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Another Year...A New Exhibit

By Paul Nelson

It's a new year and the Museum is gearing up for new programming. There will be a new exhibit on the apparatus floor in keeping with our plan to change each year. We don't want you to think "I've been there..seen it...don't have to go back!" There will be new interactive exhibits in the fire safety area as well. We plan to open some weekdays and just about every weekend beginning about the first of June.

At this writing the exact date of opening is a moving target. Construction undertaken over the winter continues and completion is dependent on finalizing some architectural and engineering parameters. In addition we could use some volunteer help from our friends with trade skills (carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting, etc.) or those just willing to do some grunt tasks like moving stuff, cleaning and other exciting challenges. Much of our past success to date has come from the incredible work done by volunteers, and for that the Museum is extremely grateful. But, the call goes out again. If you can, **please help us get ready for the opening.**

So what is planned for 2015? The apparatus floor will feature the exhibit **"From the Bucket Brigade to Horse Drawn Apparatus."** We will tell the story of fire fighting from the first use of bucket brigades by our early settlers through the use of hand drawn fire apparatus and eventually horse drawn fire apparatus. The exhibit will include some items from our own collection combined with those loaned for the duration by private collectors and area fire departments. The Museum will continue to be open into this fall.

On the fire safety side of the first floor, there will be programming for our young visitors and future fire fighters that includes activities in **The Smoke Bedroom** and what to do when you successfully escape. Then you will be able to run to a safe place to call 9-1-1 and then go to the **Meeting Place** that is all part of your **Escape Plan**. Next will be steps on how to deal with a variety of hazards in **The Safety Kitchen**. A short distance away, visitors will be able to don miniature turn out gear, slide down a fire pole, stretch a hose line and attack a "fire." Visitors will also be able to re-enact how our early settlers used the bucket brigade to put out fires. There will be other surprises to challenge you on what to do in case of fire as well as "pretend" opportunities of being a fireman. All of these activities are intended to focus on our motto...**Living Safely...Inspiring Ingenuity.** (Continued on page 2, see Another Year)



Paul Nelson photo

1873 Silsby Steamer, ex Cambridge, OH

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President's Log

By Roy Ziganti

Greetings from the corner of Ontario and Carnegie Avenues. It has been a long, cold winter but the Fire Museum stayed warm thanks to our new boiler.

Matt Banks, the Fire Museum's Treasurer, stepped down prior to the January Executive board meeting - Matt thank you for your service. With Matt's decision to leave his place on the Executive board, the Museum is happy to say that we were able secure a successor. I am pleased to say that we haven't missed a beat with the addition of Dan Martone. Dan was born and raised in Greater Cleveland and graduated from Ohio Northern with a BSBA in Business Administration. He is currently pursuing his MBA.

Several members are working diligently to complete the tasks required to obtain permits to complete the first floor. Mark Klein of Fire-Tech recently received the permit to finalize our fire protection system, and this work will be underway by the printing of this periodical. Joe Sheffey (engine-4) and Kevin Barry (ladder-4) volunteered to complete the safety kitchen along with the installation of the cabinetry in the Multi-purpose room in the education wing.

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Another Year

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Special programming for the entire family is in the works for selected weekends both inside and outside of the Museum and also with area partner organizations. One of the events in the planning stage is the actual operation of a coal-fired steam fire engine on the apron that will actually pump water. Experience fire fighting in the late 1800's.

We are offering opportunities for your group to have a special event at the Museum. Maybe it's a special program after hours or one of the stops on a day's tour of downtown Cleveland. In case you have not noticed, downtown Cleveland and nearby areas like Tremont and Ohio City are alive with all kinds of new activities. We already have visits booked by some social groups and senior citizens groups. We have special fire safety programs for our senior visitors.

We hope to have summer camp groups and summer school groups schedule a visit as part of their program. And, by fall we will be embarking on a program to offer field trips for area schools. We can help you with planning a visit to the Museum. **Call us at 216.664.6312 or send an email to info@wrfmc.com.** Oh, yes!! We also need volunteers to help at the front desk, the gift shop and as docents (training included). Contact us if you would like to help with that.

