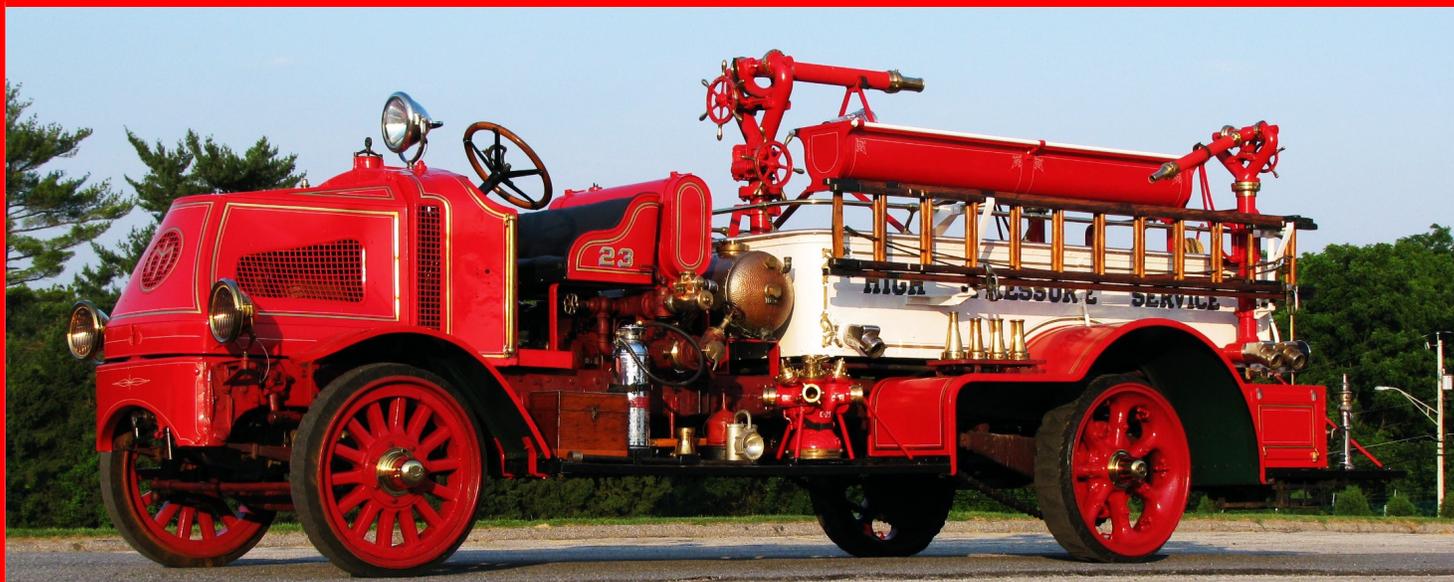


FIRE MUSEUM WATCHDESK

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Engine 23 Roars Again!

Here is a special vehicle with a long and distinguished career. In the mid-teens the Baltimore City F. D. was ordering motor-driven chassis from various manufacturers including the Mack Truck Company. Once these chassis were delivered, the Repair Shop prepared it to go into service. Most of the demand was for hose wagons with a chemical system. The Museum's chassis was ordered in 1916 and went into service the following year as the support wagon for the steam pumping engine that was Engine 23. There are no photographs that we know of.

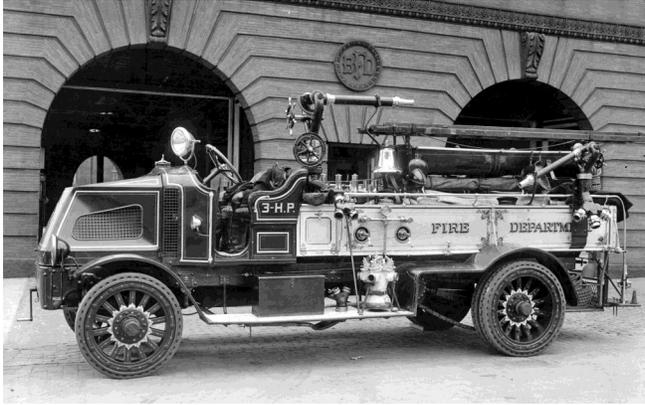
In 1925 as the Department became more modern, the Mack wagon was converted into a pumping engine with booster (water) system (replacing the chemical) and the steamer retired. At that time Chief Emrich wanted more deck guns to be available for the High Pressure System so they designated Engines 15, 23 and 27 to be H.P. Auxiliaries. Because they were both pumping engines and high pressure wagons, they were considered to be the 'pride of the fleet'. There are no known photos of any of these units.

