

FALL 2008



The Speaking Trumpet

NEWSLETTER of the BARE COVE FIRE MUSEUM

Desire + Love + Pride =

Me and the Bare Cove Fire Museum

Dave Clark

I think that my wife, Jo, has been just a little bit worried that one day she would look out and find an antique fire engine parked in the driveway. I really don't want her to get too comfortable in her daily fears and frets, so I continually tell her, "nothing to worry about", but who knows! *I KNOW*, "No worries".

Just about 28 years ago, I was lucky enough to become a member of the Bare Cove Fire Museum, and with that membership I was able to over indulge myself with antique fire apparatus. As it happened, I was visiting at Gardner Jones' place of business, and while talking with him, mentioned that I had seen a couple of old Hingham fire engines at the Marshfield Fair Grounds. Gardner told me that they belonged to the Bare Cove Fire Museum, and if I coughed up a few dollars right then, he would see that I was signed up as a member. He said just show up next Wednesday evening at the heresy House Barn, ready to work. I don't think the man was very often wrong, but that time for sure he was right. I showed up as directed, (one is bound to do what their Undertaker tells them to do), and one of the men there said you must be Dave, you can start sanding right here, this is an Ahrens fox, and it has to look just like it did the day it was delivered -- we're re-building it from the ground up. It was sort of like "Love at first sight", the truck, not necessarily the men.

So, now it is 2008, you come into the Museum building, one of the men there will probably say, "Hey, you must be Jack or maybe Jill, and you can start sanding right here, this is a Maxim/Dodge fire engine, and it has to look just like it did the day it was delivered. We're re-building the "Bunny Wagon". Look around you'll probably find me sanding on another section. Some things just don't get any better!

I can hardly believe how much enjoyment I have received from that simple little deal of coughing up a few bucks to join. Over the years I have made some real lasting friendships with the men and women of the Museum. I have an ongoing "Love Affair" with a fleet of antique fire trucks, (and that will probably keep one out of my driveway?). Added to the "Love Affair", is the "Pride" that I (we) feel in having our own fire Museum. You know the feeling, when you look around the Museum and say to yourself, "I helped to make that, and it looks pretty damn good". The "Pride" that we have in the town that we represent, in the "Founders" the "Charter Members" and the "Past Officers" that have worked to hard to see that we have a good museum. Then there is the "Desire", to continue the work of truck restorations, of building new and different displays, of maintaining and improving the buildings. I guess we can't have love affairs without having desires, and then pride in our accomplishments.

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So nothing too very much has changed in 28 years, some of faces, and the building, but it still is Wednesday night and we are doing some of the same things. Perhaps you don't want to use sandpaper or brass polish on an old fire engine, maybe your design is to work on displays, or help run a barn sale, be in a parade, or just join in for the good company. I would love to see you there, falling in Love with and old fire truck.

Oh – by the way, I just looked out, no fire engine in the driveway, yet.

ANNUAL MEETING

For those that were not able to be at the Annual Meeting on June 11, *you were sincerely missed*. For those that were able to be there, Thank You so much for your support and enthusiasm. I hope the meeting wasn't too awfully boring, and that you all enjoyed the Ice Cream Social and the Slide Show, which followed.

I want to thank those that chose to remain in office, and to especially thank Robin and Jaclyn for accepting positions.

Adam Read and Jim McCann have left positions on the Board and a "Hearty Well Done" to each for their service.

Bare Cove Fire Museum Officers and Directors elected at the Annual Meeting June 11, 2008

President	Dave Clark
Vice President	Jack Crandall
Treasurer	Lisa Andre
Clerk	Robin Bernan
Past President	Paul Bonanno

Director (term ending 2009)	Robert Stella
Director (term ending 2009)	Russell Clark
Director (term ending 2010)	Donald Lincoln
Director (term ending 2010)	Jaclyn Bernan

Message from the Treasurer

Hello Everyone. Not many of you have met me yet; but I hope this will change over the next year.

As many of you know, I took over the Treasurer position at last year's Annual Meeting in June when Galen Hersey wanted to step down. I have spent a lot of time learning about the Museum, its history as well as the history of firefighting here in Hingham.

I have found myself – aside from keeping the books and paying the bills – really taken by the history of the Museum itself. I am amazed that four guys decided to buy what I am told was a rust bucket of a truck and restore it to its' "as purchased" condition. It wouldn't be but a few short years and this "hobby" had taken on a life of its own. None of them had any idea what they were starting! The rest is history!

Currently, I am trying to put together a complete set of Board Meeting and Annual Meeting minutes for the archives. If there is anyone reading this who might be able to help please call and leave a message at: 781-749-0028. I will gladly get back to you. As an aside, we're working hard at getting the archive room finished so it will finally be up and running!

As the Treasurer, I will be reporting to everyone at the Annual Meeting the income and expenses have gone up. So, come on down on Wednesday nights and give a hand! We have some pretty good laughs along the way!

Lisa Andre, Treasurer

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FOUNDERS NIGHT DINNER, 2008

On Tuesday evening, July 28, the BCFM held the first of its' annual assembly of the membership to recall and appreciate the history of the Museum itself.

The theme of this first event was to honor the two remaining Founding Fathers, Bob "Monty" Montgomery and Don Lincoln. The other two were Lloyd Linscott and Charlie Cushing. They brought back Hingham's 1922 Ladder One, the first restored piece.

A BYOB reception with lots of appetizers preceded the dinner.

