

# Hall of Flame

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## News

## 1948 Mack Fire Engine Joins Exhibit



In May the Museum's 1948 Mack Model 45 fire engine rolled out of Don Hale's shop and made a couple of runs around the parking lot before being driven into its display area in Gallery II. Museum volunteer Dick Stuve, sitting in the driver's seat, backed the rig down the 100 foot long aisle in Gallery I into Gallery II. Don Hale (standing) restored the rig to its 1948 appearance as a Pierre, South Dakota pumper.

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After several months in Don Hale's restoration shop the museum staff and volunteers drove the 1948 Mack Model 45 from the shop to the museum parking lot. Room in the galleries is at a premium. In order to move the Mack into a position in Gallery II, we had to move three other rigs to new positions. Volunteer Dick Stuve backed the truck over 100 feet down a narrow aisle in Gallery I to the entry of Gallery II. At this point the volunteers jacked up the Mack and placed rollers under each wheel. After a spirited period of shoves and tugs the Mack was located and lowered back onto the floor of the gallery. The photos to the right show it in place. Don did a complete restoration, and we were able to equip it with the accessories listed in the Mack delivery photos, with the exception of the hubcaps, which are on order. The museum now owns 4 Macks: a 1922 Model AC Ladder truck (Baltimore), the 1948 Model 45 (Pierre SD), a 1950 Model A engine (Eagle Valley NY), and a 1969 Model CF engine (Calumet City IL).



*Left: The Continental Model ENF 330 6 cylinder engine now runs well. We are grateful to the Mack Museum as well as the Fire Museum of Maryland for providing us with manuals and technical information about the drive train, electrical system and pump for the Model 45 Mack.*

## 1908 Phoenix Volunteer Fire Department Chemical Wagon Begins Restoration

**D**on Hale is now hard at work on another important piece in the collection – a horse drawn chemical engine which the volunteer fire department of Phoenix, Arizona purchased from the Anderson Coupling and Fire Supply Company of Kansas City, Missouri in 1908. At the time the PFD owned two steamers and several hose carts to service a city of about 10,000 inhabitants. In 1914 the Phoenix FD went professional and purchased Seagrave chemical cars to pull the steamers to fires. The horse drawn chemical wagon was retired, and was apparently stored by a local warehouse until it was sold to Phoenix firefighter (and later Chief) George Simpson in 1938. Chief Simpson used it in parades (see picture on Page 3) and loaned it to Gene Autry's Western Heritage Museum in California. In 1969 Chief Simpson's widow sold the wagon to Hall of Flame founder George F. Getz, Jr. From a photo taken at the time of purchase it was in somewhat dilapidated condition. Mr. Getz moved the wagon to his



*Above: The chemical on display in the wildland firefighting gallery.  
Below: A field stripped chemical wagon in Don Hale's shop in May.*

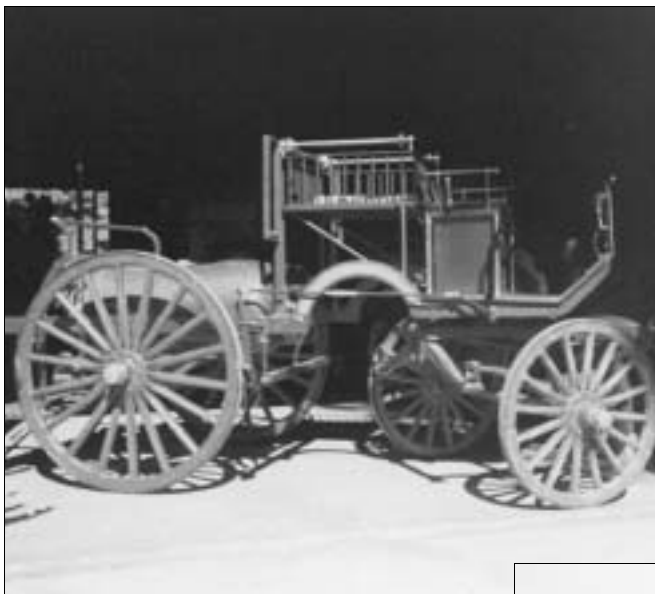


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home in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. He hired Henry Crost, a former restorer at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry, to refurbish the rig. As the photo at the lower right of this page shows, Mr. Crost did a decent job. However, there were problems with the overall quality of the refurbishment. Horse drawn chemical wagons are extremely scarce. Mr. Getz was extremely fortunate to obtain one, and it really deserved a ground up restoration. The wood in the driver's area needed careful care, the paint and striping needed to be much better done, and the wheels



