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SJFM Donation Program Continues to Grow

The SJFM's "Institution of the Extramen" Program Status

Award Ranks & Donation Levels

Chief Engineer - \$5,250+

Lawrence Campbell, Sam Seibert and Larry Cunningham

Foreman - \$4,500 to \$5,249

James Carter

Engineer - \$3,750 to \$4,499

Dale Foster and Jack Spinler

Tillerman - \$3,000 to \$3,749

Kevin Conant, Robert King, Kenneth Martin and Mike Rosingana

Driver - \$2,250 to \$2,999

Dennis Bell, Ray Dundon, John A. McMillan and Ralph Ortega

Pipeman - \$1,500 to \$2,249

Laura Colen, Gerald Durk, Keith Malech and Henry Wheeler

Hydrantman - \$750 to \$1,499

Ed Barber, Scott D. Bell, Sam Coomer, Robert B. Cone, Joseph Crivello, Michael Fields, William Garringer, Fred Gerbino, Eugene Germano, Donald Johnson, Bryan P. Marks, Robert Martone, William McDonald, Glen P. McGuire, Frank Portera, Edward Powell, Jeff Shackelford, Jeffrey Una'Dia, Wayne Van Gundy, Tim K. West, Margaret Wisinski and Dave Wood

Extramen - Minimum \$150 to \$750

(All these donors just moved into this rank)

Luis Alanis, Willy Banuelos, Skip Brown, Walt Bugna, Mario Busalacchi, Joseph Carrillo, Kyle Carter, Soren Coates, Ronald Cook, Warren Emerson, William Garrouette, Steve Goytia, Edward Guillory, Tim Hall, Pres Hamilton, Thomas Hooks, Robert Juelson, Mitch Kim, Keith Livermore, Family of Kevin McPhee, Steve Milina, Carlos Miller, Colleen Mulholand, Ed Munoz, Steve O'Conner, Shirley Oswald, Chuck Rangel, Lorraine Reinmuth, Chris Salcido and Quentin Wilcox

The "Institution of the Extramen" donation program now has over 373 active and retired SJFD firefighters making financial contributions to the San Jose Fire Museum. Of this number, 207 donors are at the Extramen rank, or higher. These individuals have donated a minimum of \$150, or more.

In the box to the left, we are introducing the 30 new individuals at the "Extramen" rank and a update of the upper ranks. Please note that all the names shown in red have moved up in the level of "Hydrantman" through "Chief Engineer" ranks.

Each rank represents a donation level in the SJFM's giving program. As someone be-

gins to donate to help the Museum preserve the history of the San Jose Fire Department, they will receive a pin for each level as they progress up the ranks.

It is very important to our Board of Directors that we take care of our Extramen members. Please contact John A. McMillan (831-359-2194) if you have questions, feel you are missing something or you question your donation amount. Also, extra pins may be purchased by Extramen members.

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



The photo above shows the complete "Institution of the Extramen" gift set. The entire award package includes two certificates of achievement, eight lapel pins and two display cases. The "Foreman" lapel pin is made of sterling silver and the "Chief Engineer" pin is made of 10-karat gold.

President's Message

By John A. McMillan

In the Fast Lane for the Fall, 2012

Hello and welcome to our Fall, 2012 issue of "The Museum Trumpet" newsletter. The San Jose Fire Museum (SJFM) has just finished a very busy and eventful Summer.

Of primary interest was our involvement with History San Jose as we attended a number of their weekend activities. Our rigs and personnel were at many of their events and, as always, were well received. Be sure to see the details of our involvement in Jim Carter's article on page 3 of this newsletter.

Currently, we are in the process of restoring our recently acquired 1914 Chemical Fire Engine. The former Berkeley Fire rig was purchased earlier in 2012 from a private party in Morgan Hill. Sam Seibert, Ed Del Prete and Dave Woods are leading the way on this project and we hope to have it ready for display on January 26th during SJFD's 159th Anniversary Celebration here at the Museum. We will have a complete article with pictures in our Winter newsletter.

