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Main Street Hanover Moriah Tyler Visits GHAFM

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Gary Rickrode Photo

Members of the GHAFM Eddie Schwartz, Gordy Lillich, Jim Roth, Dwight Bollinger Gary Rickrode and Malden Miller welcomed Main Street Hanover's new Executive Director, Moriah Tyler for a Fire Museum tour on September 12.

Main Street Hanover launched in January 2013 and is a collaborative effort between Hanover Borough, Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce, Partnership for Economic Development of York County, and York County Economic Alliance. Following the Main Street Four Point Approach© of Organization, Design, Economic Restructuring and Promotion, the community has embraced the revitalization movement.



* At the FIRE MUSEUM *

From The EDITOR



My apologies to you if you were waiting for this issue of The REGISTER back in October. On July 31, my wife Peggy encountered several serious medical conditions that impacted my ability to produce the fire museum newsletter by deadline.

Peggy was admitted to the York Hospital for 7 days without a diagnosis. Several months later, many blood tests, and a second opinion from Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center in Baltimore, MD she was diagnosed with Aplastic Anemia and MDS, Myelodysplastic syndromes, a group of cancers that occur when the bone marrow produces immature blood cells that don't develop into healthy blood cells and is also known as myelodysplastic neoplasms, conditions that can occur when the blood-forming cells in the bone marrow become abnormal, resulting in the bone marrow not making enough healthy new blood cells. This leads to low levels of one or more types of blood cells causing anemia.

I'm happy to share, Peggy is being treated with oral chemo medicines and it is bringing her blood levels to a more stable condition allowing her the opportunity to return to a semi normal life. She also receives blood and platelet transfusions when her blood counts are in critical low levels. Her immune system is also very compromised and limits her activities in group settings.

Peggy and I appreciate all your thoughts and prayers for her and she will keep fighting for a recovery. We are moving in the right direction, so your next issue hopefully will be on time.Ken Buohl

Apparatus Visitors



Porters VFC's 1952 GMC/American Fire Apparatus, formerly Engine 53-1. "The Jimmy", was the first new piece of apparatus purchased by the Fire Company. It has a 500 gpm pump and a 500 gallon water tank.



GHAFM Member Malden Miller brought his 1959 FORD/American "ThunderBolt" to the museum for display. It has a 500 gpm pump and was originally from Manchester MD Fire Dept.

Apparatus

Museum Curator Wayne Bollinger reports the following work was performed on the museum owned fire apparatus.

1934 Dodge: The Hartmans installed a new electric fuel pump donated by Anita Buie and purchased a new radiator cap. Delaro Machine and Fabrication Co manufactured a siren mount that will fit the contour of the fender.

1961 International: The Hartmans are currently working through some ignition issues with the dual spark plug ignition system. A new ignition coil, wiring, master cylinder and starter was installed recently. Motor oil and oil filter was changed to bring these services up to date after it's time in storage. They have also rebuilt the carburetor Mandi Smith donated the cost for the ignition coil.

Visitors' Register Updated



GHAFM Assistant Secretary Jody Cramer completed a Visitor Register update project required for future grant applications. Jody went through 10 years of visitor records and restructured the Visitor Sign in Sheets. Thank You Jody.



* At the FIRE MUSEUM *

Museum Visitors



GHAFM Treasurer, John Lucabaugh with Tony Wagaman a past member of Pennville VFC in the museum's 1934 Dodge, Pennville pumper.



Brad Rogers visited the GHAFM. He was a member of Abbottstown VFC and drove their 1929 Ford.



Isla and Kaius Crone, grand children of Deb & Gary Rickrode.

Appreciation



Gordy Lillich presented a GHAFM Appreciation Certificate to Malden Miller for displaying his 1959 FORD fire truck in the fire museum.



Gordy Lillich presented a GHAFM Appreciation Certificate to Ken Wolf from United Hook and Ladder #33 for displaying their 1929 Abbottstown fire truck in the museum.



