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President's Log

By Roy P. Ziganti, Jr.

Greetings members of the Western Reserve Fire Museum; it has been pretty busy down at the corner of Carnegie and Ontario since the last issue of The Bugle. Much work has been completed with the alarm system as well as preparing surfaces for refinishing. This is all in preparation for future displays which will be put in place in the Education Wing. Cleveland Fireman and their sons and retirees once again came through for the repair and completion of the Education Wing floor, making the construction of the much needed displays possible. The photo is from the Columbus Fire Museum and their displays will be a model for our displays.

These individuals included Scott Day (E-33) and his son Jason, Rick DiNardi, retired (E-43), Vito (VJ) Giammarco (L-30), Ryan Brenner (E-41), Nick Rucella (E-41), Mitch Miklus, Jr., Pat Hageman (E-36), Mike Moore (L-20), Jack Jedick, retired ACO, and Marty Garvey, retired Bay Village Fire. Without these guys showing up and laboring in the sometimes miserable conditions, we would not have the floor in place in the Education Wing.

Photo by Paul Nelson



membership so that completion of the floor would be possible. I also want to assure you that these are not the only projects we have worked on over the last few months. Finally, I would like to thank the individuals, too many to list by name in this letter, for their time, labor and dedication.

Over ten years ago, we conceived of an idea for a Western Reserve Fire Museum - a place for all Firemen, not just Cleveland Firemen. Since then, we have had many members of area Departments help us out: Cleveland Heights, Bay Village, Brooklyn, North Royalton, and others. Members from Twinsburg, Brooklyn, and Parma have joined through payroll deduction. Over the years, there has been an attempt to reach out to other Fire Departments with minimal success. Now is the time for those of you reading this who are members of the "Western Reserve" (and there are a lot of you out there) to come and be part of our organization. We need Firemen from all municipalities, people in the trades, strong backs, and yes, your

time and dollars to help complete this project on the corner of Ontario and Carnegie. Come down, check out the building and join the organization. Drop me a line @ rz798@sbcglobal.net.

I put out a plea to retired members of Cleveland Fire in the beginning of January asking for donations to fund the work on the floor; I want to express my thanks to those who renewed their yearly

Lots of Fleas

By John Zangerle

Thirty years ago Bob Gahr proposed that the Western Reserve Fire Buffs hold a Flea Market to buy and sell fire related items. Bob was (and still is) a regular at the huge annual Hershey, PA classic car flea market and show. He saw the potential for a specialty flea market for fire items. Bob persuaded the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department to allow us to use their large service garage at the rear of the station. We borrowed folding tables from a local company. The first flea market was very successful and it has been repeated each year. After five years we had outgrown the Cuyahoga Heights location and moved to the Cleveland Fire Training Academy. The FTA has been the perfect site for our event.

For our March 1, 2014 Flea Market, we again sold out all 72 tables despite the cold weather. We had over 30 vendors from a broad regional area including Wisconsin, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Ontario, Canada. The Flea Market was both a social and financial success. As the first northern firematic Flea Market of the year, it is widely regarded as the start of the flea market circuit. It is a chance to clean out your basement or garage and/or find parts or items for your vehicle or collection (and fill up

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Fleas

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your basement or garage again). It is also where we come out of winter hibernation to see old friends. Everything was there from shirts to sirens and models to nozzles.

The Flea Market takes a team of volunteers to keep things running. This year we had a great door prize of four premium Cavaliers tickets and parking pass provided by Clark Oil Company, arranged by Steven Hildebrant. The door was run by Joan Oliver and Karen Sodini. Linn Gahr worked at the door and assisted by selling Museum T-shirts. Dale Cohen again helped with the vendor layout that was setup late Friday afternoon. Paul Nelson again manned the Museum's information table and set up a nice display. My wife, Pat, again ran the "gourmet" kitchen with the stalwart help of regular Stan Socha. Dan Hayden and Jim Bell sold raffle tickets and I manned the Museum flea market table. Most important is all the prior planning required. Organizing the vendors the night before and the early morning of the event can only be compared to "herding cats". Perennial co-chairs Steve Hildebrant and Bob Gahr are experts at tying up all those loose ends.

Finally, we have to give special thanks to CFD Chief Pat Kelly and the staff at the Fire Training Academy for allowing us to take over their space for the day. This year was particularly demanding because a new cadet class had just started. Without the support of CFD, none of this would be possible. We appreciate Chief Kelly taking the time to stop in and check out the Flea Market.

