

# THE SPEAKING TRUMPET

NEWSLETTER OF THE BARE COVE FIRE MUSEUM

JANUARY 2011



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

**BIG TOYS FOR BIG BOYS—WE HAVE THEM, BUT THIS IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY MUSEUM, AND NOT ALL OF THE TOYS ARE BIG AND NOT ALL OF THE PLAYERS ARE BOYS. WE WELCOME ALL TO COME AND JOIN.**

**ANNUAL DUES AREN'T VERY HIGH AND IF YOU ENJOY HISTORY, PARTICULARLY FIRE FIGHTING HISTORY, THIS IS A GREAT INVESTMENT OF YOUR TIME AND TALENTS. THE MUSEUM IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING AND DURING THE NICE WEATHER WE WILL BE OPEN ON SELECTED SUNDAY AFTERNOONS. WITH AN INCREASE IN OPEN HOURS THERE IS A NEED FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS. WILL YOU BE ONE OF THEM?**

**WE HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR YOU; ONE OF THEM WILL FIT YOU TO A TEE. FOR INSTANCE, WE HAVE ROOM FOR TOUR GUIDES, CURATORS, PAINTERS, MECHANICS, BRASS RESTORERS, CLEANERS, ETC. OR JUST COME AND BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER. I WON'T ASK YOU TO MOW THE GRASS—AT LEAST NOT YET. IF YOU ARE SO INCLINED, AND OF THE RIGHT AGE, WE CAN TEACH YOU HOW TO PLAY (READ DRIVE) WITH ONE OF THE “BIG TOYS.”**

**I HOPE THAT YOU SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH OTHERS SO THAT OUR INVITATION TO JOIN BECOMES KNOWN. EVEN IF YOU CAN'T JOIN NOW, COME AND VISIT, WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU.**

**I ALONG WITH THE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS WISH YOU VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2011.**

**SEE YOU AT THE MUSEUM**

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## NEW MEMBERS

**THE MUSEUM WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS**  
**GEORGINE BUTMAN, MICHAEL SMIDY, AND**  
**JOSH WHITMAN.**

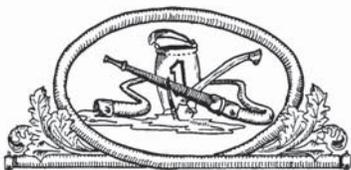


**BOARD MEMBERS  
ELECTED OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT**  
DAVE CLARK  
**VICE PRESIDENT**  
JACK CRANDALL  
**PAST PRESIDENT**  
ROBIN BERNAN  
**TREASURER**  
LISA ANDRE  
**CLERK**  
GERI DUFF  
**DIRECTORS**  
RUSSELL CLARK  
JACLYN HOWARD  
DONALD LINCOLN

**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. IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON ATTENDING, PLEASE CHECK WITH A BOARD MEMBER AS THE LOCATION OF THE MEETING CAN VARY. MEETINGS START AT 7:30 PM



**AROUND THE MUSEUM  
FALL BARN SALE OCTOBER 2, 2010**

THE OCTOBER BARN SALE WENT WELL THIS YEAR. WE TOOK IN A FAIR AMOUNT OF CHANGE WHICH WILL GO TOWARDS THE SUPPORT OF THE MUSEUM.

GERI DUFF, DON LINCOLN, LINDA ILLES, ROBIN BERNAN, TRACY DUFF, JOY FINEGAN, SHAWN BERNAN, AND HANK THORTON WORKED THE FIVE WEDNESDAY NIGHTS BEFORE THE SALE, UNPACKING AND MARKING ITEMS FOR SALE. THIS PART OF THE BARN SALE IS THE MOST FUN BECAUSE OF THE VARIETY OF DONATED MERCHANDISE. OF ALL THINGS, A PLAYER PIANO WITH THE ROLLS WAS DONATED THE LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT BEFORE THE SALE! (NOT GIVING ENOUGH TIME TO BE ADVERTISED. IF IT IS NOT SOLD BEFORE HAND, IT WILL BE OFFERED AT THE JUNE 4TH SALE NEXT YEAR. )

ON THE DAY OF THE SALE, A STEADY STREAM OF CUSTOMERS GAVE US MONEY TO TAKE AWAY ABOUT HALF THE STUFF IN THE ROOM. AFTER ANY GIVEN BARN SALE, WE COULD OPEN THE DOORS WITH LITTLE WORK AND HAVE ANOTHER SALE. (HOWEVER I HAVE BEEN FORBIDDEN TO HAVE A WINTER BARN SALE SO THERE GOES THAT IDEA.)

