

THE SPEAKING TRUMPET

NEWSLETTER OF THE BARE COVE FIRE MUSEUM

SPRING 2017



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

FOR ME, THIS ALL STARTED IN 1980. ONE NIGHT, I WAS AT THE FUNERAL HOME, WHEN I SPIED A PICTURE ON THE WALL OF HINGHAM ENGINE 2 . I GUESS I WASN'T SATISFIED TO JUST APPRECIATE THE PICTURE, AS I HAD TO ASK GARDNER JONES ABOUT THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE TRUCK. HE BROUGHT ME UP TO SPEED REGARDING THE AHRENS FOX, AS WELL AS THE BARE COVE FIRE MUSEUM. ACTUALLY, WHAT HE SAID WAS "GIVE \$25 DOLLARS AND SHOW UP AT THE HERSEY HOUSE BARN ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND YOU'LL BE A MEMBER AND YOU CAN HELP GET THE 'OLD GIRL' BACK ON THE ROAD." WEDNESDAY ARRIVED, AND SO DID I, ALONG WITH AN UNFORGETTABLE CREW OF MEN, COMMANDEERED BY CHIEF CHARLIE CUSHING AND BUFFALOED BY ANDY ADDOMS. I REALLY WISH THERE WERE TIME OR SPACE TO NAME THEM ALL, BUT THERE ISN'T, SO I WILL REMEMBER EACH ONE AS A FRIEND AND MUSEUM CO-WORKER. I FELT AT HOME WITH THEM ALL!

I RODE ON THE BACK STEP WHEN THE FOX MADE HER JULY 4TH DEBUT IN 1985, WE WERE SO PROUD, AND OF COURSE WE STILL ARE. AFTER THAT ADVENTURE, I SERVED AS CLERK ON THE BUILDING COMMITTEE FOR BUILDING 112, THE ONLY BRICK BUILDING LEFT IN THE HINGHAM AMMUNITION DEPOT. AT THAT TIME, OTHER MEMBERS WERE WORKING DILIGENTLY TO FINALIZE THE ACQUISITION OF THE BUILDING AND THE SURROUNDING LAND TO BE USED AS THE PERMANENT RESIDENCE OF THE BARE COVE FIRE MUSEUM.

LATER ON, I SOMEHOW GOT VOTED ONTO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AS DIRECTOR AT LARGE AND THEN AS THE CLERK OF THE BOARD. DURING THOSE YEARS THE CHIEF/PRESIDENT POSITION WAS HELD BY CHARLIE CUSHING, ROBIN BERNAN, JACK CRANDALL, AND PAUL BONANNO. PAUL SERVED TWICE. IN 2005, I TOSSED MY NAME IN AND WAS ELECTED TO THE CHIEF'S POSITION, ONE THAT I AM FORTUNATE TO STILL HOLD.

DURING MY WATCH, SOME NEAT THINGS HAVE HAPPENED. ONE YEAR WE WERE ASKED IF THE MUSEUM COULD PUT A HALF-MILE DISPLAY IN THE HINGHAM PARADE. IT PROBABLY WASN'T QUITE THAT LONG, BUT I WAS HAPPY AND PROUD THAT WE WERE ABLE TO OBLIGE THE 4TH COMMITTEE. A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO WE GOT INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE "100 YEARS OF MAXIM" EVENT IN ATTLEBORO. (CONTINUED NEXT PAGE)

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**BOARD MEMBERS
ELECTED OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT
DAVE CLARK**

**VICE PRESIDENT
JACK CRANDALL**

**PAST PRESIDENT
ROBIN BERNAN**

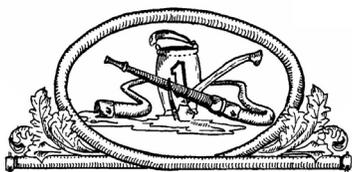
**CLERK
GERI DUFF**

**DIRECTORS
RUSSELL CLARK
JACLYN HOWARD
DONALD LINCOLN
BEN WENTWORTH**

**APPOINTED OFFICERS
BUILDING 52 MANAGER
& CURATOR
BOB STELLA**

**BARN SALE MANAGER
GERI DUFF**

**BOARD MEETINGS ARE
HELD ON THE SECOND
TUESDAY OF EACH
MONTH AND ARE OPEN TO
ALL MUSEUM MEMBERS.
MEETINGS START AT 7:30
PM**



