

THE REGISTER

September 2019

MILWAUKEE FIRE HISTORICAL
SOCIETY
1615 W. Oklahoma Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53215
414-286-5272 to enter
ANSWERING MACHINE

Help save a part of MFD History!

Milwaukee Fire Department purchased three 1958 Edsels. Photos show the car in 1958 and the same car today.

The **Milwaukee Fire Historical Society** has received this donated Edsel and we hope to restore it to a running piece of MFD History for all to enjoy!

See further information about the Edsel in this issue on page 6.



2nd Annual Wood Fired Pizza Fundraiser

Thursday, September 26, 2019

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Milwaukee Fire Historical Society and Fire Museum
Second Annual Wood-Fired Pizza Fundraiser

Thursday, September 26, 2019.

6:00 PM

Story Hill Fire House (Old Engine 35)

407 N. Hawley Road, Milwaukee, WI

\$25 per person at the door (Cash preferred)

Auction items, raffle and 50/50 raffle

Full cash bar

The Milwaukee Fire Historical Society will be having our **Second Annual Wood-fired Pizza Fundraiser**. After successful fundraising for the restoration of Old Engine 9, we will be having another wood-fired pizza night at the Story Hill Fire House.

Funds raised will help restore our 1958 Edsel.

Milwaukee Fire Historical Society and MATC presents

Fire Police EMS Expo

Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019

9:00 am- 2:00 pm

Held at:

Milwaukee Area Technical College

6665 South Howell Avenue

Oak Creek, Wisconsin

The Expo is free and open to the public

Highlights include the fire truck and police squad parade at 9:00am and a 9/11 memorial ceremony at 9:30am.

Flight For Life helicopter, fire truck & police squad rides, Survive Alive trailer, fire & police challenge activities for children & adults, and the grand opening of the new MATC Protective Services Training Tower.

There will be free t-shirts, wristbands, water bottles, ice cream, snacks & beverages. The Milwaukee Fire Bell Club will also be selling reasonably priced family food.



Local 215 Retiree's Picnic
100th Anniversary of Local 215

Thursday, August. 29, 2019 (Green Shift)

11:00 am- 5:00 pm

Food serviced at 11:30 am

Presentation ceremony at 1:00 pm

New location:

Johnson Control Pavilion SummerFest Grounds
(Enter through Mid-Gate)

Along with our traditional Retirees Picnic we will be celebrating our Centennial Anniversary! There will be Polka music and a presentation ceremony at 1:00 pm.

A photographer will be there to take photos for our upcoming year book. There will be order forms for those who would like a year book.

Greg Renz will be in attendance for those who would like to purchase his book, Beneath the Flames.

Milwaukee Fire Historical Society and Fire Museum

Doors Open

Saturday, Sept. 28 and Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019.

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Milwaukee Fire Museum

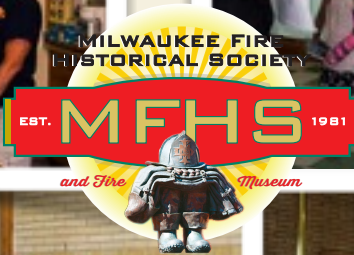
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Join us again this year for the fun at Doors Open. Tour the Milwaukee Fire Museum and enjoy history of the the Milwaukee Fire Department.

History comes alive with our antique fire engines and equipment, photos, presentations and stories by our firefighter tour guides.

Bring the kids and the big kids, too! See you there!



A Short History of Our MFD Edsel

The MFD Edsel was one three Edsels received in May, 1958 as Codes 509, 510 and 511. They were used as a Deputy Chief car, a Battalion Chief car and at the Training School. Cost \$2,378.70! The Edsel's where 4 door sedans with Push-Button Transmission on the steering column, gray and black cloth interior. The engine was a 361 cid with a 4 barrel carburetor. They where built on May 8th in Louisville, Kentucky.

The color on the data plate is "SSS" indicating a special non-production paint. Of the 110,000 plus Edsels made, the three MFD cars had a special red paint, presumably Milwaukee Fire Engine Red. Only 5 other station wagons, ordered by the Edsel Division itself, had a "special paint mix". Very rare.

The MFD Edsel was found in Rubicon, Wisconsin, only 40 miles from Milwaukee. The car was saved from the crusher or being parted out by just a few days. The car is currently in storage and being evaluated for restoration.

More in the next issue of "The Register"



Special Recognition to **Dr. Robert Adlam**, at the age of 78, retired from the MFD as Fire Medical Office after 40 years of service. He responded to all major fires, Special team incidents and weekly sick calls. Dr. Adlam was a true gentleman and a great friend. Enjoy your retirement Doc! Well deserved.

Last firefighter under the old pension system. Captain Roman Oman entered service with the MFD in 1943 and retired in 1967. His pension was estimated at \$125 a month. Young fire fighters should think about that.

The **Milwaukee Fire Historical Society and Fire Museum** is dedicated to preserving the rich history, heritage and traditions of the Milwaukee Fire Department. Our Fire Museum enables us to be accessible to the public, display our collection of memorabilia and vintage fire apparatus and to conduct educational and historical research activities. The Society is a non-profit 501-c-3 organization.



MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE DATES

The **Milwaukee Fire Museum** will be closed for the Winter on Sundays in January, February and March.

The Fire Museum is open on the first Sunday of each Month, except holidays, **12:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M**

To scheduled a private or group tour of the **Fire Museum** other than scheduled Sunday Open House dates, call 414-286-5272.

Donations

to assist in the many projects of the *Milwaukee Fire Historical Society*

and the

Milwaukee Fire Museum

are always appreciated.

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