With the timing of this issue of The Bugle, we are not able to provide specifics on the opening date, days we will be open and other details of the exhibit but watch our social media announcements on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Also watch our website at www.wrfmc.com for information as it is finalized. Later this year you will see a fresh new website. Work has already begun on creating a new face.

A final word!!! Come help us get ready for a busy 2015, but also plan to visit the Museum this summer by yourself (bring a friend), with your family or get a group to which you are a member schedule a visit. See you at the **other** corner of Ontario and Carnegie, across the way from Progressive Field.

Log

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In addition, Museum members have been at work prepping the Multi-purpose room, including stripping and repairing the floor to prepare it for the final floor choice. George Erker (retired L-13) constructed temporary walls in the Dormitory and the Alarm Office so that openings can be cut in the walls for the installation of display cabinets. We still need to have the lintels set before we can remove the material so if you can help please let me know. We're always in need of painting along with light carpentry work. If you can lend a hand please call or email me at royziganti@gmail.com. To all who came through when I was in need THANK YOU!

A final note. The Museum extends condolences to the family of retired CFD Chief Edward L. Chessar on his recent passing.

View From the Tiller Seat

By John Zangerle

How would you like to break up the winter by visiting a new fire museum, seeing the highlights of another city and their fire department, attending interesting seminars and a firematic flea market, and enjoying an antique apparatus show? Every year Pat and I travel to the SPAAMFAA (Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus in America) national winter meeting. SPAAMFAA is the parent national organization for antique fire apparatus owners and enthusiasts. Our Museum is the Greater Cleveland chapter of SPAAMFAA and a number of our members are very active in the national organization. Tim Elder is a past president of the national organization, his son, Ted Elder is now Senior Vice President and I am the North Central Trustee and past vice-president. Other members of the Museum such as Parker Browne and Stan and Penny Socha regularly attend the national meetings.

The meetings are hosted by local chapters and this year the host, the Chesapeake Chapter, held the meetings in Baltimore, MD. Those who did not attend missed a great event, even though the weather was only mildly better than Cleveland. Activities offered this year included trips to the B & O Railroad Museum (one of the best in the country), Fort McHenry historic site, Baltimore Museum of Industry, Walters Art Museum and Maryland Historical Society. Interesting seminars offered were "A Thumbnail History of Water Towers," "Fire boats Then and Now." Also presented were a history of a Baltimore apparatus builder, the F. L. Anderson Co. and a talk about Model T Fire Apparatus by Chief Bill Killen who spoke at our exhibit last fall. One of the highlights was the opportunity to



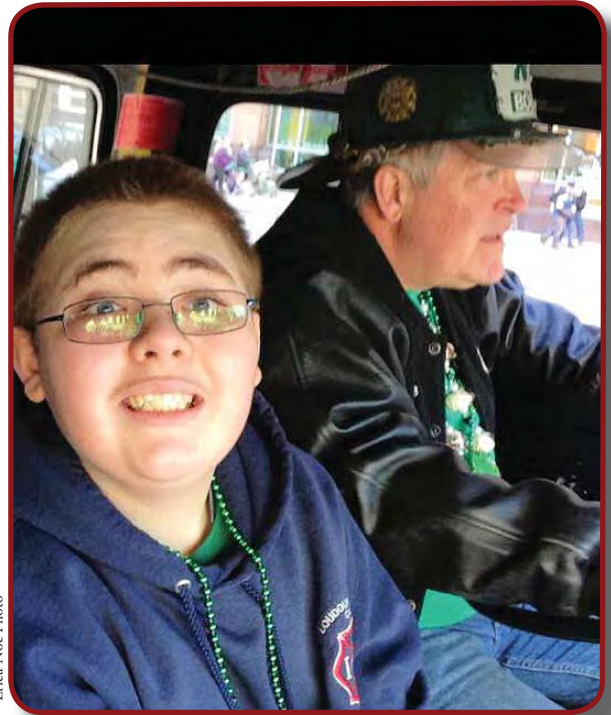
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Fire Museum and the St. Patrick's Day Parade

