

THE MUSEUM TRUMPET



Vol. 3. No. 2

The Official Newsletter of the San Jose Fire Museum

June 2012

President's Message

By John McMillan

A Lot Happening for the Summer, 2012

Welcome to the Summer issue of our "The Museum Trumpet" newsletter. I hope you are enjoying reading about the activities and successes of the San Jose Fire Museum (SJFM). If you are a San Jose Firefighter - active or retired - this is the history of your department.

I want to take this opportunity to thank over 30 SJFD retirees who recently made their first donation to the SJFM. Some of you made a one-time donation and some of you chose to do a monthly donation through our retirement payroll system. The SJFM Board of Directors appreciates your response to the Spring 2012 newsletter request asking for more retirees to step up to the plate and help. In our Fall newsletter, we will be publishing a complete status of donations for 2012.

If you have been making donations to the SJFM, you will soon be notified by mail of your status in the SJFM "Institution of the Extramem" donation program. We have over 180 individuals who are qualified to be a part of this special group. Some of you have already received your Extramem pin, but many of you have not. So, watch your mailbox for further information.

In May, 2012, we changed our By Laws to allow our Board of Directors to serve for a 2-year term. This will help new officers to become acquainted with museum procedures and allow them a longer period of time to learn the responsibilities of the position. Each officer will now have more time to decide if he or she wants to remain a part of the Board for a longer period of time. Also, it allows the SJFM Board of Directors to hold an election every other year which will help to reduce its administrative workload.

...Continued on Page 3

SJFM Provides A Day of Fun and Relaxation

7th Annual Firefighters' Car & Motorcycle Show Once Again Attracts Many Classic Vehicles

Story by Jim Carter

On Saturday, June 16, the San Jose Fire Museum sponsored the 7th Annual San Jose Firefighters Car and Motorcycle Show at History San Jose Park. There were more vehicle entries this year than ever before with the vehicle count topping the 130 mark. And, the range of vehicles was impressive and quite spectacular.

It had been suggested last year that there should be more judging classifications to allow the judges some flexibility in selecting the best looking vehicles. So, this year, the organizers obliged by setting up 12 different entry categories for consideration.

Along with the 130-plus vehicles, the San Jose Fire Museum displayed a selection of vehicles from their extensive collection. This, combined with vehicles owned by many other fire apparatus enthusiasts, made for an impressive display of beautiful and historic apparatus.



Photo by Craig Allyn Rose

This classically restored surf'n woody was one of many vehicles on exhibit by its proud owner.

We would like to thank our judges for volunteering their time: Chief Willie McDonald and his wife Barbara, Gilroy Chief Dale Foster, retired San Jose Assistant Chief John A. McMillan, retired San Jose Deputy

...Continued on Page 3



Photo by Ed Del Prete



The "Extramen" Giving Program

You Could Receive A Handsome Set of Seven Lapel Pins and Case

The elegant collection of lapel pins shown in the above photo could be yours.

"How?" you may ask. Read on.

Each pin represents a donation level in the San Jose Fire Museum's "Institution of the Extramen" giving program. As you begin to donate to the Museum's efforts to preserve the history of the San Jose Fire Department, you will receive a pin for each level as you progress up the rankings.

Now, you may wonder, "What is the significance of the program's name?"

When the San Jose Fire Department created a 30-man paid force in the 1870s, professional or not, they could not handle the workload of its original volunteer force. The institution of the paid volunteer or "extraman" was created to fill the gap. As a civilian with his own full-time employment, the extraman was assigned to respond to fires with a particular company whenever the alarm sounded. For this, he was paid a nominal salary.

The SJFM Board of Directors decided to use this institution as the official means of receiving donations from active and retired San Jose firefighters. This program recognizes their support in saving and preserving

the history, apparatus and memorabilia of the San Jose Fire Department.

So, now you may ask, "OK. So what are the donation levels and has anyone qualified?"

The information in the list to the right identifies the donation levels for each Extramen rank and is accurate through the end of December, 2011. Many of the individuals who have met the initial Extramen criteria have already received their Extramen pin.

In the next couple of months, the individuals listed will receive their Extramen Pin Collection Case with a pin for each level they have achieved.

And, to this elite group of Extramen, we have added over 30 more names so far in 2012! We will report out everyone's name in our Fall newsletter.

The SJFM Board of Directors thanks everyone who has stepped up after we announced in the Spring newsletter that we needed our donation base to grow.

Now, in order for our non-profit to make a positive impression on potential major partners from the private sector, we need your support, too.

Chief Campbell Celebrates 105th!

