

**COME JOIN US FOR THE 2018 FIRE MUSEUM NETWORK
ANNUAL MEETING AND SEMINAR**

**Hosted by the Western Reserve Fire Museum and Education Center,
310 Carnegie Ave, Cleveland, Ohio 44115**

September 6 - 9, 2018

The Western Reserve Fire Museum and Education Center at Cleveland is pleased to host the Fire Museum Network annual meeting and seminar starting Thursday, September 6, 2018 through Sunday, September 9, 2018. The Museum is located in the heart of downtown Cleveland directly opposite Progressive Field, the home of the Cleveland Indians. Our host hotel, the Hilton Garden Inn Cleveland/Downtown, is located just two blocks down the street from the Museum. Included with this letter is a projected seminar schedule and registration form.

We have reserved a limited number of rooms at our host hotel. We encourage you to make reservations directly through the hotel to ensure you receive our reduced rate of \$139.00 per night that will include breakfast and a discounted parking rate of \$10.00 per day. To make a reservation call 1-877-782-9444 and ask for rate for Western Reserve Fire Museum @ Cleveland or visit their website at www.ClevelandDowntown.StayHGI.com and enter dates of stay, click on special rate code and enter FMN. Our special rates are held until August 6 or until we are sold out of our special rate rooms. Hotel information is also available on our website, www.wrfmc.com.

Our event will kick off with a reception at the Western Reserve Fire Museum, Thursday evening, September 6, where you will be able to tour the Museum and enjoy hors d'oeuvres and beverages. It will be your first of many opportunities to network with your fellow fire museum members. On Friday we will hold seminars at the hotel, lunch included with your registration. We will conclude the afternoon by busing to the Rock N Roll Hall of Fame. After the Rock hall, we will take a short walk to the Goodtime III for a waterfront/river Happy Hour Cruise. **Please note** that as a special incentive, the first 25 attendees to register will receive the cruise for free as part of their registration. Participants not wishing to take the boat ride will be shuttled back to the hotel.

Saturday, we will resume seminars and workshops at the hotel in the morning. We will break for your lunch at the Museum. Saturday afternoon we will have a presentation and guided tour of the Western Reserve Historical Society and Crawford Auto Aviation Museum.

If you are able to stay for part or all of our Small Museum Sunday activities, we are starting with the B&O Roundhouse Railroad Museum which is very close to the Fire Museum. We will then proceed to Donn Zalewski's private museum in Olmsted Falls, Ohio. Many of you know Donn as the auctioneer for the annual Allentown, PA, auction and flea market. Lunch will follow at a nearby fire themed restaurant which was the former fire station and police department for the

town. At this point we are close to Cleveland Hopkins airport, the Ohio Turnpike, and I-71 and I-480. We plan to be able to shuttle those with afternoon flight reservations to the airport. For those who can stay with us, we will conclude the afternoon with a tour of Tom Doyle's Little Wiz Fire Museum in the quaint town of Medina, Ohio. Tom's collection is very diverse and includes a recently restored horse drawn aerial ladder as well as other horse drawn and early motorized pieces plus Gamewell equipment and other fire memorabilia.

Please note that the cutoff date for early registration is August 3. Registrations postmarked after August 3 will pay the higher registration fee. Also, the first 25 early registrants will receive the free Friday night boat cruise.

We look forward to seeing you in Cleveland for an informative networking seminar. With specific questions, please contact our Museum Administrator, Joan at oliverj@wrfmc.com or call the Museum at 216-664-6312.

2018 Fire Museum Network Seminar
Hosted by the
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Cleveland, Ohio

Tentative Program Schedule

- HQ Hotel & Seminar Site** – Hilton Garden Inn Downtown/Cleveland, 1100 Carnegie Ave, Cleveland, Ohio, Telephone 216-658-6400
- Reception Site** – Western Reserve Fire Museum and Education Center, 310 Carnegie Ave, Cleveland, Ohio 44115, Telephone 216-664-6312, website www.wrfmc.com

Thursday, Sept. 6th

Hotel arrival; check in available mid-afternoon or earlier based on room availability

- 2 PM FMN Board Meeting (Held in Carter Room located on the 1st Floor)
- 4:30 Welcome Reception & Networking Social (Included with paid registration)
Held at WRFM – A 5 minute walk 2 blocks to the left heading west down Carnegie as you leave the hotel, shuttle service available as well for those who prefer to ride.
Registration, Name Tag & Seminar Packet Pickup
Hors d'oeuvres, Food, Beverages – Beer, Wine & Soft Drinks
Tour of Western Reserve Fire Museum – Docents on hand to take visitors on tour of former Fire Station #28 and Cleveland's Fire Alarm and Dispatch Center which was renovated into a regional Fire Museum. Current exhibit "From the Bucket Brigade to the Big Red Machines".
- 7:30 Shuttle service available to take you back to hotel. If you're still hungry dinner on your own or Explore the Downtown nightlife. Lobby, hotel bar, and restaurant are available for networking.

Friday, Sept. 7th

Breakfast (on your own – free breakfast included with your room reservation in hotel restaurant located are in lobby. Opens at 6:00 am M-F, 7:00 am Sat & Sun)

All Seminar presentations will be in the Edison Room located on the 1st floor.