By Dan Hayden

On St. Patrick's Day the Fire Museum always puts a fire truck in the parade. This year we had to borrow one since our 52 ALF is out of service with a blown head gasket. Bob Shimits, a Solon Firefighter and a Museum member, contacted Bill Dieterle who operates Santa's Hideaway Hollow and owns several fire trucks. We needed an enclosed cab truck because we had a special guest riding with us. Eric Noe is the son of Firefighter Ken Noe of the Loudon County Fire Dept. in Virginia. Eric has been at the Cleveland Clinic since December and is expected to be here for another six to eight weeks. He is staying with his Mom, Erica, and his sister Lizzie. It's been a journey for Eric. A journey that started 13 years ago. After suffering a cardiac arrest when he was seven weeks old, now at the age of 13, Eric has "spent years being the strongest boy his family knows." The last three years have been especially hard with 12 surgeries, multiple surgery failures and redo's that included missing school and friends, constant trips to the hospital and clinics.

This past April they were given a referral to take Eric from Virginia where they live to Cleveland to see a motility specialist at the Cleveland Clinic. In May Eric underwent his 13th major abdominal surgery where the decision was made to have his colon removed. They have been traveling back and forth from Virginia to Cleveland for follow-ups from July to November. Their most recent visit in December for what was supposed to be a single appointment and return home the next day has resulted in presently a 12 week outpatient stay, going to the clinics for appointments and testing a few times a week. Eric is now undergoing Infusion treatments. They stay at the Ronald McDonald House just behind Fire Station 10 and the members have had the family visit the station several times.



Erica Noe Photo

Eric Noe and Driver Bob

Following are Eric words on his parade experience.

When I went to the parade and got to ride in the truck it was the best day of my life. My favorite part was blowing the air horn. It was really fun. My sister Lizzie wanted to blow the air horn too and she had a blast. Everyone was very excited to be at the parade. I like to do things with the fire department because my dad is a firefighter and I miss him a lot. I don't like to be here so long because it is sad without him but I know I have to be here for my health. I like to be with the firefighters because they are like my dad. It is very nice that the firefighters in Cleveland are so being nice to me.

Eric has a Facebook page. If you are interested, he would love to have more "likes" on his page. It is "letters of love for Eric." There is also a connection on the page for anyone who wants to contribute to help the family financially. It is GoFundMe.com.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who made Eric's St. Patrick's Day an adventure: Bob and Mary Shimits, Bill Dieterle, Bob Gahr, Kim Marshall, Tim O'Toole and the firefighters from Fire Station No. 1.

Bob Burrow Photo



Kim Marshall and Dan Hayden on the street and a lot more on the truck

Bob Shimits Photo



Lizzie, Eric and Erica Noe

Bob Burrow Photo



Important people of the day

Fire Museum at the Firefighters Memorial Ride

Each year WRFM takes part at the Annual Firefighters Memorial Ride by providing the food tent. Proceeds from the sale of burgers, hot dogs and beverages go entirely to the Museum. Joe Mason has organized our participation for years and this year Jim Bell is assisting in gathering the supplies and seeking donations for the food and pop. As always volunteers are needed to help on that **Sunday, May 31st (change in usual weekend)** in the tent. Mark and Diane Bauman and family members take care of the grill but there are a lot of other things that need to be done between 8:00am and noon. If you can help, email to info@wrfmc.com.

The Annual Flea Market

By Paul Nelson

February has been bitter cold on the North Coast. Six days were below zero with four setting all-time records. Cleveland and the burbs experienced several wind chills in the 30 below zero mark. Snow piles in drives and at the malls reached 10-feet tall. To add to the misery, Cleveland saw the lowest-ever average temperature for February since the Weather Bureau began keeping records in 1876.

And, then came March. It warmed up (somewhat). The snow piles began to melt. The 32nd Annual Firematic Flea Market was held signaling that spring could not be far behind. The largest crowd in the past several years thawed out and attended the event at the Cleveland Fire Training Academy on Saturday, March 7th. It's hard to believe that the first one was conceived in 1983 by the Western Reserve Fire Buffs Association with Bob Gahr and Steve Hildebrandt organizing the event. It was held at the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Station. Those two guys are still organizing the event. Thanks for your work over all those years organizing all those fleas and keeping them in line. That's not an easy task.

