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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As you read this it will be Thanksgiving, or thereabout and we all take a moment to give thanks and to take stock of the good things that we have experienced recently. The Fire Museum of Maryland board and staff does likewise and I can say without hesitation that since November of 2016 (when the last issue of The Watchdesk was published) we, too, have experienced an incredible assortment of friends, restoration projects, new exhibits and artifacts. We also welcomed Eric Kelso as our new Assistant Curator. He jumped in with both feet and has become a wonderful asset. (*See bio.*)

Sometimes folks ask about the use of “Maryland” in our name. This decision was made by my father and me to simply suggest our location in the U.S. The focus of the Museum is on urban fire fighting across the country, and we continue to expand as material or

artifacts present themselves!

You probably realize that we are in the midst of the biggest Capital Campaign that we have ever undertaken: \$1,000,000. If somehow we missed telling you earlier, I apologize. We are asking all of our friends to pitch in and make this goal a reality by 2019. The money is for a wide range of projects and if you would like to know more about this, please call or email for a brochure. I would be pleased to discuss gift ideas all the way up to naming opportunities. Projects already funded and completed include replacing the lighting fixtures in the East Wing, Annex and Research Center; more track lighting in the main hall; replacing the 1899 steamer boiler; and black topping and striping the parking lot. We need your help!

Steve Heaver

Remember Miss Frizzle, the teacher from the Magic School Bus series?

Miss Frizzle had a magic school bus

that would take her students to impossible locations, like outer space, or inside the human body.

“Take chances!” Miss Frizzle would proclaim.

Here at The Fire Museum, we’ve been taking a few chances of our own. We’ve hosted events, been on magazine covers, and hit the streets.

In February, we held our first ever Great Baltimore Fire Exhibit & Tasting, with catered snacks and sips of The Baltimore Whiskey Company’s ‘1904 Ginger Apple Liquor.’ This event was in addition to our bus tour.

For 2018, we plan an even bigger and more informative Great Fire event here inside the Museum. Save the date: it’s Sunday, February 11.

In 2017 we appeared on the cover of the 2017 Baltimore County Visitors Guide. “Enjoy Baltimore

COUNTY Maryland.” Look for the visitors guide at hotels and tourist venues around town. (enjoybaltimorecounty.com).

We were also on the cover of “Living Local.”

We continued to improve our visibility online. Our partnerships with Groupon, Certifikid, DealHere and the KidStuff coupon book continue to bring in visitors. This year, we’re also part of SHINE FM’s Brighter Buys, a program similar to Groupon.

Every year on the 4th of July, we participate in the Towson parade. This year, we got a new request: could we bring an engine to a community parade near Padonia Road? We’d never taken our engines to two different locations on the 4th before. But we were willing to take a chance, so we took three engines south to Towson, while the Pride headed north to Timonium. It worked out great and the museum made lots of new friends.

Miss Frizzle would be proud.



TURNING OUT THE FLEET

By E. M. Kelso

As part of our mission to educate the public, every year we turn out pieces of the collection for shows, musters, rentals, parades, and other forms of outreach into the community. This year has been a very exciting year as a lot of work has been done, to several pieces, to properly restore and maintain their safe operation. Some of it has been routine maintenance, but others have been full blown restorations such as, the 1899 American Fire Engine Co. (AFEC) Steamer, formerly from Lawrence-Cedarhurst, NY, to the restoration currently underway of our 1920 Seagrave Co. Fire Engine.

This year's Steam show was its 40th year, and the 1899 AFEC Steamer was ready to go. Under steam with its new boiler, it pumped water, provided power for several steam models, and delighted visitors of all ages. The Steam Show at the museum is every year on the first Saturday of May. During this show we exhibit our early hand and horse drawn apparatus. This year in addition to the Steamer we had our 1853 James Smith hand engine, from the Storm Engine Co. Babylon, NY, and our 1880 Gleason and Bailey from Lutherville Volunteer Fire Co. hand engines out pumping.