WHILE THE SALE WAS GOING ON THE MUSEUM WAS OPEN AND SAW MANY VISITORS. BOB MYERS DROPPED OFF A COLLECTION OF 200+ PHOTOGRAPHS OF FIRE TRUCKS WHICH HAVE BEEN ENJOYED BY OUR TRUCK ENTHUSIASTS.

AS USUAL, COFFEE AND DONUT HOLES WERE SERVED TO THE VOLUNTEERS IN THE MORNING AND PIZZA AND SODAS FOR LUNCH. THE HAWAIIAN PIZZA WAS BACK BY REQUEST AND POLISHED OFF QUICKLY.

JUNE 4, 2011 IS THE NEXT SCHEDULED SALE AND FIVE WEDNESDAY NIGHTS PRIOR TO THAT WILL SEE FRIENDS AND MEMBERS IN THE BARN AGAIN, UNPACKING AND MARKING, SO COME JOIN THE FUN.



## AROUND THE MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE OCTOBER 23, 2010

WHEN THE SOUTH SHORE MODEL RAIL ROAD CLUB HOLDS THEIR BIENNIAL OPEN HOUSE, THE BARE COVE FIRE MUSEUM TAKES THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE OPEN AS WELL. THIS YEAR IT WAS SUCH A BEAUTIFUL DAY, THE TRUCKS WERE ROLLED OUTSIDE DRAWING IN VISITORS OF ALL AGES.

ONE VISITING COUPLE WAS RETIRED SCITUATE DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF CHARLES CURRAN AND HIS WIFE. THEY WERE SO TAKEN WITH THE DISPLAYS THAT THEY DONATED SEVERAL FIRE RELATED BOOKS AND TOYS. NOTEWORTHY IS THE CAST IRON HORSE DRAWN HOSE REEL WHICH YOU MAY SEE ON DISPLAY NOW.

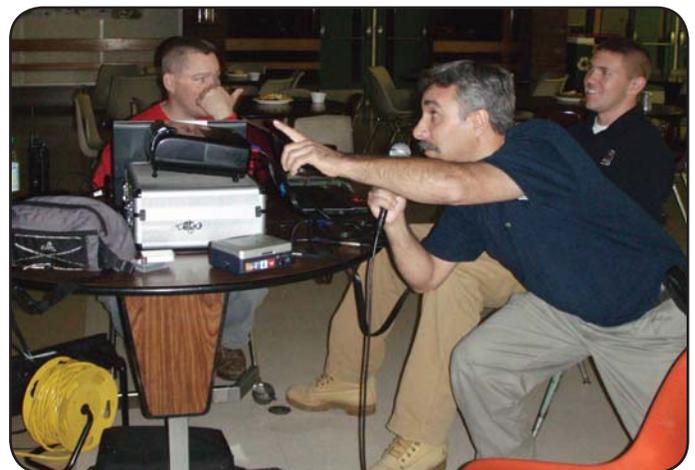
WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE SSMRRC'S OPEN HOUSE NEXT MARCH WHEN WE CAN REPEAT THE DAY AND WELCOME NEW AND OLD VISITORS THROUGH OUR DOORS.



## AROUND THE MUSEUM FIREHOUSE NIGHT NOVEMBER 6, 2010

FIREHOUSE NIGHT 2010 WAS A GREAT SUCCESS. AND, AS ALWAYS, THERE WAS A LOT OF PREPARATION AND SUPPORT FROM AN ASSORTMENT OF MUSEUM MEMBERS. BEHIND THE SCENES YOU WILL FIND DAVE CLARK ORGANIZING THE EVENT WHILE MUSEUM MEMBERS GATHER ITEMS FOR THE RAFFLE, LINE UP SPEAKERS, AND SET UP THE ROOM. JO CLARK LEADS THE FOOD PREPARATION CREW. AND, SINCE LISA ANDRE HAS BEEN MAKING HER SPECIAL RECIPE, THERE HAS BEEN NO LEFTOVER CHILI.

BOB STELLA WAS IN HIS ELEMENT THAT NIGHT. BETWEEN SHOWING HIS VIDEOS AND WATCHING THE OTHER PRESENTERS, YOU COULD SEE HE WAS HAVING A GOOD TIME. THAT CAUSED A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE TO VOLUNTEER TO BRING HIS TALK OF THE "MIRACLE ON THE HUDSON" FOR NEXT YEAR.



## AROUND THE MUSEUM

### SUNDAY OPENINGS

SUNDAY OPENINGS HAVE BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS. STARTED THIS YEAR TO SEE IF THERE WAS AN INTEREST, WE FOUND THAT VISITORS WERE DELIGHTED TO SEE THE DISPLAYS.