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THE MUSEUM PRESENTED OUR 1922, 1924, AND 1927 APPARATUS AT THE SHOW. NOT A PARTICULARLY EASY THING TO DO, AS THEY HAD TO BE TAKEN TO ATTLEBORO ON TRAILERS AND THEN DRIVEN IN TO THE SITE. THEY WERE THE ONLY GROUP OF THREE 1920-ERA TRUCKS OWNED BY A MUSEUM.

ANOTHER STAND-OUT IN MY MEMORY IS WHEN A COUPLE OF MEMBERS SUGGESTED THAT WE REQUEST FUNDING THROUGH THE HINGHAM COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE ROOF ON BUILDING 112, AS IT IS OF HISTORIC VALUE IN THE TOWN. IF I HAD THOUGHT AT THE ONSET THAT IT WOULD TURNOUT TO BE A 3- OR 4-YEAR PROJECT FOR SO MANY MEMBERS, MORE THAT LIKELY I WOULD HAVE SAID NO. FROM THE HOURS OF RESEARCH, THE ENDLESS MEETINGS AT TOWN HALL, THE PACKING, THE WRONG ROOF BEING DELIVERED, THE UNPACKING, AND THE PAINTING, IT TURNED OUT TO BE A GOOD PROJECT AND WELL WORTH THE EFFORT. THANKS TO ALL WHO WORKED ON IT.

I LOVE BEING THE CHIEF/PRESIDENT OF THE BARE COVE FIRE MUSEUM, INC., BUT I WOULD LIKE TO STEP DOWN, AND GIVE SOMEONE ELSE A CHANCE TO TAKE THE HELM. THE ANNUAL MEETING IS IN JUNE, AND THIS IS WHEN THE OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS ARE ELECTED PLEASE CONSIDER FILLING THIS POSITION, AS WELL AS THE OTHERS THAT WILL BE OPEN.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 5/06 — WILDFIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS DAY
- 5/07-13 — ARSON AWARENESS WEEK
- 5/09 — BCFM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM
- 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31 — BARN SALE WORK NIGHTS 7:30 PM
- 5/12 — FIRE HOUSE NIGHT 6:30 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 5:30)
- 6/03 — BARN SALE AND MUSEUM OPEN TO PUBLIC 9 AM-2 PM
- 6/10 — QUINCY FLAG DAY CELEBRATION
- 6/14 — ANNUAL MEETING 7:30 PM, ICE CREAM SOCIAL TO FOLLOW
- 6/24-25 — BOSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB FIELD DAY AT BCFM
- 7/04 — HINGHAM 4TH OF JULY PARADE
- 7/11 — BCFM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM
- 8/08 — BCFM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM
- 9/12 — BCFM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM
- 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4 — BARN SALE WORK NIGHTS 7:30 PM
- 10/7 — BARN SALE AND MUSEUM OPEN TO PUBLIC 9 AM-2 PM
- 10/8-14 — FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

AROUND THE MUSEUM

2016 ANNUAL MEETING

The June 2016 Annual Meeting was well attended. President Clark spoke about the successes of the past year and announced that he would like to step down as of June 2017 to spend time with his family. Jack Crandall is spending more time in Maine these days and will be stepping down as well. After the business portion was completed, the group had an Ice Cream Social.



BARN SALE

The October Barn Sale profit was \$737.00. A little on the low side due to rain, but we had people shopping longer and hopefully made a few new friends for the museum. The Hingham Journal spent the day there and at the museum, and graced us with a full page spread two weeks later.