Revered retired SJFD Batt. Chief Lawrence Campbell celebrated his 105th birthday on April 25th. His birthday was shared with visitors from the SJFD family. Bob Harris traveled to San Marcos, CA from Southern California for the celebration, while Sam Seibert, Josh Weggeland, Dennis Madigan and Jeff and Sherry Shackelford visited from Northern California. Chief Campbell's birthday was acknowledged by Willard Scott on the NBC "Today Show" thanks to the efforts of SJFM's John McMillan.



Bob Harris congratulates Lawrence Campbell on celebrating birthday number 105!

Institution of the Extramen

Chief Engineer - Donation level of \$5,250 +
Lawrence Campbell, Sam Seibert and Larry Cunningham

Foreman - Donation level of \$4,500 to \$5,249

Engineer - Donation level of \$3,750 to \$4,499

Tillerman - Donation level of \$3,000 to \$3,749
Kevin Conant and Dale Foster

Driver - Donation level of \$2,250 to \$2,999
Ralph Ortega, James Carter, Ray Dundon and Kenneth Martin

Pipeman - Donation level of \$1,500 to \$2,249
Henry Wheeler, Dennis Bell and John A. McMillan

Hydrantman - Donation level of \$750 to 1,499
Scott D. Bell, Laura Colen, Robert B. Cone, Joseph Crivello, Gerald L. Durk, William Garringer, Fred Gerbino, Eugene Germano, Robert King, Keith Malech, Bryan P. Marks, Glen P. McGuire, Mike Rosingana, Jeff Shackelford, Jack Spinler, Jeffrey Una'Dia and Tim K. West

Extraman - Minimum donation of \$150 to \$749
A total of 189 donors qualify for this initial rank of recognition

President's Message

Continued from Page 1...

With that being said, we have a new Board member to announce. SJFD Firefighter Mike Igno has stepped up to the plate and taken over for Fire Captain Jerry Durk. Durk's position on the Board was as Special Operations Officer. I want to thank Jerry for his time on the Board. He has been our Special Operations Officer for over 4 years and has done a great job. It is the duty of the Special Operations Officer to organize and plan for the Museum's presence at events all over the city. Jerry also was involved in many other aspects of the Museum and we will miss him.

This is not a "good-bye", however, as we expect that Jerry will be involved with us again, as his time allows. If you see Jerry, please thank him for his contributions to save our Department's history. In the meantime, Mike has already jumped into his new role and is doing a great job - with the advice and guidance of others.

On the apparatus front, the SJFM made an offer on a 1914 Knox Chemical Fire Engine that had been privately owned. We officially purchased it in early June for a sum of \$5,000. Today, it is being evaluated by the volunteer workers at the Restoration Shop, located at History Park San Jose. This is the same crew of dedicated men who recently restored our 1928 White Manufacturing aerial tractor.

We know that the Knox started out with the Berkeley Fire Department and later served the La Selva Beach Fire Department. Originally, it had a Knox motor and chain drive - similar to our own Knox Martin Tricycle. Sometime around 1929, it was converted to a direct drive shaft and received a Hall-Scott motor.

The great news is that we know of a privately owned twin to this rig that was also a part of Berkeley Fire - and, it went through the same engine conversion. Our goal is to work with the owner of this twin engine and restore both of the vehicles to a similar condition.

Finally, a big "Thank You" to everyone who helps with our goal to create a downtown Fire Museum!

Volunteers Are Always Needed!

If you would like to help preserve and protect the history of the SJFD, contact:

John McMillan at: (831) 359-2194

SJFD Firefighters Car Show Attracts Large Crowd to SJ Park

Continued from Page 1...

Chief Dana Reed, and San Jose Deputy Chief Gary Gallasso and his wife Dana.

This year was the first year a Hurst Tool demonstration was conducted by the crews of T-1A and E-3A. The professionalism displayed by the firefighters was appreciated by over 100 spectators who learned how fire crews operate during emergencies.

Additionally, the attendees were entertained by two bands. The Rhythm Merchants were lead by Battalion Chief Steve Alvarado and his family (wife Terri, son Steve and Daughter Cassie). Joining them were Dan Lizardo (drums) and Steve's brother, Mike (bass guitar). Vocals were performed by Mike's wife, Cynthia Alvarado. The Dirty White Boys provided the musical entertainment in the afternoon.

The day was warm and perfect for a car show. Those in attendance could sit with a cool drink - either beer, wine or water, or get a bite to eat from Peggy Sue's restaurant. If something colder was desired, attendees could go into the hotel and get an ice cream or stop by the shaved ice booth. What made this event special was not only the cars but the opportunity to catch up with friends and family members.

The event is an annual fundraiser for the SJFM with all proceeds from entry fees, sale of T-shirts, beverages, raffle and silent auction tickets going directly to the Museum. And, if you did not get a chance to buy a T-shirt, they are still available at the Museum warehouse on Senter Rd.



