

Newsletter



Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting
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Trail of Painted Ponies Makes Major Donation To The National Firefighting Hall of Heroes



Trail of Painted Ponied President Rod Barker (left) presents a check for over \$10,000 to Peter Molloy.

In September of 2004 the Trail of Painted Ponies, an arts organization located in Scottsdale, Arizona, donated a memorial pony which it had displayed at La Guardia International Airport in New York City to commemorate the heroic actions of the firefighters and police who died while rescuing the occupants of the World Trade Center Towers on September 11, 2001. The Memorial Pony has been a visitor favorite since its installation in the National Firefighting Hall of Heroes.

In August of this year the Trail of Painted Ponies added a replica of the Memorial Pony to its line of pony miniatures available to collectors. The company's president, Rod Barker, signed and numbered 343 of the replicas for sale on the Trail of Painted Ponies website. The resale values of these limited edition ponies have generally risen quite rapidly from their purchase prices. The proceeds from the sales of the memorial ponies have been donated to the Hall of Flame to defray the expenses of administering the National Firefighting Hall of Heroes.

Website sales of the numbered ponies generated over \$10,000 in proceeds, which Rod presented to Hall of Flame Executive Director Peter Molloy in October.



A small number of the numbered and signed ponies were donated to the Hall of Flame for sale on its website as well as its store. As pictured above, the well

Progress Continues on Chemical Wagon

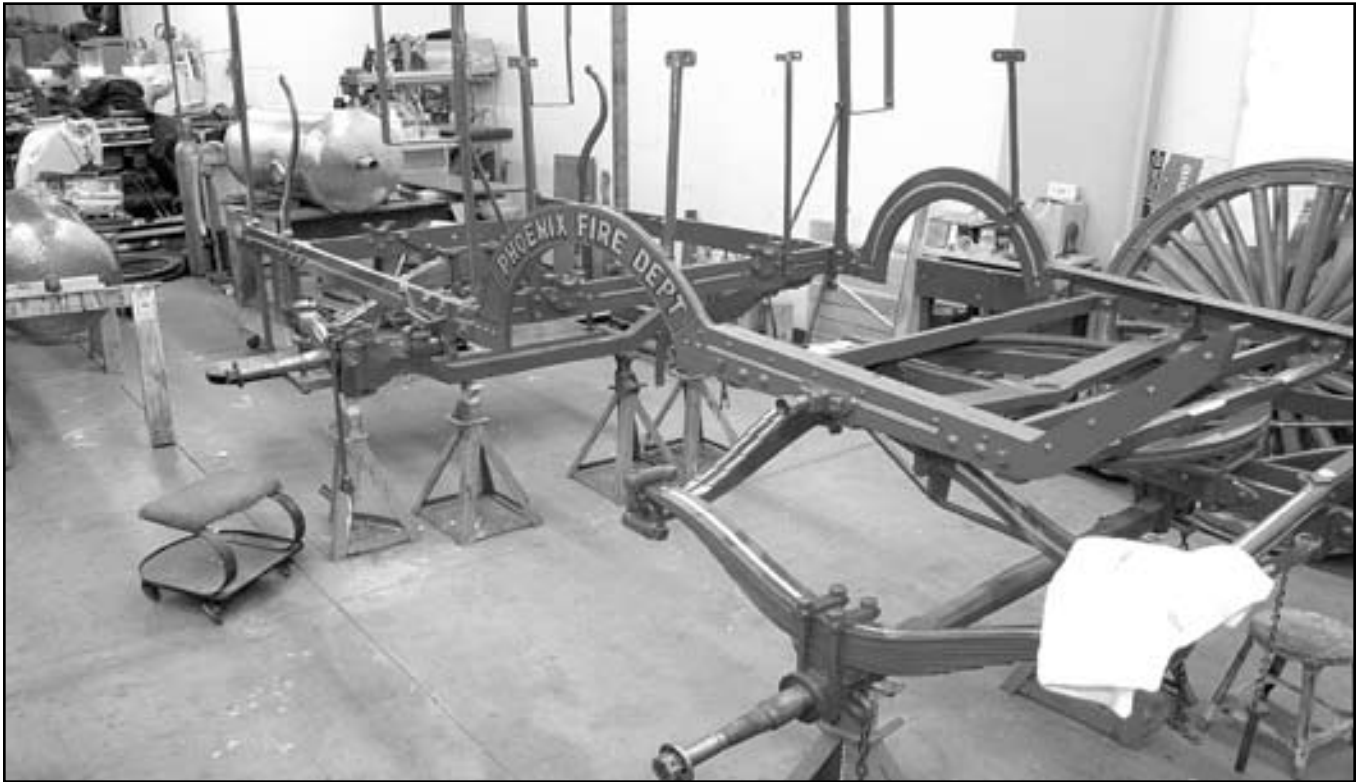
A few months ago Don Hale, our restorer, began work on one of the museum's chemical wagons. Museum founder George Getz purchased the deteriorated rig in 1969 from the estate of a former Phoenix Fire Department Chief. The wagon was refurbished and displayed at the Hall of Flame in its Kenosha, Wisconsin site. When the museum moved its operations to Phoenix in 1973 the chemical went on display.

