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A CHANGE AT THE HELM THE FIRE BOAT *MORGAN* REPLACES THE *CELEBREZZE* BY KENNY RYBKA

The decommissioning ceremony for the Cleveland Division of Fire's Anthony J. Celebrezze Fireboat (Engine 21) was held on Wednesday June 28, 2023 at Collision Bend Brewing Company in the Flats. The new fireboat, the Garrett A. Morgan (Marine 21), was officially placed in service at the same event. Approximately 100 guests attended, including members of the Celebrezze and Morgan families, local politicians, and members of the CFD, current and retired.

The Cleveland Firefighters Memorial Pipes and Drums opened the ceremony, followed by remarks from Cleveland Fire's Public Information Officer Lt. Mike Norman. He stated that his first assignment after graduating from the Fire Training Academy in 1997 was at Engine 2 and 21. He didn't know where Engine 2 was located at the time, but soon learned about the firehouse's past. He went on to say how lucky he was to be able to serve on the Anthony J. Celebrezze, a part of Cleveland's history.



Kenny Rybka Photo

The Morgan & the Celebrezze docked in preparation of ceremony

Fire Chief Anthony Luke then told the audience about the Fireboat Celebrezze's legacy that began in 1961 and how it will never be forgotten. He recognized the contributions that Anthony J. Celebrezze made during his many years of public service. For those unfamiliar, the list includes serving with the U.S. Navy during WWII, as an Ohio State Senator, Mayor of the City of Cleveland, as United States Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare (now the Department of Health and Human Services) and as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Continued on Page 2 (Please see HELM)

PRESIDENT'S LOG

BY JIM BELL

Greetings everyone!

It is always nice to have new volunteers join the Fire Museum. Recently, we have had three new volunteers that have allowed us to expand our docent staff. Each of these gentlemen brings an individual and unique perspective to the museum and to guiding our visitors around the building. Please stop by the museum and say hello to these new additions.

We have also had a change in personnel with regard to the funeral caisson. Our long-time Caisson Coordinator Dan Hayden has stepped aside and turned the job over to Board member and retired Cleveland firefighter, Captain Dean Murad. Dean is well suited for the job as he was the Commander of the Cleveland Fire Department Honor Guard. The museum welcomes Dean and gives our thanks to Danny for a job well done.

Our 'senior' new docent is Tom Kulick. Tom hails from central New York where his father was a volunteer firefighter. Tom worked in New York City in the insurance industry prior to changing careers and moving to South Carolina. While in South Carolina Tom served for 16 years on the St. Johns Fire District Board of Commissioners. During his tenure Tom was part of the process to consolidate multiple volunteer fire departments into a regional, fulltime department covering five islands in the greater Charleston area.

Our next new docent is John Sanders. John is originally from Tacoma, Washington and after a stint in the Navy he landed here in Cleveland. You may recognize John's name from a previous article in the Bugle. John has been involved in Scouting for over thirty years and has been involved with the Museum as a merit badge counselor for Fire Safety merit badge. Continued on Page 2 (Please see LOG)

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Chief Luke then went on to say that Garret A. Morgan was an obvious choice for the name of the new fireboat. Mr. Morgan, who moved to Cleveland at the age of 18 in 1895 invented the Morgan Safety Hood in 1914, the precursor of the modern day SCBA. He also invented the first three-way traffic signal after witnessing a car accident in 1922 and soon sold the idea to General Electric for \$40,000.

After his remarks, Chief Luke presented both the Celebrezze and Morgan families with photo collages of their family's respective fireboats from the Department of Public Safety.

The Celebrezze was then officially decommissioned by Chief Luke, and the crew disembarked from the vessel for the last time. Immediately following, CFD Captain Bessemer of Marine 21 was given orders to proceed with his duties and the members of his crew boarded the new boat. It was officially commissioned.

After the service, both fireboats pumped water from the Cuyahoga River in a crowd-pleasing display. Guests were then able to sample the Collision Bend Brewing Company's special brew named "Aft the Brezze" to commemorate the event. Many people stayed to enjoy lunch and share stories.