With the help of visitors, these engines pumped streams of water throughout the day. Members of the Babylon, NY Fire Department came down this year to see the old engine work, and posed for a picture with the Storm signal lamp that sits atop the engine. Although the forecast was not ideal, the rain held off, and everyone was able to enjoy the show and learn about the various engines, steam models, and enjoy rides in our horse drawn 1898 American Fire Engine Combination wagon.

The museum also participates in parades. This year's 4th of July Parade in Townson saw three of our vehicles participate; First, Engine 23 (E-23), a 1916 Mack ACCD "Bulldog" that recently had its radiator repaired, and performed successfully for the parade. In its former life, E-23 served as an engine, and a hose wagon for Baltimore's High Pressure District. Second, and the most popular engine of its time in New England, the 1926 Maxim Model M3 Engine, is on loan to us through the generosity of David Brown,



Above: 40th Annual Steam Day
Below: Storm Engine Co. Babylon, NY



Above: 1899 American Fire Engine Co. Steamer
Below: 1920 Seagrave Engine Restoration



Above: Engine 23, 4th of July
Below: 1898 AFE Combination Wagon, Steam Day



Above: Members of the Storm Engine Co.,
Babylon, NY
Below: 1926 Maxim Model M3, 4th of July



and made its last parade appearance in the Townson parade. Part of keeping our pieces operational is deciding which apparatus to turn out, and when it is time to rotate them off the running roster. The Maxim is still on display in the museum, but will be taking a break from the road.

In addition to shows we have two engines that are actively running for rentals and outreach. Engine-49 (E-49) is a Mack Pumping Engine originally from the mountains of Ridgeley, West Virginia, and has been pulling a large portion of the work this year. E-49 has been out for parades, Members Night, parties, and other outreach opportunities that normally would have been handled by the back bone of our operating fleet, Engine 35 (E-35). E-35 was down for extensive break

repairs completed by our outstanding mechanic, Brian Fiedler. E-35 was from Havre de Grace Susquehanna Hose Co. No. 3 MD, and had the entire rear brake system and master cylinder rebuilt with the front breaks having been rebuilt the last year. Probably one of our most exciting rental opportunities is the 1947 Mack Flood Light Wagon or FL-1. This year FL-1 got a new coat of beautiful red paint on the fenders, and was gold leafed. Capable of putting out 9,000 WATS of light it is sure to light up your world. FL-1 was also in the Townson 4th of July Parade, and is available for your event.

In the museum you will find a 1933 Mack BQ Tractor. The BQ was one of the largest tractors of its kind for the time. This open cab tractor pulls a significant

piece of Baltimore City’s history, an 1898 Water Tower (WT-1). This water tower (originally pulled by three horses) was in service for Baltimore’s Great Fire, February 7th and 8th, 1904, and was almost lost to the collapsing of the Hurst Co. building if not for one horse, Goliath. He reacted to the flames bursting out of the Hurst building and U-turned WT-1 pulling to safety. Goliath was burned, but made a full recovery. WT-1 would remain in service until it was finally retired in 1969, over 60 years! WT-1 was turned out for the Motor Muster that is held every year on the second Saturday of September. Unfortunately, due to difficulty with a valve we were unable to raise the water tower. As the tower began to rise we could not maintain the necessary pressure, and it descended.

The staff is confident that we will be able to correct the problem before it goes out again. Directly across from WT-1 is E-7, which was also out for the September Motor Muster drafting from a basin, and pumped two streams of water for the spectator’s enjoyment.

The curatorial staff and volunteer staff are always hard at work ensuring that our fleet is clean, safe, and running in the best possible condition. We are dedicated to providing working demonstrations, and hands on learning of the history of fire apparatus in America. What makes this all possible is the generous support of museum donors. Without the donations of everyday people who love to see history in action we could not provide these unique and wonderful experiences to the public.