The quality of the refurbishment was not adequate, so Don set out to do a ground-up restoration. The rig is about a month away from being fully restored. Don removed all paint, made numerous repairs to the frame and suspension, primed and repainted the frame, and applied gold leaf lettering and striping. About 70%

of the wood flooring has been replaced. Both copper chemical tanks have been buffed to their original finish.

The biggest project remaining is the repair and repainting of the wagon's wheels. The wooden spokes and fellos have suffered some rot and need replacement. The several coats of paint had to be removed. The next step is priming, repainting, and new striping.

Don found some of the original lettering and striping as he removed layers of paint from the wagon, which the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Department purchased from the Anderson Coupling Company of Kansas City, Missouri in 1908, and used until 1914.



Above: The wagon's frame has been completed. The two Champion style chemical tanks, to the rear of the frame, are ready for reinstallation. The wheels await Don's attention.



Left: Don prepares to finish the gold leafing and lettering of the rig's dashboard. Don learned gold leafing and many other skills in his grandfather's workshop in Los Angeles, where he built replicas of horse drawn equipment for use by the movie studios. Following his Army service in World War II, Don joined the San Luis Obispo FD and remained there until his retirement in 1980. He restored a number of rigs in California, and began his work at the Hall of Flame in 1981. He has restored almost all of the museum's major wheeled pieces.

Hall of Flame Receives Major Addition to Collection of Scale Models

In July the Museum received a large addition to its collection of scale models. Museum member Ron Saeger donated almost 70 models, most of which were made by Code 3 Collectibles, Corgi or the Danbury Mint. Ron collected groups of apparatus from major American departments. For example, he collected nine rigs from Los Angeles City, four rigs from Los Angeles County, and seven rigs from the Boston FD.

In addition to motorized apparatus, Ron donated several scale models of well known fire stations, such as Chicago's Engine 78, FDNY's Station 10, and LA County's Station 51, the home of the Emergency! Television show's Squad 51.

Ron also donated four beautiful scale models of fireboats from New York, Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Another major group is a collection of eight scale models of fire stations fashioned by the Danbury Mint.

At present the museum has only a few small displays of models. By early next year we plan to create displays that will allow us to present at least a portion of Ron Saeger's collection to our visitors.

A few of Ron's donations are displayed on this page and on page 5.



1957 Chevrolet Chief's Car



1980 Ford Engine - Boston FD



San Francisco Fireboat



E - One Tower Ladder Truck - Boston FD



American La France Aerial Fire Truck - Norfolk, VA



*Chicago Station 78
Wrigley Field
Built 1915*

Museum Adds Aircraft Models to Wildland Firefighting Gallery

In July Mr. Raymond Medved, owner of RLZ Seashells and Handicraft, donated a pair of wildland aircraft scale models to the Hall of Flame. The models were of two California Department of Forestry firefighting models - an S2T turbo prop twin engine tanker and a Bell 212 Super Huey Helicopter. Although pictures and drawing of both aircraft were already on display in the Wildland Gallery, the models gave a three dimensional quality that the graphic materials lacked.

Mr. Medved and his wife Linda make models of a wide variety of aircraft, civil and military, as well as an impressive inventory of wall plaques, desk nameplates, and the like. The museum supplemented the Medved's donations with the purchase of two additional aircraft models from RLZ - a Rockwell Bronco OV-10 command plane, also with CDF markings, and a Lockheed P-3A Orion tanker, with the markings of the Aero Union Company of Chico, California. We hope to add more aircraft models in the coming year.



Above: Bell Model 212 Super Huey. Used by the CDF and many other wildland firefighting organizations to transport crews to fires and to carry "Bambi Buckets" of water for delivery on a fire.



Above: Rockwell OV-10 Bronco with CDF markings. CDF uses a number of these retired Marine Corps aircraft as "air attack platforms" to control ground operations at a wildland fire and to guide large air tankers onto a fire.



Left: Grumman S-2A Tracker. Now used as air tankers by the CDF, Trackers were built as carrier based anti submarine aircraft.

New and Renewed Members Since Summer 2005

Associate Members - \$20

Jim Carter	Joseph Margalski
John Chase	Barbara Mayer
Allister Cooke	Richard Muller
Walter Curran	Don Mulligan
Al Delsid	Bill Page
Joseph Dobson	Rodney Peden
Rev. John Doherty	Bob Piasecki
Rob Fautot	Will Radcliffe
Peter Finie	Peter Reed
Pat Fisher	Robert Schoff
Thomas Fitz Simons	Edward Scribner
Charles Goddard	John Strezeski
J. Richard Hunneman Jr.	Marilyn Ticknor
David Johnson	Angelo Varenna
Thomas Kehoe	Mark Wagner
Karl Klotz	Eugene Walker
Peter Makowski	Leonard Williams