Sandra Morgan, one of Garret's granddaughters and a Cleveland resident, is very proud to have her family's name on the city's newest fireboat. She has been invited to speak about the Morgan Safety Hood at the Fire Museum next year.



Kenny Rybka Photo

Celebrezze and Morgan families with Chief Luke, Mayor Bibb, Safety Director Karrie Howard, County Executive Chris Ronayne, and City Council Members Mike Polensek and Blaine Griffin.

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John is a retired Rocky River firefighter and was also a paramedic, hazardous materials technician and confined space specialist. John's son has followed in his father's footsteps and is an active firefighter with Lakewood FD.

Our third new docent is Keith Devine. Keith is a retired member of Cleveland Division of Fire having worked at Engine 11, the Fire Prevention Bureau and Engine 30. Keith retired with more than twenty-nine years of service. While assigned to Fire Prevention Keith enjoyed interacting with children and teaching them fire safety. That skill has shown through in his time with the Museum and his work with our youngest visitors.

The Museum is always looking for more volunteers. Please consider joining us and supporting our Fire Museum.



Joan Oliver Photo

New Docents Keith Devine, John Sanders, & Tom Kulick

Take care,
Jim

DALMATIAN CELEBRATION: DOG GONE GOOD TIME

BY JOAN OLIVER

If you were at the Museum on Saturday, August 12th there would have been spots everywhere. The Museum was holding its Dalmatian Celebration, honoring the Dalmatian: the official firehouse dog. We partnered with the Western Reserve Dalmatian Club and had lots of friendly loveable Dalmatians on hand for pictures, petting and fun. Any visitor that day who brought down a Dalmatian received free admission to the Museum. Visitors also got to enjoy hotdogs, popcorn and cold beverages as well as tours of the Museum. The four-legged visitors enjoyed a splash pool and doggy treats. A good time was had by all.



Joan Oliver Photo

Lousia & Dan Martone with Captain & Hanley

2023 STEAMER DAY: AN AMOSKEAG STEAMER IN ACTION

BY JIM BELL

June 17 was a beautiful day in Cleveland and a perfect day for the Fire Museum's Steamer Day, a special demonstration to support our current exhibit. Under sunny skies and warm temperature, museum member Ted Elder brought his 1887 Amoskeag steam-powered pumper for a demonstration and educational presentation. At 10:00AM Ted fired up the boiler and set the machine in motion. For the next three hours Ted carefully watched the gauges and valves as the steamer pumped flawlessly. For the demonstration Ted drafted water from a portable dump tank and returned the water to the tank by way of a 1 ½ inch hose. As the demonstration drew to a close some lucky visitors got a chance to handle the discharge hose and nozzle and spray water across the street into the grassy lawn. After the pump was shut down and while the boiler was cooling off Ted gave a presentation on how a steamer works and what it takes to have a good crew operating the pumper. It is very much a balance between the operator and the 'fireman' who tends the fire and feeds coal into the firebox. Teamwork at its best.

The Fire Museum would like to thank Fire Chief Bill Shaw of the Chester Twp. Fire Department for allowing us to borrow their portable dump tank to make this demonstration possible.



Ted Elder & Les Eser by Steamer before Demo

UNIQUE DONATION ENHANCES ALARM OFFICE

BY JOAN OLIVER

In August the Museum was fortunate to receive a unique donation from retired Cleveland firefighter, Bill Goodyear, a telephone switchboard from the late 1920's, similar to one that they would have used in the alarm office upstairs when it first opened in 1926. The alarm office is the Museum's hidden gem as it contains a complete Gamewell Telephone Telegraph System still fully intact after all these years, a magnificent piece of firefighting history. This donation is a great addition as it completes the room and adds to the authenticity of the time period. We truly thank you for your generosity.

The Museum would also like to thank retired Cleveland firefighters/Museum volunteers Bill Deighton, Ken Jordan, and Richard Lash for delivering this donation to us. They have been great supporters over the years and have donated numerous hours renovating the building.



