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## Paving the Way to the Future Memorial Paver Program

By John Zangerle

The Museum is pleased to announce the commencement of its Memorial Paver Program. Museum members will be able to purchase a commemorative paver to be placed on the Firefighters Memorial Plaza, the triangular area directly in front of the new Museum entrance. The Memorial Pavers will be a square 8-in. x 8-in. that will be engraved with text provided by the purchaser. The pavers are the highest quality available with a durable black epoxy paint used to highlight the engraved text.

These pavers are a wonderful way to honor a firefighter or family member in one of the most prominent locations in all of downtown Cleveland. The pavers will be flanked by our two lighted flag poles and the newly installed James Andrews Memorial Bench (see dedication article in this issue). Our provider will include a granite border to highlight and distinguish the pavers from the rest of the plaza. The purchaser can also add limited art work such as a

Maltese Cross to the paver design. All pavers will be ordered through the Museum on a special form that will provide detailed information on the design for your paver. Order forms will be available on the Museum website or by emailing Joan Oliver at the Museum at [oliverj@wrfmc.com](mailto:oliverj@wrfmc.com).



Paul Nelson photo

Site of memorial pavers on the plaza

In addition to preserving the memory or commemorating the career of a firefighter, this paver project will provide much needed revenue for the Museum as it opens. The cost of each paver will be \$200.00 for a Museum member and \$250.00 for non-members. Positioning of your paver will be on a first come, first served basis. Martina Monuments will be placing a first row of 16 pavers as soon as we have the orders and the engraving is complete. We are expecting to install this first row within the next 30 days. This row will serve as an example of the pavers. After installing the initial row, we will wait to install a block of pavers. Our initial block will be a

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## Opening Delayed President's Log

By Roy Ziganti, Jr.

Greetings from the corner of Ontario and Carnegie Avenues. Despite the best efforts of our volunteers, the Museum has encountered construction delays involving both electrical permits and alarm system completion. Both of these items must be taken care of before our final building inspection and the issuance of our occupancy permit. Our opening exhibit has been planned. Watch this space for notification of THE DATE!! We are anxious to show you the progress we have made and share our fall/winter exhibit Hand Drawn and Horse Drawn Firefighting with the public. This issue of The Bugle has been delayed to present information on the Paver Program and information on our opening.

Work has been progressing at the Museum, with the safety education area kitchen cabinets and counter being installed. We also received delivery of the cabinets for our multi-purpose classroom on the first floor, Joe and Kevin should have these installed by the publication of this article. The Multi-purpose room has received a new coat of paint courtesy of Jim Bell to go along with the refinished floor the room is really shaping up.

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## Paving the Way

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total of 128 engraved pavers including the first row. We hope to have the full first block sold and installed this year. Thereafter, we will install pavers no less than annually. If enough pavers are sold over the winter, we plan to do a spring installation. Ultimately, we would like to have an installation ceremony of new pavers each year before Fire Prevention Week in October.

Memorial Pavers are a wonderful way to recognize your family and friends while supporting the Museum. Even though we call them Memorial Pavers, these pavers are not just for a memorial, but can celebrate your Cadet Class, a retirement, or a significant event with a paver.

## Log

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Paul Nelson photo

New stonework at base of columns

An offer was made to Board member Stuart Warner to install the lights for the flag poles on the plaza by a couple of gentlemen who work for Great Lakes Construction. Roger McDowell, Dan Cogar, and John Stein did a bang up job positioning the fixtures to properly illuminate the two flag poles. This dirty thankless job that these young men completed after work following a ten hour day won't go unnoticed. This job would not have been completed without the assistance of Great Lakes Construction who provided the needed tools to demolish the 8-inches of concrete and also the material to reset the pavers. Shawn Flannigan and assistants have completed the stonework for the columns of the front canopy.

The basement portion of the smoke detection system will also be completed by the time of publication of the news letter. Ken Jordan, Bill Deighton, Richard Lash, and Roger Manzuk have been working hard to get these devices installed. John Heiman has been busy at our West 3rd St. storage building consolidating all of our artifact collections.

In August 2014 the Fire Museum had a pretty successful fund raiser "DOUSE THE HOUSE" unfortunately we were not able to put on such an event this year. I welcome any advice that anyone may have for avenues of fund raising as funds are going to get tight while we open the building and try to continue finishing the rehabilitation.