It takes a group of others as well to make it work. Some of those helping this year were Dale Cohen who helped lay out the floor plan and Jim Bell who was chief chef of the hot dogs, chili, coffee and donuts. (Pat and John Zangerle were away playing.) Jim was helped in the kitchen as always by Stan Socha. Nick and Annamae Kacsandi along with Chris Sheehe also helped in the kitchen. The Museum flea market sales table was manned by Bob Shimits with Stu Warner bringing the items up from our W. 3rd Street warehouse. Joan Oliver greeted the visitors at the front desk, took their money and had them sign up for the door prize drawings. Debbie Hubbard and Karen Sodini staffed the Museum sales desk. Early apologies if any other names have been omitted due to sudden memory loss of this writer.



Paul Nelson photo

Making a choice

Everyone seemed to have a good time with smiles on the faces of the vendors as they sold their prized items to the buyers who were also smiling as they carried their goods outside. In case you missed the Flea Market, there are two more great ones coming up soon to find some great items. The Allentown Auction and Flea market is April 18th and 19th and the Jackson Flea Market is April 25th. See the **Calendar of Events** on page 7 of this issue of The Bugle for more details.

Next year's date for our Flea Market is always the same time...the first Saturday in March. Mark your calendars and see you there on March 5, 2016.

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tour both the Fire Museum of Maryland and Baltimore City's Old Town fire station and museum. If you have not had a chance to visit the Fire Museum of Maryland in Lutherville, MD, you must put it on your "bucket list," It has a fantastic collection of apparatus from early hand-drawn through steamers, water towers, and early motorized equipment. It also has a working fire alarm office and a children's education area.

I encourage our members to join SPAAMFAA and participate in their regional and national activities. One of the next events that many of our members will attend is the Great Lakes chapter Flea Market in Jackson, MI, April 25. SPAAMFAA publishes a quarterly magazine, Enjine! Enjine!, which alone is worth the price of the \$25.00 annual membership. SPAAMFAA members also receive a separate quarterly newsletter, the Silver Trumpet, with upcoming event information as well as for sale and want ads. Check the new and improved SPAAMFAA website, www.spaamfaa.org for membership information and pictures of recent events. This year's summer convention will be in Syracuse, NY and next winter's meeting will be held in Houston, TX. Check our calendar for dates and information.

CFD COLOR DE JOUR

By Paul Nelson

Cleveland fire apparatus fleet colors had an identity crisis beginning in 1965 that extended into the 1980's. All motorized apparatus for Cleveland were delivered in fire engine red although the shades of red differed depending on the builder. American LaFrance red was slightly different than the Seagrave red and the others. The 1939 Seagrave pumper and aerial ladders had a two-tone red scheme that at best was only slightly different. But, in 1965 all new deliveries turned pale.



Standard red 1951 Seagrave 1250/150

The 1965 Sutphen front-mount pumpers were painted all white with no distinctive striping. The only thing red was the Cleveland decal and the number of the engine on the drop-in card. They were extremely plain. From 1965 to 1973 everything came in white and red, fire apparatus in service also began to turn white. A program was started to have everything match the new fleet color scheme.

A funny thing happened in the early 1970's when the national experiment with safety yellow or lime green started. The infamous study instituted by Ward LaFrance and a physics professor at SUNY/Binghamton (New York) caused a number of fire apparatus to be turned out in that slime green color. Cleveland did buy police cars in that awful color but mercifully fire apparatus arrived more yellow



The first white 1965 Sutphen/GMC 750/500

than green. In 1973 and 1974 a TeleSquirt, an American LaFrance Pioneer II and four Gerstenslager/GMC rescue squads came in yellow but CFD could not quite go the whole route. One of the two ALF Pioneers ordered at that time came in pure white.

The two Ward LaFrance/HiRanger articulating platforms turned yellow from their original red but the 1975 ALF Pioneer II pumpers came in white as did the 1976 Pioneer III rear-mount aerial ladders.