Ken Jordan, Bill Deighton & Rich Lash pose by donation

FALL FIRE SAFETY TIPS

BY JOAN OLIVER

As the seasons change and the weather turns cooler, you will probably spend a lot of time indoors using fireplaces, furnaces, and heaters to keep warm. However, all of these can present some safety hazards. So, here's some tips to keep in mind:

- * Service Your Furnace – Before the cold autumn and winter weather sets in a specialist should inspect the furnace to make sure everything is in working order and there are no leaks.
- * Use Fireplaces Safely – Make sure you use a fireplace screen to prevent sparks from flying out and catching surrounding objects on fire. Never leave a burning fire unattended and make sure the fire is completely out before going to bed or leaving the house.
- * Use Caution With Space Heaters – A space heater is an effective way to warm a chilly room, but read the instruction manual before use. Keep it at least three feet away from surrounding objects. Never heat your home with your stove or oven.
- * Reconsider Burning Leaves – Burning leaves produces harmful, cancer-causing chemical. Plus there is a chance of burning more than your pile of leaves. Check the rules where you live, some places have bans on leaf burning.



- * Exercise Candle Caution – Candles are a great way to give a room a cozy glow, but they can also cause fires. Statistics show that over 10,000 home fires start because of improper candles use. Never leave candles burning if you go out or go to sleep.
- * Change Smoke Alarm Batteries – Check and change the batteries in your smoke alarms & carbon monoxide detectors after you turn back your clocks at the end of daylight savings time. Do a double check to make sure that the alarms are working.
- * Keep Fire Extinguishers on-Hand – Check and replace any fire extinguishers that are expired.

LOOKING BACK 10 YEARS

BY JOHN ZANGERLE

Since we judge many events in 10 year blocks of time, I thought it would be appropriate to look back 10 years to the fall of 2013 to see how far the Museum has come. In fact, 2013 was the real start of the Fire Museum as we know it today. The year 2013 was a key date in Cleveland Division of Fire's history because it was the 150th anniversary of the paid CFD.



Overview of Exhibit

The Museum's recognition of CFD's 150th anniversary started with a kick-off event in December of 2012 when the Museum placed an exhibit in the atrium of City Hall. In addition to small displays, we actually

moved in the Forest City hand pumper that is still on display at the Museum. We followed that event up with a special CFD event at the Cleveland Indians-Yankees game in April, 2013, where we had fire apparatus on display outside the stadium. We had a Model T fire engine deliver the starting pitcher from the bullpen to home plate.

While all the other events were taking place, our real effort was completing the work on the first floor of the Museum. This was a project that had been ongoing for almost ten years. An exhibit celebrating CFD history was planned under the guidance of Museum Historian Paul Nelson and an exhibit committee. At the same time, the Museum was trying to co-ordinate



Chief Kelly & Paul Nelson at 150th Exhibit Open House

with ODOT which was finishing work on the Innerbelt Bridge construction project.

Finally, on October 12, 2013, it all came together and the Museum opened its first exhibit to the public celebrating the 150 Year History of the Cleveland Fire Department. Then President Roy Ziganti coordinated construction with Mark Bauman and his crew of Cleveland firefighters who did a lot of the work. The Fire Museum sign and canopy over the front doors were finally completed. The first exhibit included an 1873 Silsby steamer and hose reel similar to the ones that Cleveland used in that same era. It also included one of Cleveland's first motorized vehicles, a 1913 White hose truck



Front Entrance Fire Museum Sign Awaiting Placement

on loan from the Crawford Auto Museum. The Live Oak Button hand pumper originally purchased by Cleveland in 1847 loaned by the Live Oak Fire Museum of Amherst, Ohio and a 1925 Seagrave pumper formerly CFD Engine 16, later Engine 32, were also on display. Included in the exhibit were large historic photos currently hung on the apparatus bay walls in the Museum.

A formal ceremony celebrating the Museum opening and 150th CFD anniversary was held at the Museum featuring newly appointed Cleveland Fire Chief Patrick J. Kelly, the 15th permanent chief of the department. The exhibit was very well received, but was removed in early 2014 in order to do more renovations to the building. It certainly was a fitting tribute to 150 years of Cleveland's paid fire department and was a precursor of future exhibits to come.

