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Luau Fundraiser Set for May 19th

By Joan Oliver

On Sunday, May 19, 2019 the Western Reserve Fire Museum and Education Center will be hosting its Hawaiian Luau Fundraiser again this year from 3:00 pm to 7:00pm at a new location on The Veranda at Lago Custom Events, 1091 W. 10th Street, Cleveland, OH.

So, please take a moment to journey to the islands and join us for an evening of tropical breezes and fun in the sun. This catered event will start off with appetizers and feature a Hawaiian style pig roast, chicken, three delicious sides, assorted desserts, beer, wine and a specialty island drink. Our new location will allow us to hold the Luau under a large tent outside or inside in the case of inclement weather with beautiful views of the Lake Erie Shoreline. There will be a DJ and music along with a 50/50 raffle, live auction and silent auction items. Out and pacific island dances will be performed courtesy of Manivic's Dance Company and the American Asian Pacific Islander Organization.



The Veranda at Lago Custom Events

Tickets are on sale now for \$50 for an individual or \$95 for a couple and may be purchased directly online by going to the Museum's website at www.wrfmc.com. All online tickets will be held in will call at the door or arrangements may be made to pick them up at the Museum during regular business hours, Wednesday – Saturday, 10am – 4pm up to the day before the event.

We hope you'll come out and support us for an evening of fun in the tropics. Aloha!

President's Log

By Jim Bell

Of late the Western Reserve Fire Museum has been called upon to perform it's most sacred mission several times. That of providing our Funeral Caisson to transport the remains of a departed member of the fire service. Over ten years ago, a decision was made to convert a fire truck into a vehicle capable of transporting a casket with pallbearers and family. Through the combined efforts of many volunteers our 1980 American LaFrance pumper, formerly Fairview Park FD Engine 5, underwent a transformation to be able to carry out this solemn duty. To date, the Caisson has completed 128 missions.

Of particular note are two recent passings of former members of Cleveland Fire Department. Both of these men were also former members of the military. They served our country during the Korean War and the Vietnam War. At a request from their families, our Caisson gave them their "final run" and transported them to the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman, Ohio.

The Funeral Caisson would not be possible without the support and help from our Caisson Crew. These volunteers perform maintenance and repair, wash and wax the caisson, and serve as our drivers. I would like to personally thank our Crew: Dan Hayden, John Heiman, Jeff Campbell, Dean Murad, Paul Sabatitis and Bob Shimits.

Job well done gentlemen.

If anyone would like the services of the Funeral Caisson please contact Dan Hayden (440-537-2939) or consult with your Funeral Director.

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In Memoriam...Museum Loses Two Board Members

By John Zangerle

In March the Fire Museum lost two prominent members of our Board of Directors. On March 7, 2019, Sam Miller passed away at age 96. Sam was one of Cleveland's most generous philanthropists. We will not attempt to list his many achievements which were well documented on the front page and in a special section of The Plain Dealer. We want our members to know that he was one of the earliest supporters of the Fire Museum and was the Honorary Chairman of the Board of Directors. His high-profile support helped the Museum gain credibility in its early days. He not only donated to the Museum himself, but reached out to friends in the philanthropic community to help us get started. He took great interest in the fire service and was also a leading contributor to the Cleveland Firefighters Memorial.

A few days later we learned that we had also lost Craig Tame who was an active member of our Board. Craig's smile, enthusiasm, and omnipresent cup of coffee will be greatly missed at the Museum. Although Craig was very busy as the Law Enforcement Coordinator for the US Attorney's office, he rarely missed a Board meeting and always contributed thoughtful ideas. Craig was a Cleveland "lifer" who spent over forty years in government service. Museum members first met Craig when he was serving as Mayor Jane Campbell's Chief of Health & Public Safety. He was instrumental in our negotiations with the City of Cleveland to secure Fire Station No. 28 for the Museum. In 2006, Craig continued his interest in the Museum and agreed to serve on our Board which he did until his death.



Museum Groundbreaking June 5, 2008 John Zangerle Sam Miller Dan Hayden

Sprinkler Installation Completed at the Fire Museum

Paul Nelson photos

FDC

It is a little difficult to illustrate a sprinkler installation in a building. A group of pipes do not make much of a picture. A little more interesting is the Fire Department Connection (FDC) located in the front of the building. That space was the small doorway to the hose tower where wet hose rolls from returning engine companies formerly were pushed into Station 28 for hanging in the hose tower.

When the roadway in front of the Fire Museum was torn up for the Inner Belt construction, a supply line was extended into the basement in 2013. With funds finally available, work began on hanging pipes throughout the building. First the basement, then the second floor, the first floor, the entry hall and all the stairwells. Final step was inspection and test by CFD.

