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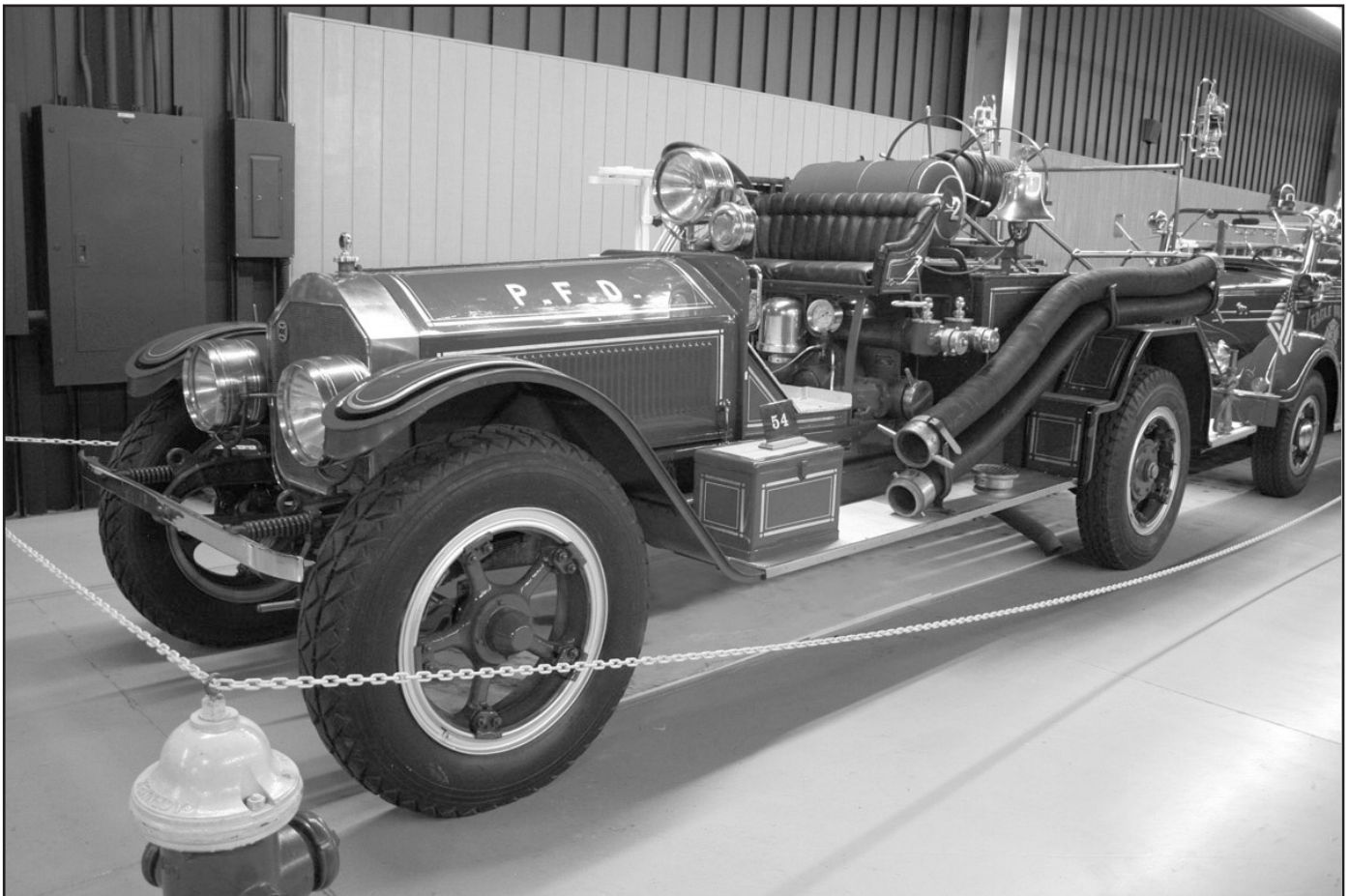


Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting

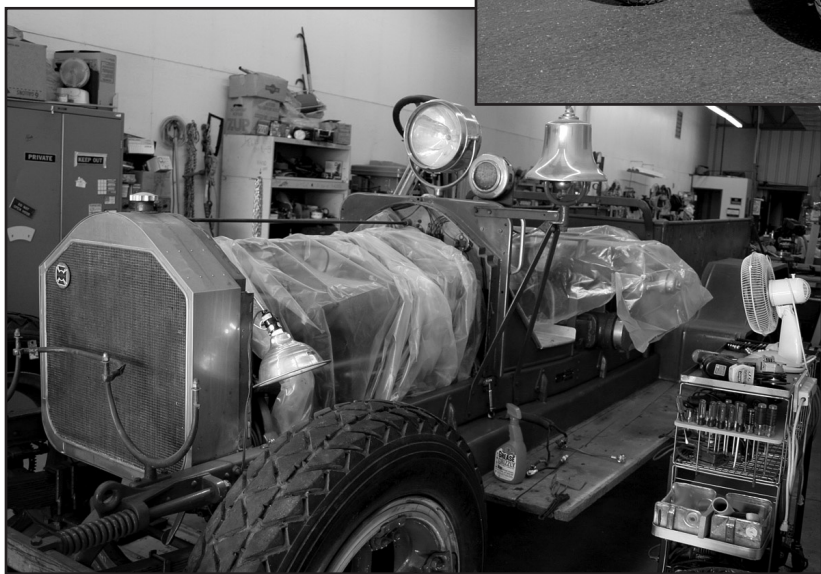
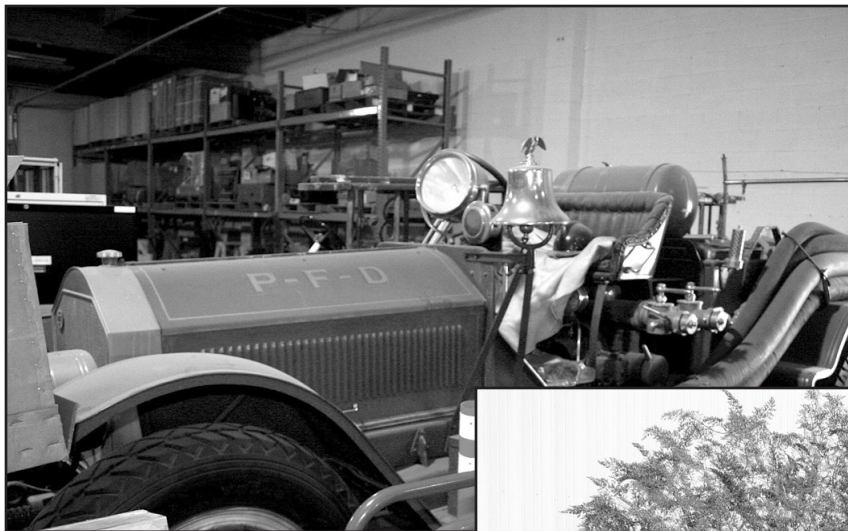
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American La France Engine Joins Exhibit



In July Don Hale put the finishing touches on the museum's 1924 Type 45 fire engine from Pullman, Washington. Volunteer Dick Stuve started the rig up, backed it from Don's shop, and drove it into Gallery 3. The rig is in excellent mechanical condition, and its paint, lettering and striping are first class. The engine was on first line service in Pullman until its retirement in 1962. For many years thereafter it was a parade rig in Pullman. The rig will join ten other American La France engines and aerial trucks already on display.

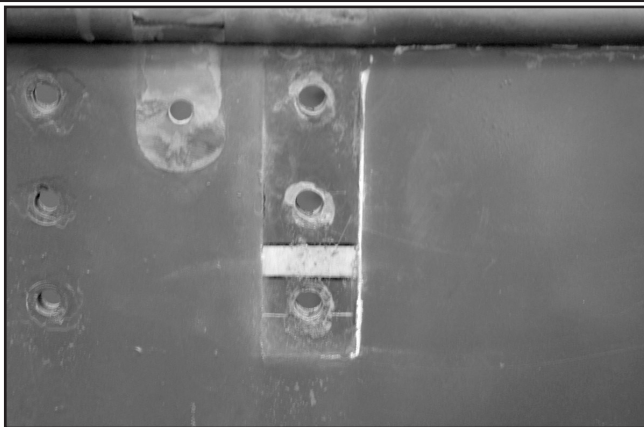


Upper Left: The rig in its original storage area in Phoenix. It was donated by Mr. Jonathan Ornstein of Paradise Valley, Arizona. Mr. Ornstein brought the engine to Arizona in 1992.

Above: On arrival at the museum in 2007.

Left: In the midst of restoration in Don's shop.

Below Left: Don uncovered a section of the original paint and striping after removing a bracket from the hose bed. The original paint and striping had been removed by sand blasting.





Top: Don with the completed rig in July of this year. The original chemical tank and hose basket were long gone. Don left the tank in place and installed a surplus hose reel dating from the 1920s. He removed an add-on electric siren, replaced the diamond plate flooring for the sides and rear, replaced the hose bed, and removed the home made battery box and replaced it with a box from the collection. The truck was purchased with pneumatic tires and steel spoked wheels.

