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With Covid-19 concerns curtailing most gatherings in 2020, the significance of publishing a commemorative issue of the very successful 2019 Montreal annual convention was ever more apparent.

Sincere thanks are extended to the members of *Pompiers auxiliaires Montreal* and to President Steve Garnett as well as other attendees of the convention for submitting content for this issue.

The next issue planned will be the Winter/Spring issue in early 2021.

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Authors are strongly encouraged to submit articles electronically by email to turnout@ifba.org or on CD or flash drive. Written submissions by snail mail still work too.

Electronic files in Word (.doc or docx) are preferred. Text files (.txt) also work.

Photos in .jpg format are preferred.

Please identify the author and photographer.

The most important issue is to submit material. The editors will fix format and spelling if necessary. Consider texting to turnout@ifba.org if that makes participating easier.

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Montréal 





Tuesday June 25, 2019



Welcome



2019 IFBA CONVENTION MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA

Tuesday, June 25th, 2019

The PAM were excited to welcome guests to the 2019 annual convention at the McGill Residence on Tuesday morning. Carloads of supplies were brought into the hotel to stock the hospitality room, the backpacks that we put together to distribute to our invitees were lined up in the lobby and we put our president's boss, Bonnie Johnson, to work registering attendees.

We had members on hand throughout the day, showing off one of our antique trucks that we had parked outside of the hotel, hanging out in the hospitality room, and saying hello to guests.





Wednesday June 26, 2019

**Ceremonies
Annual Meeting
Montreal Firefighters Museum**



Wednesday, June 26th, 2019

Ceremonies

To officially open the 2019 convention, the Montreal Fire department Honor Guard, led by the haunting bagpiper, escorted the Canadian and American flags to their places of honor. President Steve Garnett welcomed attendees and gave a brief description of the planned activities.



The chromed bell was rung, and respect was given to each of our fallen brothers and sisters during the reading of the necrology report.



Immediately following the opening ceremony, we were pleased to introduce Captain Pat Wand of the Montreal Fire Department and Karen Shopsowitz, Producer/Director, who presented the moving documentary, 'Other Side of the Hero', about first responders and their lives outside of the uniform.



Museum

Once the opening ceremony was finished, we boarded onto the buses and headed to the Montreal Fire Museum which is owned and operated by the Pompiers Auxiliaires de Montréal and located within the same building as active fire station 30. After a tour of the museum, station, and a light lunch – that was unfortunately a little late getting delivered due to a traffic accident – it was back to the hotel for the business meeting.





Thursday June 27, 2019

Municipal Garage



East Training Center



Rehab



Apparatus Photography



Fire Alarm



Thursday, June 27th, 2019

Shops

The morning was spent touring the Viau Garage where all the Montreal fire trucks are brought for inspection and repairs. Led by René Bougie, mechanic and PAM member, we were guided through the various departments and got to see firsthand the bowels of the city garage. With trucks on lifts and engine compartments open, many questions were asked and answered.



Some were so excited, that they just had to sit down to take it all in while basking in the sun!



East Training Center

Arriving at the eastern training center, we were greeted by none other than Martin Guilbault, Chief of Operations, and spokesman for the training division.



Rehab

A presentation on fire-scene rehab by our resident specialist, Daniel Fournier, and Chief of Operations Robby Lagace (health and safety). Merci beaucoup!!



Apparatus Shoot



We then took it outside for lunch and once the sun was lined up with Mars and the moon, it was time for the photo shoot. A variety of Montreal apparatus were brought in and displayed. Afterwards, it was back to the hotel where guests had the rest of the day to themselves to visit the city and take advantage of the Montreal Jazz Fest which was in full swing.



Fire Alarm

That evening, thanks to Assistant Chief Gordon Routley, we had the opportunity to visit the communications center. This building, located on the east side of Mount Royal, is also Fire Department Headquarters. Several groups were taxied over and given a tour by Joel Libersan, Section Chief.