Gordy Lillich presented a GHAFM Appreciation Certificate to Chief Walker of Porter's VFC for displaying their 1952 GMC in the museum.

Building & Grounds

Dennis Weaver GHAFM Building and Grounds Coordinator reports three USA made 60 inch eight blade ceiling fans were installed in the apparatus room for enhancing the heating and cooling in that area. Tim O'Connor of Finch Rentals, Inc. provided a high lift free of charge for this project. A gift card from Bright-Speed was used to pay for the fan. Gordy Lillich, Gary Rickrode, Dennis Weaver, Jeff Cramer, and Dave Bollinger assisted with this fire museum improvement.

John Lucabaugh and Gordy Lillich removed the concrete step between the Chris Lockard Parlor and the elevator and replaced it with a concrete ramp to create better access to the elevator.

Iron Ridge installed the mini-split HVAC system in the Chris Lockard Parlor.

The Community Assistance Personnel performed cleaning and weed pulling and Brian McDermitt cleaned the floors in the Chris Lockard Parlor, bathroom and kitchen.

Wireless intercoms were ordered for the elevator. They will be installed when they arrive.

The fire museum boiler has been inspected and passed without any concerns.

The fire museum fire sprinkler system has been inspected and tested by BFPE. There are some issues with the system that will need to be addressed. Quotes were received and repairs were approved.

Robert Holt is refinishing the woodwork on the fire museum windows.

If you have interest in helping with our Building and Grounds projects, please contact Dennis Weaver.



“From the Archives”

LEATHER- Fireman Parade Belt

Fireman Parade Belts - A Pennsylvania Connection

In the early days of the nation’s fire service, volunteer firefighters liked to wear accoutrements or a type of uniform to show they were civic-minded and members of the local fire company. Some examples of this include the wearing of red, or colors representing the fire company, bib shirts, similar to military or cavalry shirts of the time. For community parades, firefighters liked to show off not only their highly decorated fire pumps or engines, but they also wanted to don appropriate dress wear for the occasion. Besides bib shirts, they might wear fancy painted leather parade hats, and later the iconic Gratacap style fire helmet which eventually became known as the New Yorker style. Over time an additional piece of decorative uniform regalia became a must-have for many firemen, the “Fireman Parade Belt.”

Starting in about the 1850s to 60s, firemen, especially volunteers, developed a unique way of displaying their affiliation with the fire service during ceremonies, parades, and special events. In addition to perhaps wearing their iconic leather fire helmet and red bib shirt, firemen came up with decorative leather belts distinctive to the fire service. Early ambrotypes and daguerreotypes photographic plates of the period show fireman posing in their uniform regalia wearing various types of these ornate belts.

The first fireman parade belts were wide plain leather belts with ornate buckles on them to represent the fire company. As most fire departments had their in-house leather and harness craftsmen, they were probably easily made in-house or through local artisans.

Some purported history sources relate the development of these decorative uniform belts as being linked to returning Fire Zouaves from the Civil War in and around the New York area. Zouaves were Union volunteer troops that formed their own companies during the Civil War and came from primarily the New York area and many of them having been firefighters.

However, research shows that the Washington Fire Company in Essex, CT had what resembled classic fireman parade belts as early as 1846, before the Civil War. Other reports link the development of the belts as originally coming from Pennsylvania around the Philadelphia area. It appears in the ongoing development of the parade belt that each fire company or artisan tried to one-up the other. The name of the fire department was painted on the back as an enhancement. From this, more elaborate belts were crafted.