**1977 WAS THE FIRST BCFM YARD SALE TO
RAISE FUNDS FOR THE MUSEUM.**

AROUND THE MUSEUM

GIFT SHOP

Now on sale in the museum gift shop are the new Ahrens-Fox tee shirts. Goodwin Graphics in Cohasset revamped the design and they are a poly/cotton lightweight blend perfect as is for summer or layered with flannel shirts for winter.

They come in children's sizes small, medium, and large and adult sizes small, medium, large, and Xlarge. A limited number of 2X and 3X were ordered and if there is interest an additional order will be placed. The children's shirts are \$15 and the adults' shirts are \$20.

Selling well in the shop are the Maxim logo paperweights and the museum patches. There is a supply of cookbooks under the counter that have been gift wrapped for Christmas for that last minute gift giving.



AROUND THE MUSEUM

ARCHIVE ROOM

Slow progress has been made in cataloging the collection. If there are volunteers who would like to put in some daytime hours working on the collection by recording what we have and where we keep it, please give Geri Duff a call at 781-749-0028.



ARTIFACT DONATION

One of our favorite supporters, Joan Newell keeps donating firefighting related toys. The latest is this original cast iron fire engine. Don't let the condition fool you. Because it is an original, it is worth much more than the newer nicely painted pieces. It will be added to the toy collection and a display will be put together sometime in the future.



AROUND THE MUSEUM

DONATION FROM THE HINGHAM COURT HOUSE

As public buildings in Hingham install commercial fire alarm systems, the town has been removing the fire alarm boxes. When the master box was taken of the Hingham Court House, Judge Heather Bradley had it donated to the museum. Geri Duff accepted the box on behalf of the museum and it is now on display in the apparatus room with a selection of older boxes.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

THE SALEM FIRE BY ARTHUR B. JONES

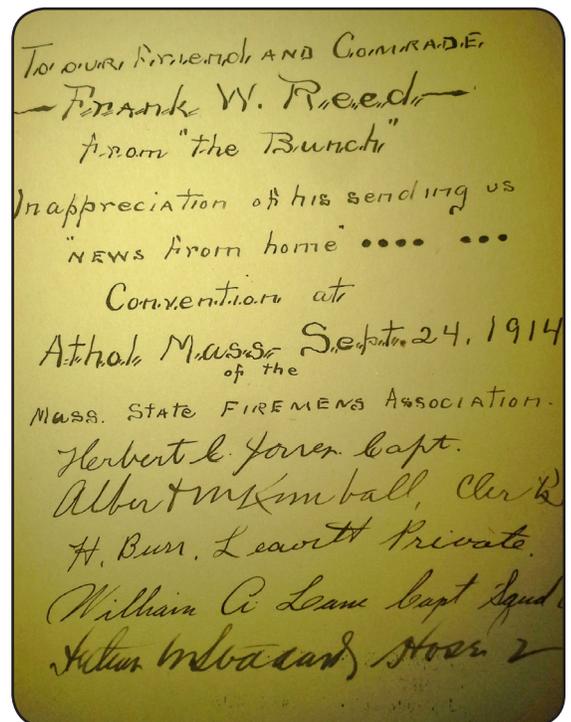
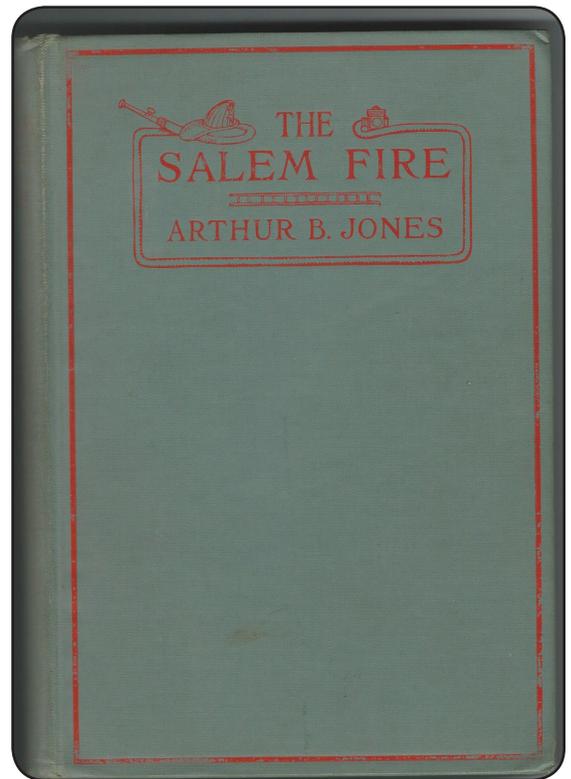
Over the past six months, the museum has received many paper items from Tom Studley who is sorting through his treasures. One especially welcome piece is a book about the Salem Fire of 1914. The Studley Family has a long history of fire service in Hingham, so it is no surprise he inherited this book and has sent it on to the museum.

