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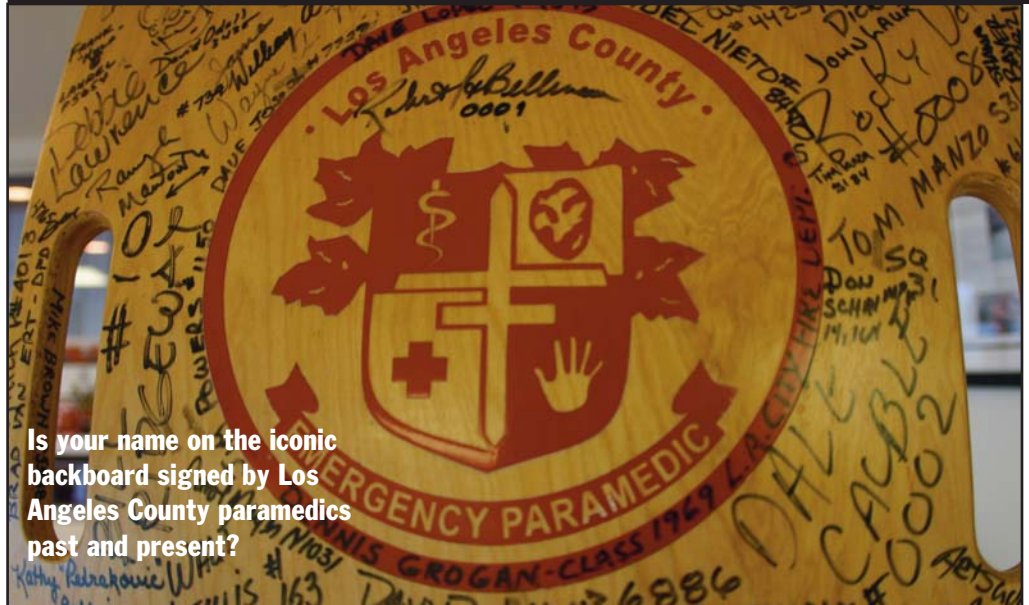
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Is your name on the iconic backboard signed by Los Angeles County paramedics past and present?

Spring is upon us and work continues at all of the museum facilities and online. Retired Captain Dave Boucher and retired Patrolman Ken Jury have been busy cleaning up our original facility at LAO. Clean-up and reorganization are ongoing at our Southgate building, and our newest facility in Bellflower is serving quite well as our showroom and workshop. Our newly redesigned website launches soon. It'll be maintained by our new webmaster, Kathy St. Amant. She has already created YouTube and Facebook pages for your museum; see details in the lower left corner of this page.

Register now to join us May 8 and honor Paramedic Pioneers

On May 8, 2010, a long-overdue honor will be bestowed upon four pioneers in emergency medicine. Doctors Nagel, Criley, Cobb and Graf may not be names you know – but you should! Without their vision, dedication and perseverance against the odds, most of us would have much different lives and careers. More importantly, hundreds of thousands, even millions of people would not have survived emergency situations. These four men helped bring forth the paramedic program. They felt the frustration of people dying before they were able to get to the hospital. They saw an answer in a new program, and in fire departments, and history was made.

Museum Director Nancy McFarland has been tirelessly planning an event worthy of those being honored. (You'll find registration details on the facing page.) That event will be preceded by video interviews of all four doctors, which to date has never been done. This event is very exciting and rewarding for us, because it is about people – people who sacrificed, answered a higher calling and made a positive difference with a global impact. How many of us will ever achieve something even close to that?

We often say that the fire engines in our collection are nothing more than backdrops for the stories of those who made them useful. Maybe the next time you view Squad 51 you'll ponder all that went into its creation and purpose. Maybe you'll ponder all of those who took that purpose, fostered it through countless challenges, won the respect and admiration of the public, and saved so many. And maybe you'll ponder your own effect on so many others because of the training and experiences you have had, largely thanks to these doctors. So congratulations to Doctors J. Michael

Criley, Walter Graf, Leonard Cobb, and Eugene Nagel for receiving the first Lifetime Achievement Awards presented by the County of Los Angeles Fire Museum Association. Thank you, Doctors, from all of us who continue to benefit from your vision. The museum would also like to thank and acknowledge the UCLA Center for Prehospital Care, NAEMT, NAMESE, NAEMSP, Jems and EMS Magazine for their endorsement and support. We're pleased to welcome Philips Healthcare and Masimo Corporation as founding sponsors.

