



Debert

Debert Fire Brigade News

Plans are in the works to purchase a new Medical/Rescue Truck.

Debert Fire Brigade is always looking for new mem-

bers, both in the brigade and the auxiliary. Anyone interested in joining the Brigade can stop by the fire hall any Tuesday night about 7:00PM



and fill out an application or give Chief Wade Jennings a call at 662-2490. Anyone interested in joining the auxiliary (spouse does not have to be in the Brigade to join), can call Wanda Wallace at 662-3541 or Betty Jennings at 662-2490.



Great Village

GVFD Auction October 24th

By Pat Flemming

The Great Village & District Fire Brigade will be holding its annual Auction on Saturday October 24th at the Great Village Fire Hall. The auction will begin at 10 a.m. and will run until we sell out.

The auction is one of the main fund raisers that the brigade holds each year and offsets some of the expenses that we have during the year. We realize that in these tough

economic times the last thing a household needs to hear is another voice with a needy cause with its hand out however the auction affords you the opportunity to acquire gently used household goods, locally grown produce (carrots, turnips, potatoes, apples etc.), reading materials for young & old, handyman items and personal treasures that you didn't realize you needed. The auxiliary also has a bake table and

canteen service all day.

For residents of the brigade's district, canvassing and pick ups of items will be held the week of October 19th or if you prefer, you may drop off materials and items at the hall that week on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights after 7:00 p.m.

If you feel we have missed you in the past, please call either 668-2173, or 655-2015. We will be pleased to pick up. Hope to see all of you on the 24th.



Bass River

Bass River Fire Brigade Notes

By Peter Christensen

Hello from the Fire Hall. Well school is back in and so is training night at the hall.

Last night we trained on a house fire scenario, traveling thru the house on one knee with a fully charged line. And having put out the fire, we were to rescue the poor Dummy who we call Rescue randy. The drill was hot and dark with the full turnout and BA on it was sometimes a struggle to go thru room to room, checking for people and dragging the fully charged hose was very heavy and at times the hose got hung up on furniture or corners, which reminded us that in real fire scene these things were all a possible thing that might happen. A great night of training. Keeps us aware of the stuff that can go wrong at a fire scene.

As fall has arrived, I hope you have taken precautions to check your stoves and pipes and your flues for defects and any broken brick or rusty elbows or pipes. And of course you have cleaned your flue so there will be no flue fires at the beginning of the stove start ups this winter.

Do not forget your fuel wood, check to see that is dry and under cover. Wet or green wood has a higher creosote rate when it is burnt or I guess when it smolders in your stove. If it hisses when it burns, that is not good so dry your wood.

The fall Auction is coming up. If you have anything that you would like picked up, heavy pieces or awkward ones please call a brigade member and we will try to

help you with the goods.

The Auction is on Sat Oct 10 beginning at 12 noon. There will be a full canteen as well, with baked goods and great food for the munchies. Hope to see everyone there.

The funds from the Auction will go to help purchase some new radios which were talked about at our last meeting. Fire Brigades and great radio systems just go well together. So the next few months should see everyone on the same channel. The next big thing the brigade will try for would be our water rescue craft which with all the bells and whistles will cost a pretty penny.

This past year at the hall we acquired a new Honda portable water pump, along with new hoses for said water pump. Some new Turnout Gear with protective boots and of course the new radios.

And one way to acquire these pieces of fire fighting apparatus is through fund raising. The tried and true method of saving money from each little or big event put on by the brigade until we get enough to make the purchase has been going on from the first time our brigade looked into acquiring a piece equipment in the early sixties.

Those early days were definitely some rough times made easier by the people who were there in the beginning with a will to improve their communities fire protection through meetings and hard work and of course blood, sweat and tears.

And on the subject of the sixties, our FIFTY year anniversary will take place in

2010. A committee has been set up and will be meeting on a regular time schedule to set up events and a big get together next summer.

Also a committee has been struck to look into a memorial for fallen firemen and women who have served on our brigade over the years. All the details are definitely not even thought up yet but we are committed to an honourable memorial.

Another fund raiser upcoming in Oct is our Annual Trail Ride on Sun Oct 18. Starting at Reg Myatt's, on Hoegs Corner, it will wind up Castlereigh mountain, dinner at the chiefs chalet then off for more scenery and country.

For fifty years the people of the Bass River Fire Brigade have worked side by side toward better fire protection for their families, and friends. And we as the present Bass River Fire Brigade strive to continue the heritage and tradition that our fathers and mothers, uncles and aunts, sisters and brothers began in 1960.

This all started with good people, dedicated people with a vision and it continues today. And we are always looking for these people to help build on that strong foundation started in the sixties. We meet every Monday evening at seven p.m at the hall and have our monthly meeting on the first Monday of every month. Hope to see you there.

Our Fire Chief is Alfred Grue, First Deputy David MacFarlane, Second Deputy Peter Christensen, Secretary Ronda Dickie, Treasurer Martha Brown, Training Officer Blain Dickie.

Well that is all for now. Fireman Pete saying, check your pipes.



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