If you are interested in seeing this apparatus during restoration, please feel free to drop by the History San Jose Restoration Shop. Located at the back of History San Jose, access can be made off Phelan Avenue, east of Senter Road. Prior to coming, call Sam Seibert at (408) 209-0675 so he is aware of your visit. Note that the Restoration Shop Team only works on Thursdays between 9:00 A.M. and Noon.

I am excited to announce that the SJFM will have an article in our Winter newsletter about the crew of SJFD Fire Engine No. 2, C Shift. This company was selected as the first ever "Memory Company" for SJFD.

As I mentioned in our Summer, newsletter, our Extramem Donation Program base continues to grow and we, at the SJFM, can't thank you enough for your support.

In closing, there is no major update on Old Fire Station One. We wish there was, but we are on hold right now. The Public Commission responsible for the sale of the property has give us a one-year window to make a bid. This period begins on October 1, 2012 and runs through September 31, 2013. Our financial partner is still anxious to help us purchase this property so we will wait for him to inform us as to the best time to make an offer.

As always, stay tuned.



Fire Museum Honored to Take Part In Firefighter's Funeral

The members of the San Jose Fire Museum were very honored to support the family of Captain Jose Martinez and the San Jose Fire Department (SJFD) during the memorial service for the popular San Jose firefighter.

A special "Thank You" goes out to Firefighter Mike Igno and Fire Captain Jerry Durk for their many hours of preparation of our 1931 Mack Engine and their personal involvement in the August 17th Memorial Service. The family had requested the use of our 1931 Mack for the funeral that was held in Fresno, CA. This required extensive logistical planning and the help of Unique Towing to get the rig to the Central California location.

San Jose firefighters can be very proud of Mike and Jerry's participation as they represented all of us with their personal commitment and dedication for a fallen brother.

Connecting to Our Historic Past

By John A. McMillan

I felt compelled to write this initial article with the hope that it becomes a regular part of our newsletter. The intent is to make this space available for anyone who would like to write an article of important significance about the San Jose Fire Department. The topic could be about anyone or anything relating to our history.

Every month, for at least the past few years, one or two SJFD Retirees pass away. These are always sad moments for all of us, especially if you knew the person, worked on a company with them or just respected their service to the community.

Many of us don't know all the circumstances of a firefighter's passing. For example: is there a surviving spouse who may need help or could we have been there in the closing months or days to help out. Many of us find out after-the-fact about the passing of one our fellow firefighters. We wish we knew so we could say something to them for closure or offer some final care and friendship.

As you know, there is no longer a very accurate database that contains information about each of us so we can stay in contact. Because of privacy laws, our San Jose Firefighters Local 230, SJFD Fire Administration and The City of San Jose Department of

Retirees cannot disclose this information.

In addition, this problem is going to get worse, because many of the firefighters we are hiring today don't live close to each other, so later on when they retire, I predict a greater breakdown of information and lack of communication between all of us.

So, I am proposing the creation of a "SJFD Historical Society Committee". The purpose will be to create an accurate database of information covering all SJFD Firefighters, past and present. The committee will assist in the gathering of historical information from retirees and actives before it is too late. I hope to have representation from our Local 230, Fire Administration and Retiree's Association. We have a good start already with a number of different databases of information. We now need to have a team who care about keeping it centralized and updated.

If you're interested in participating on this committee, please contact John A. McMillan at (831) 359-2194. We will also need a chair person for this committee and this person will probably report directly to our Board of Directors. Please consider this opportunity to help us all improve our communication with each other.

Summary of SJFM Activities

By Jim Carter

These past few summer months have been extremely busy for the San Jose Fire Museum volunteers. The staff attended several events to support organizations connected with preserving our history.