Below: The rig came with its original ladders and portable extinguishers, bell, searchlight, siren and headlights. Play pipes, lanterns, axes and pike poles came from the collection.

Hall Of Flame Docent John McLean Passes Away



Left: John rides in an Elgin medical rig around 1975.

Right: From left to right, John McLean, George Getz Jr., George Getz, Peter Molloy and Bert Getz Jr. stand beside the Hall's 1930 Ahrens Fox Quad before leaving for the 1988 Fiesta Bowl Parade. With Mr. Getz is his dog Pretzel.



On August 11 of this year Hall of Flame docent John W. McLean passed away after a brief illness. He had just completed twenty five years of service at the Hall of Flame. John began work at the museum following his retirement from the Elgin, Illinois Fire Department as a Lieutenant. John was on the job in Elgin for 34 years, initially as a member of a truck company, then as one of Elgin's first Paramedics. Prior to joining the Elgin Fire Department John was a Third Class Machinist Mate in the United States Navy, spending two years aboard the U.S.S. Potter, a Fletcher Class destroyer attached to Task Forces 38 and 58 that fought in the battles of Leyte Gulf, Iwo Jima, Formosa, and Okinawa. He will be greatly missed.

Restoration of Hose Carriage Begins



With the completion of the 1924 American La France engine, Don moved the 1870 hose carriage recently acquired from the FASNY Museum in New York into his restoration shop. The rig was donated to FASNY around 1960 from the H. V. Smith Museum at the Home Insurance Company in New York City. The FASNY staff refurbished the carriage and it needs no structural repairs, but almost all of its original nickle plating has been worn or buffed away and needs to be replaced. The two tool carriers each have a pair of mirrors etched with the word “Active”. One of the mirrors is missing and will be duplicated. The carriage was built by the firm of W. W. Wunder in Reading, Pennsylvania. On one tool carrier is a plate stamped “Philadelphia”; The second carrier has a plate stamped “Active”. The hose reel contains a length of cotton jacketed hose with a special fitting bearing the words “PFD”, patented 1882. Each of the play pipes mounted on cross pieces fit this special coupling, which is not threaded but that uses clips to hold the pipe in place.

Thus far we have been unable to find any information on the Active Association as a part of the Philadelphia Volunteer Fire Department. Since Philadelphia had only horse drawn hose wagons after its transition to a paid department in 1871, we think that the rig dates to no later than 1870 and possibly earlier. We have found an almost identical Wunder carriage on the website of the Boyertown, Pennsylvania Fire Department. Boyertown is not far from Reading. If any of our readers has information on the rig’s provenance we would welcome it.

Start 'Em Up: Mechanic Pablo Garcia Gets to Work on the Motorized Collection

For the past year and a half mechanic Pablo Garcia has been coming to the museum and tuning up the motorized collection. To date Pablo has worked on thirteen of the motorized pieces, including some that have not been started and run for decades. A good example is the museum's 1897/1914 Fire Equipment Manufacturing Company/Christie water tower. After a water pump overhaul and oil change the Christie engine started and ran well for the first time since the 1960s.



Among other newly run pieces are a 1908 Brush chief's car, a 1918 Model TT Ford engine, two 1924 American La France engines, a 1950 Autocar, a 1951 and a 1969 Mack engines, a 1935 Ford / Pirsch engine, and a 1948 Willys/Howe engine. Pablo's current project, shown above, is the museum's 1930 Moreland Brush Truck.

Museum Open House Set for October 25



Our eighth annual Open House is set for Saturday, the 25th of October, from 9 AM to Noon. The Hall of Flame volunteers organize the event, which draws about a thousand visitors, including many families. Visitors receive rides on museum engines, operate a bucket brigade and pump a manual fire engine, and direct a booster line from a modern engine at a target. There are many other activities for kids, and lots of prizes. Many local fire departments display their equipment, and there is usually a helicopter available for inspection. There is no admission charge.

