

HALL OF FLAME[®] MUSEUM

OF FIREFIGHTING

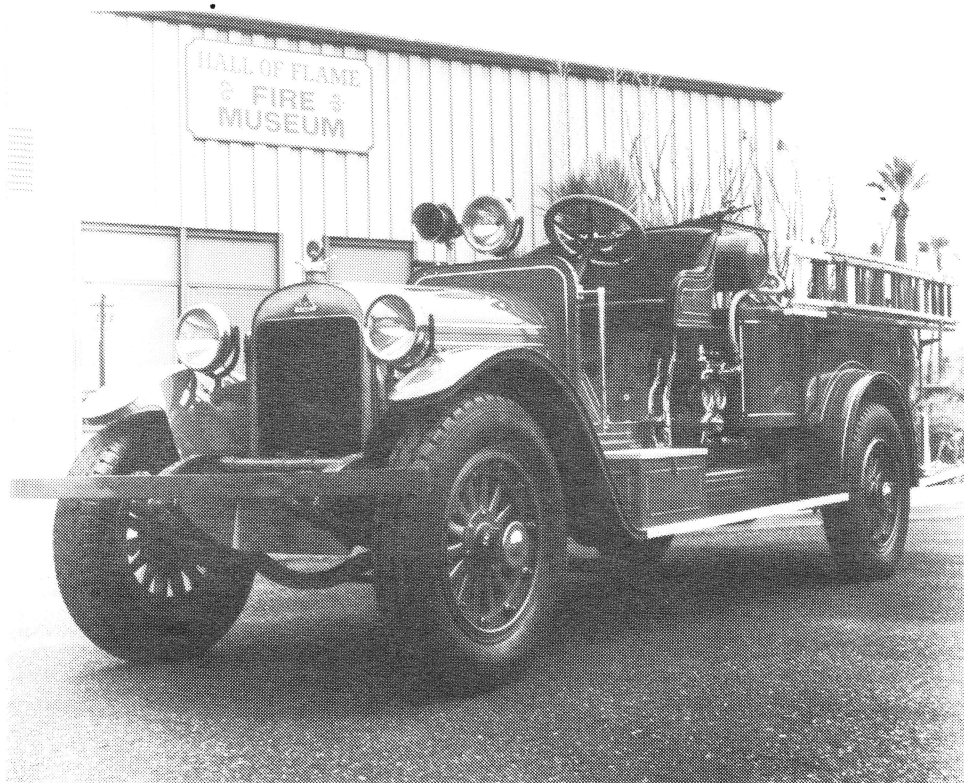
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1924 "Baby" Stutz Engine Joins Exhibit



In September Hall of Flame restoration artist Don Hale put the finishing touches on one of the greatest challenges of his career at the museum: a 1924 Stutz Model K-2 fire engine that has been in storage since 1981. Museum President George F. Getz, Jr. had serious doubts about the feasibility of restoring the rig. The original engine, hose bed, and headlights had all been replaced during a major rebuild in 1935, and the second engine had itself been replaced with a

Ford flathead V-8 engine. The original headlamps were gone, replaced by a pair of sealed beam units of stunning ugliness. The seat and steering wheel were memories, and the entire bottom half of the body was a rusted shell. Mr. Getz decided to bring the engine back as closely as possible to the 1935 configuration. A rebuilt drive train from a 1933 REO fire engine was located and Don installed it in the Stutz. It runs quite smoothly. New sheet metal replaced the rusted sections, and a set of headlamps was found to replace the sealed beam lights. Don built a new steering wheel and used his skills as a carpenter, metal worker and upholsterer to make a new seat. The refurbished rig, equipped with nozzles, hose, and ladders from the collection, repainted and restriped, will now join the pieces on display in Gallery II.

The Hall of Flame's Resident Artist : Restorator Don Hale

Former California Fireman Has Restored Over Thirty Major Pieces At The Museum

Don Hale's photo appears in the Hall of Flame's Newsletter on a regular basis, and rightly so. Don is the museum's restorator. His talents and abilities transform engines from derelicts to the beautiful rigs exhibited in the galleries.

Don's skills were honed in his grandfather's coachworks business in Southern California. It is there that he learned woodworking, machine shop skills, upholstery, metal casting, and body and fender work. The business built many of the coaches, carriages and buggies used in the MGM Studio's movies.