MUSEUM SPEAKS AT NE OHIO FIRE CHIEF'S MEETING

BY JIM BELL

On June 13th Museum President Jim Bell had the pleasure to speak at the monthly meeting of the Northeast Ohio Fire Chiefs Association. At the invitation of NEOFCA President and Gates Mills Fire Chief Tom Robinson he spoke to the group about creating a professional, regional fire museum that reflects their motto: Saving History, Saving Lives. He also discussed and distributed information about the museum, our current exhibit, upcoming public events, the availability of our funeral caisson and our work with the Boy Scouts in attaining their Fire Safety Merit Badge.



Pres. Jim Bell addresses NEOFCA members

THE ANTHONY J. CELEBREZZE DECOMMISSIONED AS ENGINE 21.....NOVEMBER 21, 1961 – JUNE 28, 2023

BY PAUL NELSON

Cleveland's longest serving fireboat was retired on June 28th in a ceremony that also included the commissioning of the new 6000gpm Marine 21 that has been named the Garret Morgan. It is appropriate that we take a look in this photo essay at the *Celebrezze* as it changed in appearance over its 62 years of service.

Paul Nelson photo

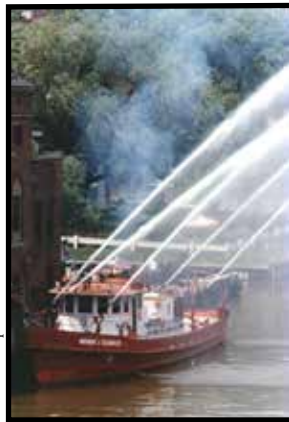


Original appearance red over black 1960's and 1970's

ORIGINAL POSTED COAST GUARD SPECS

- 60.66-ft Length 16-ft Beam
- 6.25-ft Draft Steel hull Weight 42-tons
- 4 two-stage Fairbanks 1500gpm marine pumps
- 4 Detroit Diesel 6.71 engines 200HP
- Speed 17 knots

Built by Paasch Marine Service Company Erie, PA
Launched in Erie October 20, 1961



Repainted white over red for remainder of service

Paul Nelson photo



Four new deck guns forward and aft

WREM photo collection



The wheel house

WREM photo collection



Crane and rescue boat added



The Last Hurrah!!!

Playing away on the river at decommissioning ceremony June 28, 2023

GORGEOUS DAY FOR HAWAIIAN LUAU FUNDRAISER

BY JOAN OLIVER

The Gods smiled down on us for a second year in a row and blessed us with another gorgeous day for our annual Hawaiian Luau Fundraiser. The veranda at Lago Custom Events was once again transformed into a colorful tropical island paradise. We had around 180 present for our event this year. Everyone attending received a beautiful floral lei as they entered onto the veranda and the room was adorned with a colorful array of magnificent tropical flowers courtesy of Green Circle Growers and Daniel & Louisa Martone.

Our DJ, Jesse Howells did a magnificent job entertaining the crowd with a wide variety of musical selections. The lakefront once again provided a picturesque background giving guests breathtaking views of the Lake Erie Shoreline.

A good time was had by all. The food was delicious and the company superb. Museum Board member Bryan Draga was our MC for the evening and did a spectacular job showcasing all the wonderful silent auction items up for bid, as well as, all the great items in the Chinese raffle. Attendees went home happily with a terrific array of baskets and packages. Some of the premier silent auction items that evening were a weekend getaway package to the Lakehouse Inn & Spa, field box seats to two Guardians games, Browns 50 yard line tickets, a weekend lease of a Maserati, golf & dinner at Salem Country Club in Salem, MA, a night in the flats package and a Playhouse Square Broadway Theater Package. Equally, there were some great items to win in the Chinese Raffle as well. In addition to the wine toss this year, we were able to have a Tito's toss courtesy of Tito's Handmade Vodka and Courtney Koenig. Both were a huge success. A big thank you goes out to all those who donated wine and the wonderful array of baskets and gifts.