Many of the flea market regular workers, including our chairpersons, have expressed the need for "new blood" to keep the Flea Market running. After thirty years, a few of us would like to "retire" and we need new volunteers to step up. Please talk to Bob, Steve, or me if you can help us next year.



Collage Photos by Paul Nelson

In Memorium: Remembering American LaFrance

By Walt McCall

Late in the afternoon of Friday, January 17, *American LaFrance LLC* abruptly closed its fire apparatus plant in Moncks Corner, South Carolina, throwing more than 150 people out of work and bringing down the curtain on a dynasty extending back 114 years – 182 years if you include ALF's predecessors that trace their roots back to 1832.

The closure – not unexpected – was what appears to be the final act of a three-act play. If we were talking Shakespeare here, the last act would go down as a tragedy.

The *American-LaFrance Fire Engine Company* of Elmira, N.Y. was founded in 1904 and introduced its first successful motor fire apparatus in 1910. Always an innovator, ALF introduced the industry's first V-12 engine in 1931 and the first compact, forward-control JOX service aerial in 1938. But the company's most iconic product was the revolutionary cab-forward 700 Series which went into production in 1947. Virtually all of today's custom-chassis fire apparatus is of basically the same game-changing configuration ALF pioneered nearly 70 years ago. More than three thousand 700 Series pumpers, aerials, city service ladder trucks, quads, quints, squads and airport crash trucks were delivered during the 700'S 12-year production run, which ended in 1959.

Not unexpectedly – rumors had been swirling for many months – the January shutdown marked the *third time* ALF has gone out of business. After 152 years (Asa and Truckson LaFrance founded their LaFrance Mfg. Co. there in 1873) the company closed its ancestral plant in Elmira in 1985, only to re-emerge, Phoenix-like, the following year as a much-smaller fire apparatus builder based in Bluefield, Va. Eight years later, in 1994, that company -- Kersey/American LaFrance -- also went out of business. In 1996 truck maker Freightliner Corp. resurrected the once-proud American LaFrance name once more, with an all-new ALF *Eagle* custom fire apparatus line built in a modern new plant in Cleveland, S.C. Five years later ALF relocated to the North Charleston, S.C. area, and in 2008 moved again, this time into a huge new \$35 million plant and office complex near Summerville, S.C. Last year ALF relocated to yet *another* plant – its fourth – in Moncks Corner, S.C., where after only a few months equity owner Patriarch Partners finally pulled the plug.

This time it looks like ALF is really down for the count. The legendary American-LaFrance nameplate joins other once-revered makes like *Pirsch, Maxim, Crown, Mack, Ahrens-Fox and Ward LaFrance* in the pantheon of North American motor fire apparatus history. For much of the 20th century, American-LaFrance was the colossus of the industry – to the North American fire apparatus business what General Motors was to the auto industry. As noted, with two interregnums, ALF was around for 114 years. But Seagrave is the industry's oldest continuous player, now in its 133rd year. Founded in Detroit in 1881, Seagrave continued production during the big move from Columbus, O. to Clintonville, Wisc. following its acquisition by FWD in 1963. In terms of longevity, Pirsch is next with 101 years (1898-1991); Mack, 79 years (1912-1991); Maxim 75 years (1914-1989) and Ahrens-Fox just 46 years, from 1910-1956.

The big question now is what happens to ALF's historical records, currently in storage in South Carolina, and the 19 pieces of apparatus in the ALF Museum in North Charleston. *R.I.P. ALF.....*

Ed. Note: Thanks to well known author and apparatus historian Walt McCall for permission to reprint this article that appeared in the GLIAFAA Newsletter. Cleveland had 60 ALF's including 32 pumpers, 21 ladders, 2 quads, 2 snorkels and 3 pumper/TeleSqrts from 1917 to 1980.



ALF Photo

1951 Cleveland ALF delivery of 1-1500gpm pumper, 3-1250gpm pumpers and 6-85-ft aerials on display at Cleveland Memorial Stadium.

1979 Cleveland ALF delivery of 10-1500gpm pumpers, 2-1500gpm pumpers/50ft TeleSqrts and 2-100ft aerials on display at the lakefront.