Until 1972 when our E-23 responded to a house fire, it was on the roster either as an active or Second Line vehicle. It was donated by the Board of Fire Commissioners that year. Stephen Heaver, Sr. and Jr. both shared a dream to see this rig returned to its 1925

appearance and so over the years pieces were changed in preparation for a full refurbishing. The two major elements of that required change were 1. to return to wooden wheels with solid rubber tires, and 2. to install a hood with screens (not louvers) and front fenders that were deeply contoured.

Since 2006 money was raised and work was done by the volunteers to get E-23 ready for show condition. As you can see in the photo, we've achieved all but new rubber tires and decorating the wheels. Trucked by Ted's Towing Service to Macungie in June (the national Mack truck show) and shown off at parades and shows during 2010, it has made quite a splash. The gas tank and carburetor cleaning and seat re-upholstery were paid for by small gifts. The hood and fenders were made possible by selling the old parts. Golding leafing and bronzing power decoration was done by Larry Spangler and we're still looking for a donor who would like to be remembered for this project. We also need money for new rubber and decorating the wheels. Whether we ever move the ladder and suction sleeves remains to be seen!

Come see the earliest Mack bulldog on display in an American museum.



This stunningly sharp photo of a similar vehicle was the basis for our 2005-10 work.



A replicated hood with screens is the critical element. Gary Mahan coordinated this and two front fenders.



Holton Brown and Tom Heaver begin stripping the bench-back seat. Original springs were re-wired and a look-alike fabric was selected by Smith Auto Glass and Upholstery.



Gold leaf on red and bronzing powder on white was applied by Larry Spangler and Wayne Bollinger. Money has to be raised for this as well as finishing the wheels.



We took our 1853 Smith to Harpers Ferry to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

Join Us!

A member of the Fire Museum receives:

- Unlimited admission for one full year (including Christmas train garden)
- Members' Pizza Party in May
- 10% discount on all museum shop purchases
- \$20 discount on all birthday parties

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$55
(includes 2 parents or 2 grandparents and children/grandchildren under age 18)

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP: \$15

SENIOR/FIREFIGHTER MEMBERSHIP: \$30

ENGINEER MEMBERSHIP: \$75

LIEUTENANT MEMBERSHIP: \$125

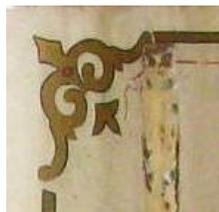
Your membership dues will help strengthen our educational programs and activities.

JOIN TODAY! You'll be glad you did!



E-19: 1938

Corner scroll from hose body of



E-23: 1947

three Baltimore pumping engines.



E-23: 1925/39



Lantern Night

Saturday, October 24 , 6-8 p.m.

Experience the Museum collections in a whole new light! Wear your Halloween costume and get in half-price. Candle and kerosene lanterns will be lit. Bring a friend.



Valerie Mathers sits in front of the 1850 Engine 4 Philadelphia-style pumper. Many other interpreters in period attire make for a very magical evening.



Christmas time is always special with the arrival of Santa Claus on the Saturday after Thanksgiving and the opening of a fire house tradition: the train garden.

Birthday Parties



We have the very best birthday parties here at the Fire Museum with:

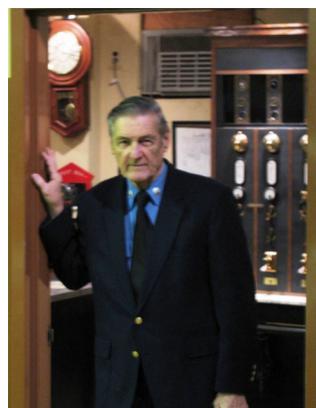
- A party room (with 4 tables covered with red vinyl)
- A play room (Discovery Room) — put on fire gear and climb on a real fire engine
- Fire engine rides in the parking lot
- Tours of the museum
- Visiting fireman in full gear to give safety talk

While mom is setting up the party, the kids can play in the Discovery Room putting on fire gear, climbing on a real fire engine and playing with dozens of toys.

We carry birthday party supplies and special birthday gifts in our Gift Shop. Call us early at 410-321-7500 to schedule a party — or check our website at www.firemuseummd.org.



Fire fighter-docent Tom Colleran giving tour.