DICK KENNY CAME IN ONE AFTERNOON AND DONATED FIFTEEN 8X10 GLASS NEGATIVES OF HINGHAM FIRE COMPANIES. THEN, ON THE LAST SUNDAY OPENING OF THE YEAR, NOVEMBER 21, E. GARDNER JONES'S FAMILY VISITED THE MUSEUM AND MADE A GIFT OF GARDNER'S AWARDS THAT HE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE SENATE, STATE HOUSE AND THE HINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT.

SINCE MANY OF OUR VISITORS SPOKE OF NOT BEING ABLE TO VISIT AT NIGHT. WE HOPE TO CONTINUE THIS IN THE SPRING BUT MANY MORE MEMBERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP. IF EACH MEMBER COULD VOLUNTEER JUST ONE SUNDAY IN THE SPRING, WE WOULD BE ABLE TO OPEN AND SHARE OUR TREASURES TO A MORE DIVERSE GROUP. SO CHECK YOUR CALENDARS, SEE IF YOU HAVE A FREE SUNDAY AFTERNOON AND LET DAVE CLARK KNOW.



### BARE COVE FIRE MUSEUM SELECTED MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OCTOBER 12, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE: DAVE CLARK, RUSS CLARK, LISA ANDRE, ROBIN BERNAN, JACLYN HOWARD, SAMANTHA HOWARD AND GERI DUFF

THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETINGS WERE READ, CORRECTED AND ACCEPTED.

CURATOR'S REPORT: THE BCFM RECENTLY RECEIVED A GIFT FROM CARL ACHILLE: THE NOTEBOOK OF ANNE TOLMAN CONTAINING DATES AND PLACES OF FORMER FIREHOUSES IN HINGHAM.

THERE HAVE BEEN NO CHANGES TO EQUIPMENT IN THE PAST MONTH. BRASS POLISHING HAS STARTED FOR THE WINTER MONTHS. ROGER FERNANDES HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE CPC ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

THE OIL BURNERS HAVE BEEN CLEANED AND IT IS NOTED THAT THE BOILER IS WORKING AT 65% CAPACITY.

TREASURER ANDRE SHARED A LETTER FROM SAMPSON INSURANCE DETAILING WHO IS COVERED TO OPERATE THE VEHICLES. IN A REVIEW OF THE POLICY IT WAS NOTED THAT BEFORE ANYONE MAY TURN A WHEEL, THEY MUST PROVIDE THEIR DRIVING LICENSE INFORMATION AND BE LISTED ON THE INSURANCE FORM.

WEEKEND OPENINGS ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH WILL CONTINUE UNTIL NOVEMBER 21. THEY WILL BE REEVALUATED AND POSSIBLY CONTINUED IN THE COMING YEAR.

THE SOUTH SHORE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB IS HAVING AN OPEN HOUSE OCT 23 AND THE FIRE MUSEUM WILL BE OPEN AT THE SAME TIME, 9-4.

THE BARN SALE WAS A SUCCESS BRINGING IN MORE IN SALES THAN LAST OCTOBER. GERI DUFF WILL SEND THANK YOU'S TO ALL BARN SALE HELPERS.

FIREHOUSE NIGHT IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH. SEVERAL TOPICS WERE DISCUSSED. HOPEFULLY BOB STELLA WILL HAVE ENOUGH MATERIAL FROM THE PAST YEAR TO PRODUCE A FILM OF ASSORTED FIRES AND MAYHEM.

MICHAEL SMIDY WAS VOTED IN AS A NEW MEMBER.

THE BUSSIN BUDDIES APPROVED FOR A MEETING AT THE MUSEUM IN SEPT OR OCT IN 2011

## **BARE COVE FIRE MUSEUM SELECTED MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2010**

DAVE CLARK, RUSS CLARK, LISA ANDRE, ROBIN BERNAN, JACLYN HOWARD, AND GERI DUFF IN ATTENDANCE.

THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING WERE READ, AND ACCEPTED.

THERE HAVE BEEN NO MAJOR CHANGES TO THE EQUIPMENT.

LISA ANDRE WILL MEET WITH TOWN ENGINEER ROGER FERNANDES AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENIST TO LOOK OVER THE CURRENT ROOF AS PART OF THE REPLACEMENT PROCEDURE AND SHE WILL REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD.

CURATOR'S REPORT: THE BCFM RECENTLY RECEIVED A GIFT FROM CHARLES AND NANCY CURREN OF SCITUATE. THEY BROUGHT IN ELEVEN ITEMS DURING THE OCTOBER 16TH OPEN HOUSE. SEVERAL BOOKS, TOYS AND FIRE MEMORABILIA, INCLUDING A CAST IRON HORSE DRAWN HOSE REEL. THE CLERK WAS INSTRUCTED TO SEND THEM A THANK YOU NOTE.

