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# Newsletter

#### CAL FIRE MUSEUM

# **Our Digitization Grant for 2020/21**

CDF Museum took another 27 motion pictures to the State Library for a digitization grant. Also we sent 4 reels of unique original footage. The documents we submitted this year include: the "Division of Forestry" 1927—1975 history book, "Instructions to State District Fire Rangers" from 1926 by Merritt Pratt, "California Division of Forestry then and Now" from 1943, "Devil Winds 1970" pamphlet, "Fire Control Notes from Jan 1960 & July 11962" and the series of "Redbooks" Fire Activity Statistics for the years 1944—1975.



# Cataloging Project at the Museum

We have secured another grant for this year (2021) to continue our cataloging efforts of our Collection

Anyone who lives in the San Bernardino area (Inland empire) can volunteer to help us complete this project Our time frame is to be completed by August 31, 2021. We will be starting

T hanks to a cataloging grant through the State Library, the Museum has been organizing, inventory, sorting, cleaning, and recording countless years of donations. It may look a bit messy now, but the goal is to come back new and improved ... and searchable! For over 15 years, the CDF Museum has been accepting and collecting items and storing the donated items individually in small collections. Last year, was the Museum is finally sorting its inventory for research and use. While the Museum remains closed to the general public due to Coronavirus concerns, a new project is underway with the assistance of some new helpers. The Museum's newest team member is Andrea Geyer, an archival consultant. Andrea will perform a professional inventory and assessment of our collection. Also aiding the Museum is Colin Burch. Colin is a graduate student at Claremont Graduate University who is pursuing a career as an archivist. He is passionate about access to information and is excited to help make the Museum's enormous amount of material accessible for research. The project goal is to properly identify, sort, catalog, and store the Museum's collection. This will make exhibiting many of the Museum's incredible resources more accessible while also protecting the collection for future use. The \$5,000 cataloging grant will, in part, provide funding for archival-guality supplies to protect and preserve photos, documents, and other artifacts. The cataloging grant will also allow these items to be stored more efficiently. Andrea Geyer the Archive Consultant, Colin Burch and Allainna are student interns The social media buzz of the cataloging project caused a considerable increase in donations. CDF Museum greatly appreciates all the support and generosity. It is a top priority to ensure every piece of the memorabilia is tracked and cared for properly. Unfortunately, with such a big project underway, the Museum does not have the room to temporarily set aside new items for proper intake. If you are thinking of sending the Museum new items, please hold off for a month or two. Hopefully, the Museum will be caught up by the fall and ready to accept more donations. The CDF Museum eagerly anticipates this new project will enable more of the collections to be shared with you. Further, the Museum hopes to digitize essential items for an even more significant impact. The Museum would like to say thank you for your continued support. The CDF/CAL FIRE story has a long and rich tradition of "hurry up and wait." As one more chapter of the book unfolds, the Museum looks forward to sharing all of the old and newfound treasures with you in the future

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#### **Jarrel Glover**

I am getting stuck trying to come up with a article for the newsletter Here's Article for the May 2021 issue of our Newsletter Another article regarding the Museums officers: Treasurer Don Holt 86 years young, Secretary Fred Schmidt 85 years young, Vice President Jan Newman 84 years young and President Jerry Glover 84 years young. with our increasing age hopefully others will come forward to manage the museum and keep the history of this great organization alive and available for others to enjoy and appreciate.

The history is vast and all encompassing covering all aspects of the Department of Forestry, I remember in the 1960's when then Governor Pat Brown asked if a program like the CCC's of the 1930's would work in the 1960's, Bob "Lefty" Green was selected to head the program up and the "California Youth Training Center" was developed which turned into the federal program "Job Corp"

The favorite hose roller from the 1950's was invented by a FFTD (Forest Fire Truck Driver) (FAE) he went on promoting to Ranger II Ray Little as the Camp Ranger at Growlersburg

The field clamp used on hose lays was invented by Charlie Compton ASFR (BC) at Red Mountain MVU. Air Tanker converting a TBM into a Air Tanker a joint effort with USFS at Ramona Air Base in the early 1950's or 60's.

My thoughts for the museum is to have three for the state general public because of the shape and distance North, Central and South along with a display at each unit Headquarters (?) for the employees to know the history of their unit. Need some help if you can what are your thoughts???? Jarrel B. Glover Museum President, CEO 3800 Sierra Way San Bernardino, CA 92405 (909)881-6984 www.cdfmuseum.org

Jerry , how abput adding something like the following????- From Fred Schmidt

Anyone interested in serving on the Bd. Of Directors, now is the time to step up, while us old dogs are still around to pass on some information. We don't want the Museum to dry up after all the effort to get it to this point. We are ready to work on taking the next big step and acquire a permanent home that belongs to us as well as update our business plan for the future. If you are not sure you want to be a Bd. Member, then sign up as a volunteer to see if you like getting involved in preserving the history of Cal-Fire (CDF). Everyone statewide is a welcome candidate and there are many ways to participate on a local as well as a statewide basis. Give us a call at (XXX) XXX\_XXXX or email at XXXXXXXXXI Lets talk!

