

NEW JERSEY FIRE MUSEUM

2023 NEWSLETTER

Hope - Long

You can have an idea, a vision, plans & money, but without HOPE you don't have sh*t! Hope is the fuel that drives your desire, spikes your emotions, energizes your courage to take chances, and picks your ass up when everything goes wrong.

The secret is to HOPE — LONG!

Don't think tomorrow, not next month nor next year. Think HOPE for long-term success!

Ernie Day worked hard, had a lot going on, and was very successful. Hope is contagious and never ends when it is part of a worthy effort. Ernie had Hope, and he passed it on.

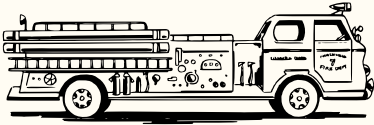
So altogether let's HOPE — LONG and continue supporting and growing the NJ Fire Museum!

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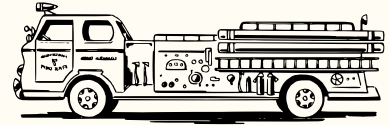
Dave Horsnall
President



DAVE WITH OUR ERNIE DAY CUT OUT



Tribute



We lost a true friend and our past President last July, Bob Burns. Bob worked tirelessly, with spirit and energy to keep the vision of the museum moving forward. It saddened the hearts of all of us to know that Bob is no longer with us. He will always be with us in spirit as we continue to move the vision of the museum forward. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Helen, former secretary of the board. May Bob Rest in Peace.



Notes from the Coalition

To start we would like to thank Campbell Supply and Englishtown Fire Dept. for each hosting a coalition meeting - it is truly appreciated.

We were very busy in 2022, especially trying to figure out ways to get more members and exposure for the museum. We are in the process of forming programs to be showcased at the museum in the near future.

Make sure to follow our social media accounts for updates on upcoming events and programs.

If you have any ideas that could help our museum, please contact us by email.

Future Events

At the New Jersey Fire Museum

- **NJFM Swap Meet**

- April 29, 2023 (Sat) 9am - 3pm

- ***Rain Date April 30, 2023 (Sun)***

- Want to be a vendor? Please contact David Napier at 732-995-4172 or email 7474pic@gmail.com

- **Memorial Service for our Fallen Firefighters**

- June 4, 2023 (Sun) 10:30am arrival
12:00pm ceremony start

- **NJFM Open House & 4th Annual Great Eastern Muster**

- September 24, 2023 (Sun) 9am - 3pm

Other Events

- **Memorial Day Parades-** May 29, 2023

- Freehold, Allentown and Farmingdale

- **Tri-County Fire Association Antique**

- Apparatus show** (Thompson Park, Jamesburg)

- June 25, 2023 Begins at 10am

- **Monmouth County Fair-** July 26 - 30, 2023

- **Glasstown Antique Fire Brigade Show & Muster** - August 20, 2023 10am - 4pm

Follow our social media for future event updates





Report from the Collection Committee

This has been a busy couple of months. collections are coming in, both BIG and small. We have had patches donated, alarm gears, toys and other historic memorabilia. We have also been offered several trucks for our collection. Some of these we have not been able to see, so they are on hold for now,

Our committee does not only work on the collection, but the paperwork that has to be completed with each donated item. With the trucks, the paperwork is the title transfer. In a lot of cases, the title is not found, so the work gets a lot harder. The process is, if the donating party agrees, to get a duplicate title. One has a new title, and two are working on getting a new title- this takes time with the NJ MVC.

What has been added to the collection since my last report is:

- A rescue truck from the military surplus, a tanker from a local fire company, and the supplier of that truck.
- A private collector has donated a pumper to our collection that was driven to the museum.
- Two other departments have to vote on donating their trucks to our collection.
Both will be a welcomed addition to our collection.

WRITTEN BY

Dave Napier
Vice President

Facility Maintenance Updates

What is Happening in the 5 Bay

Our 5-bay garage is now 90% set up and we have been busy working on trucks. The lighting, tools, and toolboxes are in place and our 1000-square-foot storage room is filled with supplies. We can now work on trucks all year, now that the weather is no longer an issue. We finally have a true repair shop and things are getting done!



We have completed the restoration of the **Lavalette engine** - look for it at parades and musters this year!

The **Kingston 1943 Ford engine** is being rebuilt and will hopefully be ready by the summer.