The entire building has to be sprinklered per code before the second floor can be be opened to the public. Now the former dormitory area can be finished for exhibit space as well as rental space for events to enhance the revenue stream for

the Museum. The second floor bathrooms, already roughed-in, also have to be finished. Completion of both depend on gaining potential grants and contributions to the Capital Fund Campaign. The renovation of the alarm office and construction of the library will not be able to be completed until the dormitory and bathrooms are finished and additional funds raised.



Water line installed June 2013

Hook-N-Ladder Jerky

Long time Fire Museum volunteer, retired Cleveland fire fighter and Sagamore Hills resident Mark Bauman has added a new project to his many retirement activities. Although skilled in construction and remodeling services, tinkering with traditional smoked meats has been his hobby for many years. Now the entire family is involved in turning those family recipes for smoked meats into beef jerky and beef

sticks (smokies). They are produced using those recipies by a fully licensed food manufacturer with a USDA inspector on site. Mark's cooking skills are well known around the dinner table at Cleveland firehouses.

Mark was the Museum's first construction volunteer and has convinced many of his fellow fire fighters to help him on various projects over the years. His dedication to Museum projects is exemplified by his commitment to donate a portion of the proceeds from each Hook-N-Ladder jerky product towards the ongoing restoration of the Fire Museum building.

The products are available locally in the Sagamore Hills area but also now at B. A. Sweeties Candy Co. on Brook Park Road. They are considering other locations and also are present at area craft and art shows. For further information about on-line purchases check out the website www.hook-n-ladderjerky.com. Several products were sampled at a recent Museum Board Meeting and received a triple five rating.



Flea Market 2019



The 35th Annual Western Reserve Fire Museum Flea Market was held on Saturday March 2, 2019 at the Cleveland Fire Training Academy. It is hard to believe it has been that long since the first one was held at the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Station. Our thanks to Battalion Chief Tom Schloemer and the FTA staff for making it possible. Steve Hilterbrant was organizer-in-chief assisted by Bob Shimits and Dale Cohen who laid out the vendor spaces. The kitchen manager was Diane Bauman with help from Chris Sheehe and Karen Sodini along with John and Annamae Heiman to help feed the hungry visitors.

Bob Szabo provided activities for the youngsters and a packet of fire safety material to take home. As usual Joan Oliver greeted the attendees at the door with Debbie Hubbard staffing the Museum sales table. Jim Bell and Ken Rybka worked the Museum sales table for the sale of some duplicate Museum collection items.





Fire Fighter Rescue Night with the Cavs



The Western Reserve Fire Museum and Education Center took part in Fire Fighter Rescue Night with the Cavs, Tuesday, March 26th at The Q Arena. This special night was sponsored by Jack Daniel's Distillery in an effort to promote their newest whiskey Tennessee Fire and to honor all the firefighters serving in North East Ohio. The Shaker Heights Simon Duplex/LTI Aerial (on loan to the Fire Museum) was on display in the mall area in front of The Q before the game along with the Jack Daniel's fire truck to greet everyone and usher them into the event. The Fire Museum also had a special display table set up outside Section 108. There Museum staff and volunteers passed out promotional and fire safety information to those attending the game. Our Bullex Fire Extinguisher System was set up to teach attendees how to properly use a fire extinguisher and successfully put out a fire. As you can see, we had one of many Cavs fans willing to try their skills. For taking part in this promotion Jack Daniel's made a generous monetary donation to help support the Museum.



Fire Museum personnel taking part in the event were Jim Bell, Bob Szabo, Joan Oliver and Debbie Hubbard. There was a basketball game with the Boston Celtics, but the Cavs came out on the short end. Unfortunately, that has been the story all season so we wish our neighbors on the other side of Carnegie Avenue the ability to get the top pick in the upcoming draft. Go Cavs!



And They Were Not Forgotten

When I an called to duty, God,... Wherever Flames may rage...
Give me strength to save some life... Whatever be its age...
Firemen's Prayer

By Paul Nelson

On December 16, 1862, the first firemen in Cleveland were hired to do that which was written in the first two lines of the iconic Fireman's Prayer. Captain William Kidd and seven men took charge of a steam fire engine and hose cart placed in service in the old Volunteer Phoenix Fire Co. No. 4 firehouse on Frankfort Street. Three horses were purchased from a farm in Atwater. They named them Ground Hog, Orphan Boy and Syksey. On that first day a mongrel dog walked into the firehouse looking for a home.