Family Member - \$30

Fred AmRhein	William Grant	Jennifer Papp
Charles Anschutz	Joseph Hall	Leona Parssons
Michelle Bass	Robert Heisterman	Greg Pitlock
Myna Berardinelli	Martin Hockett	Richard Rahn
Chapman Family	James Kirkpatrick	Edmundo Robaina
Linda Clark	Chatham Kitz	Don Roberts
John Cochran	Jerome Kubinec	Renee Roebuck
Chris Coffman	Scott Kwiatowski	Nancy Sbrocco
Dawn Corley	Barbara Lang-Lyras	William Schlichtman
	Auffret	
Carolyn Diana	Danny Macy	Honor Siemann
Shala Dobson	Joseph Mariotto	Susan Snetsinger
Steven Dyson	Vernon Marshall	Kelly Terrill
Steve Eckis	Jennifer Meyerson	John Van Dyke
Nick Enoch	Michael Miller	Tatum Voeller
Susie Fiscus	Brian Nelson	Lydia Warnick
Kimberley Gilles	Edie Nickerson	

Black Helmet Brigade - \$50

Robert Englehardt	Robert Mason
Roger Freely	Norman Mattle
Gene Gehrt	Fred Mills
Elva Gooch	James Robinson
Don Grejczyk	Col. A. Park Shaw
Graham Hill	Charles Shawl
Michael Holubec, Jr.	Rev. Norman Trela

Fire Professional Members - \$50

J.C. Adams	Robert Given	Christopher Piscitelli
Scott Allen	Robert Green	Scott Reamer
Norman Arendt	John Greenstreet	Daniel Reilly
Ryan Banning	William Harvey	Jay Sanderson
James Barrett	Toby Ingram	Robert Schoengarth
Thomas Bascom	Justin Jackson	Gerard Sena
Gary Bohling	Rocky Jacobs-Carpenter	Jon Shephard
Steve Buettner	Mark Kauffman	Mark Skrainar
David Couch	Martin Kennedy	Thomas Steely
Paul Czapar	Charles McConnell	Norm Taylor
John Dahlquist	Frank Meyer	Ken Toftoy
Jim Detzler	Jeff Milos	Edward Tuffy
Ed Dominiello	Paul Montavon	James Weaver
Michael Diwhie	Thomas Pambianco	Carl Weber
Michael Elliott	Susan Pedersen	Ed Wilkerson
Carl Fox	Dean Pedrotti	Robert Woodruff
Greg Fuentes	Edward Pensinger	
Albert Giordano	Tony Perniciaro	

Red Helmet Brigade - \$100

James Ashley	Roy Jones III
Timothy Bingham	Thomas Kays
Ray Bowman	Carl Kietzke
Willard Bunn	Lydia Kolsch
Steve Cloutier	Scott McLean
Cris Dobbs	Michael Olsen
Diane & John Eckstein	Edward Rominger
R. Thomas Green	Marshall Sanford
Gary Hakey	Richard Sheldon
Gary Jensen	Gary Thurston

White Helmet Brigade - \$100

David Scott	James Snedden
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Benefactor - \$1000

Rhett Butler	Richard Landon
Charles Meany	

Life Member - \$3000

Battalion Chief Thad Dahl	Ron Saeger
The Trail of Painted Ponies	

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The Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting is operated by the National Historical Fire Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit institution.

The museum is in the Phoenix Papago Park, across Van Buren Street from the Phoenix Zoo.

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

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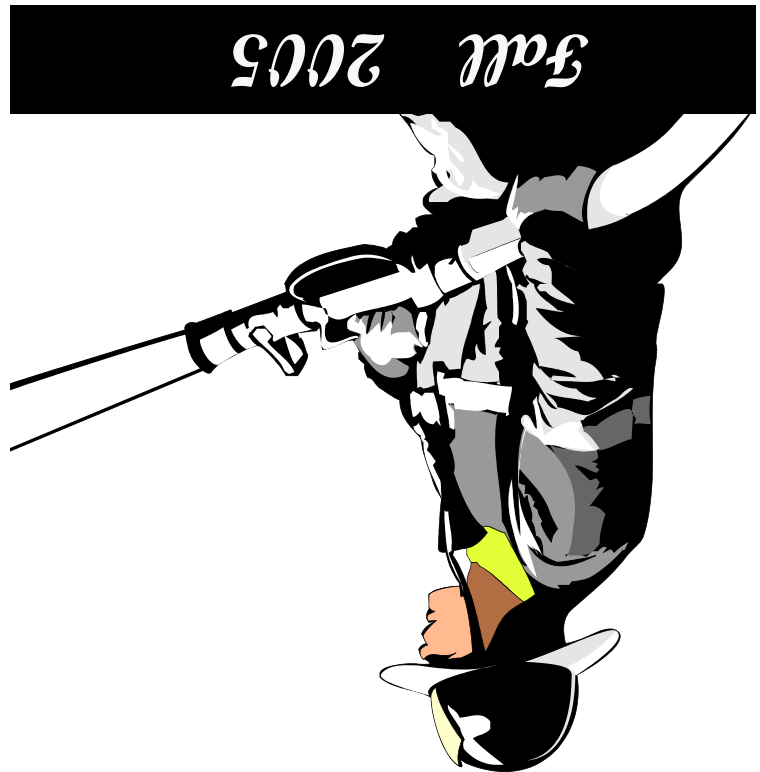
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