

Newsletter



Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting
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Study Collection Building Completed



In January the Hall of Flame's study collection building opened for use. After years of planning and fund raising the 20,000 square foot warehouse style building opened for use after four months of construction. The building is sited near the south side of the Hall of Flame parking lot, about 300 feet from the museum's main building. The project also included extensive new landscaping, several new outdoor parking lights, a second gate to the site, and an entirely new parking lot. The building will store the collection and serve as a site for fire safety workshop pumping demonstrations for school children.



Upper Left: Site prep begins in September of 2007.

Upper Right: Slab down by end of September.

Above: The Building arrives from Butler. All sections are prefabricated.

Left: The skeleton of the building was in place by mid-October. Construction is underway on the concrete block perimeter wall.



Top: By November the exterior block wall was in place and workers began to install the roof, not neglecting to insert rolls of insulation. The building is heavily insulated on both the roof and side walls.

Above: The completed interior. A number of wheeled pieces from the main building, as well as a pair of new accessions are in place. Except for a single row of center posts the entire slab is available for storage.

Study Collection Building Allows Expansion, Improved Exhibit Design, Flexibility

The Building allows us to fill many holes in the collection of wheeled objects. Until now we have been forced to squeeze new accessions into the exhibit galleries, since we had no storage areas large enough to accommodate much more than a hose cart. Consequently we have been hesitant to add to the collection and have not actively sought any additions. Since opening we have added two new accessions: a 1948 Buffalo Fire Apparatus Company pumper and a 1916 New England Truck Company hose/chemical engine.

We plan to move about a quarter of the rigs now on display to the study collection building. It is not easy to decide which pieces to move, but the new space in the exhibit galleries allows us to exhibit the remaining pieces in a manner that will provide much better access by visitors. To date we have moved sixteen pieces of hand and horse drawn apparatus from Gallery I to the study collection building, together with several motorized pieces

from Gallery III. We plan to use Gallery III to display changing exhibits of newly restored pieces, new additions to the collection, or pieces on loan from collectors or other institutions. We will also be switching pieces between the study collection and the exhibits. The study collection will also be available to be viewed by visitor groups with a special interest in the history of firefighting.

We plan to move all of the artifacts now stored in a 2,000 square foot area adjacent to the wildland firefighting gallery and convert this storage area to a new exhibit gallery of artwork, models, and related collections.

An added benefit is the new building's orientation on the site. Its north facing main entrance and large expanse of black top will allow us to conduct pumping demonstrations for school workshops in a spacious area sheltered from the sun.



Left: Last year Don Hale completed the restoration of this hose wagon once used by the Fire Department of Chicago, Illinois. The extensive project included the rebuilding of the wheels, hose body and driver's seat, and the repair of the wagon's frame. The wagon was also primed, painted and decorated by Don and his assistant, museum volunteer George Batsche. The wagon was probably built by the Peter Pirsch apparatus company of Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Additions to the Collection



In December the West End Fire Company of Stowe, Pennsylvania donated the 1948 Buffalo fire engine pictured at the left. The rig has its original paint and most of its original equipment. We plan to use it as a parade rig.



Immediately below the Buffalo is a one of a kind rig: a 1916 hose wagon built by the New England Truck Company and used by the Worcester, Massachusetts FD. In 1930 The WFD made extensive improvements, installing a more powerful engine, a booster tank and a small rotary pump, converting it into a fast attack rig. Black Helmet Brigade member Jeff Trevas restored the truck and has donated it to the Hall of Flame.



At the bottom left is a rare hose carriage which we purchased from the Fire Association of the State of New York Fire Museum in Hudson, New York last October. It became available when the FASNY Fire Museum, which is sponsored by the Volunteer Fire Service of New York, decided to limit its collection to rigs that were used in New York. This carriage was used by the volunteer fire department of Philadelphia. It was a working hose carriage but was also nicely customized.

Much more on all of these pieces in our next newsletter.

1924 American La France Fire Engine Nears Completion



Don Hale is close to finishing the restoration of our 1924 American La France Type 45 engine from Pullman, Washington. It is in excellent mechanical condition. Don has finished the paint and striping, but the seat needs to be re-upholstered and the running boards need to be re-covered. We plan to have the rig on display by July. The type 45 is essentially identical to the much more common Type 12, with the exception of employing three spark plugs per cylinder instead of two.

Volunteer Rick Pike Passes Away



On April 26 Hall of Flame volunteer and retired fire chief Rick Pike died from the complications of surgery to treat an aggressive cancer of his circulatory system that struck him in December of 2007. As late as July of 2007 Rick had passed a physical examination with no problems. He had no family history of cancer. The fact that he worked at Ground Zero following the attack on the World Trade Center, as well as his many years as a HazMat instructor in Nassau County, New York, probably led to the onset of his disease. Rick made a spectacular recovery from the disease's initial onset, but had an adverse reaction to stem cell replacement at Sloan - Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. Rick was a firefighter for over thirty years, many of which he served as chief of the East Meadow, New York Fire Department. He will be greatly missed.

Left: Chief Pike reads the names of FDNY firefighters at the museum's annual remembrance ceremony for the fallen firefighters on September 11, 2001.