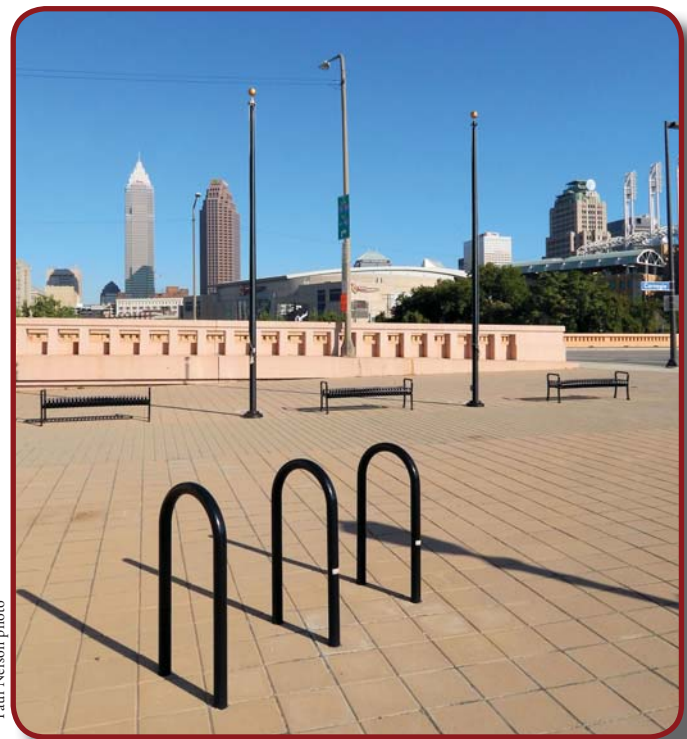
We are still in need of many able bodies to paint and move items mainly journals within the building. Email me or give me a call 216.536.9866.

## James Andrews Memorial Bench

By John Zangerle

Cleveland IAFF Local 93 has requested that the James Andrews Memorial Bench, currently in the lobby of the Fire Training Academy, be fittingly relocated to the Firefighters Memorial Plaza in front of the Museum. The Museum welcomes the addition of this very attractive polished black granite bench to a place of honor between the two lighted flag poles in front of the main entrance to the Museum. James Andrews served at Station 28 during his career and was the longtime president of Local 93. A re-dedication of the bench will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 14:00 hours on the Firefighters Memorial Plaza in front of the Museum. Refreshments available following the ceremony at the Museum. Check the Local 93 website or the Museum website for further details.

The black benches that were installed by ODOT on the plaza will be moved closer to the street to create a barrier along Central Viaduct Roadway. The new memorial bench will be placed where the middle bench is seen in the photo



Paul Nelson photo

Museum Memorial Plaza

## History on the Move

By Paul Nelson

The planned storage area in the Museum basement for archival storage is finally ready to accept material. The first of over 500 boxes of CFD station journals have been placed on a series of storage racks. The journals have been cleaned, stabilized and each one placed in its own acid-free protective jacket and placed into special archival storage boxes. The details of the collection has been computerized to allow easy access of any journal for research purposes and fulfillment of one of the Museum's missions...to preserve fire fighting history in our area.

Once all the racks are installed, other archival material will also be moved into the room. The completed room is the work of countless volunteers who have been involved in demolition, pipe fitting, electrical and lighting, alarm systems, carpentry, brick-laying, concrete finishing, floor restoration, cleaning, painting and last but not least moving heavy boxes. The project was completed with the installation of the racks that were sized and positioned in the room to maximize usable space. Another example of how the Museum has made great progress through the generous help from our volunteers.



Basement archive storage area

## Have Your Child's Birthday Party at the Fire Museum !!!

By John Zangerle

After hosting our two exhibits we have learned children love the Fire Museum. Whether it is putting on turnout gear and role playing or ringing a bell or alarm, children have a great time. With that in mind, what better way to celebrate your child's birthday than to have a party at Cleveland's newest attraction. Our Education Director, Annamae Kacsandi, has worked out the details for **Birthday Parties at the Fire Museum.**

Parties can be scheduled for either Saturday morning at 11:00 AM or Saturday afternoon at 2:00 PM. Because we can only host two a week, we are sure demand will be very high and we will book up quickly. You should contact Annamae at the Museum, 216-664-6312, or email at [kacsandia@wrfmc.com](mailto:kacsandia@wrfmc.com) for reserving a date and pricing details. Birthday parties will include a one hour session in the Museum including fire safety training and play in our Education Wing and a tour of the Museum. The second hour will be the birthday party held in the Museum's classroom/all-purpose room adjacent to the Education area.