The 1977 delivery of an ALF Century Series rear mount aerial arrived painted all red as did the massive delivery of 10 ALF pumpers in 1979. In that delivery two additional ALF TeleSquirts slipped in with white over red but the two rear mount aerials with permanent waterway were all red. So were the 1980 ALF quint and the two ALF snorkels.

Now some of the white Pioneer pumpers began to ripen and turned all red as did some of the ALF Pioneer rear mount aerials. In 1983 the large order of Pierce pumpers and Sutphen mini tower pumpers were white over red and the new norm was established that exists today. After that date everything has been white over red.

During this rapidly changing rainbow some of the repainting skipped a color here and there. Two of the yellow squads went directly to white over red, the white Heavy Rescue 729 skipped yellow and went to white over red as did the all white 1967 Blue Bird communications command center. Painting of that vehicle was not finished. When it was retired from the Fire Department it was repainted all white for use by the Motor Division. Most of the white aerials also skipped yellow and all red and went directly to white over



Red turns white 1951 American LaFrance 1500/150

red. One of the white Pioneer aerials went to all red and then added a white top. The yellow Pioneer aerial was repainted all white with a red bottom added still later. Forgive me if I missed a couple of the changes. The all red 1980 snorkel quint added a white top. With all that extra paint perhaps rusting of the metal was curtailed.

Even the fireboats got into the act. The Celebrezze (Engine 21) went from a black hull and red deck structure to a red hull and white deck structure. The Cleveland (Engine 15) went from a black hull and red deck structure to a black hull and white deck structure just before taken out of service and sold. For a bit of trivia, that boat still sails on Lake Erie operating out of Erie, PA as a fishing charter and party charter under the name of the Edward John. By the way it now has a red hull and white deck structure but none of the fire fighting equipment or deck guns. The new CFD quick attack boat (Marine 17) is all white with a large black stripe. The only red on the boat is a round red CFD decal.

There is a clever ad on TV recently that has the car's paint peeling off to reveal a new car underneath. Too bad fire engines didn't come that way. It would have made life so much simpler.

HANDS-ON LEARNING

By Annamae Kacsandi

Let's face it, when you're at a museum, looking at an artifact behind glass can be somewhat...*boring*.

We've all been there before; a museum visit where items are on display, enclosed in a glass case protected by sensors and security guards. I often find myself wondering, how much does that fossil weigh, what do the layers of paint in a work of art feel like, or do I have the strength to turn the wheel of a Model T car? As it turns out, museums across the country understand a visitor's desire to fully experience art, history, and archives with more than just their eyes, but with their other senses.

Museums are now focusing on personal contact with visitors by incorporating more hands-on approaches to programming and exhibits. Museums are shifting from their old, static displays – just seeing - to engaging and interactive units – seeing, hearing, touching, smelling and even tasting! One reason is to stimulate the learning process, not just for children, but adults as well. When a visitor combines talking, listening, and activities that require movement or use of various senses, multiple parts of the brain are activated. The more parts of the brain one uses, the more likely they will be able to absorb and retain that information. Education is an essential part of many museums' missions and educational research shows that when a museum exhibit engages visitors of diverse ages and learning styles, greater opportunities for the exploration and sharing of knowledge become available. Utilizing multiple senses in an exhibit or program also allows for diverse learners and those with special needs to participate and learn. Another reason for the shift from static to engaging exhibits at museums – it's FUN. At museums, visitors can sift dirt like an archaeologist, mix chemicals, try on costumes, sample historic alcoholic drinks, and even churn butter. Visitors get to step back in time, experiment with science, and play a new role when they actively participate in a lesson or exhibit.

The Western Reserve Fire Museum and Education Center will embrace current museum practices and incorporate several hands-on experiences in both the formal and informal programming. Formal educational programs will be established for the Pre-Kindergarten through Fifth grade students as well as Senior Citizens to start. Each formal program will have a safety component, a historic and scientific component in the future exhibit, and hands-on activities. For example, the Bucket Brigade program will allow students to pass buckets of plastic balls (water) from the "well" to the source of the "fire." In doing this activity, they will learn about historic firefighting methods and early communities of the Western Reserve. In our Senior Citizen program, visitors will have an interactive experience in the Safety Kitchen discovering hidden hazards and brainstorming ways to correct them to make a safer home. The Smoke Bedroom will also provide an enhanced experience for students – seeing the smoke, crawling low and out the window, and assembling at the meeting point.