Friday June 28, 2019

West Training Center



Montreal Airport Fire Service



Stations



Friday June 28th, 2019

West Training Center



On Friday morning, guests boarded the buses that headed to two different destinations. One bus went to fire station 71 in the Ville St-Laurent district, which also houses the Western Training Center. While smaller than its Eastern Division counterpart, it houses all the same training facilities and is strategically located to accommodate the firefighters on the western side of the city, keeping their travel distance to a minimum.



Montreal Airport Fire Services



The second bus went to the Montreal Pierre-Elliott-Trudeau International Airport where we were given a tour of the airport fire station. The crash trucks put on a small, impressive demonstration of their capabilities. Let us not forget the well-behaved "hawk" who keeps the runways safe from other birds. The buses then switched destinations to give everyone the chance to visit both sites.

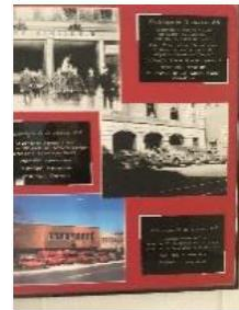


Onward to one of the busiest "houses" in Montreal, fire station 19, where Captain Andre Allain, Lt. Wayne Conway, Lt. Ben Dore and station fire fighters, welcomed us with open arms and served us BBQ'd hot dogs and a variety of salads.

Stations



No time for slacking off for the convention team; while the guests moved on to a tour of Station 5, PAM members were busy preparing for the big parade due to kick off the next morning. No-parking signs had to be put up along the parade route, bleachers had to be set up for our VIP section and the registration tent had to be prepared. With so many things going on behind-the-scenes, many of our members did not get the chance to mingle with our guests in the hospitality room during the evenings.



Friday evening, we had the chance to invite guests over to a Montreal must-see: McKibbin's Irish Pub on Bishop Street. With the gracious help of the manager, we had the top floor to ourselves to eat, drink and let loose. Those guests that were able to join us will long remember the impromptu show put on by the Toronto Fire Pipes and Drums. When the show moved out to the street, passers-by crowded around to tap their feet to the sounds of the pipes and drums. It was truly a memorable moment for us all.





Saturday June 29, 2019

Parade



Antiques



Banquet



Saturday, June 29th, 2019

Parade

The BIG day. Parade Day. After countless hours and over two years of planning, today was the day. Trucks from all over were on their way to take their place in the line-up. Last minute details were provided to the drivers and then it was time to "start your engines"! BIG day.



Parade

The trucks were polished, tires were shining, and the streets were lined with eager onlookers of all ages! The order was given! The drum major gave the command, and the parade began. The beating drums, the pipers piping, wailing sirens and ringing bells wound their way through the streets as the crowd cheered and applauded. The parade of over 70 apparatus from all over North America made its way to the static display area where the trucks parked and the meet and greet took place. Friendly handshakes were given, questions were answered, and pictures were taken.



Banquet

While our guests were boarding the buses to make their way back to the hotel for the afternoon, a team of us were already out at the eastern training center setting up the last details for the closing banquet.

Taking care of last-minute details, dressing up the tables and organizing the seating arrangements... realizing that it was way too hot in the room and scrambling to find fans to help with air circulation. Originally, the cocktail area had been set up outside with tents and bistro tables but alas, Mother Nature decided that it was not to be. We had to rush and bring everything indoors and move to Plan B as the winds whipped up and the clouds burst open with torrential rains.

At the same time, another team was picking up after the parade: pulling down the no-parking signs, packing up the grandstands and the tents and returning our trucks into storage.

We still had to find the time to clean ourselves up and don our uniforms to be presentable for the evening ahead!



As the rain fell, the party began. Guests were greeted with cocktails and the sounds of the fire department orchestra. Once everyone was seated, we were treated to another stellar show by the Toronto Pipes and Drums.