*Above: The chemical as it appeared in a parade about 1940. It is unclear whether the parade was in Phoenix or the Autry Museum in California. It looks to be in good shape, with its original paint and striping scheme.*



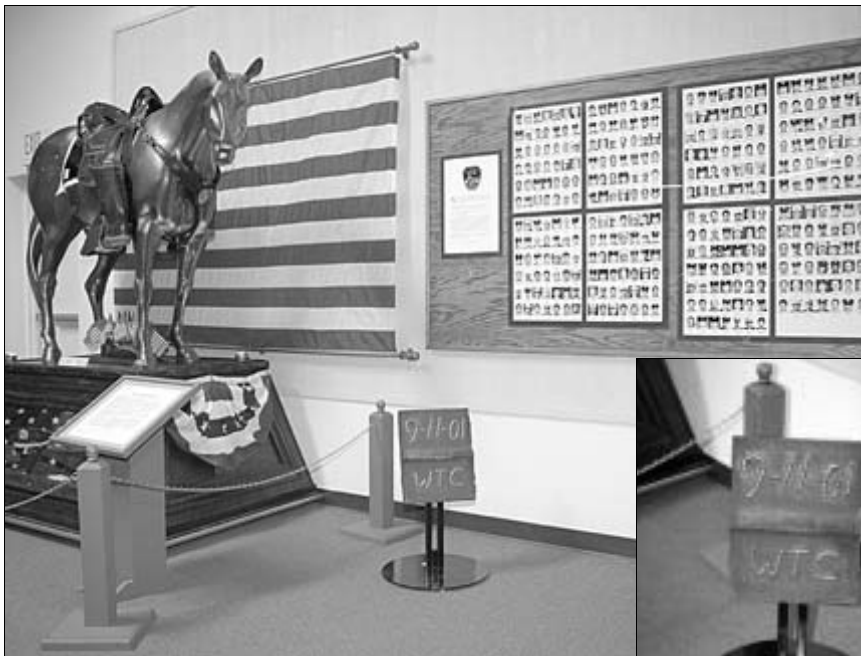
*Left: The chemical as photographed by Mr. Getz on the day of its purchase in 1969. Paint is badly faded and striping is gone. It also lacks all accessories.*

*Below: The chemical wagon on display on the museum grounds in Wisconsin in 1970. (The Hall of Flame's first home was in Kenosha.) Although the rig was presentable, many flaws had merely been patched over.*

needed to be stripped to bare wood, repaired, and properly painted. Don is now giving it the attention that it so richly deserves. His progressive paint stripping has found traces of the original paint color and striping scheme. We also have a few pictures in the archives of the Phoenix FD that have proved to be extremely useful. By early fall of this year it should be ready for its re-introduction to the exhibit. In our next *Newsletter* we'll cover the firefighting technology of the chemical engine.



## Steel Section From World Trade Center Added to Hall of Heroes 9/11 Memorial



Several months ago the retired FDNY Firefighters Association of Phoenix donated a fragment from the World Trade Center to the Phoenix Fire Department. PFD was one of the first departments to send an Urban Search and Rescue Team to New York following the attack on the World Trade Center. Over 60 Phoenix firefighters assisted with the recovery operations at the WTC for several weeks. These actions led the retired FDNY firefighters to donate the fragment. Chief Alan Brunacini donated the fragment to the Hall of Flame's National Firefighting Hall of Heroes as a permanent home. It is now on display in the Hall of Heroes as part of its 9/11 Memorial.