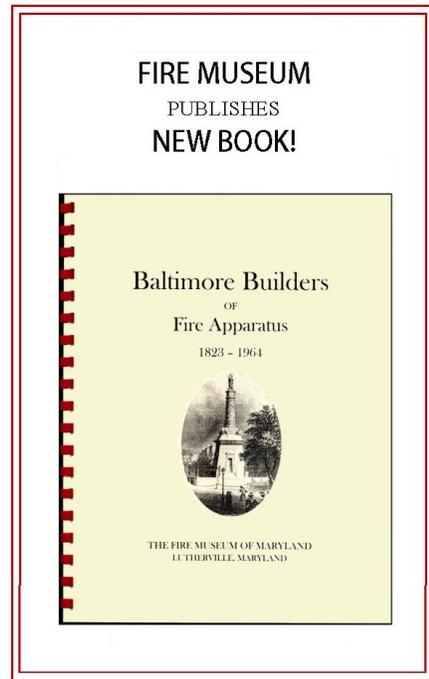


Bill McCartin on alert in the Fire Alarm Office. Bill gives tours and keeps the collections polished.

Museum Store



The Museum Store has an exciting array of books, gift items, jewelry, apparel, and toys for sale. Check our website, www.firemuseummd.org, for more details. Berto Romirez and Marilyn Smoot pose for a "hero" shot.



The Great Snow Storm of 2010



- WBAL-TV gave an exhibit documenting the enormously good work of all of our regional fire departments.
- The FMM lost almost \$25,000 in property and income.
- The 1904 Fire Tour with Wayne Schaumburg had to be cancelled.



Ryan Hirsch talking to a young tour group. 7,500 kids have learned about fire safety at FMM in 2010 alone.



Archeologists-of-tomorrow dig for artifacts in the rubble of the Great Baltimore Fire of 1904.



New exhibits in 2010 included the bell-striking machine (shown above) and an 1871 alarm system working through a repeater.



No tour of the FMM would be complete without a visit to the Fire Alarm Office to see and hear the bells.

Two New Grants Connect Teachers to FMM Programming

By Rob Williams, Assistant Director

New educational tours and a teacher workshop program connect students with the history of urban fire fighting and democratic processes in action. Baltimore City Teachers will be able to download five lesson plans that relate directly to five tours given at the Fire Museum.

Over the summer, five Baltimore City teachers researched questions on subjects presented in tours given at FMM. At the Teaching American History Workshop, Sept. 25th, the five teachers presented lesson plans to 28 social studies teachers, showing how the lesson plans could be reinforced by guided tours at the FMM. The \$4,375 grant from the U. S. Department of Education requires the lesson plans to be available for all teachers to download from teacher resource web pages.

Two lesson plans relate directly to the new “Where’s the Fire?” tour, now being developed. FMM applied for a \$10,000 grant so that students, 3rd–6th grades, will learn about life in a 19th century fire house and the birth of the modern Baltimore Fire Department. Using the Engine 8, 1871 Fire House Exhibit as a backdrop, they will discuss how the modern fire department was created by city government to improve public safety.

State Farm Grant

Agent John Holman (right), State Farm Insurance Company, presented FMM Director Steve Heaver with a \$5,000 check to provide up to 600 under-privileged students fire safety programming and a 60 percent discount off their tour costs. It also provides 32 area schools a \$100 subsidy to defray the rising cost of the buses. Holman and Agent Bob Lewis, Burtonsville, Md., were instrumental in obtaining the grant.



34th Annual Steam Show on 1 May



A great deal of effort goes into our operating shows so that a new generation of people may have a better glimpse into the lives of early fire fighters.



This year's show featured the 1905 ALF Hale water tower pulled by Walt Rice's magnificent team of horses.



John LaCosta is tending the coal fire under the 1899 American steamer.





Claudia Friddell premiered her book *Goliath* on May 15th. 200 attendees also were able to pet a percheron horse which was very similar to Goliath.



Old E23 meets the new E23 during the Firehouse Expo in July when the temperature reached 103° F.

“Crusin’ for Our Heroes” on 11 September



Sponsored by the County Sheriff's Dept., Deputy Bob Brown pulled off another smashing event. The County Commission on Arts & Sciences helps to support the FMM in many of its activities. EMS, rescue, police, motorcycle and model displays, a flea market, and fire engine rides were part of the big event.



Engine 8's Fire House Keeps Growing!

If you have been following the development of the 1871 cast-iron fire house inside the Museum, you know how exciting this is. There is no other like it! Since 2008 when the steel support structure was designed by Century Engineering and erected by Whitling-Turner, we all have been awed by the bodacious yet practical nature of this façade. In 2009 and 2010 Stoneybrook Contracting Co. has installed more and more of what is becoming a study in how fire fighters lived in the 1870s.

This year the 14' ceiling went up and all of the miscellaneous gadgets that made the fire house 'work'. Enjoy these detailed images of the iron sliding pole, harness retrievers and more. The National Clock Museum, Hanover, Pa., loaned a circa 1850 Seth Thomas 'Regulator' to go on the wall next to the kerosene lamp repro. donated by Ted Elder. Stay tuned for further developments



Who is this man?

Watch for the unveiling of the new planned giving campaign in 2011.

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