The summer started off with Dave Wood and Jim Carter attending the "Valley of Heart's Delight" dinner that was held at History Park. The eighth annual event was held on June 30th and honored the pioneer families of Bill Cilker, Sr. and Lee Lester. Dave and Jim drove our 1923 American LaFrance Brockway Torpedo Engine and were part of the parade through the park.

On July 4th, we participated in the "Rose, White and Blue Parade" through the Rose Garden neighborhood of San Jose. The 5th annual parade began at Lincoln High School and finished on The Alameda. SJFD Chief Willie McDonald, with his wife Barbara, rode in the 1923 American LaFrance Brockway Torpedo. Mike and Antoinette Igno and his family, along with Scott and Barbara Boucher, rode in the 1931 Mack Engine.

Later that day, the 1923 Torpedo Engine was again in service delivering Chief McDonald to San Jose Municipal Stadium where he threw out the first pitch at a San Jose Giants game.

On August 4th, the Museum honored our World War II veterans by attending the "Spirit of '45" tribute at San Jose's History Park. The annual event commemorates the end of World War II on August 6, 1945. Our 1923 American LaFrance Brockway Torpedo was invited to attend as part of vehicle display.

Then, a week later on August 12th, the Fire Museum was back at History Park for Trolley Car No. 124's 100-year birthday. Our 1923 LaFrance Brockway Torpedo was once again on static display in front of the replica Empire Fire Station.

Once again demonstrating our close association with San Jose History Park, the Fire Museum participated in the "California Pioneers" annual BBQ. This year held on September 8th, the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County annually celebrate California Admissions Day with a BBQ. Our 1905 Cadillac chief's car was a big hit among these long-time Valley residents.

The very next day, on September 9th, the 1905 Cadillac was back at History Park for the 12th Annual "Antique Autos in History Park" display. The significance of this year's event was to showcase single-piston vehicles -- and our beautiful Cadillac chief's car fit the bill! Presented by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club, the event had over 170 vehicles from the turn of the century to the late 1930s. Allen Greenburg and his wife Lucy have been organizing this event for several years. The San Jose Fire Explorers also attended this event and provided a great water game for all the kids in attendance.



Top: At the "Rose, White and Blue Parade", Jim Carter drove our 1923 Torpedo while Chief Willie McDonald waved to the crowd.

Above: Fire Museum volunteers were on hand for the "Christmas in July" fund raiser for the folks at Christmas in the Park. The event was held in the Circle of Palms.



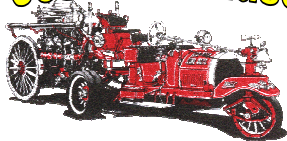
Above: SJFD Chief Willie McDonald was delivered to the 4th of July baseball game in style by San Jose Giant's mascot, "Gigante".

Far Left: For SJ History Park's "Trolley Car No. 124 100th Birthday Party", our '23 Torpedo Fire Engine was on display for all to see.

Left: Our beautiful 1905 Cadillac Fire Chief's vehicle was invited to attend the 12th Annual "Antique Autos in the Park" event.



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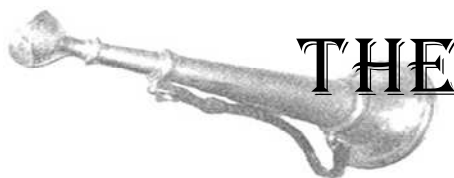


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Calendar of Events

- October 9** **SJFM Board Meeting at the Museum**
9:00 A.M. to Noon
- November 13** **SJFM Board Meeting at the Museum**
9:00 A.M. to Noon
- December 11** **SJFM Board Meeting at the Museum**
9:00 A.M. to Noon
- Jan. 26, 2013** **SJFD's 159th Anniversary Celebration — At the Museum (Time TBA)**
- Sep. 21, 2013** **San Jose Firefighters' Car and Motorcycle Show will return to San Jose's History Park for the 8th fun-filled year.**

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