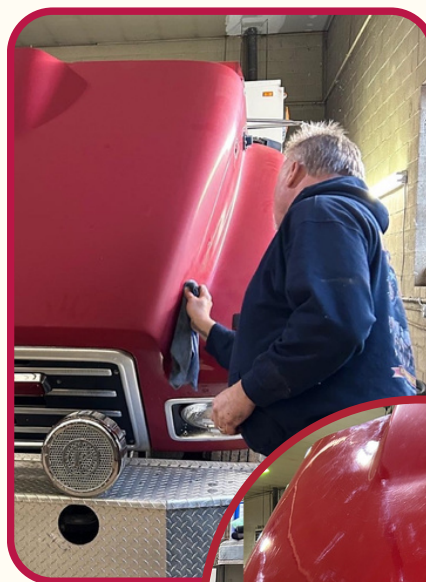
The **Roselle GMC fuel system** is being repaired and we will soon have it on the road.

The **1927 Ocean Gates Seagrave** is running perfectly and we are waiting to put in the new drive shaft.

One of our newest additions is the **1986 International Rescue Truck**. A few of our members have been working on this truck to get it ready for the Spring. The old lettering had to be removed.

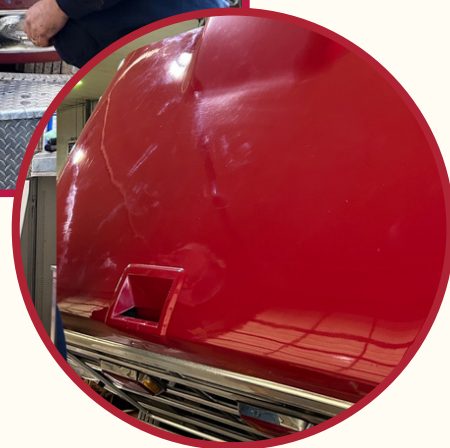
Since the start of 2023, we had the outside cleaned, and began polishing and detailing. We were all shocked at how the paint shined, it looked like it got a new paint job.

Six brand-new tires have been installed, and the next step is having the truck lettered by one of our board members. This truck will be used to carry merchandise to events and for promoting the museum. Look for it and stop by and see us!



BEFORE

AFTER



WRITTEN BY

Paul Boegemann

Board Member/ Facility Maintenance Chairperson

Facility Maintenance Updates

The Barn, a.k.a. The Fire Truck Museum

This year we had to have the barn floor professionally vacuumed out. The years of dust and dirt were not good for us or the trucks. There was constantly a layer of dirt on the trucks no matter how many times we cleaned them.

The inside storage areas have also been cleaned out and organized. We are working on a new floor plan for the equipment, to make it easier for our visitors to view the trucks. The new layout will have designated areas for hand-drawn, horse-drawn, and motorized apparatus, plus all kinds of additional equipment.

There is a lot going on and we appreciate all the help we can get. So, if you have any spare time we could use some extra hands in the museum and the garage.

Building 10 is now the largest building on the property. It is where we store of all the additional trucks and equipment either waiting to get repairs or to be put on display. We were so pleased to be able to use this building because it now gives us more room in the barn. We store the tractor-trailer tanker and the tiller ladder trucks here, so please ask to see them when you come to visit or volunteer.

You Never Know What You May Find...

My husband and I were bringing in some artwork from storage to add to the collection inside the museum.

We carefully opened the back of the frame to clean the glass and were shocked to find three complete newspapers *behind* the photos!

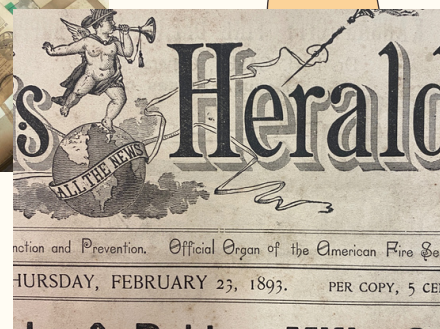
They are dated 1893, 1894, and 1895. We gently removed them and could not believe what great condition they were in. They are now framed and inside a display case.

To avoid any further wear and tear, I used a scanning app on my phone to 'scan' each page of the newspapers. We made a binder, on top of the display case, of these scans for anyone who wants to see what is inside the papers. A real treasure!

WRITTEN BY

Laura Boegemann

Board Secretary / Social Media



The Library at the New Jersey Fire Museum

A library is a vital part of preserving the history of the Fire Service in New Jersey. It not only provides the history of firematic activities in New Jersey; it provides sometimes hard-to-find educational materials for all emergency responders and the general public in New Jersey. From the latest firefighting technology to basic and advanced firefighting skills, fire prevention, management, arson investigation, and public educational materials- which are all available at one location.

As we approach a new fall semester, these materials will be a valuable resource to educators, students and fire officials. To develop training programs and present them. It also provides additional resources to prepare and present educational materials to meet multiple training needs.

With over 2,000 volumes of firematic documents, from the latest publications to volumes written over 100 years ago. You can find information on just about any fire service topic. We also have a large selection of fire department histories, large fires, autobiographies, and novels for your reading pleasure.