Over time fire equipment manufacturing companies like Cairns and Brothers, who partnered with Henry Gratacap to manufacturer the iconic New Yorker style fire helmet, developed and sold fireman parade belts commercially. The Cairns and Brothers belts were a similar design to the ones already prominent in the United States. Cairns belts can be identified by a small metal “Cairns & Bro” tag riveted to the outside of the belt. The rivets that hold the tag also hold the interior belt tongue that is hidden by the “cuff” buckle. The belt was traditionally composed of leather, and about 2 ¼ inch width with a unique small inner fastening buckle and larger decorative slide over leather “cuff” buckle in front. The later made belts traditionally had a recessed sewn panel at the back of the belt that contained leather cutout letters spelling out the individual’s rank (Chief, Foreman, Fireman) or the name or initials of the fire company with which they were affiliated. Some belts included decorative designs and scalloped leather trim. The color of the belt and trim varied depending on the rank, department colors, or personal preferences. The interior of the belt was most commonly lined with a tarred canvas or hemp/cotton fabric to help strengthen and form a base for constructing the belt. Some variants had a supple thin leather lining instead of canvas.

Though the fireman parade belt primarily became prominent with fire companies and departments in the northeastern U.S., examples have been found throughout the country. The belts were one piece of fireman personal equipment that was not for use during fires, it was ornately designed and worn strictly as a dress uniform regalia for ceremonial functions. They were popular from about the 1850s to the early 1900s. Today, original fireman parade belts are considered rare, desirable artifacts by fire service veterans and collectors of fire service memorabilia. There have also been some leather artisans in recent years who resurrect the parade belt by hand-crafting replicas of these historic and venerated items. Most fire museums have at least one antique fireman parade belt on display in their collection to remember this historic period and honor the everlasting and glorious traditions of the fire service.

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“Members ON THE ROAD”



Dale Hartman Photo

GHAFM 1961 International and 1934 Dodge at Pleasant Hill VFC Fire Truck Muster. The international won 2nd place in it's class. John Lucabaugh drove the Dodge to the Muster.



Gary Rickrode Photo

Gordy Lillich at Southwestern High School for National Night Out. Gary and Deb Rickrode were also there.



Eddie Schwartz Photo

GHAFM 1934 Dodge at Christ Church Fall Festival in Littlestown, PA. Eddie Schwartz and John Lucabaugh drove it there.



Gary Rickrode Photo

Malden Miller drove 132 miles and pumped his 1947 American LaFrance on the Susquehanna River during the PA Pump Primers Muster in Harrisburg, PA.



Gary Rickrode Photo

GHAFM 1961 International at the St. Marks Church Community Heroe Celebration. Gordy Lillich and Gary Rickrode were there.



Gary Rickrode Photo

Deb and Gary Rickrode at the York Haloween Parade flying the new GHAFM Banner. Ashlee, Matt and Henry Vanderwater attended with Bruce Yealy's Squad 51.

Additional Event Activity

Bill Perkins set up a GHAFM display at the Lehigh Green House on September 21.

Bill Perkins set up a GHAFM display at the Myers Mansion 4 summer concerts.

Eddie Schwartz had a flea market space at the 2024 PPP Muster in Harrisburg, PA.

Dale and Henry Hartman participated in the Westminster, MD Fall Festival Parade with their fire trucks.

GHAFM members, Jim Derstine, Ken Buohl, Ron Zinn, Ed Markle, Dave Bollinger, Wayne Bollinger, Gary Rickrode, Dale Hartman, Les Eser, Bruce Yealy and Neil Gunnet attended the 2024 PPP Muster in Harrisburg. Jim is President of the PPP and EMCEE'd the event and Ken Buohl managed the Kids Games at the muster.

Bruce Yealy had his hose carts displayed at the York Fair.



Train Garden

Rob Brady and his merry men and ladies have been working hard at preparing the preliminary set up for the 2024 GHAFM Train Garden. By the time this issue of The Register is published everything will be full steam ahead and operating.

Rob has been transmitting news about this year's train garden through various facebook pages, posters, PA Fireman ads and giving away train garden flyers. A special float will be prepared in conjunction with the Hanover Historical Society and entered in the Santa Claus/Christmas Parade.