He became their mascot and they named him Mose. The Cleveland Fire Department began a journey that has lasted 156 years, protecting property of the citizens of Cleveland and keeping them safe from the ravages of fire. They first worked seven days, 24 hours a day, with one day off a month.



1863 Silsby Eng 3

Two more steam fire engines were acquired early in 1863 and a total of 24 men were on the job when City Council officially established the Fire Department by Ordinance on April 9, 1863. Mose was on the roster for quite a while. When Headquarters Station moved in 1869 to a new location on St. Clair Street at Academy Street (W. 4th), he also moved. We know that because when the dirt basement was being excavated in 1893 for a new Headquarters, workers found a wooden box buried there. On top was burned the name "Mose," the first mascot of the Department. And he was not forgotten.

The fire horse was an important member of the Department. Each had a name, some times very plain like Bill or Mollie, sometime rather odd like General Grant or Ugly. In the beginning they stood on the apparatus floor from 6:00am to 11:00pm attached to their rigs. That changed later and they remained in their stalls until the station gong sounded. The firemen became very attached to their comrades as they cared for them and fed them every day. On March 29, 1864 gray mare Mollie of Steamer No. 4 collapsed and died after returning from a run. An official report was sent to City Council advising them of her passing. And she was not forgotten.

Fighting fire is a dangerous profession. While many calls are "routine" in nature, the unexpected may occur at any time. The larger the fire, the greater chance of the unexpected. With the structure well involved they run in while others are running out... or not running out at all because they could not. In current times, the chance of the unexpected is increased with hazardous materials incidents, complex technical rescues and the ever-present toxic fumes and smoke.

Thousands have worn the badge and put on the gear since that first day in 1862. And, of that number a total of 77 members have paid the ultimate sacrifice in line of duty deaths. Paul Aukens was the first on February 24, 1869. There have been 62 single incidents,

two were double fatalities, one was a triple fatality and two took the lives of four members. For the first 100 years of existence, the Department kept records, listing names in Annual Reports as new incidents occurred, but there was no public recognition of the sacrifice. After becoming Fire Chief in 1963, William Barry assembled a group to consider creation of a Firefighters Memorial. It was accelerated after loss of four members at the Avis Truck garage fire in 1963. That culminated in the erection of a monument in Willard Park near the intersection of Lakeside Avenue and W. 9th Street. Dedication was on October 12, 1965.

Dedication 1965









The monument was designed by William E. Ward, a designer at the Cleveland Museum of Art. He chose a single tall piece of black Vermont granite flanked by two smaller pieces of gray Vermont granite. They were to be simple spires with angle tops. Inscriptions also were to be simple. Sculptor Flaviano Cenderelli of Kotecki Monuments inscribed the names and information. Kotecki Monuments set the spires in place. Finally, a fitting remembrance to the fallen fire fighters of Cleveland was in place.

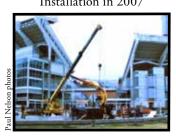
That decade of the 60's was especially tragic for the Department with a total of 19 members paying the ultimate sacrifice. It was the decade of the largest incident losses, the Avis fire and the Metallurgical fire the largest.

The monument served its purpose well for a number of years. It became somewhat overshadowed by the huge "Free Stamp" that was placed on the green space between the Firefighter's Memorial and the County Building. It had been moved from Public Square in front of the BP Building after wearing out its welcome there. It often became the site of demonstrations and protests of varying causes on Lakeside Avenue.

As the 20th Century ended, discussions started on finding a new location for the Firefighter's Memorial where it would be seen by more people and unencumbered by other objects. Chief Walt Zimmerer led the effort. Pete Jedick chaired a committee to explore possibilities of moving. That evolved to not only finding a new site but also considering the creating of a new monument.

A site was finally found on Lerner Way, between the Browns Stadium and the Science Museum. It was a corner lot that would give it great exposure. Luis Jiminez, a well know Southwest artist from Santa Fe, was chosen to create a new monument. It featured two firefighters in full turn out gear playing a hose line on raising flames. It would be mounted on a base on which would be inscribed the names of the fallen firefighters.

The committee accepted the design. Ground was broken on June 14, 2002. A massive fundraising campaign began. The late Sam Miller kicked it off with a large donation. Cleveland fire fighters provided much of the funds through a payroll deduction program. Chris Sheehe guided the project to finality with assistance from retired Fire Chief Walt Zimmerer. Dedication of the new monument occurred on June 15, 2007 after decommissioning of the old monument. Members marched to the new site led by Cleveland Police motorcycles, mounted patrol, antique fire apparatus and the fire fighters pipes and drums. A moving ceremony followed, attended by many relatives of the names on the monument. Installation in 2007



Dedication in 2007





The artist Luis Jiminez met an untimely death on June 13, 2006 while working on a statue at the Denver Airport. His design was finished by Architecrural Fiberglass, Inc. and Body Exotic of Euclid. The flames were completed by Inflatable Images of Brunswick. It followed the original mockup except the number of flames were reduced to three. Several local companies provided transportation

and installation to complete the job.

