

During the month of August the Fire Museum of Texas had a total of **480** visitors. Of those **131** were from Beaumont, **93** from the Golden Triangle, **192** from across the state of Texas, **60** from across the United States. The **4** International visitors included two from El Salvador and two from Alberta, Canada. Seven tours were given.

Happy Birthday to future Fire Fighter Peyton Tuck, pictured here with our local heroes from Station #1. Trace Marks also celebrated his 4th birthday with us in August.



During the month of September the Fire Museum had a total of **544** visitors. Of those **19** were from Beaumont, **184** were from the Golden Triangle, **299** from across the state of Texas and **33** from across the United States. **9** International visitors visited, two from New Zealand, **5** from Canada and **2** from Ireland.

Six birthday parties were held, four tours were given and two special events were hosted.

The Fire Prevention & Family Safety Festival planning is proving to be successful thanks to a great planning committee who has been meeting monthly. \$9,200 of Corporate Sponsorships are pledged. BEST & ISTC have graciously agreed to be our Premier Sponsor. The event scheduled for Saturday October 10th promises a full day of fun. "Pancakes & Prevention" will be served by **Cook's 2 Dozen Plus** from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. The "**Flamin' Hot Car Show**" participants will arrive early and prepare for judging at noon. **Elite Acrosports Academy** will open the event at 9:00 a.m. with a presentation by Local Scouting Troops followed by Power Tumbling.

Throughout the day door prizes will be given out, **Legends Band** will perform, a silent auction takes place and fire prevention demonstrations will educate the children. **Sprint, 9-1-1 Network, 3-1-1** and additional supporters will participate with over a dozen booths. Special thanks to **Cody Schroeder** for providing the talent for our Public Service announcement.

Southwest Airlines is helping make the Festival raffle complete with 4 round trip airline tickets to Disneyland Trip. It is not too late to enter for a chance to win this trip package valued at \$3,000. Donate \$25 online at www.firemuseumoftexas.org or mail your check to the Museum. Mayor **Becky Ames** is scheduled to conclude the festivities with the announcement of the Disneyland trip winner at 4:00 p.m. For more information, contact **Carol Gary** at the Museum, or Captain Ted Hillin.

FIRE PREVENTION & FAMILY SAFETY Festival
 Featuring:
"PANCAKES & PREVENTION ON THE PLAZA"
& FLAMIN' HOT CAR SHOW
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH / 8AM UNTIL 4PM
 C.A. "TED" HILLIN PLAZA DOWNTOWN, HMT

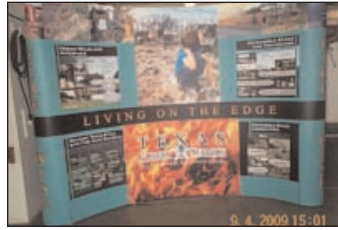
Logos for Beaumont Fire Museum of Texas, Beaumont Fire-Rescue-CFD, Fire Station #1, and sponsors like Energy and ISTC.



The flower beds around the building and on the Plaza have been reworked and seasonal flowers planted. New cases were obtained by Beaumont Public Library and reinstalled in the State Room. Special thanks to all who helped with this task including the Engine Companies, Supply Clerks, **Captain Lambert** and **Eddie Byerly**. A reading and educational area has been created in one end of the dormitory upstairs with additional furniture given to us from the City Library.



A new exhibit from the Texas Forest Service has been added downstairs.



Beaumont Fire & Rescue, Professional **Fire Fighter's Local 399**, and The Fire Museum of Texas hosted a welcome reception on the C. A. "Pete" Shelton Plaza located at 400 Walnut Street. The reception on Sunday, September 27th was held from 4-6:00 p.m. in the Plaza Pavilion. Special thanks to **Heath Thomas**, Event Coordinator from Blossom Texas. Thanks to **Captain Ted Hillin** for cooking the gumbo, **Captains Jody Herrera** and **Roy Wood**, **Matt Robinson** and **Kenny Hunt** for helping make the experience a great ride. **Thomas Gary**, **Adam Mulhall** and **Timothy Cross** played live music for the group. The group plans to return next year.



Blossom VFD Memorial Ride
September 26-27th... Final
Destination Fire Museum of Texas,
future site of the State of Texas Fire Fighter Memorial.



The **Blossom Volunteer Fire Department** sponsored a State of Texas Fire Fighter Memorial Ride September 26-27, 2009. The motorcycle ride began at the Paris Love Civic Center located at 2025 Collegiate Drive in Paris, Texas. **25** riders participated and were able to donate **\$375** to the State of Texas Fire Fighter Memorial Fund.

The two day ride with an overnight stop over in Jacksonville ended on Sunday afternoon at the Fire Museum of Texas in downtown Beaumont.



The 2009-2010 new Museum brochures have been updated and 6,000 copies were mailed out to the 12 Texas Travel Centers. The brochure features a photo with the new pavilion and some very familiar faces, pick one up today on the stand outside the Museum office. The printing and the Festival insert were partially funded by Jefferson County Tourism Board with additional help from the Beaumont Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Additional news for August and September includes **Carol** attending a luncheon/meeting on August 27th at the McFaddin Ward Visitor's Center to learn more about the economic impact on funding to non-profits and funding strategies during this challenging time. The event was hosted by Merrill Lynch. Special thanks to **Allison Golias** Getz, Board President for the invitation to this informative meeting.

Texas Young Lawyers Association held a fantastic steak dinner on September 11th at the Museum. **75** guests enjoyed Zydeco music by **Billy Poullard & the Zydeco Combo** and dinner from Courville's catering.

Carol attended a one day exhibit design workshop in Lufkin sponsored by Texas Association of Museum's on September 21st The trip proved to be successful as she learned creative exhibit ideas and enjoyed the networking opportunity.



Engraved bricks are still available for \$100 each for the Memorial Plaza. 20 bricks recently arrived and will be installed soon.