New and Renewed Members

Associate Members - \$25

Charles Bachini	Raymond Millar	J. Richar Hunneman Jr.
Andrew Burkhardtmeyer	Brian Moore	Thomas Kehoe
George Childs	Richard Muller	Dell Lindstrom
Karen Chan	Gary Nick	Harold Lockhart
Allister B. Gooke	Michael Norris	John Lucas
Walter Curran	Charles Ochotorena	Joseph Margalski
Stewart DeHaven	Bill Page	Kenneth Stocker
Joseph Dobson	Rodney Peden	Mark Storage
Rev. John Doherty	Andrew Petro	Marilyn Ticknor
Suzanne Ernst	Bob Piasecki	Angelo Varenna
Andy Fish	Peter Reed	Mark Wagner
Leon Gary	Jerome Saterbak	Howard Weaver
Dan Geraghty	Harold Seymour	Leonard Williams
Charles Goddard	Barbara Smith - McBride	Karl Klotz
Peter Makowski		

Family Member - \$35

Satoshi Fujiwara	Jocelyn Okrent
Erik Gagnon	Beky Pasholk
Kimberley Gilles	Ed Philpott
Renee Gonzales	Steve Pilafas
William Grant	Richard Rahn
Spencer Greene	Jim Ramsey
Fred Gulich	Patrick Riley
Roland Hall	Bill & Wendy Ring
Mike Hamann	Brandon Rosvall
Randy Haus	Paul Rutecki
Kelly Hedberg	Nancy Sbrocco
Thomas Heller	Kristina Schmidt
Charles Holbert	Donald Smith
Nicole Houser	Taryn Smith
Robert Jacobs	Jerry Smith
David Johnson	Katy Smith
James Kirkpatrick	Lawrence Sue
Chatham Kitz	Craig Sanford
Heekyung Kwan	Tom Thomas
Scott Kwiatkowski	Robin Trimble
Tim Macuga	John Van Dyke
Vernon Marshall	Dave Wadding
Barbara Mayer	Kathy Waymack
Megan McGovern	Floyd Webb
Eugene Meng	Tommy Williamson
Lou Mirabelli	Terry Winingham
William Mollitor	David Miller
B. Mooney	Allan Zimmerman
Eric Archer	Deward Beeler
Steffany Doolittle	Martin Hernandez
Howard Kravetz	David Lipsch
Guy Davis	Ronald Dolan

Black Helmet Brigade - \$60

Cory Adams	Darrin Hutchins	Robert Schwartz
Gene Barker	James & Marilyn Johnson	A. Park Shaw
Jennifer Brinar	John Kohlman	David Thompson
William Davidson	Joseph MackInday	Rev. Norman Trela
Robert Englehardt	Don Marsh	Jeff Trevas
Elva Gooch	Cameron McChesney	Jonathan Umbdenstock
Don Grejczyk	Tim Peck	Samuel Wagnon
Robert Heisterman	Bernard Punte	Travis Zuege
Jean Hill	Tad Robins	Edmund Allen III
Michael Holubec Jr.	Robert Schoff	

Red Helmet Brigade - \$100

All America Logistics	Alexandra Klas	Gene Gehrt
Robert Anderson	Lydia Kolsch	R. Thomas Greene
Dan Brown	F. Richard Leininger	Joe Hinkle
Steve Cloutier	Michael Mayberry	Gary Jensen
Michael Dillon	Scott McLean	Carl Kietzke
Thomas Dryfhout	Fred Mills	Richard Sheldon
Diane Eckstein	Earnest Milton	Thomas Steely
William Ericson	Edward Rominger	Michael Stemmler
Julian Fleming	Marshal Sanford	Gary Thurston
Robert Gade	Douglas Schermerhorn	Eric J. Wieser
Ray Bowman		

Life Member - \$3000

Battalion Chief Thad Dahl	Ron Saeger
The Trail of Painted Ponies	

Benefactor - \$1000

Rhett Butler

Contributing - \$500

Peter Molloy

White Helmet Brigade - \$250

Fred Rice	David Costello	Michael Newburger
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Barbara Auffret
Eddie Almeida
The Asher Family
Myna Berardinelli
Anne Bever
Mark Brown
Zoe-Samantha Brown
Lea Browning
Melissa Bull
John Burton
Maren Butcher
James Carter
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Mark Chapman
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Stan Demory
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Nick Famulari
Gordon Fowler
Martin Frye
Laurence Appel
Rachael Don
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Jim O' Sullivan

Fire Professional Members - \$60

Murray Aldrich	Greg Fuentes	Earl Moy
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Jim Baird	Robert Green	Dean Pedrotti
James Barrett	John Greenstreet	Edward Pensinger
John Barton	William Harvey	Larry Peterson
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Ed Dominello	Robert Landsparger	Craig Williams
Duayne Dougherty	David Laurie	John Wolf
Michael Dowhie	Kenneth Loftis	Alfred Wright
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Dave Edwards	Charles McConnell	Joseph Yemma
Jeff Engle	Thomas Merkel	Daile Young
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