



# Scuttlebutt

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**Dates To Remember:**

- ◆ 4/13 Monthly Meeting
- ◆ 4/21 Ladies Auxiliary
- ◆ 4/28 Exempts Meeting
- ◆ 4/29 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ All Scuttlebutt articles need to be in by 4/27

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## Letter From Our Chief

First of all, a big "thanks" goes out to the banquet committee for a super job in making the banquet very enjoyable. The food was great as usual... thanks, Carm. I'd also like to give special "thanks" to Mary Lisow for making a fantastic program. I have been to a few banquets and Hilton's program is by far the best. Congratulations goes out to all of the members who received service awards. We had many awards this year and that is just another example of how much of a dedicated group of individuals we have. I also want to congratulate Dennis Bates and Mike McHenry on receiving their much deserved "people's choice" and "chief's" awards.

While I'm giving out thanks, a big "thank you" to Rich Maier and Jason Willie for putting a lot of extra time into making a topical survey for our carnival grounds. For those of you who don't know, a topical survey is a map of all utilities which include water, gas and electric and eventually we will even know exactly how many cars will fit at our carnival.

Well, the big date is just about here. We will be moving April 4th. This is a major event for our department and history is in the making. There has been a lot of planning that went into this, so please be patient, have fun and savor the moment. Please be at the old fire

station at 8 am. sharp.

Donuts and coffee will be provided in the morning and lunch will be provided around noon. Remember that many hands make light work. If you haven't been in the building, it is very impressive, not just because of how it looks but because it is built to be conducive to our great volunteers and most importantly by our ambulance service.

That's it for this month...I gotta get packing! Eric



# ***Training Schedule***

*Submitted by Jeff Gates*

Here is the training schedule for April

Monday April 6<sup>th</sup> Ground **Ladders / Tools and Equipment**  
Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup> Ground **Ladders / Tools and Equipment**  
Monday April 13<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday April 20<sup>th</sup> To be announced  
Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup> to be announced  
Monday April 27<sup>th</sup> Live Burn interior attack

Well as most of you we have received the new Scott SCBA's in and they have been brought out to be used drills. That will continue through the month of April as we get settled down into our new home. Then in month of May we will be doing the factory training and our SCBA drill and maze a few times that month so we all start to get used to the new packs.

State training classes we are still being worked on. They will be an AVET class and also a state pump class, these classes are very close to being booked we are just trying to fit them into our schedule.

Once we are in the new fire station there will be a posting for the aerial operators class for 260 and this will be started in May

The off road vehicle drill has been moved to a later date. Lieutenant Floyd will be attending the F.D.I.C conference in Indianapolis that week. This will probably get moved to the fall.

If you have missed the Mandatory Goals, Safety or Haz-Mat drill please see me for the DVD and test

Captain  
Jeff Gates

## ***2C36 News***

*Submitted by Wayne Collins*

Some upcoming events that we will need help with:

Easter Egg Hunt—Parma Town Hall on April 11th from 7:30 AM till 9:30 AM. We need to bring 1 fire truck and the Safety Trailer

Tours of the new fire station on April 14th, 2 groups from 6:00 PM till 7:30 PM.

Any that can help out please contact Wayne Collins.

Thank You—Wayne

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Explorers – Meeting	<b>2</b> EMS—KS @ 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM	<b>3</b> Mon	<b>4</b> Sun
<b>5</b> EMS—KS @ 10:00 AM	<b>6</b> Firematic Drill— Ground Ladders/ Tools & Equipment	<b>7</b> Firematic Drill— Ground Ladders/ Tools & Equipment	<b>8</b> Explorers – TBD	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Wed	<b>11</b> Tue
<b>12</b> <b>Happy Easter</b>	<b>13</b> Monthly Meeting	<b>14</b> EMS—KS @ 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM	<b>15</b> Explorers – TBD	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Yellow <b>Movie Night</b> EMS—KS @ 2:00 PM	<b>18</b> Thur
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Firematic Drill— TBD	<b>21</b> Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Firematic Drill— TBD	<b>22</b> Explorers – TBD	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Sun	<b>25</b> Mon
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> EMS—KS @ 10:00 AM Firematic Drill— Live Burn Interior Attack	<b>28</b> Exempt Monthly Dinner Meeting Firematic Drill— Live Burn Interior Attack	<b>29</b> EMS—KS @ 10:00 AM BOD Meeting Explorers – TBD	<b>30</b>		