The ravages of time, Cleveland's weather and close proximity to the Lake took its toll on the monument. By 2018 it became necessary to refurbish the fire fighter portion of the statue. It was removed in anticipation of rework. Once again funds had to be raised to complete the work. Sam Miller again made a significant donation and Cleveland fire fighters provided the majority of the funds. Restoration was accomplished by Cleveland's ICA Art Conservation group. It was finalized in time for a rededication ceremony on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2019, the traditional day for the annual memorial service at the monument.

Rededication in 2019













The names of the 77 members enshrined on the monument base were read aloud by Captain Brian Degarden and Asst. Chief (ret) Tim O'Toole as other members of the restoration committee stood by. The traditional "Four Fives" was struck on an apparatus bell. The massed pipes and drums of the Fire Department and the Police Department played Amazing Grace as uniformed members raised their hands in salute and the Color Guard stood at attention. The lone piper, as customary, headed down the walk as the last stanza of the hymn played softly to its conclusion.

...And they were not forgotten.

What is SPAAMFAA?

By Paul Nelson



SPAAMFAA Muster in Syracuse

Over the years The Bugle has contained a number of articles with references to "SPAAMFAA" as well as items found about it in the Calendar of Events. While some of you are familiar with the organization with the odd acronym, others have no idea. It is a national antique fire apparatus owner and enthusiast group. The initials stand for the Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus in America. It is a non-profit educational organization charted in New York State and founded in Syracuse in 1958.

Our Fire Museum is an active local chapter of this national organization. Many of our Museum members have been active

national participants, Board Members or officers including past president Ted Elder, past president Tim Elder, past Trustee John Zangerle and current Treasurer Stan Socha, to name a few. John Zangerle recently retired as Trustee with this Region 6's new Trustee being Warren Lun (no.4firestation@gmail.com located in Michigan.

SPAAMFAA sponsors two national combination fire apparatus musters/conventions a year. The recent winter meeting was held in Charleston where new president Frank Tremel was introduced. He is a retired Deputy Fire Chief of the Washington, DC fire department where he was in charge of the shops and department apparatus. The national events rotate around the country and always attract large numbers of antique fire apparatus along with interesting seminars, local trips and a flea market. There are a number of local chapter musters around the country every year. Our Hudson muster in September is one of those musters. Other nearby musters in Columbus and Cincinnati draw large crowds. SPAAMFAA is custodian of the archives for records of former fire apparatus manufacturers, a large collection of books and photos of fire apparatus.

Membership in SPAAMFAA is encouraged for our Fire Museum members. It provides you with four issues of the glossy publication, ENJINE! ENJINE!, as well as a quarterly newsletter, The Silver Trumpet, that has articles, calendar of events and chapter news from across the country. For more information go to their website www.spaamfaa.org. Information about joining can also be found at the front desk of the Fire Museum or by contacting the membership secretary at membershipsecretary@spaamfaa.org.

Grilling Safety Tips

By Bob Szabo

Spring is here and now a man's fancy turns to.....no, not baseball, but "Grilling!" Since the beginning of time man loved to cook and to cook outside over an open flame. Here are some tips while you prepare for that family Bar-b-que.



Make sure you always use your grill outdoors and away from any structures...not in the garage and...not on your porch. Always have an adult use the grill and watch the food and grill at all times. Keep children and pets at least 3 feet away from the grill. Grills become very hot so it is important to not touch the grill or place anything on it. Once your grilling is complete, let the grill cool down before putting on its cover. Make sure the grill is stable. If using a propane grill, check the tank and hose for any leaks. (Apply a light soap solution. If there is a leak the solution will bubble). If the flame goes out... turn off the grill and wait at least 5 minutes to re-light it. If using

a charcoal grill be careful with lighter fluid and do not dispose of coals until the coals have cooled. Be ready to put out any fire. Have a fire extinguisher nearby.

A reminder. Smoke detector batteries should have been replaced in March. If you did get around to it...do it now!



CFD Yearbook

Just a reminder. The new CFD yearbook is expected to be released this summer. It's a one-time printing available by order only. Cost is \$65 standard and \$99 leather bound. Local 93 is producing the book.

