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Museum Celebrates Summer Safety



Firefighters from Phoenix and Tempe, museum volunteers, and families from all over Arizona enjoying a beautiful late spring day at the Hall of Flame Museum's 3rd annual Summer Safety Fair.

On Saturday, May 18th, the Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting celebrated our third annual free Summer Safety Fair. Families from all over the Valley of the Sun came to the museum from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to have fun

and learn a little about summer safety issues. Over 600 people attended this free summer event. That is more than twice the number that attended the safety fair last year. The number of people participating in these open house events has been steadily growing since they began three years

ago. The Hall of Flame puts on two free open house events each year: one in the late spring to kick off the summer season and one in the fall to promote holiday safety and celebrate National Fire Prevention month. The museum volunteers and their spouses are invaluable in their help planning

Nation's Largest Firefighting Museum

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Families loading aboard a 1951 Mack fire engine for a ride around the block.

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and participating with all these special activities and events.

There was a plethora of fun family activities for folks to do, like fire engine rides in the Museum's own 1951 Mack Model A fire engine from Eagle Valley New York. People always start lining up early for a chance to climb into the open hose bed and go for a ride around the block in this antique fire engine. The museum volunteers also set up an 1880's Deming hand pumper from Bristol, Wisconsin out in the parking lot with buckets and tubs so that families could get a chance to try their hands at a

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Some junior firefighters help out with the bucket brigade while their parents look on..



Above: A Tempe Firefighter helps kids into the Tiller seat of their aerial truck. Below: Mesa Firefighters show off their pumper.



While Museum volunteers pump, a young visitor and his dad play water from an 1800's era hand-pumper.



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little 19th century style fire fighting. Kids love to spray water from the nozzle at our target play-house and pass the buckets in the bucket brigades, but it's always the adults who get stuck with the job of pumping the brake handles.

Many of the volunteer wives helped out with the cooking. Bar-S Foods Inc. generously donated 4 cases of hot dogs to the Museum so we were able to give out hundreds of free dogs and sodas to all the hungry folks. Firefighting, even pretend firefighting, is hungry business. Carvel Ice Cream came down to the Museum and sold little cups of their delicious ice cream. This was a real treat for all of our members and volunteers from the East Coast. Carvel generously donated 50% of their proceeds back to the Museum to help with our volunteer and education programs.

The Phoenix, Chandler, Mesa, and Tempe Fire Departments all sent rigs and firefighters to the event to meet and greet the families in attendance. The kids loved climbing up into the engine cabs and tiller seats and the firefighters loved all the free food. Even with three major wild fires burning in Arizona the Tonto National Forest was able to spare a brush truck and some rangers from the Cave Creek Fire District so that families could get to see the tools and equipment that the Hotshots and engine crews use. Smokey Bear was here, of course, giving out lots of hugs and posing for pictures with all the kids. Representatives from Allstate Insurance and the local utility companies were on hand giving out all kinds of free information on

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The Maricopa County Sheriffs Office brought this antique 1940's era police car.



Tempe Fire Department brought an Aerial Truck.



Captain Chris Ketterer of the Phoenix Fire Department brought a pumper truck for the Museum to use for the safety fair.



Chandler Fire Department brought "Blaze", their fire-education car.

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water and fire safety as well. There were several clowns around to entertain the families with balloon animals, face painting, and general frivolity. Arts and craft activities and raffles set up by the museum's volunteers and their spouses rounded out the day's entertainment.

These Open House events benefit the Hall of Flame in many ways. They provide an opportunity for our volunteers and staff to interact with the public and local fire departments. It always amazes us how many local firefighters come up and tell us that they have never been here before. The events also draw media attention. Local television stations came out to shoot video of the kids having fun for their evening broadcasts. We have found that the best way to get the word out about the museum in the most cost effective and efficient manner is simple word of mouth. These open houses are also an excellent source of revenue to help us with our education programs and continuing restoration projects. The museum store did a steady business all morning selling toy fire helmets and T-shirts among other things making over \$1300 dollars in sales. The museum also received over \$600.00 in donations from the food and raffles. The real benefit, however, is the wonder and enjoyment that first-time visitors have on their faces when they tell us they can't wait to come back with friends.

Summer here in Arizona has many of its own special safety considerations. The hot and dry conditions take a toll not only on the citizens but on the

environment as well. According to the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho the Southwestern United States has experienced to date 1,663 wildland fires burning 213,763 acres. Wildland fire danger is extremely high all over Arizona so we want everyone to remember to be careful with fire when visiting our national parks or just barbecuing in their backyards. The Arizona summer heat also means lots of water activities as folks try and stay cool. Unfortunately, Arizona continues to lead the nation in pediatric drowning incidents. As of the writing of this article the Phoenix Fire Department reports that there have been 39 drowning incidents and 12 fatalities this year. The Hall of Flame Museum wants to remind all the families in Arizona to **“WATCH YOUR KIDS AROUND WATER”**.

Now, if you missed our 2002 Summer Safety Fair you will have another chance next year at our 4th annual Summer Safety Fair. Don't forget to join us this October 26th for the Hall of Flame Museum's 3rd annual Fire House Fun Day.



The City Of Mesa Fire Department brought a Pumper for Families to look at.



Ranger Andy Mandell of the Cave Creek Fire District brought a brush truck for the folks to see.



Summer Education Programs Heat Up

As the temperatures start to rise the telephone starts to ring with groups requesting one of the Hall of Flame's education programs. Our most popular summer time activity is the Wet N' Wild Workshop.