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## *This Month's Birthdays - Happy Birthday To All*



Apr 1: Cheryl Johnson  
Apr 2: Patti Lissow  
Apr 2: Aaron Horowitz  
Apr 4: Phil Carris  
Apr 9: Rich Maier

Apr 14: Glenn Johnson  
Apr 16: Lyle Weaver  
Apr 19: Steve Carter  
Apr 22: Ron Bourret  
Apr 23: Roger Benson

Apr 24: David Speer  
Apr 27: Neil Kendrick  
Apr 29: Matt Johnson  
Apr 30: Tom Kadlubowski

## **Ladies Auxiliary News**

*Submitted by Beth Mueller*

As I started thinking about this month's newsletter, my thoughts were what was I going to write about this month, I realized what a month we had. Thank you to the banquet committee for a great job decorating the exempt club and the centerpieces (the boots were a hit), and I want to thank everyone who came early Saturday morning to assist with the decorating.

Last Saturday was our chicken BBQ and for those of you who did not purchase your tickets in advance might have lost on one of our delicious dinners. We sold out in record time! Great job to Mary and Cathy for coordinating the event.

I can not say enough about our auxiliary, thank you, thank you and thank you. I was not able to be there Saturday and everyone worked together as usual and made the day a success, I have heard nothing but great things.

As this article goes into print, we have already started our move to the new fire hall. Sue, Donna and Linda what a great job with the kitchen, I know I am looking forward to setting it up and preparing some of our great meals in it.

April is our annual Spring Fling with our friends from other Auxiliaries'; you do not have to be a member to attend this fun event. See any member for details.

Remember your secret pal,

Happy Easter

## **Knowledge Sharing**

*Submitted by Bill Palma*

The EMS office would like to introduce a new concept called "Knowledge Share"! We all benefit from each other's knowledge and experience in the Fire & EMS Service. Currently for EMT's we offer CME, for drivers we offer CEVO, as one way to keep up on skills and Knowledge. We would like to purpose another avenue for everyone to ask questions, practice skills, learn EMS Charts, practice with new equipment, share what you have learned at Vital Signs, Step Conf, and other events. This will be deemed "Knowledge Share Hour" We all learn at different speeds and in different environments.

Knowledge Share is an open forum for us to go over and/or train on anything that the members would like to work on. This will be an EMS drill and NOT mandatory as we have enough obligations already, but it will be another training opportunity for member to learn more, update each other, and learn from other's experiences. We should take this opportunity to become familiar with our new facility.

We would like to make the "KS" (Knowledge Share) dates available for everyone to participate! Mark your calendar: This schedule will also be posted on [www.firemanager.net/hilton](http://www.firemanager.net/hilton)

Thursday April 2nd @ 10:00 am or Thursday April 2nd @ 7:00 pm Sunday April 5th @ 10:00 am Tuesday April 14th @ 10:00 am or Tuesday April 14th @ 7:00 pm Friday April 17th @ 2:00 pm Monday April 27th @ 10:00 am Wednesday April 29th @ 10:00 am Tuesday May 5th @ 10:00 am or Tuesday May 5th @ 7:00 pm

-Always be safe

Bill Palma

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## **EMS News**

*Submitted by Kevin Corcoran*

As I write this article, I am thinking about all the years I have been going to the firehouse on South Ave and the many years I had passed by it before that. It seems inconceivable that sooner than later, the building will no longer be there and we will be settling into our new home on Old Hojack Ln.