Calendar of Events

- Saturday, April 27, 2019 Jackson, MI, GLIAFAA Fire Flea Market, Jackson County Fairgrounds, 200 W. Ganson St., Jackson, MI. Info at www.gliafaa.com.
- **Sunday, May 19, 2019 –** Fire Museum Annual Fundraiser event. Hawaiian Luau at the Veranda at Lago Custom Events, East Bank Downtown, 1091 W. 10th St. Info at www.wrfmc.com.
- Sunday, May 26, 2019 Annual Firefighters Memorial Motorcycle Ride. Staging begins at 7:30am. Ride starts earlier this year at 10:00am. Fire Museum needs volunteers to help in food tent beginning at 6:30 am. Done before noon. Leave name and number at 216.664.6312. Ride info at www.firefightersmemorialride.com.
- **Saturday, June 22, 2019 –** Central Ohio SPAAMFAA Muster. Ohio Fire Academy, 8895 E. Main St. Reynoldsburg, OH. Starts at 9:00am. Info at www.coafaa.org.
- Tue. Sat., June 25-29, 2019 IFBA Convention, Montreal, Quebec. Info at www.ifba.org.
- Wed. Sat., July 17-20, 2019 SPAAMFAA Summer Convention and Muster, Jeffersonville, IN. Info at Jeff Rider, firetruckjr@yahoo.com or www.SPAAMFAA.ORG.
- Fri. Sat., July 26-27, 2019 Great Lakes SPAAMFAA Chapter muster and parade. Heritage Park, Frankenmuth, MI. Parade Saturday at 10:45am. Info at www.gliafaa.org.
- **Sunday, August 4, 2019** Alliance pump-in and parade. Pump-in begins at 9:00am at Glamorgan Castle, Glamorgan and Union Aves.; parade at 1:00pm. Info at AFD 330.821.1213.
- **Sunday, September 8, 2019** Fire Museum/Bill & Ida Varnes Memorial Muster. Hudson, OH. Barlow Farm Park. Muster begins at 10:00am; parade through Hudson at 11:30am. Ends about 1:00pm. Info at www.wrfmc.com.
- **Saturday, October 12, 2019** Stark County Firefighters Parade. Marlboro, OH. Parade starts at 9:30am. Memorial service follows. Info at garyc@northcantonohio.gov.



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The Greater Cleveland Chapter of SPAAMFAA

CFD Trivia

By Paul Nelson

Q: When was the only time CFD requested mutual aid coverage of fire stations?

A: January 16, 1957 during a 5-5 alarm fire, a working fire and a 2-2 alarm equivalent fire.

On January 16, 1957 a 5-5 alarm and specials fire broke out at the Glidden Paint Company plant at 11001 Madison Avenue and Berea Road. (Box 6282 at 10:08pm; skipped 2nd and 4th alarms; specials for 10 engines, 4 ladders, 2 hose companies; total response of 24 engines, 7 ladders, 1 rescue squad, 2 hose companies) The fire took six hours to control raging through two huge buildings. In action were: 12 multiversals, 3 ladder pipes, 1 cellar pipe; 5 fog streams and 63 separate hose lines totaling 33,800-ft (6.4 miles) of hose. Fire flow was 4,183,333-gallons of water. Loss was \$3.25 million.

With all companies committed, a working fire occurred in a dwelling on E. 53rd Street that utilized most of the remaining companies in service. At 8:03am (Jan. 27th) fire broke out at Captain Frank's Restaurant at the foot of E. 9th Street. With flames going through the roof, an equivalent of a 2-2 alarm and special brought 8 engines, 1 truck and 1 rescue squad to the scene. Four pumpers drafted from the lake. Engine 15 (fireboat) supplied hand lines.





Glidden fire (left)

Restaurant fire (right)



With only six companies in service, on orders of Chief Cain, request was made to fill-in empty CFD firehouses.

8:52am Cuyahoga Heights to Engine 35 9:02am Parma to Engine 42

7.02am ranna to Engine 42

9:10am Shaker Heights to Engine 10

8:55am Lakewood to Engine 33 9:00am E. Cleveland to Engine 29

E. Cleveland engine responded with Ladder 14, Battalion 6 to a still alarm. The only response of fill-in apparatus. Fill-ins mostly on the east side as companies were beginning to be released from the Glidden fire. This is the only known instance where CFD called suburban departments for assistance. During the East Ohio Gas Co. fire in 1944 several suburban departments voluntarily filled-in at CFD stations but not on a request from CFD.

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Fire Museum Funeral Caisson

The Fire Museum Funeral Caisson is seen here at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman, Ohio after transport of a retired Cleveland fire fighter. A volunteer color guard is present at every burial. See the story about the Fire Museum caisson on the front page of this Bugle issue.

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