We are pleased to offer this special opportunity on a first come, first served basis starting in 2016. Birthday parties are an important activity at many other fire museums around the country. We look forward starting our own traditions at the Western Reserve Fire Museum and Education Center. The Museum will also be available for special events including meetings, retirement gatherings, and group tours. Check the website, [www.wrfmc.com](http://www.wrfmc.com), for further information on birthday parties and events.



Buffalo Fire Museum

## Fire Museum Network

By Paul Nelson

Each year people from fire museums and fire historical societies across the nation meet in a national conclave for workshops, case studies of museum challenges, visits to museums in the host city and other related fire activities. This year's conference was held in Buffalo the last weekend of August hosted by the Buffalo Fire Historical Society. Bill Hall, President of the Columbus museum is President of the association and he and his associates arranged an excellent program.

The group visited the Buffalo Fire Museum, two other fire museums in suburban West Seneca and Lancaster and the Buffalo History Museum. Highlight of the event was a trip aboard Buffalo's fire boat Edward M. Cotter (Engine 21), built in 1901 and the oldest active fireboat in service in the US. When built it was a coal-fired vessel.

WRFM was represented by John Zangerle (a Director of FMN), Pat Zangerle, Joan Oliver and Paul Nelson. Next year's meeting is scheduled for San Antonio at the city's former fire headquarters that has recently opened as a fire museum.



Buffalo Engine 21

## Firefighters Memorial Ride

By Joe Mason

This was the eleventh year the Museum operated the food tent at the Firefighters Memorial Ride. This year with the rain and weather concerns we didn't do as well money wise as in previous years. In our eleven years of doing this project, this is the first time we have had a rainy day. The ride was on Sunday, May 31st and the skies were not our friend. For those who don't know, we cook hamburgers, hot dogs, and sell them along with water and pop to the riders. Because of the weather many of the riders that would normally be riding did not come, and as a result our food tent did not sell as much.

We still had over 26 volunteers cooking, serving, and selling raffle tickets. Rider Insurance, for several years, has sponsored our food tent and donated \$600 to be our sponsor. Our total income was just under \$1,400 for the day, which includes the vendors who come down to give away their advertising items and/or sell their products, and who in turn give us a donation for coming. Our vendors this year were Firefighters Community Credit Union, The 911 Shop and Fire-Dex fire gear. Sheffield Village Firefighters Local 4275 also has helped us out with a donation each year and this year gave us \$200. All of these donations along with our food sales make up this total of \$1,400. Walmart donated \$700 to help with our expenses. We also have over the years received a donation from the Memorial Ride itself which last year was \$1,500. We hope the total for this morning of work will be about \$3,700 when all the donations have been made.

Thanks to all the people who make this happen, especially all our volunteers who do the work that day, represented strongly by the Dan Hayden family. The Hayden's come out each year to work that day along with many others members and friends who volunteer each year, and we appreciate their involvement in our Firefighters Memorial Ride. Also special thanks to Mark and Diane Bauman and family who do all our cooking and buy the meat and buns we use and to Jim Bell for buying all our drinks.



Photos by Dan Hayden and Joe Mason

Lots of helpers on a really cold day

## SAFETY DAY AT THE ZOO

**By Paul Nelson**

Museum members spent the day at the Zoo talking to the animals...and to kids about fire safety. The Greater Cleveland Safety Council sponsored their 30th Annual Safety Day at the Zoo on June 24, 2015 with the Museum participating in the event. Patches and Pumper, our animatronic fire dog in a fire engine, was a big hit with the young visitors. He talked to them reminding them to have smoke detectors with good batteries. Future fire fighters were able to “put out a fire” in our “burning” house and then move on to the CFD smoke house to “escape from a fire.”

Jeff Campbell brought his 1976 American LaFrance pumper (ex Bedford Heights) to the event that offered an opportunity for kids to have their picture taken while sitting in the cab. The pumper also provided a supply of water for the pressurized extinguishers being used on the burning house. A display table had fire safety bulletins, coloring books and the new Junior Fire Brigade newsletter for kids being published by the Museum. (See story below about the new newsletter.)

In addition to Jeff and his two children, others participating in the day’s events were Joan Oliver, Jim Bell, Annamae Kacsandi, Dan Hayden and Paul Nelson. It was an opportunity for the Museum to promote fire safety in the community, one of our primary missions.



Paul Nelson Photos

Young visitors learn about fire safety...and have fun, too!

