

Loveland Fire Exhibit Update

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FIRE EXHIBIT UPDATES

As we begin a new year, I wanted to bring you up to date on the activities of the Loveland Fire Exhibit Inc. over the last half of 2012 and let you know what lies ahead for us in 2013.

Over the past four or five months, we have hosted quite a few school and other groups through the exhibit. They were of several younger age groups and it was fun to see the interest that some of them had in the displays. It is always enjoyable to hear some of the more knowledgeable questions they would ask.

In August, we participated in the Corn Roast parade. Little did we know at the time, that it would be the last time most of us would be with our friend and committee member, Bill Sullivan, who recently passed away. We are grateful for his participation and contributions he made to the Fire Exhibit and maintenance of our vehicles. He is deeply missed from our group.

What's next?

The big news for 2013 is that building we are in is in the process of being sold to Brinkman Partners of Fort Collins. The Loveland City Council approved the deal last month unanimously and will be voting on second reading this month. If it passes, which is likely, Brinkman will want to get their demo permit by March 1st. That means the museum will be packing up and storing everything that is in the building now. We will help to sort some of the items that we will want at our disposal to work on but the museum will be doing the moving, which is a huge help for us.

Sadly, there is not a current place for us to display our exhibit, so the plans are that we will be packed up and stored by the museum until they can find a place for us, or we find a place, or until the new museum is built, which could be 3-5 years from now. Unfortunately, even if we could find another location for the exhibit, we do not have funds or resources to pay rent, utilities, insurance, etc.

Unless we hear otherwise, the exhibit will be still open Saturdays through January from 12:00 - 4:00 pm. If you have not had a chance to see the exhibit, please come visit us this month - it may be quite a while before it is displayed in its entirety again.

As for our group, Loveland Fire Exhibit, Inc., we will continue to meet monthly. We will probably be meeting weekly in January and possibly February to plan and assist with the packing and storage of the exhibit. There are some projects that we will continue to work on as far as gathering history, collecting exhibit pieces, sorting and identifying pictures, and maintaining our antique vehicles. But most of all, we plan to continue our monthly meetings because we enjoy the friendship, dedication and camaraderie amongst our members.

Even though we won't have an active exhibit, we will continue to have an active committee, please consider joining us.

Regards,

Jack Sullivan
President
Loveland Fire Exhibit Inc.