Several enhancements will happen this year. Rob has earmarked this train garden as "Members and the TRAINS". Several individuals and groups will be setting up train layouts for a new look this year for our visitors.



Rob extends an invitation to anyone interested in assisting with operating the 2024 GHAFM Train Garden to stop in and join us. There are plenty of tasks for experienced and non-experience helpers. Remember many hands make quick work. Please also spread the word to family, friends, neighbors and anyone on the street that we have one of the premier train gardens anywhere, at least we try to make that impression come true. Do you hear that train whistle blowing - if not, you aren't at the train garden.

Donations



GHAFM Member Dave Bollinger donated the outer siren shell from the former Grangeville VFC house siren. Gordy Lillich painted it and it was set in place behind the fire museum by Gary Rickrode and Dennis Weaver.

SPECIAL GHAFM Thank You

A warm Thank You goes out to the following for their generous donations to The GHAFM. Gary Rickrode for an unidentified water tank. Wayne Bollinger for a civil defense sign and plywood Sparky. Harry Hanna for a 1959 Smoky Bear book. Brian Kopp Yuengling sign. Earl Shoemaker poster donation. Galen Wentz for funding new wiring on the 1934 Dodge. Jerry Poland for funding GHAFM fire truck insurance and a new GHAFM banner. Eric Roth for 5 boxes of model train cars. Hunter Unkart for 37 boxes of model railroad items, 1 display case and 1 small work bench cabinet. Eagle FC Flag.

Donation Acceptance Procedure

All donated items for the GHAFM are accepted through the Museum Curator on a completed Artifact and Archive Donation Agreement.

Please follow this procedure.
Questions? Contact Museum Curator

Above & Beyond

Members at the GHAFM and our community supporters share their skills and knowledge above and beyond for enhancing our museum. Let's share a heartfelt "Thank You" to the following members for their generous efforts. Dale Geiman for hanging photos and Clearview FC sign. Dale Geiman and Dave Bollinger for mounting a sparky dog on the wall in the elevator shaft. Brian Kopp for creating flames for the Silsby fire box. All the train garden set up people, sorry no names were provided but you are always very much appreciated.



Eagle Fire Co. flag donation from the Wirt Park Fire Station.