## New Museum Children’s Newsletter

As part of our children’s safety programming, the Western Reserve Fire Museum will now issue a Children’s Newsletter four times a year. This newsletter is aimed at children in elementary school and will feature small articles, safety tips, and activities each quarter. The first issue of the Children’s Newsletter came out this summer as a handout for Safety Day at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. The next issue will be all about Fire Prevention for the fall. Copies of the new Children’s Newsletter will be available as a handout at the museum and as a PDF on our new website.

The museum will also host a contest for children to name the newsletter – check our new website for more information this fall.

### Junior Fire Brigade

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#### What is the Fire Museum?

There is a brand new museum opening up this year in Cleveland. It will be called the Western Reserve Fire Museum and Education Center. A museum is a place that takes care of items that have an important role in our history. The new fire museum will take care of old items from firefighting history like helmets, trucks, and alarms and put them on display for visitors to see. Since the new museum will also be an education center, it will teach children and adults about fire safety. There will be hands-on exhibits like a smoke bedroom and kitchen to show fire safety in the home. It is very important to make sure everyone knows what to do to prevent a fire or what to do in case a fire starts. The museum will be located in an old Cleveland fire station built in 1926. It takes a lot of volunteers to turn the old fire station into a museum so it is still under construction. Make sure to come back this fall to see the museum open!

**Words to Know**

**Matches** – A tool that is used to start a fire. Matches are small wooden sticks with a tip on one end.

**Lighters** – A small metal or plastic container used to start a fire. Lighters are filled with a liquid that can catch fire when the small wheel is turned.

**Sun** – The bright center of our universe. The sun provides heat and light to Earth. The sun is very hot and can cause high temperatures in summer. Many people can get burns from being outside in the sun for too long.

**Grills** – A container that is used to cook food. Grills come in many shapes and sizes. Grills can cook food with gas or hot rocks, called charcoal.

**Campfires** – A fire outside that people use when they camp, or sleep outside. A campfire can provide light and warmth when camping. Campfires are made with wood, twigs, and even paper.

**Fireworks** – Are made up of light, noise, and smoke. Fireworks are often a display of colorful explosions in the sky.

There is much more work to be done if you think that you can help us out please give us a call at 216.664.6312.

**Smoky Bear Pledge**

Pledge to be safe outdoors and protect wildfires. Ask a group to visit this website and sign the pledge!  
<http://www.smokebear.com/take-pledge.asp>

## OPEN FOR LEARNING SOON!

### By Annamae Kacsandi

After a few months of delays, the Fire Museum will officially open soon on a Wednesday through Saturday schedule. With a new exhibit and the safety kitchen and bedroom completed, the first floor will be open to the public while work continues on the second floor. The hands on play area for children will also be ready when we open. Since I started working with the Fire Museum, I've noticed the interest in our Museum growing each month. It's exciting to be able to tell everyone our official opening date and plan visits.

On the educational side, the Fire Museum will begin working with groups this fall. Already, there is a list of interested adult and day care groups that wish to tour the museum and experience a fire safety program. This will be an excellent way to begin our educational programming; targeting the two most sensitive populations first, children and the elderly. It will also be a great benefit to both myself and the volunteers to start out with small groups and then work our way up to the large field trip classes.

Our pre-school and kindergarten age program will be ready for the fall. This program will incorporate several fire safety themes for young children such as not to play with matches, not to be afraid of firefighters, and stop, drop and roll. The Fire Museum was fortunate to receive a \$75 gift card to Target to purchase supplies for this program. Senior programming will be available for active adults that wish to visit the museum. By incorporating a mixture of the National Fire Prevention Association's "Remembering When" program and utilizing our safety exhibits, fire prevention information for senior citizens will focus on the home, and preventing fire and trip hazards.

Other educational plans that will be incorporated this fall and winter will include the hands on stations with historical artifacts, weekly story time, and a home safety display. Kidde was very generous and donated seven brand new items to the Fire Museum for use in museum exhibits. A variety of smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, an escape ladder, and an extinguisher were all part of this wonderful donation.

Despite all these great plans we have in place at the Fire Museum, the one thing we are still missing is more VOLUNTEERS. We are currently looking for individuals interested in working the front desk and leading visitors in tours and programs. We will need individuals that are comfortable working with the public and able to donate a few hours each week. Training sessions will be available later this summer. If you are interested in volunteering with the museum, please contact Annamae Kacsandi at [kacsandia@wrfmc.com](mailto:kacsandia@wrfmc.com) or at 216-664-6312.

