monetary donations from Daniel Szetela, Robert Adams Jr, Michelle Blouse, Wayne Bollinger, Daniel Brady Jr, Jamie Cramer, Jeffrey Cramer, Mark Elksnis, Dale Geiman, John Gerken, Gregory Halpin, Dale Hartman, Henry Hartman, Robert Holt, Anthony Hoover, George Hubbard, Katherine Junga, Brian Kopp, Gordon Lillich, John Lucabaugh, Carolyn Markle, Brian McDermitt, Scott McMaster, Ellen Oaster, Bill Perkins, Jerry and Pamela Pollard, James Roth, Samantha Schlitz, Larry Sherfey, Mandi Smith, James Startzel, Keith Taylor, Christopher Topper, Justine Trucksess, Margaret Bria, Gay Dickson, Frank & Grace Elsner III, Andy Hoffman, Robert & Rebecca Hubley, Estelle King. Darryl & Lorraine Madden, Joel & Doris Peterman, Shirley Sims, Beverly Smith, & Frances Stull and Johnny Wilson for their monetary donations in memory of Mr. Dan Lawrence. Roller Printing for printing The Register. American Legion Auxiliary for their donation to the train garden.

Fire Museum.....Do You Know!

In Remembrance - Last Call



Honor and Remember

- Walter Bossum - Member of Eagle Fire Co. No. 2
- Robert Krumrine Sr. - Life Member of Saves
- Richard Huff - Member of Eagle Fire Co. No. 2
- Lester Bankert - Member Parkville Fire Co. and HAVFR
- Jeanette Carbaugh - Pleasant Hill Vol. Fire Co.
- Barbara Staub - Hanover Hospital
- Thelma Wagner - Member of SAVES
- Larry E. Bankert - Life Member Parkville Fire Co.
- Ray E. Eckert - Member Gettysburg, Barlow and United H&L Fire Co.

Line of Duty Deaths

Northern York County (PA) Regional Police Department

- Detective Sergeant Cody Becker
- Detective Mark Baker
- Detective Isaiah Emenheiser



Our sincere condolences to our Hanover Area fire service and police family.

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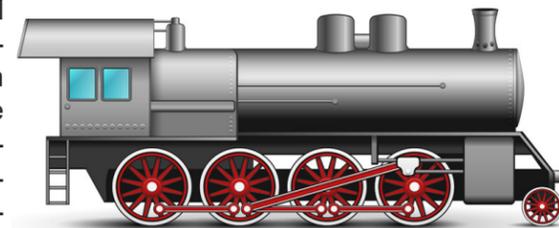
CALENDAR

The beautiful and functional GHAFM 13 month 2026 Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum calendar is becoming very popular with very brisk sales. Don't miss the opportunity to purchase one or more for that special fire service person. Calendar price is \$10.00 each and if mailing is required add \$4.00 additional. Calendar pick up is available 9-3 on Wednesdays and 1st, 2nd and 3rd Saturdays and every day the Train Garden is operating. If you can't pick one up on these dates, contact Ken Buohl at 717-321-3189 and he will help you receive one. Deadline for purchases is December 10, 2025. Happy Holidays

Train Garden 2025

Our GHAFM Train Garden Committee, Rob Brady, Kevin Adams and Jason Kopp and volunteers are steaming forward, preparing the GHAFM for another transition to days gone by when every youngster dreamed of receiving that special Lionel or American Flyer train set under their Christmas tree. Some of that very compassion is very evident in our committee members when you see their visions with some very interesting details they incorporate in the final layouts in the train garden.

This year a very special featured in the train garden. Our re-LaFrance fire truck residing in will be included in their feature GHAFM members have as-distributing green card schedule the streets has been very successful garden grow to the 5,000 atten-



GHAFM acquisition will be fea- cently acquired 1937 American Montana for the last 55 years train layout.

sisted with placing posters and ules. Getting the word out on cessful with helping the train dance last year.

Now is the time for scheduling your time to assist with our train garden. A new mobile app, “Sign Up” will be available for scheduling your time. Go to signup.com on your mobile phone web browser and sign up to volunteer. Starting date is November 28 and end date is January 4. Hours are Friday 6pm-9pm, Saturday 11am-7pm and Sunday 12pm-5pm. Please consider signing up this year with helping to make the 8th Annual 2025 GHAFM Train Garden very successful. ALL HELP is very much appreciated.

Please contact any member of the train garden committee with your questions. ALL ABOARD for 2025.



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HUMOR ON THE TAILBOARD



When your Brain Power
 Out Grows Your Lid

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: Special hours 10/01/2025 through 1/10/2026, see **Special Note** below.
Saturday Museum Open: Special hours 10/01/2025 through 1/10/2026, see **Special Note** below.
 Other Visits by appointment. Call 717-637-6674 and leave a message.

- November 6 - Fire Museum Membership Meeting at the Fire Museum 7 pm.
- December 4 - Fire Museum Membership Meeting at the Fire Museum 7 pm.
- December 21 - 5:30pm Christmas Party at the GHAFM
- January 7 - *Wednesday* Fire Museum Membership Meeting at the Fire Museum 3 pm.
- February 5 - Fire Museum Membership Meeting at the Fire Museum 7 pm.

SPECIAL NOTE: The GHAFM will have a revised schedule from 10/01/2025 through 1/10/2026 for Train Garden activities. No tours will be conducted during this time, however the Chris Lockard Parlor will be only open for 2026 GHAFM Calendar pick up and GHAFM members will be in the museum setting up the Train Garden. Call the museum at (717) 637-6674 to make sure someone is in the museum when the Train Garden is not running. Shortly after the Train Garden ends, there will be some improvements made in the museum engine bays requiring the museum to be closed. An announcement will be made on Facebook and in your emailed "Monitor" when this will occur.

Future 2025 Events

Nov. 29 - Jan. 10 Hanover Historical Society - Christmas Tree Tours

Visit this link:

<https://hanoverpahistory.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/2025-Tree-Tours-schedule-card.pdf>

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.

HAFRC Monthly Meeting: 3rd Thursday of each month, 5:30 pm. Use building rear basement door and ring door bell, someone will assist you.

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