On the flyleaf is a handwritten note, "To our Friend and Comrade – Frank W. Reed—from "the Bunch" In appreciation of his sending us news from home to the Convention at Athol Mass., September 24, 1914 of the Mass. State Firemens' Association. Signed Herbert Jones, Capt.; Albert M. Kimball, Clerk; H. Burr Leavitt, Private and William A Lane, Capt. Squad A."

Within the book is a section regarding all the visiting firefighters who came to Salem to assist in putting out the conflagration. This is what is written about the Hingham boys:

"Captain Albert M. Kimball of Engine 2, hearing of the fire, got his company together and they arrived late in the afternoon in two automobiles. As the fire rushed unchecked down Eden Street it seemed as if Messervey Street would go. Taking advantage of their experience gained at similar fires in their outlying districts where no water is available for the engines, they gathered all the rugs and clothing they could find and taking them to the salt water, wet them, and then lay them on the roof and over the sides of the houses, where an occasional bucket of salt water would keep them wet. Meeting with success at No. 9 Messervey, we soon had plenty of help, and further down the street had blankets spread and lots of help from a bucket brigade in wetting down the blankets, as they began to smoke out boys took their positions on the roofs and the crowd of volunteers kept the water coming. The owners said many pleasant things that night.

On the north side, about 11:30 P.M., these boys relieved a crowd of volunteers handling a line on Union Street. The volunteers were having quite a time handling it, losing ground all the times through improper handling. Captain Kimball and his boys manned this line till daylight, making the stop on the James Coffey House on one side and the Roache House on the other. Mr. Coffey was much pleased and has since entertained the boys."



NIGHTS AT THE MUSEUM

THERE ARE FEW BETTER WAYS TO ENJOY THIS BEAUTIFUL SPRING WEATHER THEN JOINING US AT THE MUSEUM WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 7:30.



MEMBERSHIP

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OR RENEWING A MEMBERSHIP?
PLEASE SEE OUR WEB SITE FOR AN APPLICATION. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE
TO THE BARE COVE FIRE MUSEUM, PO BOX 262, HINGHAM, MA 02043.

- MEMBERSHIP \$35
- FAMILY MEMBER (NO VOTING PRIVILEGES) \$15
- LIFETIME MEMBER \$500 (MAY BE PAID \$100/YEAR OVER 5 YEARS)

DONATIONS

THE MUSEUM ALWAYS WELCOMES DONATIONS IN ANY AMOUNT TO
HELP WITH OUR DAY-TO-DAY EXPENSES, ALONG WITH OUR ONGOING
PROJECTS.

- \$25.00
- \$50.00
- \$100.00
- OTHER _____



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OPEN FREE TO THE PUBLIC EVERY WEDNESDAY 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM

BARE COVE FIRE MUSEUM

PRESENTS

FIRE HOUSE NIGHT

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2017, 6:30 PM

(DOORS OPEN AT 5:30)



FEATURING

ACTING CHIEF

**GERARD MAHONEY,
CAMBRIDGE FIRE DEPT.
CAMBRIDGE 10-ALARM
RESPONSE**

&

**FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC
DOUG BOUDROW,
LEXINGTON FIRE DEPT.**

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DRINKS, AND DESSERT.**

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