In addition to our formalized programs, visitors also experience hands-on activities in the form of informal learning opportunities:

Museum Learning Carts or Stations

Successfully used at other museums, the idea is to incorporate several hands on carts/stations in the main exhibit hall for visitors of all ages. These stations will revolve around a central theme and have a variety of artifacts and objects that can be touched. Volunteers will be on hand to provide information about the objects and encourage visitors to touch and feel. A visitor will be able to actually pick up the object and feel how heavy a nozzle is, feel the differences between an older and newer hose, and put a helmet on their head. Many of the objects will tie into the new exhibit and re-inforce ideas highlighted there.

What's Hot, What's Not

Located within our Safety Kitchen exhibit, children will be able to distinguish between items that are HOT and items that are NOT in the kitchen. Children can place labels on the items and reinforce the idea of what they should not touch in the kitchen. Adults can also play this game to test their fire safety knowledge.

Children's Play Area

A hands-on play area designed for children will help them blow off some "steam." A sliding pole, small truck, and turnout gear will be available for play. Small activities will be available on some weekends like crafts, coloring, or organized bucket brigades.

Pinterest

To continue the learning at home, the Museum has a Pinterest page. Check us out at Western Reserve Fire Museum to see ideas on at home crafts and activities, books to read, and safety messages to share with the family. The Museum will also post pictures of our activities and events on Pinterest, Instagram, and Facebook.

Want to help Museum Education? We can use all types of assistance from volunteers to donations to funding. Contact Annamae Kacsandi at kacsandi@wrfmc.com if you can assist in the following ways:

- **Volunteers** - to run educational and museum floor programming and tours.
- **Educational supplies** – donations of new materials or funds to purchase new materials – crayons, glue, construction paper, scissors, paint, etc.
- **Large Industrial Carts** – donation of carts or donation of materials and labor to build carts or stations.

CFD TRIVIA

By Paul Nelson

Q: How did the street boxes with a “10” in the box number (Box 10431) strike on the Gamewell System?

A: The bells would strike and the tape would be punched ten blows, four blows, three blows and one blow.

Cleveland had a number of ten street boxes that were introduced into the box numbering system that changed in 1928 and 1929. Up to that time most of the street boxes were 3-digit boxes with a few 4-digit boxes and even fewer 1 and 2-digit boxes in the span of 1905 to 1928. From the inception of street boxes in 1864 (that’s correct, over 150 years ago) box numbers were 1, 2 and 3-digits only.

10431		H & L		CHIEF	PPR	CHANGE QUARTERS	
ENGINE CO'S	13, 18, 28	10	2, 6		2	ENG. CO'S	8 to 13, 6 to 8, 9 to 18, 16 to 9, 14 to 3, 5 to 14, 27 to 28
R. S.	1				2	H & L	
2	3, 2, 7, 21				3	ENG. CO'S	6 to 13, 1 to 3, 4 to 1, 12 to 6, 23 to 12, 32 to 23, 17 to 18, 22 to 17
3	8, 9, 14	7	1		3	H & L	1 to 7, 2 to 1
4	27, 1, 6				4	ENG. CO'S	25 to 13, 5 to 3, 22 to 14, 10 to 17, 34 to 10, 12 to 28, 23 to 4, 24 to 8
5	17, 5, 25	3	7		5	ENG. CO'S	24 to 25, 20 to 8, 33 to 20, 16 to 7, 26 to 9, 35 to 26
					5	H & L	6 to 3, 11 to 6

The change to all 4-digit boxes occurred when new street boxes were purchased and installed in 1928 and 1929 after the new Alarm Office opened at 310 Carnegie Avenue. That also was the beginning of the use of fourth and fifth alarms. All the new boxes were Gamewell P.N.I non-interfering, successive type with earth return grounding.