1947 Mack Floodlight Wagon



Above: 1949 Mack Fire Engine, 4th of July, Elli Kelsi
Below: Engine 7 pumping, Steve Heaver



Above: 1935 Stutz, Brian Fiedler driving
Below: 1899 AFE operating on Steam Day



Above: 1898 Water Tower pulled by 1933 Mack BQ Tractor
Below: 40th Annual Steam Day



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The Fire Museum of Maryland is working to restore this amazing piece of history for its 100th birthday. Originally from the Ridgway Fire Dept. in Elk County, Pa. it has a new life here at the museum. Much of the restoration has been completed such as rebuilding the engine and pump, cleaning and plating various parts, and painting has begun. We still have a lot to do in order to get the old engine finished. Many parts still need to be cleaned and plated; some items need to be located and purchased, and let's not forget reproducing the exquisite painting and gold leaf original to the piece.

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Scouting Comes to the Fire Museum

By E. M. Kelso

This November the museum rolled out Scouting Merit Badge Programs and Cub Scout Award Programs. Currently Cub Scouts can come to the museum earn one of four exciting awards:



In the Tiger Safe and Smart Award program 1st graders learn the right way to call 911, and important safety skills in the event of fire or other emergency. They then take these skills to the home with a home escape plan for emergencies.



The Wolf Collections and Hobbies Award program allows 2nd graders the opportunity to exhibit their own collection at the museum, tour our collection while learning about how we care for it, and learn important fire safety skills.

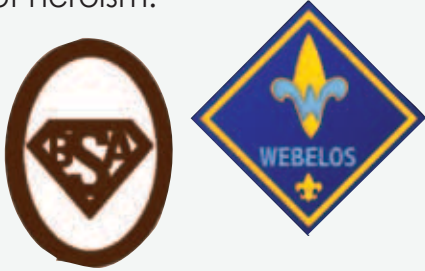


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In addition to these there are two hero programs; Wolf Home Town Hero's and Webelos/AOL Build my Own Hero. In these award programs 2nd, 4th, and 5th grade Scouts learn about heroes in the community through exploring the Great Fire of 1904 and the qualities of heroism.



Beyond 5th grade we are offering a series of Merit Badge Programs: Safety, Collections, Signs Signals and Codes, Art, Traffic Safety, and Fire Safety. Through these programs Scouts can learn about a wide variety safety, communications, culture, and preservation. The first of the Merit Badge Programs to be rolled out was the Collections badge to be followed by the others as the programs become available.



All the BSA and Cub Scout Programs are overseen by staff member Eric Kelso, who in addition to his role here as the Assistant Curator is a volunteer leader with the BSA in Pennsylvania's New Birth of Freedom Council (NBOF) as well as a merit badge counselor in NBOF and the Baltimore Area Council.



Eric Kelso is the new Assistant Curator for the museum, and is a graduate of Northern Kentucky University's Master of Arts in Public History Program. As part of that program, he had internships at Heritage Village Museum in Sharonville, OH and The Sons of the American Revolution archive in Louisville, KY. Kelso also assisted in the creation of an award winning exhibit at the Berhinger-Crawford Museum in Covington, KY for the city's bicentennial. In addition to his education and experience Kelso brings years of volunteer involvement as a leader in the Boy Scouts of America, and has launched several new Scouting programs at the museum. Kelso is slated to become the new Curator of the museum in 2018.





By William Roulett

Thanks to another year of support from the Motorola Solutions Foundation, the Fire Museum and the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland (GSCM) developed "STEM Femmes," which will deliver STEM programs to 150 girl scouts. This program will use real examples and positive female role models to bring awareness of STEM careers to the next generation of women.