A special thank you goes out to Museum Board member Bryan Draga, The Sherwin-Williams Company, Maserati of Akron, Terrence O'Malley, MD and Tylok International who provided

premier auction items as well as sponsorship support. One of our most generous contributors was the Salerno Group along with Museum Board member Andrew Czarzasty, Esq. and Lago Custom Events along with Diana DeJesus, Social Sales Coordinator, who did a wonderful job working with the committee to set up this magnificent venue on the East Bank of the Flats and catered the delicious food. We would also like to thank all the individuals who gave sponsorship support by purchasing tables as well.



Luuu attendees wait to see if lucky winners

The success of this event was due to the hard work of a committee consisting of Andrew Czarzasty, Pat Poole, Bryan Draga, John Zangerle, Pat Zangerle, Jim Byrne and Joan Oliver. A special thank you goes out to Pat Poole who coordinated the silent auction and Chinese raffle. We would like to thank all those who volunteered to work the event (Debbie Hubbard, Denise & Keith Devine, Jim Byrne, Annamae & John Heiman, Dean Murad & Lisa Phipps, Carol & Chris Sheehe, Frank Novak & Jim Bell). We couldn't have done it without you. Last but not least, a big thank you goes out to all those that attended and showed their support to make this event a success. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

ONE STEP CLOSER TO COMPLETION

BY JOAN OLIVER

In order to finish the dormitory renovation project and to proceed with the fire inspection the Museum needed to construct a firewall on the north side of the alarm office so people would have a direct way out in case of emergency. We had purchased all the materials, but we needed to find someone to actually construct the wall. We were in the process of getting quotes when Pete Corso of Corso Construction came to our rescue. He offered to help us out at a reasonable price. The entire project took about a week and it came out looking great. Mike Timperio of Fire Safety Enterprises looked the area over, completed the necessary fire stopping and donated the emergency light that was needed. Museum volunteers Ken Jordan, Bill Deighton, and Richard Lash helped with the finishing touches on the hallway. Once the fire proofing caulking is put around the wall, we should be able to complete the fire inspection and move along to schedule our final building inspection. The museum can't thank everyone enough who helped bring this project to completion.



Pete Corso & Jerry Betram work on firewall

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OPEN HOUSE

BY JIM BELL

The Western Reserve Fire Museum and Education Center will be holding our annual Fire Prevention Week Open House on Saturday October 14th. The time will be 10:00AM-2:00PM. The theme this year is "Cooking safety starts with YOU! Pay attention to fire prevention". Plan on bringing your whole family down and see the wonderful exhibits and learn all about safe fire practices for your home. All children will get a free fire helmet and a goody bag full of fire safety information to take home. There will also be hotdogs, popcorn and beverages to snack on, as well as, activities for the kids. See you then



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Saturday, October 14, 2023** – Cleveland, OH. Annual Fire Safety Week Open House at the Museum, 10am– 2pm. Free hotdogs, popcorn & beverages for all attendees. Helmets, goodie bags, games & activities for the kids including the Jr. Firefighter’s Challenge, fire safety presentations, & museum tours. Admission to the Museum will be free of charge during Open House hours. For more information visit our website at www.wrfmc.com.
- **Sunday, December 10, 2023** – Cleveland, OH. Planned free visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus, 11am – 1pm at the Museum. Goodies and treats for the kids. Bring your camera, great photo opportunity for the family. For more information visit our website at www.wrfmc.com.
- **Wednesday, February 21 - Saturday, February 24, 2024** – Memphis, Tennessee. The Memphis Fire Museum is hosting the SPAAMFAA Winter Conference. Crown Plaza Hotel Downtown, 300 North Second Street, Memphis, TN is the affiliated hotel. For more info and registration go to www.spaamfaa.org.
- **Saturday, March 2, 2024** – Cleveland, Ohio. Annual Firematic Flea Market, 8am – 1pm. Held at Cleveland Fire Training Academy, 3101 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, OH. Admission \$5.00 with children 12 and under free. For more information visit the Museum website at www.wrfmc.com.