During World War II, Don served in the Army, and spent a good part of the war on special duty with the Australian Army's Reconnaissance teams in New Guinea, where he tracked Japanese Army forces. Returning to California after the War, he joined the San Luis Obispo Fire Department, which he served for thirty one years, the last twenty as the Chief Engineer. He re-



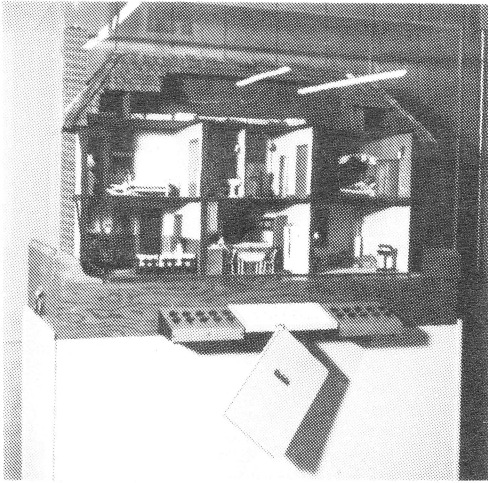
Don sits behind the wheel of his latest project, a 1948 Willys / Howe Jeep fire engine. The Jeep was used by the Fire Department of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin until the 1980's.

tired in 1978 and began work at the Hall of Flame in 1980. "I only planned on being here for a couple of years, but I do have a love for fire trucks," says Don. "Mr. Getz wanted to make this the largest museum of firefighting, and I think he did a pretty good job."



Phoenix Fire Department Muster Team Trophies On Display

Until they acquired their own muster truck last year, the Phoenix Fire Department's Muster Team used a 1940 Ford / Howe Fire Engine owned by the Hall of Flame for competitions in Arizona and California. The Howe, which the Fire Department of Sierra Vista, Arizona donated to the Museum, is in excellent condition and performed well at the musters. Both the men's and women's teams won numerous prizes on the Howe, including the California Championship. We're proud to display their trophies.



Mesa Fire Department's "Haz - Place" House Added to Fire Safety Exhibit

The Mesa, Arizona Fire Department has an extremely active fire safety division. One of their projects is a clever doll house equipped with lights that

teach children fire safety in the home. Since the house does not receive use on a year round basis, the Mesa FD has agreed to allow the Hall of Flame to use the house when it is not needed in Mesa.

Children press one of the twenty two buttons and note which light in the house is turned on. The accompanying guide tells the child which fire hazard in Haz Place has been illuminated, and provides some advice as to how the child can tell his or her parents about a similar hazard in their home.

We'd like to thank Chief Johnson for allowing us to borrow "Haz - Place."

Great Art At The Museum

Everyone has his own idea of what "great" art is. While the art exhibited at the Museum this Fall may not be Renoir or Picasso, it's great none-the-less. This is because it's a way for us to see how our children have learned to protect themselves from the hazards of fire. By teaching children personal fire safety they may save their own lives ... and others. Please mark your calendars for an evening of fun, entertainment and prizes on Tuesday, November 12th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. That's when the Hall of Flame kicks off its second Annual Fire Safety Art Exhibition.

Fire safety art from schools all over the Valley of the Sun will be on display in Gallery I.

A Warm Welcome To New Members

Mr. Edmund T. Allen III
 Mr. & Mrs. Peter Barbey
 Mr. Mort Barrish
 Mr. John C. Baudoine
 Mr. Stanley Boncoskey
 Mr. William Brown
 Mr. Christopher Clune
 Mr. Robert Culbert
 Mr. Angelo D'Angelo
 Captain David W. Grunden
 Mr. James S. Miller
 Chris and Barbara Nahm
 Mr. Neil O'Brien
 Mr. John Orton
 Ms. Eleanor Rodriguez
 Dr. James Schamadan
 Mr. William Smith
 Mr. Scott Thompson
 Mr. Glenn Uthe

Thanks for your Continued Support

Gary Bear & Family
 Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Blazer
 Alan & Charles Tack
 Mr. William Uzdhanovich

Membership Categories and Benefits

All members will receive free admission, the quarterly Newsletter, 10% Museum Store discount, and invitations to special events

Dues

- \$20 **Individual.** The above plus two guest passes.
- \$30 **Family.** The above plus free admission for the member's spouse, children and grandchildren 18 and under, and four guest passes.
- \$50 **Black Helmet Brigade.** All of the above plus four additional guest passes and use of the Museum Library.
- \$100 **Red Helmet Brigade.** The above plus seven additional guest passes, and a personal tour of the Museum by the Executive Director.
- \$1000 **White Helmet Brigade.** The above plus unlimited guest privileges, a personal tour of the Museum by the Executive Director, a complimentary hard cover book, invitations to President's Receptions, recognition on the "White Helmet" Board in the Lobby, and curatorial consultation on the collecting and history of antique fire apparatus.
- \$50 **Fire Professional.** Active or retired firefighters or volunteer firefighters receive Black Helmet Brigade benefits plus listing on the Fire Professional Member Board in the Lobby.