Photo by Ed Del Prete

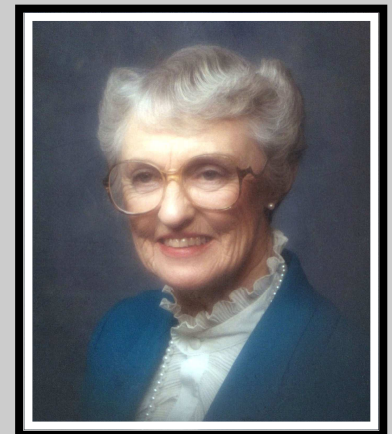
A string of classic hot rods were just some of the vehicles that lined the streets at History Park.

Next year's event will again be held in June, so for more information go to the web site: www.sanjosefirefighterscarshow.com.

The winners in each class were as follows:

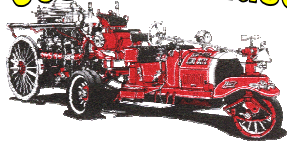
Best Under Construction:	1937 Chevy Sedan	Lynn Bergland
Ladies Choice:	1937 Ford Roadster	Cary Colla
Best Muscle Car:	1968 Camaro	Lee Pimental
Best 70's and Up:	1992 Ford Mustang	Jason Krassow
Best 60's-70's:	1966 Chevy Nova	Joe and Karla Bloise
Best 50's-60's:	1955 Chevy Nomad	R. Nichols
Best pre-50's:	1923 Ford Model T	Greg Spence
Best Hot Rod Pre-1947:	1934 Ford Coupe	Bill Arrley
Best Firefighter Entry:	1934 Chevy Sedan	Gerry Gradia
Best Pick-up:	1970 ½ ton 4WD	Lori Rast
Best In Show - Motorcycle:	Harley FF Edition	Brian Aquino
Best In Show - Overall:	1930 Nash	Frank Youngblood

Friend of the Museum Passes...



Sheila Seibert, wife of retired SJFD Captain Sam Seibert, died on May 3, 2012. Sheila was one of the first financial donors to the San Jose Fire Museum. Deputy Chief Leonard Marks had a vision for a San Jose Fire Department museum and solicited financial support from Captain Sam and Sheila, as well as Captain Joe and Thelma Paradiso. They generously stepped up to the plate and our present apparatus collection was born! Sheila was the SJFM's "sweetheart" and will be deeply missed by all who work at the Museum.

San Jose Fire Museum

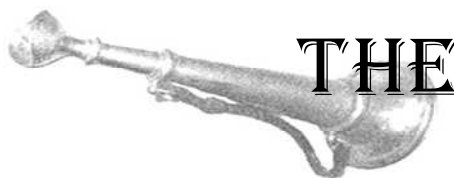


1661 Senter Road, Bldg. D1
San Jose, CA 95112

NON-PROFIT
U.S. POSTAGE

PAID

SAN JOSE, CA
PERMIT NO.
4519



THE MUSEUM TRUMPET

Vol. 3, No. 2 The Official Newsletter of the San Jose Fire Museum June 2012



DEDICATED TO PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF THE SAN JOSE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calendar of Events

July 10 (No SJFM Board Meeting Scheduled)

August 14 SJFM Board Meeting at the Museum
9:00 A.M. to Noon

Sept. 11 SJFM Board Meeting at the Museum
9:00 A.M. to Noon

June 2013 San Jose Firefighters' Car and Mo-
torcycle Show will return to San
Jose's History Park for its 8th year.
Plan to bring the
entire family to
this annual get
together.



"The Museum Trumpet"

Is Published By the
San Jose Fire Museum

A Non-profit 501(c)3 Corporation

Editor

John Whitaker

OFFICERS

President:	John McMillan
Vice President:	Jim Carter
Vice President:	Phil Reggiardo
Secretary:	Eileen Townley
Treasurer:	Rob Cone
Facilities Director:	Derek Parmer
Fleet Director:	Randy Perez
Special Ops Officer:	Mike Igno
Preservationist:	Laura Colen
SJFD Liaison:	Sean Lovens
Community Liaison:	Ed Del Prete
President Emeritus:	Josh Weggeland
Director Emeritus:	Dennis Madigan
Founder Emeritus:	Sam Seibert

MUSEUM ADDRESS

1661 Senter Road
Bldg. D1
San Jose, CA 95112

Office Phone
(408) 793-4321
Office Fax Phone
(408) 287-0401

John McMillan - Cell Phone
(831) 359-2194
Jim Carter - Cell Phone
(408) 674-1624

www.sanjosefiremuseum.com