The library is open the first Saturday of each month, from 10am - 2pm, and on the 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings from 6:30pm - 9:30pm. The museum and library are not open on Holidays.

Most Saturdays you can find a board member at the museum with access to the library. If a special time for your visit is needed, please call the museum at 609-208-3583 and leave a message, which will be answered by a board member to schedule your visit. In some cases, arrangements may be made for the loan of a specific item/material for a predetermined time. Come visit and take advantage of one of the largest firematic libraries in New Jersey.



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Skip Carr
Board Member / Historical Librarian

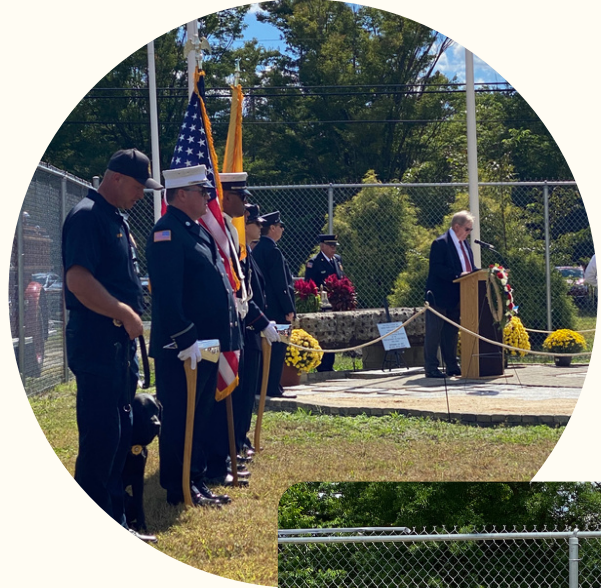


Memorial Ceremony

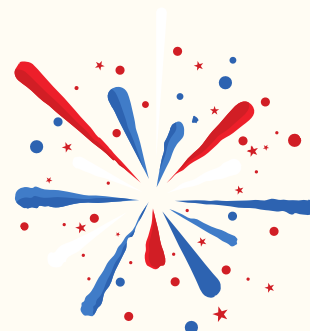
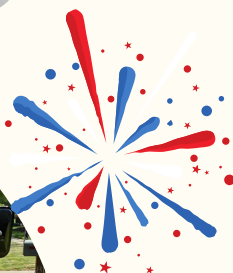
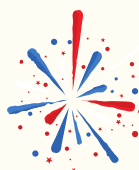
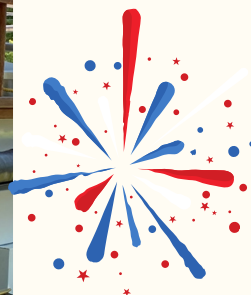
Our Memorial ceremony was held on May 14, 2022. It was the first time we did not combine it with our Open House event. We felt that it deserved its own day to honor and celebrate the lives of our fallen heroes.

Family and friends were able to spend the time needed together during this special day.

We want to acknowledge all the individuals that participated in making this day memorable for the families and friends that attended to commemorate their loved ones.



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Day



Allentown, NJ

Monmouth County Fair

Freehold, NJ



Open House

September 25, 2022



We want to thank everyone that came out to this year's Open House and made it a huge success!

We had a ceremony to thank all the supporters from the State - they are now certainly friends of the museum! We added a bouncy house for the kids, and they loved it! We had many families come to visit us for the first time, and many of our repeat visitors.

Thank you to Hope Fire Co. for providing the food for the event. We are so grateful for all the volunteers that helped us make this day a success!





Thank You...

We would all like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the New Jersey Legislature, the Senate, and the Assembly for their support. Through their support, we can continue moving forward with our present and future plans for the museum.

We hope to have them visit us during 2023 to see all the progress we have made with their support.





Congratulations Anthony!



Congratulations Woody on 50 years in the fire service!



WELCOME!

The New Jersey Fire Museum would like to take a moment to welcome our new members to the Board of Directors: **Bill Brick, Scott Campbell, Frank Ellis, Woody Emmons, Joe Hankins, Jerry Naylis, Tom Nunn, and Jim Truncer.**

We are looking forward to having an amazing year!

Ship Bottom Volunteer Fire Company celebrates their 100-year anniversary!

Ship Bottom donated this beautiful 1937 Ford to the museum a few years ago.