WRFM Photo Collection

Department members listening to an exciting presentation on the new street boxes and the station receiving instruments

The sample 1928 running card of a ten-box has some chilling notes. On the box alarm response a large number of companies due on the box to the 5-5 alarm are no longer in service. Engine 18, 28, 3, 2, 21, 8, 9, 14, 27, 17, 5 and 25; Hook and Ladder 10 (renumbered 13), 7 (old Station 14) and 3 (old Station 9); Rescue Squad 1, and Battalion 1, 7 are all gone. On the Change Quarters the following companies are no longer in service: Engine 16, 12, 32, 34, 35; Hook and Ladder 6 (renumbered 17, 11 (old Hook and Ladder Station on St. Clair Avenue). The Standard Oil Works on Broadway is also gone.

Another bit of trivia on old street box numbers. What street box number would have the largest number of punches on the tape? No, it wasn't 9898, the test signal. Answer is Box 10777 at the airport. A total of 124 punches (31 on each round of four rounds that was standard on all boxes). Boy, did that eat up the tape!

Calendar of Events

- **Saturday, April 25, 2015** - Jackson, MI, GLIAFAA Fire Flea Market, Jackson County Fairgrounds. Info at www.gliafaa.com.
- **Sunday, May 31, 2015** - Cleveland, OH. Annual Firefighters Memorial Motorcycle Ride. Starting at 11:00am, Alfred Lerner Way, in front of Cleveland Firefighters Memorial. Info at www.firefightersmemorialride.com.
- **Spring** - (date tentative first week June; depending on construction) - Re-opening of Fire Museum with new display and completed Education Wing. Watch website www.wrfmc.com for details.
- **Saturday, June 27, 2015** - Reynoldsburg, OH, Fire Expo and Muster. Ohio Fire Academy, 8895 S. Main St., Reynoldsburg, OH. Info at www.com.ohio.gov/fire.
- **Fri.-Sat., July 24-25, 2015** - Frankenmuth, MI, GLIAFAA summer muster. Info at www.gliafaa.com.
- **Wed.-Sat., July 30-August 1, 2015** - Syracuse N.Y. National SPAAMFAA convention and muster. Information at www.spaamfaa.org.
- **Wed.-Sat., August 12-15, 2015** - Hartford, CT, IFBA 63rd Annual Summer Convention and related fire buff programs. Info: www.ifba.org.
- **Sunday, September 20, 2015** - Hudson, OH. The Annual Western Reserve Fire Museum/Western Reserve Fire Buffs Annual Fire Engine Muster, Barlow Farm Park, Terex Road, east of Darrow Road (SR 91). 10:00am to 2:00pm. **NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE TO THIRD SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER.** Info: Parker Browne, brownfire@aol.com.

FIRE MUSEUM NEWS

Fire Museum on Facebook

"Throw back" photos of older fire apparatus have been posted for the last couple of months on Thursdays with interesting comments for each posting. That has generated some interesting return comments. Now we will be posting additional photos on Tuesdays that will feature apparatus from the Lands of the Western Reserve (the 13 counties of Northeast Ohio). Thursday's photos will feature only Cleveland apparatus. All the photos come from the Museum's photo collection that has been established over the years, a great deal of which has been donated by members. If you have some apparatus photos you would like to donate to our collection, please do so.

Fire Museum Website www.wrfmc.com

The Museum's website is undergoing a change that should be finalized later this summer. You won't see it until it is finished and all the bugs have been eliminated. It will offer a fresh new look with easy to use drop-down menus to easily access a number of topics. The site will have a store where books, T-shirts and other interesting material will be offered for sale. It will have a secure option for membership payments and donations. Past issues of the Bugle, photo galleries and current events will also be part of the site. It will also be a new tool in offering fire safety activities to be used by visitors after they have toured the Museum. Just another component in the building of momentum as the Museum prepares for regular programming.

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Today's Puzzle

CFD Engine 33 (1879 Amoskeag) outside the firehouse. Cleveland always had two or three horse hitches pulling steamers. Why not here? Bring your answer to the Museum during our Spring Exhibit **FROM THE BUCKET BRIGADE TO HORSE DRAWN APPARATUS**. Fill out an entry blank with your answer and be entered in a drawing for a prize. See the front page of the Bugle for event details.

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