City of Cleveland Photo

Cleveland Fire Department Sesquicentennial To the End...but No Ending...2004 - 2014

By Paul Nelson

This is the last installment in tracing the 150 years of Cleveland Fire Department history covering the activities after being established on April 9, 1863 by an Ordinance of City Council. April 9, 2014 marks the completion of 150 years of continuous service (54, 738 days) of answering the alarm, racing to the scene, extinguishing the fire or handling whatever incident found and then returning to quarters to wait to do it all over again. It is estimated that over 15,000 individuals have worn the badge. Some for a short time, a few for over 50 years when retirement was not mandatory and 76 members who died in the line of duty. This narrative history salutes all who have and who still wear that badge of courage and honor.



Paul Nelson Photo

First apparatus of 21st Century. 2000 General/Spartan 109-ft RK Aerial (1of 2).

The arrival of the 21st Century brought significant changes to the Fire Department much of which was driven by external factors. The City has seen a decline in population that once approached one million after World War II. With a decline in population there was less tax revenue available both from residential property and commercial businesses triggering the inevitable cuts. In 1932 the Department reached the highest number of companies in service. There were a total of 63 including 40 engines (including 2 fireboats), 18 ladders, 2 hose companies and 3 rescue squads arranged in 13 battalions. At the end of 150 years there were a total of 34 including 22 engines, 11 ladders, 2 technical rescue squads arranged in 5 battalions. The highest manpower level ever occurred on January 1, 1961 with a number of 1,339. The most recent high number was 1,325 on June 11, 1973 after the addition of 125 cadets.

Engine Co. 39 made the first run of the 21st Century at 0001hrs, 01/01/00 with a first responder call to 14355 Lorain Avenue. The first box alarm occurred at 0004hrs, 01/01/00 at 2729 Ralph Avenue for Engine 42-20, Ladder 42, Rescue Squad 2 and Battalion 4. There were 25 engines (including the combination boat company 2/21), 14 ladders, 4 rescue squads arranged in 6 battalions on 01/01/00.

The events of 9/11 were watched on TV in Cleveland in absolute disbelief. Unknowing what might happen 74 Department members were recalled and remained on duty until the following morning.

A Delta Boeing 767 jet was diverted to Cleveland Hopkins with an "unknown" potential problem. It landed and taxied to a remote airport location surrounded by safety forces. CFD sent a 2-2-2 alarm response as a precaution to assist Hopkins ARFF but there was no problem.

No official assistance was sent to New York but a number of off duty CFD members went their on their own to help their FDNY brothers. On September 17th a memorial service was held at the Cathedral downtown with over 2,000 safety force members marching to the service.

A new company was established on November 19, 2001 known as Tactical Rescue 4 with members trained in the various technical rescue operations. It was placed in service at the converted Safety Signal Building connected to Station No. 28 making it the only firehouse in the City with an inside loading dock. The company was renamed Tactical Rescue 5 (TAC-5) on December 15th to avoid confusion with Rescue Squad 4. Their first run after completing training was on November 26th. BEARS also relocated from Station 5 to Safety Signal which was named "new" Station 28 at 312 Carnegie Avenue.

The Alarm Office in operation at Station 28 since 1926 closed on September 25, 2002 and moved to the 9-1-1 Center on Payne Avenue. Rescue Squad No. 5 was established at Station 41 on February 6, 2003 as an ALS/fire rescue squad, manned when staff was avail-



Steve Nedrich Photo

One of the deployed mutual aid tankers, Sullivan A2722, assists Engine 23 at a small work.

able but was short lived. The big story of 2003 was The Blackout. At 1610hrs on August 14th the electric grid began to collapse. By 1715hrs the Cleveland Water System was crippled without backup diesel generators at the pumping stations creating a serious fire fighting danger.

Between 1610hrs (8/14) and 0800hrs (8/15) CFD responded to



Paul Nelson Photo

CFD Color Guard presenting colors

489 incidents including two 2-2-2 alarms and a worker that claimed two lives. 241 fire fighters were called back to duty and manned 6 extra pumpers, 3 extra ladders, 2 extra rescue squads, HazMat 702 as a rescue squad and full manning of the fireboat. Cleveland Hopkins ARFF units (16 and 21) were deployed to firehouses (large water tanks). At 10:10hrs the Governor declared a State of Emergency that activated a massive mutual aid operation at 01:35hrs (8/15)

bringing 16 large volume tankers to City firehouses. They came from all over Northeast Ohio as far away as Ashland County and Trumbull County. They responded on calls with the company's pumper and Sullivan Tanker A2722 actually had a small work with Engine 23. There were no catastrophic incidents and everything was generally back to normal at the end of the day on August 15th.