You still have time to join us for this awards gala dinner! You'll find details at the bottom of this page. You can register directly and get further details at www.pioneersofparamedicine.org. If you have questions, please send them by email to pioneersofparamedicine@eventsbyone.com. We'll see you at the historic Millennium Biltmore Los Angeles.

Next BBQs, car shows and open houses May 2, September 11

Remember that our Bellflower facility is open the first Sunday of each month, excluding holidays. The address is 9834 Flora Vista St., Bellflower, CA 90706. We also will be hosting a BBQ, car show and open house May 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will be participating in the annual Bellflower car show on September 11, 2010, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. We will host a BBQ, car show and a special 9/11 commemoration that day.

Please put these dates on your calendar, then come down and be a part of it all. These events bring together many active and retired personnel, and it is always great to visit and share stories and laughs with old friends. That's what it's all about!

– President Paul Schneider

About your fire museum:

The County of Los Angeles Fire Museum Association is a public benefit nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation, established in 1975 and incorporated in 1989. Acquisitions, restorations and operating funds are supported by monthly and annual membership dues paid by 3,000 active-duty Los Angeles County fire fighters, retirees, members of other fire departments, and the public.

The museum's collection includes more than 60 examples of historic apparatus, some dating back to the late 1800s, as well as hundreds of artifacts and thousands of photographs. The most popular vehicles in the collection are the original paramedic/rescue Squad 51 and Engine 51 from the 1970s television show **EMERGENCY!** The collection is currently housed in warehouse locations in South Gate and Bellflower, California.

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Invites you to join in honoring the Founding Fathers
of Modern Emergency Medical Services

Honorees

Eugene Nagel, MD

Leonard Cobb, MD



Honorees

J. Michael Criley, MD

Walter Graf, MD

Lifetime Achievement Awards Gala Dinner
May 8, 2010 - Millennium Biltmore Los Angeles

Limited number of tickets are available – Don't miss this historic reunion!

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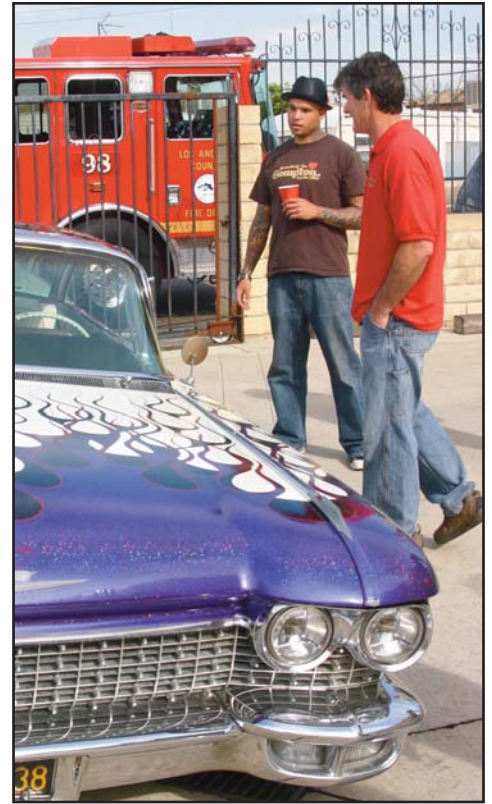




Big smiles and good times

If you're not joining us for our BBQ/car show/open house extravaganzas, you're missing a lot of fun! Whether it's sharing fond memories or making new ones, there's something here for "children of all ages," as the ringmaster's refrain goes. You may love the classic apparatus, cars, music, or TV episodes – maybe all of the above – but we know you'll love seeing old friends.

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