- 8:30 **Registration & Packet Pickup** - Available for those unable to attend welcome reception on Thursday. Pick up location will be in the Edison Room where seminar is being held located on the 1st floor.
- 9 AM **Welcome & Announcements**
FMN Board Member John Zangerle, WRFM President Jim Bell, and Chief of Cleveland Department of Fire, Angelo Calvillo will be on hand to welcome FMN to the city.

- 9:30 **PRESENTATION – Adding the WOW – “Come Check This Out” Factor to Your Exhibits.**
Debra Bailey, retired firefighter and current Director of the Tulsa Fire Museum will speak on creative ways to make your exhibits appeal to a wider audience and entice the younger generation.
- 10:30 **BREAK** – Beverages available. Restroom located down the hall to your left.
- 10:45 **PRESENTATION** - Steve Hildebrandt, collector, fire buff and member of the Western Reserve Fire Museum will give a presentation on “Lighting the Way: A Guide to the History of fire Lanterns and Engine Lamps.”
- 12 N **LUNCH** (Included with paid registration); catered by the Hilton Garden Inn.
- 1 PM **PRESENTATION – “Steam to Stem”** Fire Captain and licensed steam boiler operator, Ted Elder, will give a presentation on “Steam to Stem”. An innovative way to incorporate stem requirements into an exhibit on steam fire engines.
- 2 PM **PRESENTATION – TBD**
- 3 PM Board Shuttles for tour of Rock & Roll Hall of Fame
- 3:15 **TOUR** – Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, 1100 E. 9th Street, Cleveland, OH 44114
- 5:30 Depart Rock & Roll Hall of Fame - Shuttle will take you back to the Hotel. Dinner (on your own). For those going on the Goodtime III Happy Hour Cruise, shuttle will take you down to the dock to Board ship at 5:45pm.
- 6PM Goodtime III departs on waterfront and river cruise. Beverages and snacks are available for purchase on board.
- 7 PM Hotel’s Hospitality Room open until 10:00 pm for networking.
- 8PM Shuttle will pick up those participating in cruise and transport them back to hotel.

Saturday, Sept. 8th

Breakfast (on your own – free breakfast included with your room reservation in hotel restaurant are off lobby. Opens at 6:00 am M-F, 7:00 am Sat & Sun)

All Seminar presentations again will be in the Edison Room located on the 1st floor.

8:30 **Welcome & Announcements**

- 8:45 **ANNUAL FMN MEMBERSHIP MEETING** – President Bill Hall presiding.
- 9:30 **PANEL DISCUSSION** – John Zangerle will lead a panel discussion on Fundraising/ Best Ideas. Museums can share insights on fundraising, types of events held, success rate, & how to solicit attendees.
- 10:30 **BREAK** – Addt'l beverages available. Restroom located down the hall to your left.
- 10:45 **PRESENTATION** – Brag Session – “**Show & Tell**” - 5 min limit per museum. Chance to Update attendees to update everyone about what is currently happening their Museum.
- 11:45 Shuttles depart to Western Reserve Fire Museum for catered lunch.
- 12 N **LUNCH** – Western Reserve Fire Museum (catered lunch included with paid registration).
- 1:15 Shuttles depart from Museum to Crawford Auto/Aviation Museum
- 2 PM **Presentation** – Crawford Auto/Aviation Museum Meeting Room – The Curator or Education Director will give a presentation on “Creating an Exhibit”. They will be discussing one of the exhibits currently on display and what went into putting it together.
- 3 PM **Guided Tour Crawford Auto/Aviation Museum**, 10825 East Boulevard, Cleveland, OH 44106.
- 5PM Shuttles depart Crawford Museum to return to Hilton Garden Inn. Dinner (on your own).
- 7 PM Hotel’s Hospitality Room open until 10:00.

Sunday, Sept. 9th

Breakfast – free breakfast included with your room reservation in hotel restaurant located in lobby. Opens at 6:00 am M-F, 7:00 am Sat & Sun)

- 9 AM **BUS Tour** - Optional Trip “**Small Museum Sunday**”- \$30.00 Extra Fee. First stop is the Former B&O Roundhouse, home of the Midwest Railroad Historical Society, then on to auctioneer, Donn Zalewski’s private museum featuring an extensive collection of

nozzles, lanterns and fire memorabilia. While at Donn's you will have an opportunity to experience Emerald & Violet, an innovative Studio specializing in Art & Decor, located on site and operated by Barbara Richardson. This studio introduces unique creations that will bring color into your homes and lives.

- 12 N Lunch – Hoof & Ladder Restaurant in Omsted Falls (Participants responsibility – not included in extra fee). Restaurant is housed in an original fire house with fire themed decorations.

*Shuttle transportation is available to the Cleveland Airport from the restaurant (20 min travel time) for those departing late afternoon.

- 1:30 Tour – Departs to our final stop at Tom Doyle's "The Little Wiz" Fire Museum in Medina. Museum houses a diverse collection of hand, horse drawn and fire alarm equipment.

- 3:30 Bus departs to return to Hilton Garden Inn Cleveland/Downtown.

SEE YOU IN 2019!