In 2014, the National Assessment of Education Progress's (NAEP) Technology and Engineering Literacy assessment measured students' ability to apply technology and engineering skills to real-life situations. The results showed girls scoring 3% higher than boys. That NAEP assessment also found that 18% of minority students scored at or above the proficient level, compared to 56% of Caucasian students. The Fire Museum developed a strategic partnership with GSCM to serve female, minority students. GSCM, headquartered in Baltimore, has a diverse demographic make-up including 32% African American, 12% Latina, 6% Asian, and 5% multi-racial. These statistics make the need for this partnership and resulting programs clear.

Fire Safety, Chemistry, and Electricity bins will be created for participating

girl scout troops to borrow from GSCM headquarters. Each bin will contain about three hours of hands-on, STEM activities. Stephanie Alpee, GSCM's STEM Specialist, explained, "Hands-on learning techniques are at the core of Girl Scout programming, and we look forward to offering the activities and programming that will result from the partnership." Troops that complete the bin activities will be awarded a patches and passes to the museum. Using the pass, scouts will visit the museum, participate in a scavenger hunt, and learn how the fire service applied STEM.

According to Alpee, "Girl Scouts is committed to increasing girls' involvement in STEM and ensuring that every girl has opportunities to explore and build potential career paths in these important fields." Towards that end, bins will prepare girls for a STEM Career Day at the Fire Museum. The Career Day will welcome female presenters from the University of Maryland, Baltimore Gas and Electric, and the Baltimore City Fire Department who will speak about their career and education decisions with 75 scouts and lead them in a STEM challenge.

Motorola Solutions Foundation was eager to support the Fire Museum's

program. Wesley Anne Barden, Motorola Solutions Foundation Program Officer, commented that STEM Femmes "allows young girls to meet and engage with women who have committed their careers to fire safety and technology professions, making it more realistic for young girls to also see themselves pursuing these types of careers in their future." Motorola Solutions Foundation is the charitable arm of Motorola Solutions and seeks to benefit the communities where it operates through



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grants and volunteerism. Barden noted that the Motorola Solutions Foundation seeks to fund "programs that engage underrepresented communities with public safety and technology experiences, especially young females." She added that STEM Femmes "does a great job of blending public safety and technology which is one of Motorola Solutions Foundation's first priorities."

Grants like this allow the Fire Museum to engage specific audiences. If you know a particular audience that would benefit from our history or STEM programs, we are happy to work with you to find the funding and make that happen.



Did you know you could party with the fire engines?



The Fire Museum of Maryland is available for evening rentals. Whether it's a family or school reunion, special anniversary, corporate event, holiday party, wedding, or fund-raising gala, a night at The Fire Museum is one your guests will never forget!

To book your special event,
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RESTORING OUR 1899 STEAMER

By E. M. Kelso



Steamer c.1910



Full Size Render Eric kelso



Brian, Steve and Lee at shell fitting.

In 1899 the Lawerence-Cedarhurst Fire Department, now part of the New York City Fire Department, took delivery of a forth size steam pumping engine from the American Fire Engine Co. of Seneca Falls, Ny. When first owned there were no horses stabled at the fire house. So, upon receipt of an

alarm, a fire fighter rode a bicycle

to the nearest livery stable to get a team of horses. In 1906 the

fire co. won the County's Fireman Contest by throwing a stream of water 261 feet. Ten years later it received its first replacement boiler, and in 1917 it was sold to a nearby fire department where it remained until 1953. In the 50s and 60s it made its home in the collection of Nicolas Dionisio's Long Island Old Fire Engine Museum in Baldwin. Dionisio used the engine in parades and demoed it using an air compressor for tours. In 1970 it was purchased by Stephen G. Heaver, Sr., and would become an inaugural

piece of apparatus for the Fire Museum of Maryland in 1971. Plans by the Curator, Steve Heaver, Jr., were initiated to operate it as an

educational tool annually during an event called Steam Day. In 1978 the Steamer blew a hole in one of the boiler pipes and they all had to be renewed. Ninety-eight years after it received



Safety Valve Test



1848 cone mill used to grind the pigmint. Photo by Eric Kelso



Old boiler ready to remove



Water pressure gauge hiding original paint.



its first replacement boiler, the museum determined that it was time to replace the boiler again in order to continue demonstrating the engine as an educational tool. By then, the wheels, coal box, and seat had been restored.