## Museum Volunteer Donates Defibrillator to Museum

In May we received a valuable and potentially lifesaving donation from Hall of Flame volunteer Richard Landon and his wife Marilyn. The donation is a top of the line Philips portable defibrillator. Now in use in many airports, schools, and public buildings, portable defibrillators make it possible for people with no training to defibrillate the hearts of victims in cardiac arrest prior to the arrival of an emergency medical team. When supplemented with CPR, use of these defibrillators increase the chance of a victim's recovery by several orders of magnitude. The Landons donated the defibrillator in the name of volunteer firefighter and professional paramedic David S. Bacon, Jr. His Spartanburg,



South Carolina Regional Air Ambulance crashed during a rescue operation on July 13, 2004.

## Summer Education Programs in Full Swing

Curator of Education James Ward and the volunteers are well into the summer season of workshops for children throughout the Phoenix Metropolitan area. The workshops include tours of the museum, fire safety instruction and videos, and lots of hands on activities. James organizes the kids into bucket brigades and leads them in operating the museum's sturdy 1880 Deming manual engine. Kids quickly learn how much effort it took to keep even a small hand pumper in operation. They soon acquire an appreciation for the motorized era as they operate a booster line supplied with water from the tank of a 1941 Ford / Howe fire engine from Sierra Vista, Arizona. Reserve a workshop or story hour by calling James at 602 275 3473.



## Museum Volunteer Ralph Glasmann Wins Prestigious Award



Ralph Glasmann has been a volunteer at the Hall of Flame for several years. A retired Denver Firefighter, Ralph was also a long time employee of United Airlines. For the past few years he has also been a volunteer for the Phoenix Fire Department. As a member of PFD's Behavioral Health Unit Ralph responds to all PFD calls involving serious medical emergencies, suicides, domestic violence episodes, serious accidents, and major fires. Ralph uses his years of experience to assist the victims of these disasters, getting them accommodations, counseling, medical assistance, and whatever else will ease the pain and suffering resulting from the incident. He makes hundreds of these calls each year. In May Ralph was honored as Volunteer of the Year as part of the Phoenix Fire Department's Commitment to Excellence Program for over 700 hours of volunteer work with PFD in 2004. Over 400 volunteers are part of the program. It is an honor to have Ralph as a volunteer at the Hall of Flame.



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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.

♣ HALL OF FLAME VOLUNTEERS ♣

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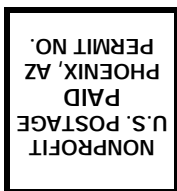
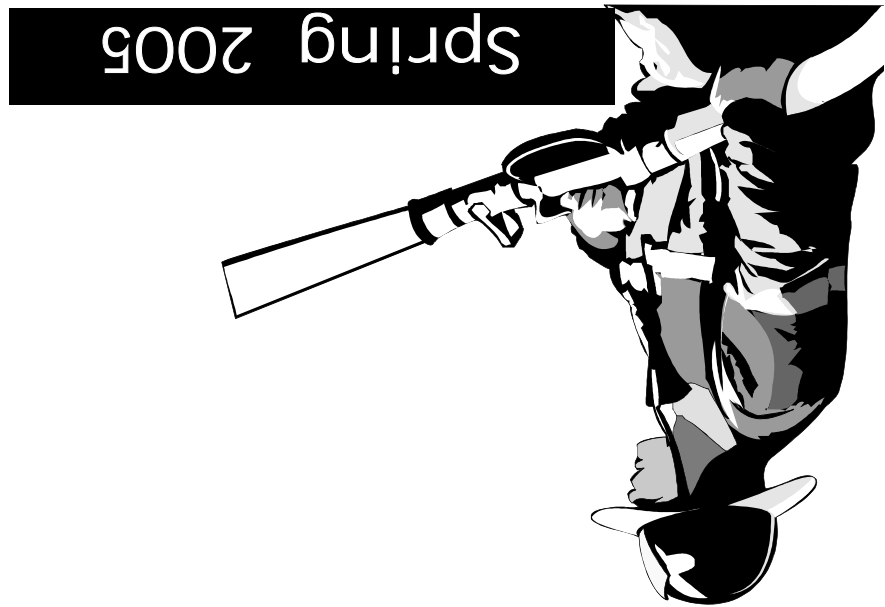
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