It will definitely be a sad day to see the old building be torn down. But think of all the good times, friends made, members come and gone through the doors, relationships strengthened, calls...good and not so good shared with one another, family gatherings, meetings, meetings and more meetings, that have gone on down there. The Fire Department and the building that houses all the equipment has been family to so many over the last 50 years, it will be quite a change to not respond there anymore. But look what we are being blessed with in the upcoming weeks. Moving in and settling into our new home and creating a love for our new residence. What a thrill it will be to occupy and continue business with all state of the art and brand new facilities. We should all be very proud of the incredible task and the ungodly amount of hours that the building committee put forth making this venture finally a reality. And look at where the ambulances, EMS office and equipment are located in the new firehouse....right in the middle of everything. This just shows us all how important you are to the leaders of this great department.

The thought process, planning and execution of all those plans has paid off immeasurably. The committee deserves a huge round of applause and appreciation for their efforts. Nice job by all!

On to some EMS news,

Congratulations to Dan Hasenauer on his clearance as driver for the ambulance.

Congratulations to John Zobel on his newly acquired EMT Card !

Welcome to all of our new recruits and best of luck on your future with Hilton FD

I would like to take a second and say Thank you to the Membership and the Memorial committee for allowing us to purchase two new Stryker stair chairs for the ambulances. They have been placed in service and are already working very well for the backs of the members. If you have not already had the chance to work with them and see how they operate, please stop down and try them out. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact an officer or another member that already knows how to use them.

We will follow up shortly with information on the dedications of those chairs to the memory of Mr. Robert Floyd and Kerry Mault as mentioned at the monthly meeting.

Fire manager scheduling website is fully operational once again thanks to the Memorial Committee and the Membership. Thank you! Feel free to log into the site and take a view....and sign up for some shifts too if you can. If you need assistance with passwords, let me know and I will get one to you if not already signed up. Thanks to Bill Palma for getting that project up and running. ([www.firemanager.net/hilton](http://www.firemanager.net/hilton))

Thank you to Debbie Waterman for taking over the Rapid Recert Program and already doing an amazing job on this large task. I will still be overseeing the program, but any and all questions should be directed to her. She has already spent many, many hours organizing the files so everything is up to date and where it should be.

Thank you to Jason Heinrich and Adam Maier for crewing up a rig and doing an overnight fill in to Brockport ambulance for their banquet.

One quick note on EMS Charts when entering a new chart for all users. On the first page while entering the address responded to, above the location it asks for the name. This is for a business or location name, not the patient name. If there is not business name or location name such as for example, Hilton Unity Park or Hilton East, leave that name spot blank. The patient name goes on the next page. Also please recheck your chart before closing it out. We are still getting a number of run numbers wrong and times missing or wrong. Just a cou-

## ***EMS News (continued)***

*Submitted by Kevin Corcoran*

ple simple things.

CEVO training (driver safety class) will be coming up soon in the recruit class and it will be open for all active drivers. Jason Heinrich will be teaching it on a Saturday. Keep your eyes open for details.

We also wish speedy recoveries and the return to active duty to Tim Jarvis and Tom Kadlubowski. And please keep Lyle Weavers wife in your thoughts as she is dealing with some health concerns.

That is all for this month. See you all at our new home on Old Hojack Lane for the move in where we start new traditions and memories.

Kevin Corcoran

## ***Commission News***

*Submitted by Ray Ward*

Well, it is finally upon us, the long awaited move to the new fire station. It has been a fun and challenging time over these last five years going from an idea to a reality. The original committee was formed in January of 2004, with the exception of a little break for some minor water incursion, the committee has been extremely busy for the entire 5 years. I want to extend my most sincere thanks to this group of individuals that got us to 4 days from moving in.

I would like to reiterate a couple of the remarks from our first official meeting, March 30th. This is a brand new state of the art building, I would like to see us keep it that way for the entire 50 years the building was planned to be in existence. I know this is just a pipe dream, but, PLEASE, treat this new building with respect and reverence. I know accidents can happen, but we should strive to keep this building in pristine condition for as long as we are able to. Remember, the community is just as excited, well maybe almost as, about this building. I would expect to see no end to the request for tours, usage and just people stopping to look around for quite some time. Please make sure we maintain the condition of the building, something we can all be proud of.

