



FIREHOUSE NEWS

WINDHAM TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.

FALL 2019

WINDHAM TOWNSHIP VOL. FIRE CO TURNS 50

Fifty years ago the residents of Windham, PA decided to form their own fire company. At that time, there had been devastating fires in the township. This prompted them to establish the Windham Township Volunteer Fire Company. The charter officers were: David Clark-President, Hugh Brown-Vice President, Thomas Strebel-Secretary, Kenneth Moore-Treasurer, Larry Brown-Trustee, Gary Fairley-Trustee and Arthur Coon-Trustee.

The first meetings were held in a car wash behind Dave's Trading Post that was located on Cotton Hollow Road. They used whatever they could find to construct their first fire trucks. Upon the consolidation of the Northeast Bradford School District, the former Windham School became available. The fire company occupied it along with the township supervisors and the Windham Ambulance. Over the years they held fundraisers and purchased several trucks. They moved to Beaver Valley Cable's garage before acquiring the land on which they built their present fire house. The 60 x 110 foot metal building at 39158 Route 187 Rome, PA houses their 5 trucks, an ATV and trailer. It contains a meeting room, restrooms and a complete kitchen. This is a far cry from their car wash days!



Ray Merrill

On Feb 23rd current and past members, several surrounding fire departments and friends celebrated Windham Township Volunteer Fire Company's 50 years with a dinner at the North Orwell Hall. Ray Merrill, who has been in the fire company since its formation, was honored with a plaque for his many years of service. Coffee mugs commemorating the fire company's 50 years were given out. For more information visit their web site windham19fire.com. They are always looking for new members.



Photo of current members in attendance: Front left to right – Dominic Seelye, Caleb Leonard, Tad Soden, Matt Johnston. Center row – Marsha Ham, Ed Kaminski, Ray Merrill, Doug Soden, Dawn Philhower, Dan Philhower, Larry Edsell, Grant Baker. Back row – Brian Townner, Jason Miller, Makayla Camp, Tristin Carrington, Scott Nichols, Richard Ham, Stephen Shave. Missing from photo – Emily Soden, Nancy Soden



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QUILT RAFFLE WINNER CONGRATULATIONS LYNN BAILEY!

The winner of the Log Cabin quilt raffle was Lynn Bailey. The handmade quilt was made and donated by Theresa Field.

FUNDRAISER SCHEDULE FOR 2020

March 15 – Breakfast

March 23 – Rabies Clinic

April 19 – Breakfast

May 17 – BBQ

June 27 – Cars & Cones

July 26 – Bedrock Cruise-in (Rain or Shine)

August 16 – BBQ

September 27 – BBQ

October 18 – Breakfast

November 15 – Breakfast

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FIREFIGHTER TRAINING

Each year there are numerous fire training classes available to firefighters, each with its own requirements. Firefighters are required to attend a set number of hours per class, purchase books/materials, and demonstrate use of specific equipment for course credit. The firefighters register and attend on their own time to complete the courses. Some training is free on-line, however most training is paid for by the individual or county/fire department. Training classes range in price from \$20 to \$200 per firefighter; fees cover the instructor costs and/or books. Last year Flashover Recognition and Survival Course (see top photo), Fire Police Course, Fire Command Class, CPR Class, Firefighter Down Class, Essential Class and Hazmat Course (see bottom photos) were attended by members of Windham Township Volunteer Fire Company.



BEDROCK CRUISE-IN

The 15th Annual Bedrock Cruise-in car show fund raiser was held on David and Barb Moore's property near the NY/PA state line on Rt 187 on Sunday, July 28th. Emily's Weiner Wagon came along with other craft and flea market vendors, new Bedrock t-shirts were available for purchase, a game tent for the children and music by DJ Bette Weaver rounded out the day. The food highlights included Chicken BBQ, fresh sweet corn, funnel cakes, and ice cream.

A surprise visit from Fred Flintstone, Tom Rogers, for photo opportunities in the Flintmobile were a big hit with the kids. The Top 30 awards were picked by the car participants. This years' Bedrock favorite was a 35 Dodge 1 1/2 ton stake body truck owned by Howard Wilson. The muffler contest was won by Jim Alexander with a 78 Dodge Magnum. A total of 139 cars registered to enjoy the day; all vehicles, makes/models and years registered plus tractors and cycles.



CARS AND CONES

On June 22 the Windham Fire Station was surrounded by more than 40 cars for the department's first "Cars and Cones" ice cream social from 6-8 PM. Those drivers who brought out their classic rides were treated to a free cone. Hard and soft ice cream was served with brownies, fresh strawberries, chocolate syrup and sprinkles available. Raffle tickets were sold for a restored AMOCO gas pump. Join us on June 27, 2020 for our 2nd Annual Cars and Cones ice cream social.

NEW EQUIPMENT

The Windham Twp Vol. Fire Co. was able to purchase a skid unit with help from a PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources grant. The skid unit was mounted onto the Squad truck. The unit holds 200 gallons of water. Fifty percent or \$6,675 was received from the grant towards this purchase. This piece of equipment is essential to rapid response for forest fires, brush fire, auto accidents and more.

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RETURN SLIP

Once again it is time for our annual support drive. A large portion of our funding comes from community donations. Please fill out the bottom and return with your donation before January to receive your 2019 tax credit. Thank you.

Check Amount: \$20.00 \$30.00 \$40.00 \$50.00
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Make checks payable to: Windham Township Volunteer Fire Co.
 39158 Route 187 • Rome PA 18837 • windham19fire.com

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