Much good cheer and conversations occurred throughout the exhibits and the gleaming engines out front.

At the sound of the house gong, guests seated for an opening greeting by President Dave Clark.

Dinner was an elegantly presented buffet of homemade dishes with plenty for seconds. These were the work of Jo Clark, Geri Duff, Kaye Ruffini, Joyce Olsen, Lisa Andre, and others.

After dinner, President Clark addressed the gathering, warmly thanking those who put so much effort into the evenings' event.

Monty and Donny were presented certificates celebrating their contribution as founders. A silver amulet connoting a Founder, hand tooled by Andy Addoms, was also displayed and presented.

Recognition of the eighteen Charter Members included the four founders and two others who were present, Victor Bernan and Frank Ward. The list was read and a bell tolled by the current Fire Chief, Mark Duff, for the eight who are deceased.

President Clark summed up the purpose of the evening reminding us all of the goals of the Museum; collecting, preserving, restoring, presenting to the public the proud history of Hingham firefighting. This was what the Founders, most especially Charlie

Cushing, hoped would become their legacy. What we do here is important as it captures another time and the bravery it took to preserve lives and property.

A portion of a film of Charlie Cushing and Lloyd Linscott was shown discussing, at the time of the museum opening in 1991, the beginnings of the museum. Two men sitting on the running board of Ladder One, both of whom were so instrumental, and both of whom were so amazed, at what they had begun.

A dessert table and coffee was presented during the viewing of the film.

A well-organized event, again we thank the organizers for their hard work.

Thank you all.

RESTORATION WORK IN PROGRESS

Work on the Maxim-Dodge Engine 3 "the Bunny Wagon" has been humming along. Repair and replacement of sheet metal parts has been completed, wood running boards and rear step have been fitted and tires procured. Stop by any Wednesday night and see for yourself.

Firewood Derby 2008

In March the Museum's "almost annual" Pine Car Race took place. A gathering of racers and their fans of all ages to compete with finely crafted fire-themed mini vehicles.

The apparatus floor was cleared and set up with new lighting that really added excitement.

As usual a cold buffet was provided along with snacks, soft drinks and deserts.

The racing went super smoothly guided by Geri Duff with the help of her Girl Scout volunteers. Geri's become adept at "herding kittens".

The winners for speed received trophies from Mrs. Duff and the coveted Golden Turtle for the slowest went to two young fellows from Lexington.

The highlight of the event was the trophies awarded for design by our two enthusiastic judges. Chief Andy Reardon of Norwell and Chief Jerry Thompson of Hanson were superb. The chiefs dressed in Class A uniforms with gold badges, had the youngsters receiving the trophies doubly impressed. The two firefighters witty comments regarding the various prizewinners coupled with back and forth banter and needling of other chiefs in the audience had everyone laughing. They are close to being ready for prime time.

We are truly thankful for their participation and pleased to present them with certificates of our appreciation.

Many thanks to the set-up crew and the volunteers at takedown time.

See you all there next year.

Something for the Ladies

Lisa Andre

In celebration of the spring Season, an Afternoon Tea was held for the ladies of the Bare Cove Fire Museum. As there are eighteen female members and three female honorary members, a tea seemed a lovely way to spend an afternoon with fellow members surrounded by such important history.

With quiet music playing in the background, the display room of the Museum was set up with several small tables covered with white lace tablecloths and dusted with red and yellow rose petals.

As Girl Scouts did a wonderful job of serving the Earl Grey Tea, they also served the ladies homemade scones with clotted cream and homemade strawberry jam. A delectable selection of small tea sandwiches were then served, which were followed by Russian Tea Cakes, sweet meringues and lemon cake and very rich chocolates.

Those in attendance were Kay Ruffini, Joyce Olsen, Jo Clark, Joy Finegan, Geri and Tracy Duff, Robin and Jaclyn Berman, Lynn Bonanno and Lisa Andre.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome new member Rick Pequirri of Weymouth and new Life Member Liz Johnson of Hingham

FIREHOUSE NIGHT 2008

Plans are being finalized for this event – to be on November 1, 2008. Flyers will be forthcoming.

QUINCY CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Museum will be entering a float in this year's parade the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Designs are in progress. We'll need lots of help in November!

POT LUCK SUPPER

There are plans afoot for a "Flannel Shirt" pot luck supper. Live entertainment will be available which along with homemade dishes should add up to a fun time to brighten late January.

We'll send out a "hold the date" post card for a Saturday night.



HYAH!! It's me again! Burnie, the Firehouse Mouse. I'm back with a few thoughts about goin's on at the ol' Museum. Last time I wuz thinkin'

of some of th' old guys I don't see much anymore. Well, would'ja b'lieve, there's been a few faces from the past around lately. I gotta mention Jack McGrath, all the way from Mashpee. Great ta' see 'im with his fine sense of humor. Of course, Founders' Night, brought out a number of familiar faces. Monty, Donnie, Delorey, did I miss Reverend Kenney? It was good to rememba' Charlie and Lloyd.

I'm happy to see all the action and when it's over I go on crumb patrol, yummy!

Keep up the good work. See ya.
Burnie



**Annual Fall Barn Sale
Rain or Shine
October 18, 2008
Bare Cove Park
19 Fort Hill Street
Bldg 52
9:00am - 2:00pm**

If you are reading this issue of "The Speaking Trumpet" and are not a member of the Bare Cove Fire Museum, Please consider joining. It is interesting, rewarding and fun! Your support will be greatly appreciated.

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