



FIREHOUSE NEWS

WINDHAM TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.

FALL 2020

FUNDRAISERS

With the coronavirus (COVID19) stay at home orders, the Windham Township Volunteer Fire Co was unable to hold the Rabies clinic or their April BBQ. The March breakfast was well attended before the CDC regulations were put in place. After the April BBQ was canceled, the May BBQ brought some changes for picking up your order. People could stay in their cars. They drove in on the right side of the station to pay and then drove around the building to the left side, where their order was put in the car. Because of the positive response, this pick up system will probably be the new normal. Thank you for your continued support of our BBQ's.

The 16th annual Bedrock Cruise-in was canceled for 2020 because of the 250 person limit on events. However, a pick up BBQ was held at the station on July 26. Mark your calendar for July 25, 2021 when WTVFC hopes to have our next car show!

Cars and Cones took place on the rain date of June 28th, from 5 to 8PM. Perry's Ice cream along with hot dogs, spidies and funnel cakes were served. Many cars showed up and 18 brave drivers went on a poker run. Each car was handed a paper with a list of clues to follow to locations north of the fire station. At each location they picked a playing card. The card they selected was then written down on their paper. They received their last card at the station. **Dana Hotchkiss** had the winning hand and received half of the donations collected for the run; which she generously donated back to the fire company. Dana drove a 1964 Catalina Pontiac. Dept. 19 thanks all the participants and people who came out for this event.



KITCHEN FIRE SAFETY

Cooking is the leading cause of US home fires and home fire injuries. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires. As the public continues to stay at home in response to COVID-19, cooking fires will continue to occur at increased levels.

- Never leave cooking unattended; keep a close eye on what you're cooking.
- Remove anything that can catch fire, such as oven mitts, wooden utensils, dish towels.
- Be alert while cooking. If you are sleepy or taking medication that makes you drowsy, avoid cooking.

FUNDRAISER SCHEDULE FOR 2021

**all dates are pending CDC Covid-19 regulations*

March 21 – Breakfast
April 18 – Breakfast

May 16 – BBQ
June 20 – Cars & Cones
July 25 – Bedrock Cruise-in (Rain or Shine)

August 15 – BBQ
September 19 – BBQ
October 17 – Breakfast
November 21 – Breakfast

Want event reminders in your inbox?

Send your email address to wtvfc@cableracer.com

NEW LOOK

When the Duane Harding property next door to the station became available to purchase, the Windham Township Volunteer Fire Co. acquired it. Demo of the house was scheduled and completed on July 11, 2020. To remove the uninhabitable house, the fireman used an excavator from Rauscher (RSC Equipment Rental of Ulster), and trash roll off containers from B&E Disposal from Nichols, NY. This land will allow the fire company to have more parking for events/fundraisers.



Excavator Operator – Jason Miller, Left to Right: Charles Wagner, Dan Philhower, Makayla Camp, Scott Nichols, Larry Edsell, Doug Soden, Richard Ham, Jim Bullock, and Skid Steer Operator – Tad Soden



NEW EQUIPMENT

Thermal Imaging Camera – An essential tool for firefighters is the thermal imaging camera (TIC). By rendering infrared radiation as visible light this camera lets firefighters see areas of heat through smoke, darkness or heat-permeable barriers. These cameras are handheld or helmet-mounted. They are heat and water resistant and rugged enough to withstand the hazards of firefighting. The Windham Township Volunteer Fire Company purchased a used model.

Cascade Air System – A used cascade filling system was acquired from Nichols Fire Co. A cascade filling station is a high pressure gas cylinder storage system which is used for the refilling of smaller compressed gas cylinders. This system allows small cylinders to be filled without a compressor.



TRAINING-ROPE CLASS

Instructors Greg Jelliff and John Charles held a Rope/High Angle Rescue 1 class Sept. 26/27 at Greater Valley Emergency Medical Services. Students in this course are introduced to the various types of rope and related rescue equipment. They train in tying basic knots and hitches used in rope rescue, basic rappelling techniques, tie-offs, self-rescue, basic rescue tie-ins, and basic litter handling skills. This is a hands-on program allowing time for practice to build proficiency.

GAS PUMP WINNER!

Gerald O'Shea donated the pump which was restored by Doug's Hot Rod Shop. The winning ticket was picked at the Windham Twp. Vol. Fire Co. breakfast last October. The winner was **Clara Pack** who bought her chance at the Bedrock Cruise-in event held in July 2019.

Got a great idea for a 2021 Raffle? Send your ideas to wtvfc@cableracer.com



Interested in becoming a member or helping with fundraisers?

Contact a current member or leave a message at the station by calling 570-247-1392.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION

Keep this portion for your records.

WINDHAM TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY 2020 DONATION:

Date: _____

Amount: _____

Check: _____

NONPROFIT TAX ID #23-2398591

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 2020 tax credit. Thank you.

Check Amount: \$20.00 \$30.00 \$40.00 \$50.00
 Other \$ _____

Make checks payable to: **Windham Township Volunteer Fire Co.**
 39158 Route 187 • Rome PA 18837 • windham19fire.com

Please update my address: _____