The end of 2003 saw the start of major changes in the Department including layoffs and company relocations. On November 25th a Special Order announced the move of a number of companies in anticipation of the layoff of 150 fire fighters by Mayor Jane Campbell.

Not all of the moves happened as indicated on the order but Ladder 17 moved to new Station 28 becoming Ladder 28 and Ladder 30 moved to Station 22 becoming Ladder 22. Ladder 22 and 28 returned to their regular houses on December 18th making them the shortest time ladder companies in CFD history.

After a series of events the layoffs were reduced to 70 members and another series of changes occurred on January 4, 2004.

- Fire Dispatch staff reduced and changed to 12-hr shifts
- Engine 7 and Ladder 7 out of service
- New Ladder 9 established from Engine 9 taken out of service
- Ladder 13 out of service; personnel became Ladder 11
- Ladder 11 personnel became Engine 5; company later browned out
- Rescue Squad 1 to Station 13
- Rescue Squad 4 to new Station 28
- TAC-5 to Station 7 to assume running card of Engine 7
- Tower 17 on brown out

The new Ladder 9 received the tower of Ladder 10 and became Tower 9; they kept the tower for only a few months.

On January 1, 2005 a new 3-digit NFIRS reporting system was implemented replacing the 2-digit CLEFIRS System. On the same day at shift change, members of Fire Dispatch returned to 24-hour shifts. The radio designation of the on-duty Assistant Chief was changed to AC-1 on January 26th replacing the traditional use of each chief's number designation (165, 166, etc.).

A new CAD System and software became operational by March 2006 that would interface with MDC's in apparatus. Mobile equipment started to be installed in October 2006 and was fully operational by July 27, 2007. The Search and Rescue dog team was established by Lt. John Bellflower in 2007 with Roxie, a Golden Retriever puppy.

The Fire Fighters Memorial on the lakefront was dedicated on June 15, 2007 in a moving ceremony. Members of the Department met at the old monument in Willard Park, conducted a decommissioning ceremony and then marched to the new monument accompanied by antique apparatus. The names of each man on the monument was read aloud followed by a tap on the large outside Station bell from Station 8 provided by the Fire Museum.



at Fire Fighters Memorial dedication.



Paul Nelson Photo

Ladder 28 with Lt. Pete Jeddick in service at Station 28 in December.

New black turnout gear was introduced in 2007. On April 7, 2008 the first paramedic engine company in the Department's history was placed in service at Engine 36. On April 13, 2009 the first Cadet Class in 11 years began a training program and graduated on August 7, 2009.

Another round of layoffs occurred on January 11, 2010 including all of the members of the newly appointed Cadet Class. Ladder 42 was browned out. On January 19th Rescue Squad 4 and TAC-5 were placed out of service and combined into a new company known as Tactical Task Force 7 (TTF 7) consisting of the apparatus of both companies and a new 6-member crew per shift. On May 10, 2010 Mayor Frank Jackson announced a plan would be developed to integrate the Division of Fire and the EMS Division into a single Division under the command of the Fire Chief. On August 4, 2010 the CFD SharePoint Computer System was placed in service for Fire Department communications.

New Thermal Imaging Cameras (TIC) were placed in service on January 20, 2011. Another round of layoffs occurred on May 30, 2011 involving 49 members that caused the permanent brownouts of Ladder 9, Engine 17 and Battalion 1. One June 20th Engine 33 and Engine 2/21 were browned out and revolving brownouts of other companies began. Engine 31 returned to regular service on November 7th. Other changes included the elimination of chief's aides creating a new Emergency Incident Accountability System.

On January 17, 2012 Station 17 reopened as home for the BEAM truck (734), the PMO office and the FIU 24-hour car (713). Station 9 and 21 remained unoccupied. The new ISO Survey report was released on March 6, 2012 with the City retaining a Class 3 rating. The new quick response/dive boat was placed in service on September 2, 2012 and now is under command of TRS 1.



Steve Nedrich Photo

Tower 9 working E. 71st St. and Quincy Ave. on February 17, 2004.