Brian Fanslau of Boothbay, Me. agreed to take on the project of constructing a new boiler to replace the failing water tube boiler. On the 5th of July, 2016 the old boiler made its trip from Maryland to Maine, and the new boiler arrived in March of this year to be installed. Volunteers worked for many hours alongside the curatorial staff to clean, paint, and reattach all the various parts. The frame was also

repainted after discovering a 6" circle of original paint behind the water pressure gauge with a section of relief scroll, and was used to determine the original color. (An overlay of the gauge and the original paint found behind was created by Assistant Curator Eric Kelso and can be seen on the cover.) After much difficulty in trying to match the red through modern technology the staff and volunteers used an 1848 cone mill to grind the necessary pigment used to match this unique color over a period of several hours.

Everything was put back together, the frame and undercarriage had been painted, the wheels were placed back on their axels, and the boiler was inspected, tested, and certified for operation. Now the museum is coming down the home stretch in the restoration of this fine machine,

Wheel after restoration. Transfers were made by Ken Soderbeck



Steam Day 2017



Original paint and gold leaf after removing varnish

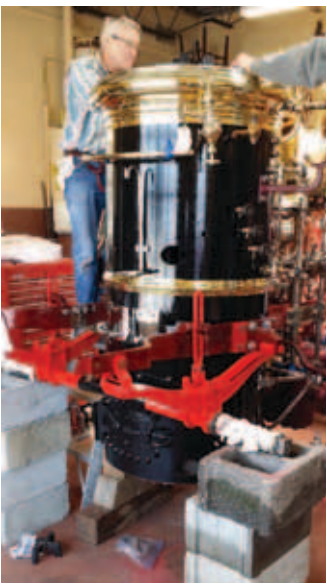
its decoration. As can be seen from the beautifully restored wheels this unit was decorated in great detail. In order to determine the correct decorations for the time period and manufacturer original photos were used along with



Will Roulett

photographs of another American Fire Engine Co. steamer, with original paint, located in the Dr. Lester L. Williams Fire Museum in Colorado Springs, Co. After all the research was completed many of the painted decorations have been done, but the museum is currently working to raise the \$9,000 needed to do the gold leafing that will finally complete the restoration. Many were able to see the steamer in action on

Steam Day this year, and you can too! Come out to our next steam show May 5th, 2018 and please consider donating to the museum to help us complete the steamer restoration.



Mike Gruber New boiler installed and painted





City Springs Eagles Fly to the Fire Museum

By William Roulett, Education Director

In 2016, the Fire Museum was happy to receive a \$5,000 grant from the Kiwanis Club of Baltimore City to fund education programs for city children. The museum was able to provide 171 students from City Springs Elementary with over two hours of programming and pay for transportation costs because of that generous gift. Dwight Warren, President of the Kiwanis Club, commented on the decision to fund the program, "I've had a working relationship with the museum for some time. When I learned of the museum's education programs I thought it would be a great time for students to see something historic and practical. We chose City Springs as the first school to partner with and are hoping to expand to more schools. The work of the Kiwanis Club is focused on children, particularly disadvantaged inner-city children."



Restricted gifts like this one, which are used for a specific project, are a great way to have an impact on your community in a focused way. The Kiwanis Club was able to use the Fire Museum as an educational resource to impact the majority of second to fifth grade students at City Springs Elementary. Randi Smith Delone, Assistant Principal at City Springs Elementary, was grateful for the opportunity and said, "The Fire Museum is simply a hidden treasure! Our scholars raved about their experiences at the museum. The trip was an exciting, interactive and educational experience for all age groups. Our scholars look forward to another opportunity to visit with the support of the Kiwanis Club Grant. Thank you!"