Boys and girls from ages 6 to 17 get a chance to "feel" what it was like being a firefighter. It's fun, it's fast paced, and it's wet. They slosh buckets in bucket brigade races. They get to operate an 1880's hand-pumped fire engine and a 1950's

Mack Model A fire engine. This exciting and educational workshop is a perfect summer time treat for scouts, day camps, and even birthday parties.

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During the summer months Moms have their hands full. The Museum offers a great summer solution for kids' ages 3 to 7. Storyhours are perfect for playgroups, daycares, or moms clubs. This hour-long program is just right for your young firefighters-to-be. They get a chance to hear a story and climb on board a real fire engine. Along with all the hands-on fun the kids get a short, age appropriate, tour of the Museum along with a video and discussion of fire safety. Parents simply love this fun filled introduction to life saving fire safety skills.

Guided Tours of the Hall of Flame are always in high demand. Our 40,000 square feet of air-conditioned exhibit space with hundreds of artifacts can be daunting for even the most seasoned museum goers. A guided trip is really the only way to experience the world's largest collection of antique fire fighting apparatus. Our docents explain the apparatus on display in such a fun and friendly way that folks of any age or background can enjoy it. Our guided tours are so popular that many tour groups consider it the highlight of any trip to the Valley of the Sun.

"This was the best field trip we've ever had!" 13-year old Rachel DeFranco with the Scottsdale YMCA told us during a Wet N' Wild workshop. "This was way better than that other museum."

If you are interested in one of our education programs just call the Museum during regular business hours Monday through Friday and ask to speak to James Ward the Hall of Flame's Curator of Education. Space is limited and demand is high, so if you're interested call today.

Volunteers "Play" Invaluable Role



Left: Dave Riley drives the Mack. Center: Ron White and Larry Taggart man the backstep. Right: Peter Mortensen helps folks into the Mack.

The Hall of Flame volunteers were out in force to help with all the activities at the 2002 Summer Safety Fair. Dave Riley, Dick Stuve, Frank Ferek, and David Scott all put in a long day driving the Museum's 1951 Mack Model A around the block for our ever-popular fire engine rides. Larry Taggart, Ron White, and Pete Mortensen took turns riding the back-step and helping the families on and off the truck. In other parts of the safety fair Ann-Marie Jacobs and Ralph

Glasmann helped kids to spray water from a pumper from the Phoenix Fire Department. They also helped to organize bucket brigades for our 1880's hand pumper. Roger Luth manned the IAAI booth and gave out lots of arson prevention information. Dan Baker stayed on the move taking the great pictures you have seen in this newsletter, while John Bartlett manned the membership table in the lobby and even managed to sell a couple of family memberships. The Captain

of the Museum's volunteers, Ron Deutsch, kept everything organized and running smoothly. His daughter Kerri helped set up and run the arts and crafts table and the raffle. The families of the volunteers were enlisted into service as well. Nancy Glasmann, Karen Ferek, and Donna Riley, all used their grilling-expertise to help with the cooking of hundreds of hot dogs and hamburgers. It was a full day of work for all of us but we loved every minute of it.

Thanks for your membership support!

New and Renewed Members Since March 2002

Associate Members – \$20

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Roger Burston	Peter Markowski
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Black Helmet Brigade – \$50

Dan Brown	Bernard Punte
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Michael Dillon	Richard Sheldon
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White Helmet Brigade – \$250

Tom Deutsch

Family Members – \$30

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Erin Barry	John Martin	Elaine Williams
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Diane Eckstein	Raymond Schremmer	
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Monte Johnson	John Van Dyck	
Ralph Klein	Howard Weaver	
Gabriel Krauter	Mark Wendell	
Phil Lipinski	Kenton Whitney	

Fire Professional – \$50

Norman Arendt	Martin Kennedy	Joseph Yemma
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James Barrett	Michael Mayberry	
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The Hall of Flame is operated by the National Historical Fire Foundation.

The Hall of Flame is in the Phoenix Papago Park, across Van Buren Street from the Phoenix Zoo.

The museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9 to 5, and on Sundays from Noon to 4.

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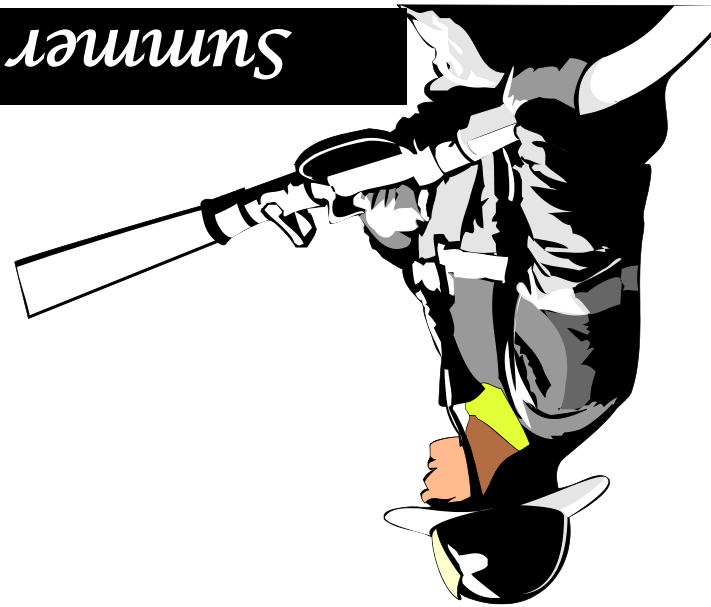
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