NEW 2024 MUSEUM EXHIBIT OHIO FIRE APPARATUS MANUFACTURERS LEAD THE NATION

BY JOHN ZANGERLE

The Fire Museum’s 2024 exhibit will focus on Ohio fire apparatus and equipment manufacturers. A committee has been working on this exhibit which should be very exciting because of Ohio’s rich history in the fire apparatus and equipment field. The first practical steam fire engine in the United States was built by the A. B. & E. Latta Company of Cincinnati, Ohio for the first paid fire department in the country which was the Cincinnati Fire Department established in 1853. Latta’s Cincinnati operations were ultimately discontinued but were followed by the Ahrens manufacturing company of Cincinnati which was one of the best known manufacturers of steam fire engines. The Thomas Manning, Jr. Company of Cleveland and the Mansfield Machine Works of Mansfield were also early manufacturers of steam pumpers. The Seagrave Company of Columbus was a major manufacturer of horse drawn aerial ladders as well as ladder trucks and hose wagons.

By the twentieth century Ohio was home to two of the three major motor fire apparatus manufacturers, Ahrens-Fox and

Seagrave as well as a number of other smaller manufacturers and fire equipment companies including Akron Brass and Wooster Brass which were primarily nozzle manufacturers. Goodyear in Akron developed the first cotton jacketed rubber fire hose and by the 1920’s Ohio apparatus and equipment was sold coast to coast and even internationally.

Our new exhibit will tell the story of these manufacturers and equipment companies through display panels illustrated with ample photographs. On display will be several pieces of vintage fire apparatus and equipment representing Ohio manufacturers that show the development of modern firefighting. It will highlight these companies’ innovations that changed the fire service. It will also show the entrepreneurial growth of some of these businesses such as Sutphen, and the failure of others. Several special programs featuring speakers on this topic are also planned. We look forward to seeing you at the Museum.

CFD TRIVIA

Q: When did CFD have four traditional rescue squads in service?

BY PAUL NELSON

A: From 1964 to 1976.

CFD rescue squad service began on November 22, 1927 with the establishment of Rescue Squad No. 1 and No. 2 from Hose 6 and Hose 5 respectively. Those 1913 motorized hose companies were also known as “Flying Squads” carrying some rescue and first aid equipment as well as well as hose. They also had chemical extinguisher tanks. Rescue Squad No. 3 was established on November 26, 1927 and also had a chemical extinguisher tank and hose.

Service remained unchanged until a fourth rescue squad was established at Station No. 25 on February 1, 1964. Plans for the fourth rescue squad had been under discussion since 1960. The disbanding of some companies in 1963 and 1964 provided department personnel to staff the fourth rescue.

The four squads remained in service until April 1, 1976 when RS 1 and RS 4 were disbanded. The City Administration decided that with the establishment of Cleveland EMS there would be less need of CFD rescue squads to respond to medical emergencies. The largest CFD reorganization of companies occurred with massive changes going into effect on October 28, 1982. Rescue Squad No. 1 was reestablished at Station No. 9 bringing the rescue squad service to three.

On February 11, 2013 all three rescue squads, which had achieved ALS capabilities, were disbanded. It was part of the on-going activities surrounding the proposed merger of Cleveland Fire and EMS. Two new rescue companies were created as technical rescues without the ALS capability.



RS 4 1967 Sutphen/Ford fire rescue



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**Plan to Attend
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Oct. 14, 2023 10am – 2pm**

**Don't Throw
That Away**

The Fire Museum is looking for fire related photos, articles, artifacts from Cleveland and all of the Lands of the Western Reserve as we preserve area fire history.



**Fire Prevention Week Open House,
Saturday, Oct. 14th**

Please come down and join us for our Fire Prevention Week Open House, Saturday, Oct. 14th, from 10am – pm. Admission is free for this event. Games, activities, & goodie bags for the kids as well as a Jr. Firefighter Challenge. Hotdogs, popcorn, & beverages to snack on. Museum tours available. Fun for the whole family!

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