ACTION STATIONS AND QR CODES

By E. M. Kelso



This aerial ladder was originally horse drawn!
Can you picture three horses pulling this massive ladder?

1918 Mack ACCD Tractor Mack Trucks, Inc., Allentown, Pa. Baltimore City FD: T10; SL T10	1908 Hayes 85' Aerial Ladder American-LaFrance, Elmira, Ny. Baltimore City FD: T2; T18; SL T17
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When this aerial ladder first went into service, it was pulled by a team of three horses and had wooden spoked wheels. This tractor was the second to pull the ladder, and was originally equipped with solid rubber tires. A newer Mack tractor – also in the museum's collection – replaced this "Bulldog" in 1941. The ladder remained in service until 1971. This unit has been restored to the way it appeared during World War II, and demonstrates some of the improvements Baltimore City FD Repair Shop made over the years.

HEAR MY ENGINE
HEAR MY ENGINE

LADDER:
85' Main Ladder
Dahill air-over-oil hoist
6 Ground ladders
2 Comb (roof) ladders
2 Pomper ladders
1 Brace ladder
Portable generator
Portable flood lights
Life net
Life gun
Rescue tools

Tractor Donated by: Arthur Gnuu, Veh. No. 41
Aerial Ladder Donated by: Stephen G. Heaver Sr., Veh. No. 43
Tractor Restored by: Fire Museum of Maryland Volunteers, 1980

Edward F. Dahill (1862-1950) invented an air-hoist ladder system in 1902 that used compressed air to do the work easier and faster. Before Dahill, they needed three or more men to crank them up by hand. Thirty years would pass before Dahill's air-hoist would be surpassed by more efficient hydraulics.



Some people have asked “Why don’t you have interactive exhibits?” Well, the answer is, we do. The museum has always had different components of exhibits that are hands-on, but you may not have noticed them as you go through the various wonderful

the museum, or you can learn more about the Great Baltimore Fire of 1904 in another.

Hands-on stations are throughout the museum allowing you to activate lights and bells, or even pulling one of our many working fire alarm boxes that send a signal to our fully functioning Alarm Office. In our Alarm Office, you can see history in motion through over 140 years of operating fire alarm communications equipment that take you from 1870 to the present day (demonstrations announced regularly).

Don’t forget to bring your smart phone with a “QR Reader” App. You will find some Action Stations have a QR Codes you can scan with your smart phone to take you deeper into an exhibit like the one pictured, located in front of Truck 1.

There are other QR codes the let you see and hear the engine of an 1899 Steamer running, or simply find more information on an interesting exhibit. More and more are being added to our exhibits to help take visitors deeper inside the many fascinating stories, technology, and people that made history. Download a QR Code Scanner app for your phone and head to the museum today!

exhibits we have. So next time you’re at the fire museum look around for our “Action Stations.”

We have now placed these “Action Station” symbols throughout the museum to help you identify when there is an exhibit that you can interact with. In the museum you will find many hands-on opportunities to engage with the various exhibits and other unique items that help tell the national story of urban firefighting in America.

Take an audio tour with our fabulous acoustic guide system located at the entrance to the museum that contains two different audio tours. One tour will take you further into the history of exhibits throughout

Events

The Museum hosted several unique events this year. We had a bar mitzvah in the spring, with about 150 guests. The DJ kept the party moving as kids and adults hit the dance floor. Many of the guests were volunteer firefighters, who enjoyed strolling through the Museum. We also had the Alarm Room open during the cocktail hour and it was packed the whole time. In the fall, we kicked things off with a big family birthday party. The party featured a huge buffet of Indian treats, and guests in saris made a colorful sight. We also hosted a Polytechnic High School class reunion, with lots of laughs and fellowship among the engines. And holiday bookings are looking quite promising.