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Sesquicentennial

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The year 2013 began with an authorized strength of 785. Rescue Squad service was discontinued on February 11, 2013 with the removal of all three squads from service ending the use of rescue squads that started in 1927. Two new Technical Rescue Squads were established for fire and rescue service only.

A new Cadet Class graduated on February 24, 2014. Additional paramedic engine companies were created at Engine 1, 20, 23 and 40 joining Engine 36 that became a paramedic engine in 2008. A new 800 MHz radio system became operational in the fall of 2013 replacing a system that had been in place since 1993.

New fire apparatus included new names to Cleveland of builders such as Luverne (later known as Crimson Fire), Smeal, Rosenbauer (successor to General Safety), Central States and SVI. The 21st Century began with Kevin Gerrity as Chief (1997) replaced by Paul Stubbs in 2004. On his retirement in 2012 Assistant Chief Tim O'Toole was named Acting Chief until Daryl McGinnis was appointed Chief in 2013. Current Chief Pat Kelly was appointed the fifteenth permanent fire chief on December 3, 2013.

As usual available space limits detailed reports of fires. A significant reduction in the loss of life by civilians in a fire has continued with a low number of three in 2011, the lowest number since 1901. While not the largest fire, the most notable fire of this period was the residential house arson fire on

May 21, 2005 at 1220 E. 87th Street that claimed the lives of eight children and one adult. It was the largest loss of life ever in Cleveland in a residential dwelling. Companies were on the scene



Steve Nedrich Photo

Fire fighters attempting to make rescues at the E. 87th Street fire.

within three minutes. Multiple heroic attempts were made by fire fighters to reach the victims but they were driven back by heavy interior, rapidly advancing fire making rescue of those trapped physically impossible.

We end this historical narrative as the 150 years of Department history ends. The story, however, is not over. History never ends. What happens tomorrow becomes history the following day. And, we will continue to chronicle those events to preserve that rich history and tradition.

Calendar of Events

- **Saturday, April 26, 2014** - Jackson, MI. GLIAFAA Fire Flea Market, Jackson County Fairgrounds. Info www.gliafaa.com.
- **Sunday, May 25, 2014** - Cleveland, OH. Annual Firefighters Motorcycle Ride. Starting at 11:00 AM, Alfred Lerner Way, in front of Fire Fighters Memorial. Info at www.firefightersmemorialride.com.
- **Sunday, June 15, 2014** - Akron, OH. Stan Hywet Father's Day Car Show, 9:00-3:30. Fire Apparatus class will have fire trucks on display. Info at www.orcca.com.
- **Wed., June 25 - Sat., June 28, 2014** - Columbus, OH. SPAAMFAA Summer National Convention and Muster. Saturday, June 28, muster at Ohio State Fire Academy, Reynoldsburg, OH. Info at www.coafaa.org.
- **Saturday, July 5, 2014** - Germantown, OH. Miami Valley Antique Fire Apparatus Show, Veterans Memorial Park, No. Walnut St., Germantown, OH. 10:00-4:00. Info at www.MVAFFA.org.
- **Saturday, July 26, 2014** - Frankenmuth, MI. GLIAFAA muster. Info at www.gliafaa.com.
- **Sunday, August 10, 2014** - Alliance, OH. Alliance Pump-in, Alliance, OH. Fire apparatus parade through town, flea market, pumping. Info contact Tim Elder 330-875-2323.
- **Sunday, September 7, 2014** - Hudson, OH. Western Reserve Fire Museum and Education Center annual Hudson Muster, Barlow Farm Park, 1965 Barlow Rd. starts at 10AM. Contact: Parker Browne, brownfire@aol.com. Watch Museum website for more details.
- **Saturday, October 11, 2014** - Hartville, OH. Stark County fire fighters parade with fire apparatus, 9:30AM with memorial service after parade. Info at RBryant3@aol.com.