GHAFM Partner Highlight

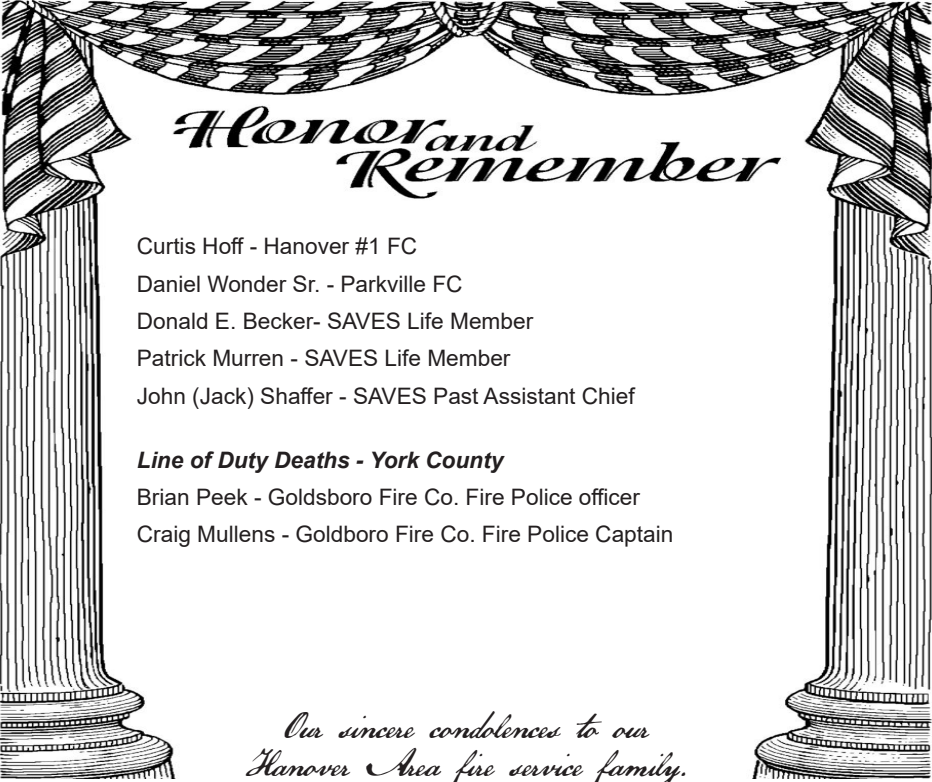


Our GHAFM Partner Highlight this issue is about Roller Printing located on Industrial Drive in Hanover. Owner's Holly Miller and Kevin Tasto are very gracious to donate their services for printing our quarterly fire museum newsletter The REGISTER. Roller Printing started business in 1955 and continues today as one of the premier local printing companies.



Fire Museum....Do You Know!

In Remembrance - Last Call



- Curtis Hoff - Hanover #1 FC
 - Daniel Wonder Sr. - Parkville FC
 - Donald E. Becker- SAVES Life Member
 - Patrick Murren - SAVES Life Member
 - John (Jack) Shaffer - SAVES Past Assistant Chief
- Line of Duty Deaths - York County**
- Brian Peek - Goldsboro Fire Co. Fire Police officer
 - Craig Mullens - Goldboro Fire Co. Fire Police Captain

Our sincere condolences to our Hanover Area fire service family.



Life Scout Member Justin Murphy from Scout Troop #105 created a video document containing 26 items from the museum. This video presentation will have a QR code for museum visitors to connect with item descriptions on their mobile phone during their museum visit. Jim Roth, Wayne Bollinger and Gordy Lillich assisted with this project.



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HUMOR ON THE TAILBOARD



Gary Rickrode Photo

But HONEY, owning a fire truck is known to do some crazy strange things to you.

Dates and Times for Events are subject to change. Please check with the appropriate members for new dates and times or check the calendar in the Fire Museum or contact HAVFR or HAFRC.

Fire Museum & Other Events - Save A Date

Wednesday Museum Open: 9 am to 3 pm. every Wednesday.
Saturday Museum Open: 9 am to 3 pm, 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month.
 Other Visits by appointment. Call 717-637-6674 and leave a message.
GHAFM Monthly Membership Meeting: 1st Thursday of each month, 7 pm at the Museum.

November 7 - Fire Museum Membership Meeting at the Fire Museum 7 pm.
December 5- Fire Museum Membership Meeting at the Fire Museum 7 pm.
December 22 - Fire Museum Christmas Party 5:30 pm at Fire Museum
January 2 - Fire Museum Membership Meeting at the Fire Museum 7 pm.
 Remember to sign up for our Saturday GHAFM Hanover Market House booth
 Thank you for your assistance.

Train Garden Hours are posted in the Fire Museum or on the GHAFM website.

Future 2025 Events
 March 4-8 - SPAAMFAA Winter Conference, Kissimmee, FL
 April 5-6 - Allentown, PA Spring Melt Fire Memorabilia and Flea Market
 May 25 - FASNY 100th Anniversary celebration. Hudson, NY

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What's Happening at the HAVFR & HAFRC

- * **HAVFR Monthly Company Meeting:** 2nd Thursday of each month, 7:00 pm. Use building rear basement door and ring door bell, someone will assist you.
- Nov 14, Dec 12, Jan 9** - Membership Meeting at Clover Lane Station 2 basement.
- * **HAFRC Monthly Meeting:** 3rd Thursday of each month, 5:30 pm. Use building rear basement door and ring door bell, someone will assist you.
- Nov 21, Dec 19, Jan 16** - Commission Meeting at Clover Lane Station 2 basement.