A GREAT VALUE FOR MEMBERS

We made a couple of small changes to our Membership categories this year. Our Firefighter, Individual and Senior memberships are now uniformly priced at \$55. Previously, Firefighter and Senior were \$45, with Individual \$55. Our \$75 Family Membership is our most popular category, with many families purchasing memberships when they book birthday parties, or when they first visit the museum. By late summer, we had 41 new members join the Museum. Chick-fil-a in Towson donated coupons for free meals which we were able to include in our new member packets. Members get free admission for a year, plus other valuable incentives. **For membership information, call 410-321-7500, X103, or go to www.firemuseummd.org.**



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This year's Train Garden and Santa's visit to the Fire Museum is sponsored by the Fairgrounds Plaza Branch of The Columbia Bank

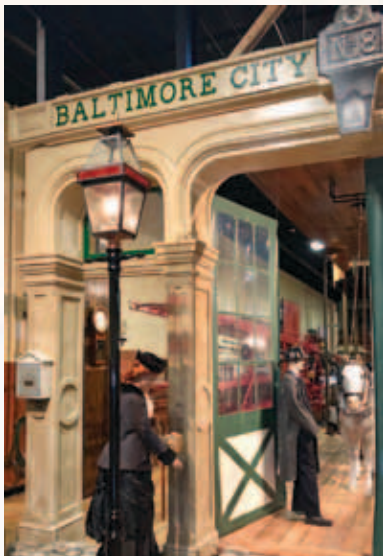


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- Replace and insulate all three roofs - \$225,000
- HVAC for the Research Center - \$65,000
- Complete spot lighting in main hall - \$58,000

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- New entrance with double glass doors - \$11,500 *pending*
- New boiler on 1899 steam fire engine - \$38,000 *completed*
- New lighting in Research Center - \$6,500 *completed*
- New spot lights in main hall - \$4,000 *completed*
- Repave parking lot - \$17,000 *completed*



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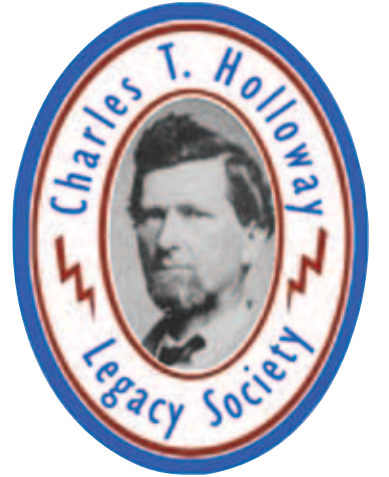
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BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

JOIN THE HOLLOWAY LEGACY SOCIETY! Help us plan for the future of the Fire Museum by leaving cash or property to the Museum. Your lawyer can make a Codicil to your Will making your intent known to help the Fire Museum of Maryland. Such gifts can offset estate taxes and ease the burden on survivors. We are available to discuss ideas.



2018 SPECIAL EVENTS

February 11th – Great Baltimore Fire Exhibit & Tasting

March 3rd – Family Safety Day – FREE Admission!

May 5th – 41st Annual Steam Show

May 18th – Members Night and Open House

August 4th – Antique Car Show

September 8th – Motor Muster (Honoring our Heroes)

October 27th – Lantern Night

November 24th – Train Garden Opens; and Santa Photos

Train Garden will be open all Saturdays in December

December 26th-29th – Train Garden and Museum Open



HAVING A BLAST AT OUR BIRTHDAY PARTIES

The Fire Museum continues to be a popular venue for children's birthday parties. Our engine rides and visiting firefighter are popular add-ons. January was our biggest month, with 8 parties and 193 guests. Parents tell us they hear about our parties through both online searches and word-of-mouth recommendations. One family liked last year's party so much, they booked again this year. Another family added a fun extra of their own: The Oriole Bird! He posed with the Stutz and gave out high-fives to everyone.

Call 410-321-7500, X103 or go to www.firemuseummd.org to schedule a party.



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The mission of the Fire Museum of Maryland is to educate the public about the history, technology, and innovation of the fire service through a unique collection of operating apparatus, memorabilia, and programs.

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