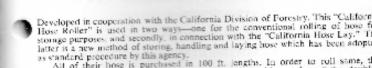
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#### No. 14X800 "FORESTER" HOSE ROLLER

- ROLLS DOUBLE OR SINGLE ROLLS
- 1" 1½ 2½ HOSE
- MOUNTS ON VEHICLE
- ROLLS ARE COMPACT AND NEAT
- QUICK RELEASE DEVICE
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No. 14X800



Developed in cooperation with the California Division of Forestry. This "California Hose Roller" is used in two ways—one for the conventional rolling of hose for storage purposes, and secondly, in connection with the "California Hose Lay." The latter is a new method of storing, handling and laying hose which has been adopted as standard procedure by this agency. All of their hose is purchased in 100 ft. lengths. In order to roll same, the two couplings are brought approximately together with one leg of the doubled length 3 feet longer than the other. The looped end of the best is then passed over the "off cauter pin" on the Hose Roller and the hose is entrained over the guide pin at the right side of the illustration. After the entire length is rolled up, a pull on the hand crank tangent to its rotation serves to withdraw the large center piston around which the hose is wrapped, thereby freeing same from the roller completely. Four such 100 ft. lengths of hose are stacked together and the male and female acuplings are interconnected between adjacent lengths, creating a continuous line 400 long. They are then haled by lashing with "binder" twite at 3 points approx-imately 120 degrees apart. All 1" and 1%2" hase is warehoused, handled and loaded onto fire trucks in this manner.

imately 120 degrees apart. All 1° and 1° have is watchated, chickated, end the onto fire trucks in this manner. When mounted on the fire truck, it is installed on two vertical sections of 1° iron pipe approximately 30° long. Each of these has a capacity of two hales, or 800 Ω, of hose. This hose can then be laid in one continuous line as municipal fire departments hay beer by merely outling the lastings. In rough terrain either jeers or "cats" can be employed if they have been provided in advance with two sockets to accommodate the 1° pipe. A Man-Pack-Saddle is also available for difficult terrain

The standard model is designed to handle either 1"(16" or 25" hose in either 50 ft. The standard model is designed to handle either 1"(16" or 25" hose in either 50 ft. or 100 ft. lengths By means of a recent improvement, it is also possible to roll 100 ft. lengths into two parallel 50 ft. lengths. This may be necessary in order to restruce ft. lengths into two parallel 50 ft. lengths. This may be necessary in order to restruce the overall diameter where dimensions of storage cabinets are a limiting factor

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### Status of CalFIRE Local 2881 Dues Pass Through

#### Financial Status of the Historical Society and Museum of the California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (Cal Fire)

Because of the COVID 19 situation, the Cal Fire Local 2881 Firefighters convention was canceled for 2021, and we were not afforded the opportunity to update the union everyone on the financial status of the museum especially related to the pass-thru dues deduction.

For the past two and a half years, the museum has placed the funds collected through the dues deduction have been placed into a mutual fund with total protection of the principal.

The intent remains the same, collect sufficient funds to assure continued museum operations including the cataloging, storing, and displaying of historical items, documents, photos, slides, movies, books, manuscripts and the like. Most importantly, to amass sufficient funds to obtain a permanent home for the base operations of the museum.

In 2018, we thought a bona fide offer was on the table for a permanent site after demonstrating sufficient funds were available for continued operations of a permanent facility. This offer fizzled as the benefactor backed out.

We then pursued several other possibilities including working with Cal Fire on a spot adjacent to the new South Ops facility near March Air Reserve Base. We've gained no traction with this possibility. We looked into the possibility of another proposal to obtain the old Guasti Winery near the Ontario Airport. It too did not materialize.

We are still pursuing an arrangement with the Cal Fire Local 2881 Conservancy and the West Coast Learning Center facility. This is a work in progress. There have been no formal meetings to discuss how this endeavor may work, only discussion of conceptual ideas.

Finally, museum staff has been continually looking for land to acquire that is suitable for new construction of a building meeting our current and future needs. This alternative is fast becoming the most viable as the building fund continues to grow.

The museum staff wishes to thank each of you for contributing to this ongoing effort. Work continues using volunteer staff to catalog and safely store/display items that continue to pour into the museum operation. If you have the time and wish to help in our efforts to preserve and display items of a historical nature, please contact Jerry Glover at : (909) 881—6984.



No. 14X670 Forester Hose Shut-Off Clamp Open



No. 14X570 Forester Hose Shut Of Clamp Closed

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# No.: 14X670 "FORESTER" HOSE SHUT-OFF CLAMP Lightweight Type - For 1" - 1%" Linen, Single or Double Jacksted

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## Cat. No. 14X870

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#### OPERATION .