One more reminder about smoking, I am still astonished at the number of 'butts' at the north entrance to the existing hall. If you smoke in your vehicle, please extinguish it there, not toss it on the ground for everyone's view. This will not be tolerated at the new facility, I would hate to see us ban smoking from the entire facility, but that could be the end result.

Alright, enough of the negative stuff, I hope to see everyone there on Saturday morning, 8:00, to help with this move. I am sure everyone will be there to work as hard as possible, but please remember, this should be a fun occasion, not one fraught with bickering. Remember patience is a virtue, let us try to be as patient as possible during the move. I am really looking forward to the members being in the new fire station. I have, personally, been there on numerous occasions with the place being pretty empty. I think it will be great to see it finally 'lived' in.

# ***The Traditions Of Easter***

*Found on the Internet*

As with almost all "Christian" holidays, Easter has been secularized and commercialized. The dichotomous nature of Easter and its symbols, however, is not necessarily a modern fabrication.

Since its conception as a holy celebration in the second century, Easter has had its non-religious side. In fact, Easter was originally a pagan festival.

The ancient Saxons celebrated the return of spring with an uproarious festival commemorating their goddess of offspring and of springtime, Eastre. When the second-century Christian missionaries encountered the tribes of the north with their pagan celebrations, they attempted to convert them to Christianity. They did so, however, in a clandestine manner.

It would have been suicide for the very early Christian converts to celebrate their holy days with observances that did not coincide with celebrations that already existed. To save lives, the missionaries cleverly decided to spread their religious message slowly throughout the populations by allowing them to continue to celebrate pagan feasts, but to do so in a Christian manner.

As it happened, the pagan festival of Eastre occurred at the same time of year as the Christian observance of the Resurrection of Christ. It made sense, therefore, to alter the festival itself, to make it a Christian celebration as converts were slowly won over. The early name, Eastre, was eventually changed to its modern spelling, Easter.

## **The Date of Easter**

Prior to A.D. 325, Easter was variously celebrated on different days of the week, including Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. In that year, the Council of Nicaea was convened by emperor Constantine. It issued the Easter Rule which states that Easter shall be celebrated on the first Sunday that occurs after the first full moon on or after the vernal equinox. However, a caveat must be introduced here. The "full moon" in the rule is the ecclesiastical full moon, which is defined as the fourteenth day of a tabular lunation, where day 1 corresponds to the ecclesiastical New Moon. It does not always occur on the same date as the astronomical full moon. The ecclesiastical "vernal equinox" is always on March 21. Therefore, Easter must be celebrated on a Sunday between the dates of March 22 and April 25.

## **The Lenten Season**

Lent is the forty-six day period just prior to Easter Sunday. It begins on Ash Wednesday. Mardi Gras (French for "Fat Tuesday") is a celebration, sometimes called "Carnival," practiced around the world, on the Tuesday prior to Ash Wednesday. It was designed as a way to "get it all out" before the sacrifices of Lent began. New Orleans is the focal point of Mardi Gras celebrations in the U.S. Read about the religious meanings of the Lenten Season.

## **The Easter Bunny**

The Easter Bunny is not a modern invention. The symbol originated with the pagan festival of Eastre. The goddess, Eastre, was worshipped by the Anglo-Saxons through her earthly symbol, the rabbit.

The Germans brought the symbol of the Easter rabbit to America. It was widely ignored by other Christians until shortly after the Civil War. In fact, Easter itself was not widely celebrated in America until after that time.



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## *The Traditions Of Easter (continued)*

*Found on the Internet*

### **The Easter Egg**

As with the Easter Bunny and the holiday itself, the Easter Egg predates the Christian holiday of Easter. The exchange of eggs in the springtime is a custom that was centuries old when Easter was first celebrated by Christians.



From the earliest times, the egg was a symbol of rebirth in most cultures. Eggs were often wrapped in gold leaf or, if you were a peasant, colored brightly by boiling them with the leaves or petals of certain flowers.

Today, children hunt colored eggs and place them in Easter baskets along with the modern version of real Easter eggs -- those made of plastic or chocolate candy.

# ***Happy***

# ***Easter***