Throughout the evening, while Emanuel and Annie-Claude were on duty at the photo booth, we were entertained by various IFBA traditions: Mr. Rick Short was sworn in as the new president; new member clubs were welcomed and awards were given. It was with great pride that our club was there to witness our very own President, Mr. Steve Garnett, receive the prestigious Henry N. Willwers Fire Buff of the Year award. We were also very honored to have been recognized by I.F.B.A. Executive Vice President, Mr. Wally Banks, who introduced each member to the attendees by calling us up one by one to the stage.



We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all those who had a hand in the IFBA Montréal 2019 Convention: FUN TIMES !!!



Larry, Curly and Moe join in on the festivities !



Giving the Jazz Fest a little competition!



Cheers / Slainte to one and all



We have bag pipes and know how to use them !!



Gordie is speechless!!



Reverend Jacobs is all smiles



The elders are re-united



The I.F.B.A is for...old friends getting together !



We love group selfies!



Rene has no time for sleep...GO GO!!



Vous etes beau messieurs !



Can we get another round please!



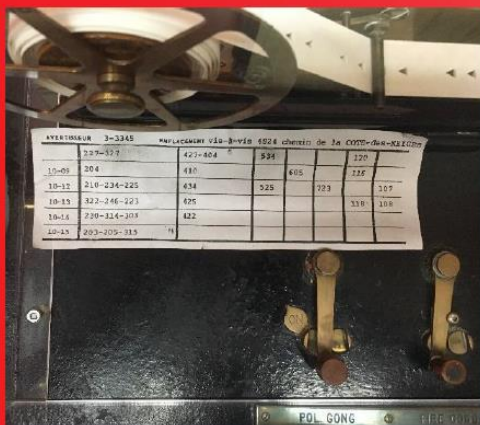
Turn up the heat!



Always time for a pic with my peeps !



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No matter how many hours are put into the planning of an event, no matter how badly you want things to go effortlessly, nothing will ever be perfect. While we did experience technical difficulties during the closing banquet, we tried our absolute best to keep things running smoothly and to not inconvenience our guests.

We, the organizing committee shown below, hope that we succeeded.





Sunday June 30, 2019

Winding Down

Months and months of organizing and planning; untold hours of meetings; innumerable emails and phone calls; committees and sub-committees . . . and then . . . it is all over. The guests have gone home, the hotel bill paid, the hospitality room emptied out . . .

No one ever talks about the aftermath of a convention for the organizing committee. The bone-deep fatigue that sets in, the sadness that it is all over, the suddenly empty schedule – no more meetings or emails or phone calls . . . yet it is all very real. It is called “The Post-Adrenaline Blues” or “Post-Project Depression”:

“Events that provide a lot of joy and that result from a lot of effort, energy, planning, or resources are the ones you’re more likely to miss when they’re over,” says Dr. Paula A. Freedman, Psy.D., a licensed clinical psychologist. She says the end of a major life event can almost feel like a breakup of sorts. “The more invested you were and the more reward it brought you, the more painful it can be when it ends,” she explains.

So, for all of you who are planning future conventions, consider yourself forewarned! The work that we put into organizing, the bonds that we form with our guests, the absolute pride and pleasure that we take in the convention all come with a price. That being said . . . we would do it all again in a heartbeat. Want proof? We will be waiting for ya’ll in 2021 . . .



Even photographers get surprised !



HURRY UP....Tracey needs her coffee !!



Let us ask him for directions to the beer store !!



Convention crew planning the next bar assault !



Surprisingly good if I do say so myself!!



All dressed up and ready to party !



Memories last an eternity!



Where is Vitto when I need him !



Ian is smiling for the camera



Until we meet again.....stay safe to all our friends.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN THE CONVENTION IS OVER !!



To everyone who joined us at our convention.... we want to thank you!!!

To those who could not make it.... you missed one hell of a party full of:

***Fun,
Fellowship,
& Fire Trucks***





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