THE HOSE REEL AND A LANTERN WILL BE TAKEN TO THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S APPRAISAL NOVEMBER 18TH.

TREASURER ANDRE RECEIVED A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FROM GEORGINE BUTMAN OF GREENVILLE MAINE FOR MEMBERSHIP.

THE LAST WEEKEND OPENING ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH WILL BE NOVEMBER 21. SEVERAL BOARD MEMBERS STATED THAT THEY WILL BE ON HAND.

IT WAS DECIDED NOT TO HAVE A FLOAT IN THE QUINCY HOLIDAY PARADE THIS YEAR AS THERE IS NO ONE TO SPEARHEAD THE BUILDING OF A FLOAT.

DAVE CLARK MENTIONED THAT THE FACEBOOK PAGE IS GENERATING MORE HITS THESE DAYS. HE ALSO REPORTED THAT CHIEF DUFF TOOK A COPY OF THE LATEST NEWSLETTER AND A BCFM SHOULDER PATCH TO BE INCLUDED IN HINGHAM'S 375TH TIME CAPSULE.

NEW DESIGNS FOR TEE SHIRTS WERE DISCUSSED. THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

DAVE CLARK REPORTED THAT HE ALREADY HAS A PRESENTER LINED UP FOR NEXT YEAR'S FIREHOUSE NIGHT WITH A TENTATIVE DATE OF NOVEMBER 5, 2011.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE DECEMBER 14TH, 7:30 PM AT 37 BRADLEY PK. DR. HINGHAM.

## **BARE COVE FIRE MUSEUM SELECTED MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DECEMBER 14, 2010**

LISA ANDRE, DAVE CLARK, DON LINCOLN, ROBIN BERNAN, JACLYN HOWARD, JACK CRANDALL AND GERI DUFF IN ATTENDANCE.

THE AD FOR THE MUSEUM ON THE EASTER'S RESTAURANT PLACEMAT WAS SHARED ALONG WITH THE PATRIOT LEDGER FULL PAGE PHOTO SPREAD BY GARY HIGGINS, AND TWO CAST IRON TOYS GIVEN TO VICTOR BERNAN FOR THE MUSEUM FROM BOB EAGAN OF BRADLEY WOODS.

THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER MEETING WAS READ, AND ACCEPTED.

THE VICE PRESIDENT, JACK CRANDALL REPORTED THAT HE RECEIVED AN APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP FROM JOSH WHITMAN. THIS WAS VOTED TO ACCEPT BY THE BOARD. CRANDALL ALSO REPORTED THAT THERE ARE 85 PAID UP MEMBERS AND ALL NON-PAID HAVE BEEN DROPPED FROM THE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS.

LISA ANDRE TOOK A BOX OF BUNNY WAGON PARTS TO SOUTH SHORE PLATING AND RECEIVED AN ESTIMATE FOR THE WORK.

LISA ANDRE MET WITH TOWN ENGINEER ROGER FERNANDES AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENIST TO LOOK OVER THE CURRENT ROOF AS PART OF THE REPLACEMENT PROCEDURE. SHE HAS NOT RECEIVED A REPORT AS YET.

THE LAST WEEKEND OPENING FOR THE SEASON WAS NOVEMBER 21. THIS WAS A VERY BUSY DAY FOR THE MUSEUM WITH NEW VISITORS AND MEMBERS TAKING TOURS. SEVERAL MEMBERS ALSO STARTED CHANGING THE DISPLAYS. THE BOARD IS LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT SPRING TO CONTINUE THIS.

THE BUSIN BUDDIES HAVE REQUESTED AND WERE APPROVED TO VISIT SEPTEMBER 23, 24 AND 25. ONE BOARD MEMBER WILL BE STAYING ON SITE DURING THIS VISIT. THE CLERK WAS INSTRUCTED TO NOTIFY THE PARK COMMITTEE IN HOPES THAT THE NEW DOCKHOUSE MUSEUM WOULD BE OPENED AT THIS TIME FOR VISITORS.

MEMBERS OF THE DUXBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT HAVE REQUESTED INFORMATION ON WHERE TO HAVE A FEW ANTIQUE FIRE PIECES RESTORED. PRESIDENT CLARK WILL GIVE THEM THE NAMES OF A FEW CONTACTS.

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THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 11TH, 7:30 PM AT ROBIN BERNAN'S, 1109 FRONT ST., SOUTH WEYMOUTH.

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**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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