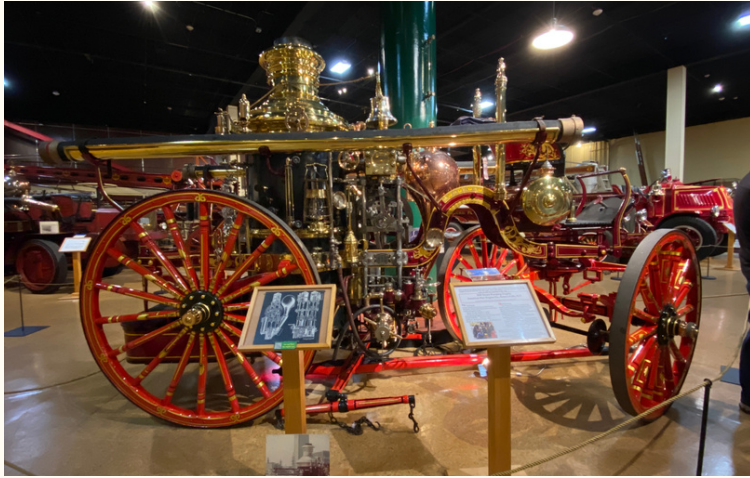
They asked us if we could bring the truck to their celebration; knowing how important this was to the fire company and the town. So we made sure we got this girl there!

The look on people's faces when they saw the truck was priceless. We had people coming up and telling us stories from the past of when they were kids. Like how they climbed on the truck or watched it in the Christmas parades.

The truck is a favorite at the museum. She's had some work done, including a rebuilt engine. We were very happy to make their event even more special.



A Trip to the Fire Museum of Maryland

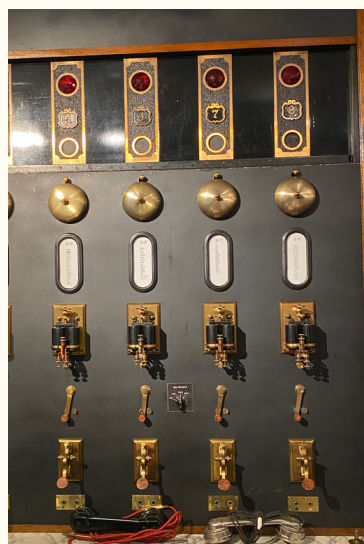


The museum had a special 'Lantern Night' event in October. We took this as a chance to 'pick their brains'.

We reached out to them prior to coming. The staff was well-prepared for all our questions during our daytime visit. We learned things to help with our vision for our museum.

We went back to the lantern event, and it was such a great experience. They did a wonderful job with it.

If you have never been there, take the trip, and tell them we sent you!



San Antonio Fire Museum & Fire Museum Network Seminar

In November, Paul and Laura attended their 1st Fire Museum Network Seminar in San Antonio, Texas - hosted by the San Antonio Fire Museum.

They were very eager for this opportunity to learn more ways to help our museum.

They were thrilled to witness Dave and Barb Hubert's 1902 "American" Fire Steamer, "Rosie". Rosie was pulled by 3 powerful Percheron draft horses down the streets in the town of Windcrest.

The highlight of that day was seeing the crew fire up Rosie and pump water!

Our members want to thank the museum for hosting. They loved meeting so many people from all over the country, who preserve firefighting history as we do.



Membership

One of the issues we have been working very hard with as a committee, with help from our BOD and the Coalition, is how do we drive up our membership?

We have many ideas and we are putting them into place, **but we need your help**. We need our current members to talk about the museum, spread the word about it, and encourage people to come to visit us! If you have any ideas that we can use please contact us.

Our visitors are very excited when they see our collection. Both inside the museum and outside in the garage to see all the trucks we have.

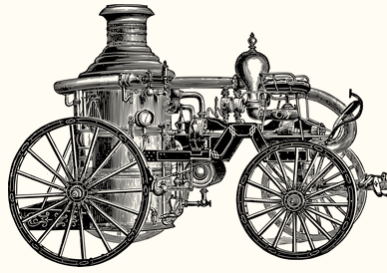
Our members are very important to the museum in many ways. The dues, which we do feel are very reasonable, help us keep the museum functioning on a daily basis. We are working on the new membership benefits and once they are in place we will notify our members.

We have many expenses to keep the museum running, and yes, the grants we have received from the state are very helpful; but that money is being used for big projects. We did not even have the funds at the beginning of last year to allow us to print calendars or like items for our members. Please be patient with us as we are finalizing the last details.

Members can come to volunteer their time, no matter how much or little, to help us work on projects that need to be accomplished. It could be as simple as taking the vacuum and cleaning the floors and area rugs, or going to help with maintenance on trucks or buildings. That is one less thing for us to do, but it is a great help to keep the museum ready for visitors.

We also need help on Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm, since the museum is now open for visitors. If there is any time you can help, please email Laura Boegemann or Dave Horsnall.

The membership committee is currently discussing additional benefits, also packages for family and organization memberships



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