## RTA SEARCH THE CITY EVENT

### By Annamae Kacsandi

On Saturday, June 20, 2015, the Western Reserve Fire Museum participated in the RTA's Search the City Scavenger Hunt. RTA hosts this event each year to celebrate Cleveland's unique cultural heritage and to promote public transportation. This year, RTA selected the Fire Museum to highlight as a new downtown destination.

The Search the City event is a scavenger hunt through Cleveland where teams must travel by foot or public transportation to stops downtown and on the east and west sides. At each stop, teams must complete a mental or physical challenge. The challenge for the Fire Museum was to put out a "fire." Inside the museum, teams had to sound an alarm, dress up in turn out gear, fill up buckets with "water" (blue plastic play balls) and create a bucket brigade to the burning house. Teams then had to throw their buckets full of blue "water" at the wooden flames to knock them down. Each team that came in learned a little about the Fire Museum and the history of firefighting.

Overall, there were 150 participants on 26 teams that stopped by the Fire Museum during the event. Despite the heavy rains, everyone had a great time and visitors enjoyed seeing the inside of the museum. This was great exposure, thanks to RTA!



Joan Oliver Photos

Visitors carry out a task on their stop at the Museum

## CFD TRIVIA

By Paul Nelson

**Q:** What engine company had a horse drawn pumper that was not a steamer??

**A:** Engine Co. No. 31. A gasoline-powered small pump on a four-wheel wagon acquired from Collinwood at the time of annexation.

The Village of Collinwood, just northeast of Cleveland and probably most well known as the site of a horrific school fire in 1908, became part of Cleveland in 1910. A condition of the terms in that annexation stipulated that Cleveland provide fire protection for the area that had been served by the Collinwood Volunteer Fire Department.

The Collinwood Volunteer Fire Department was staffed mostly by workers at the nearby railroad yard who were there around the clock. Their apparatus included a circa 1905, 300gpm pumping engine mounted on an ordinary four-wheel wagon. It was built by Howe and was powered by a 4-cylinder Rutenber gasoline engine attached to the pump and mounted on the wagon bed. Howe and a few other builders developed this type of engine for small communities who could not afford the more costly steam fire engine.



WRFM Photo Collection

The Collinwood Engine in an undated photo

Collinwood Volunteer Fire Department had a plain four-wheel hose wagon to accompany the engine and a simple four-wheel ladder carriage to round out the apparatus fleet. Those rigs were acquired by Cleveland upon annexation and were assigned to the Cleveland Fire Department. The engine and hose wagon became the apparatus of newly created Engine Co. No. 31 that operated out of the former volunteer firehouse in the Town Hall on Collamer Avenue. The ladder carriage was never used by CFD. A new station was built for Engine 31 and a newly established Ladder 13 at 747 E. 152nd Street with both companies receiving motorized apparatus when the station opened. Station No. 31 never had horses.

## Calendar of Events

- **Wednesday, October 7, 2015** - Cleveland, OH. Dedication of the James Andrews Memorial Bench on the Memorial Plaza of the Fire Museum at 310 Carnegie Avenue in conjunction with IAFF Local 93. Program at 2:00pm with refreshments to follow. Info at royziganti@gmail.com.
- **Sunday, October 10, 2015** - Brewster, OH. Firefighters parade and memorial service. 9:30am and parade at 10:15am. Info: Rev. Ron Bryant, RBryant31@aol.com.
- **Sunday, January 31, 2016** - Cleveland, OH. The Western Reserve Fire Museum and Education Center Annual Meeting at the Museum, 310 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, OH. Social hour at 1:00pm, Meeting at 2:00pm.
- **Saturday, March 5, 2016** - Cleveland, OH. Annual Western Reserve Fire Museum Flea Market, Cleveland Fire Training Academy, 3210 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, OH. Doors open at 8:00am. Info at www.wrfmc.com.
- **SPAAMFAA Events for 2016**
  - Midwinter Meeting, Feb. 17-20, 2016** - Houston, TX
  - Summer Convention and Muster August 10-14, 2016** - Middletown, NY, More info from John Zangerle, a SPAAMFAA Trustee, at jpzangerle@gmail.com.

## A PARTING SHOT



Paul Nelson photo

There are some interesting views from the Museum plaza looking out over downtown. This shot was taken early on the morning of St. Patrick's Day when all of Terminal Tower lights were a bright green.

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**Safety Day at the Zoo**

The Fire Museum was an active participant in the 30th Annual Greater Cleveland Safety Council's Safety Day at the Zoo on June 14, 2015. Young future firefighters had the opportunity to extinguish a "fire" in a house. See Page 5 in this issue of The Bugle for more information on the day's activities.

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