One man can casily install this clamp in a matter of seconds. It is only necessary to open it wide, release the Clevis-Link, puss the clamp around the hose, then close clamp by bringing both handles together. The clamp remains shut after closing, but a safety lock is provided to prevent accidental release in service

#### CONSTRUCTION

The entire unit is made of High Tensile Aluminum alloy except the Clevistant, which is Manganese Bronze, attached by means of a '4" treel rivel. WEIGRELAR 24 nunces. LENGTH--10".

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Other Volunteers we are looking for to help us with the Museum efforts

!) An Editor for the news letter. We try to produce the newsletter quartly (Feb, May Aug &Nov)

2) Someone with Graphic (rendering) skills.

- 3) We are also looking for someone with Financial Officer Skills who would like to help 3 or 4 days a month.
- 4) Someone with IT Skills
- 5) Someone with data input skills on our web site we have a tab Registry where individuals can outline their experices
- 6) If you are interested in volunteering contact the museum

Would you like to receive your copy of the Newsletter via email ?? (Email the Museum your current email address)

Or mail it to you???

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The Big Jimmy is supported by: Lennie Baker, John Hess, Mickey Hess, Bob Robeson Don Russell and Bill Welch

#### NAMED GIFTS



The Bud Lewis Engine is supported by: Donna Lewis, Jack Elder and Laura Lewis

To contribute to a display or another engine that is not listed here, please contact the museum.

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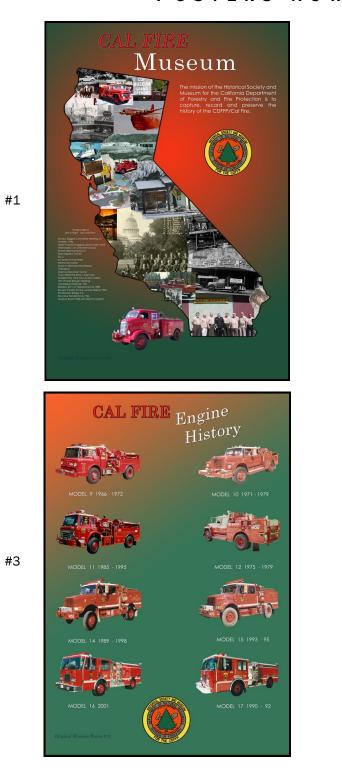
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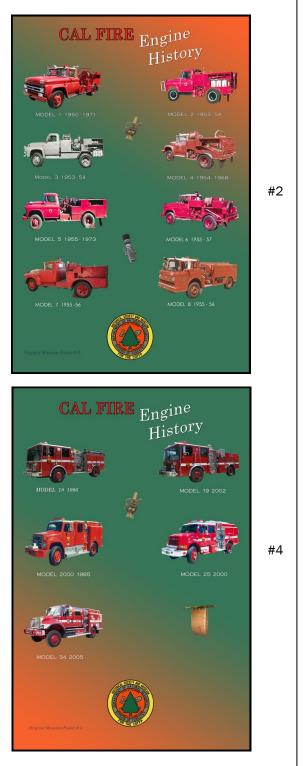
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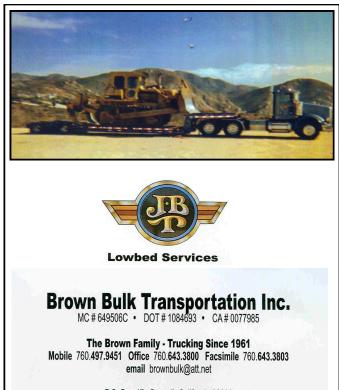
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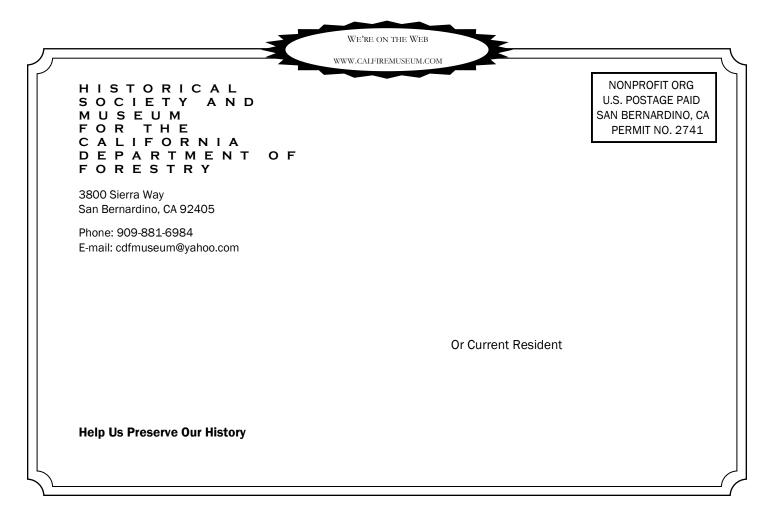


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