CFD 150 Year Fire Apparatus Facts

Horse drawn era 1862-1925 (last horses)

- 50 horse-drawn steam fire engines
- 1 horse drawn gasoline powered engine
- 10 horse drawn service ladder trucks (no aerial)
- 9 horse drawn aerial ladder trucks
- 1 horse drawn manual assembled aerial ladder
- 1 horse drawn water tower
- 8 horse drawn chemical engines

Motorized era beginning in 1912

- 1 motorized steam fire engine
- 219 pumpers
 - 189 standard; 2 quads
 - 9 with TeleSqrts; 7 with articulating Sqrts
 - 12 with mini towers or light aerials
- 3 service ladder trucks (no aerial)
- 12 mid-mount aerial ladder trucks
- 50 rear-mount aerial ladder trucks
 - 42 standard; 8 quints
- 33 tractor trailer aerial ladder truck
 - 32 4-wheel tractors; 1 2-wheel tractor
- 13 aerial platforms
 - 4 articulating platforms (1 quint)
 - 9 telescoping platforms (7 quints)
- 6 hose wagons to accompany steam fire engines
- 9 hose wagons for hose companies
- 37 rescue squads

Museum Caisson in Shaker Heights

By Dan Hayden

On November 7, 2013 the Fire Museum's Funeral Caisson was used for the funeral of retired Shaker Heights Fire Fighter, Shaun Probert. Shaun had retired in 2010 from Shaker due to an illness, ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. After retiring, Shaun became a spokesman for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in promoting awareness of neuromuscular diseases. In 2012 he went to the IAFF convention in

Philadelphia to speak to the assembled fire fighters. He was named the IAFF National Spokesman for Lou Gehrig's Disease. Shaun was 45 years old and is survived by three children and his fiancée. The Caisson was driven by Tim Benner, a retired Shaker Heights fire fighter and a friend of Shaun's. Tim is also a long time Fire Museum member and is one of the trained Caisson drivers.



Photo by Bill Honsaker



Photo by Bill Honsaker

Museum Receives Funding Support

By John Zangerle

The Museum is excited to announce that it has received a \$75,000 grant from the Cleveland Honors Project and its Cy Pres Advisory Board. The Honors Project is a fund administered by the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas under the supervision of Judge John J. Russo. The fund is comprised of monies from class action law suits that were unable to be distributed. Museum Board members, the Honorable Michael Donnelly and County Prosecutor, Timothy McGinty, made the Museum aware of this potential source of funding. The museum applied for funding and received notice of its approval in December 2013.

The timing of this award could not have been better since the Museum is facing some significant expenses this year. Our boiler has been failing and we hope to accelerate the installation of a new HVAC system for at least part of the building.

We are also thrilled to report that the Reinberger Foundation has just approved our application for a grant of \$42,000 to complete the exterior work on the new front entrance. This includes tuck pointing of the stone on the east side of the building, new second floor windows on the east side, and new wrought iron railing in front of the windows replicating the original iron work. On the ground floor level the grant will allow us to install new entrance doors under our existing canopy. Completing this work on the east face of the building will allow us to set up our new entrance and lobby in the old day room. With the repair of the concrete floor in the Education Wing, (see article by President Roy P. Ziganti, Jr.) major structural work on the ground floor will be finished.

We are currently planning to open the entire first floor of the building this fall with permanent exhibits and need money for further first floor interior improvements and for exhibit construction. If anyone has any ideas for any fund raising sources or can make corporate or individual contributions, please contact the Museum.

Thank You Members

A great big thank you to all of our members who renewed their Museum membership for 2014. Our main line of support is the continuing participation by our fire fighters in the payroll deduction program and the annual membership support from individuals. We couldn't do it without you. Watch for exciting things this year including a new program and exhibit this fall.

Annual Meeting

Once a year we hold an Annual Membership Meeting to describe what happened the past year and plans for the coming year. This year the meeting date on the last Sunday in January turned out to be the new norm for this winter with snow, blowing snow and no temperature in Cleveland. That's the nice way of saying "it feels like zero all the time."

A contingent of brave and hardy souls trekked across the tundra to view the fall CFD 150th Anniversary exhibit still in place and hear about the great things planned for this year. The goal is to have the first floor completely finished by the fall. That will include finishing the front entrance and the entrance hall, refurbish the main apparatus bay and complete the adjacent education wing with interactive fire safety exhibits. Plans call for weekend events both inside and outside on the surrounding plaza. Watch the website for details as work progresses.



Photo by Paul Nelson

President Roy P. Ziganti, Jr. describes 2014 plans assisted by Matt Banks. Treasurer (left) and Executive Committee member, John Zangerle (right).

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Walt McCall and Matt Lee well known national fire apparatus historians and authors, talk to Bill Rausch of Michigan at the Museum's Flea Market. See Walt's article on the demise of American LaFrance on page 3 inside.

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