New and Renewed Members

Associate Members - \$25

Charles Bachini	Raymond Millar	J. Richar Hunneman Jr.
Andrew Burkhartzmeyer	Brian Moore	Thomas Kehoe
George Childs	Richard Muller	Dell Lindstrom
Wes Cochran	Gary Nick	Harold Lockhart
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Stewart DeHaven	Bill Page	Kenneth Stocker
Joseph Dobson	Rodney Peden	Mark Storage
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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	

Family Member - \$35

Barbara Auffret	Satoshi Fujiwara	Jocelyn Okrent
Eddie Almeida	Erik Gagnon	Beky Pasholk
The Asher Family	Kimberley Gilles	Ed Philpott
Myna Berardinelli	Renee Gonzales	Steve Pilafas
Anne Bever	William Grant	Richard Rahn
Mark Brown	Spencer Greene	Jim Ramsey
Zoe-Samantha Brown	Fred Guelich	Patrick Riley
Lea Browning	Roland Hall	Bill & Wendy Ring
Melissa Bull	Mike Hamann	Brandon Rosvall
John Burton	Randy Haus	Paul Rutecki
Maren Butcher	Kelly Hedberg	Nancy Sbrocco
James Carter	Thomas Heller	Kristina Schmidt
Jennifer Cassaday	Charles Holbert	Donald Smith
Mark Chapman	Nicole Houser	Taryn Smith
Linda Clark	Robert Jacobs	Jerry Smith
Doug Clark	David Joyhanson	Katy Smith
Kyle Clark	James Kirkpatrick	Lawrence Sue
John Cochran	Chatham Kitz	Janet Teller
Chris Coffman	Heekyung Kwan	Tom Thomas
Dawn Corley	Scott Kwiatowski	Robin Trimble
Pascal Covello	Tim Macuga	John Van Dyke
F. Robert Cowden	Vernon Marshall	Dave Wadding
Linda Curtice	Barbara Mayer	Kathy Waymack
Stan Demory	Megan McGovern	Floyd Webb
Ana Dupont	Eugene Meng	Tommy Williamson
Nick Famulari	Lou Mirabelli	Terry Winningham
Gordon Fowler	William Mollitor	Emily Winslow

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	
Michael Holubec Jr.	Robert Schoff	

Fire Professional Members - \$60

Murray Aldrich	Greg Fuentes	Earl Moy
Norman Arendt	Albert Giordano	Alan Nielsen
Jim Baird	Robert Green	Dean Pedrotti
James Barrett	John Greenstreet	Edward Pensinger
John Barton	William Harvey	Larry Peterson
Thomas Bascom	Timothy Hellyer	Greg Pitlock
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Greg Bettin	Jose A. Hernandez Lohr	Tom Rizzo
John Bliven	William Hertan	Jon Shephard
Gary Bohling	Steven Howard	Jeffrey Sheriff
Thomas Brock	Toby Ingram	Mark Skrainar
William Brown	Tim Irwin	Ken Smith
Steve Buettner	Rocky Jacobs-Carpenter	Gilbert Strawn
Taylor Carpenter	Michael Johnson	John Swanson
David Cascone	Roy Jones III	Norm Taylor
Joshua Charry	Mark Kauffman	Ken Toftoy
Jim Detzler	Martin Kennedy	Edward Tuffy
Willaim Dickey	Chris Kenner	Barry Van Trojen
Clayton Dillahunty	Scott LaGrecia	Carl Weber
Ed Dominello	Robert Landsparger	Craig Williams
Duayne Dougherty	David Laurie	John Wolf
Michael Dowhie	Kenneth Loftis	Alfred Wright
Olaf Drieschner	Conrad Marcione	Noel Ybarra
Dave Edwards	Charles McConnell	Joseph Yemma
Jeff Engle	Thomas Merkel	Daile Young
Thomas Etter	George Moore	Brian Yox
Carl Fox	Robert Morgan	

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 Dryhout	Fred Mills	Richard Sheldon
Diane Eckstein	Earnest Milton	Thomas Steely
William Ericson	Edward Rominger	Michael Stemmler
Julian Fleming	Marshal Sanford	Gary Thurston

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

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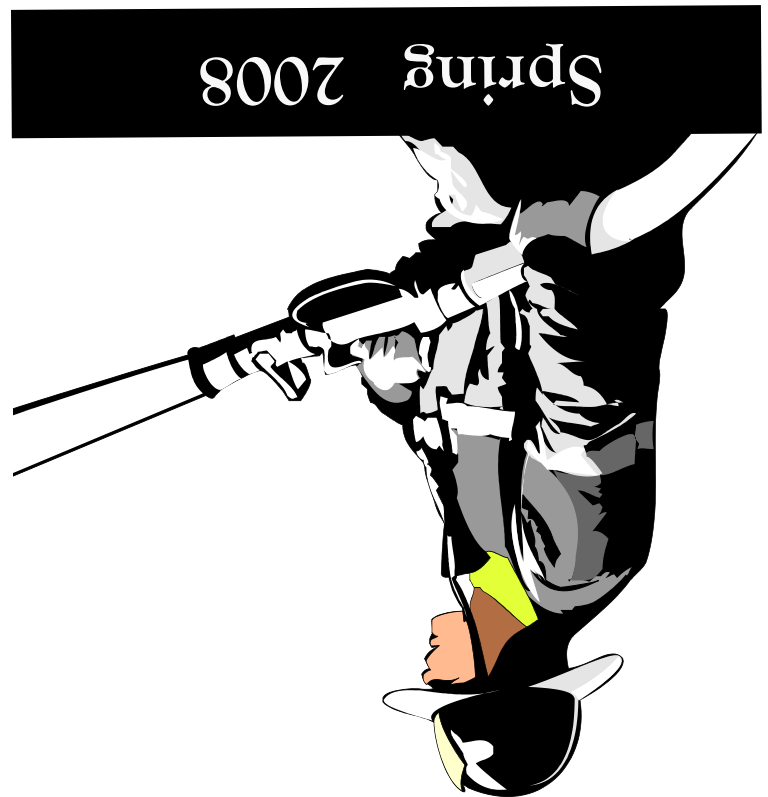
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