



The Information Window

Captivating Car Shows at the Wantagh Museum

By Tom Watson, Recording Secretary

This year there were three antique car events held on the Wantagh Museum Grounds. On June 9th was the Ford Model A meeting, on July 20th was the Wantagh Preservation Society's Third Annual Antique Car Show, and on September 8th, the Back in Time Car Club held their club meeting.



Some of the cars at the Society's Third Annual Antique Car Show held on July 20th.

The museum grounds are a great spot for such events as evidenced by the positive feedback from attending antique car owners and the attending public. The historic structures on the museum grounds offer a perfect backdrop for the antique cars. These events are part of the Society's fundraising activities. All monies raised from membership and from fundraisers go towards keeping the Wantagh Museum complex going strong.



Some of the Ford Model A cars on the museum grounds for the June 9th Ford Model A meeting



Members of the Back in Time Car Club held their club meeting on the museum grounds on September 8th

During the Wantagh Museum's Third Annual Antique Car Show, cars from 1970 and older were on display. Refreshments offered for sale included coffee, cookies, hotdogs, water and ice cream. All of the museum complex was open including Wantagh's 1885 Train Station Museum, Wantagh's 1907 Post Office and the 1912 Jamaica Parlor Car. 📖

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We hope you enjoy our newsletter. Your comments, ideas and suggestions are welcome!

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At a recent WPS meeting, Arthur Mattson captivates the audience with his lecture about Tragic Shipwrecks on the South Shore of Long Island

*The Wantagh Museum
is open on Sundays
Noon-2 PM until November 17*



*Please stop in and see
our new displays of
local artifacts!*

Attention: Professional Photographers

Whether it be spring, summer, fall or winter, the grounds of the Wantagh Museum provide a scenic venue for professional photographers. However, a Photography Permit is required for all professional photographers that use the museum grounds.



The permit fee is only \$50 per hour. Your fees provide an important source of revenue for our Museum and helps us maintain its beauty that you depend on.

During your photo shoot, the museum grounds remain open to others and a volunteer may be present during the photography time. However, residents that visit the museum have always been courteous.

Photography cannot take place before dawn or after dusk. Permits are rain or shine.



An approved permit must be presented during the shoot upon request. To apply for a permit, please scan or click the QR code. If you have any questions, email wantaghmuseum@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support and for helping us maintain the grounds of the Wantagh Museum. 📖

Wantagh Fire Department - 125th Anniversary - 1910 Fire Pumper

By Carol Poulos, Co-Curator



Wantagh Fire Department's Original 1910 Fire Pumper During the Parade on Wantagh Avenue

On September 14, the Wantagh Fire Department hosted the 6th Battalion Parade in honor of the Fire Department's 125th anniversary. The parade began at Beltagh Avenue and proceeded south down Wantagh Avenue to the LIRR station. Neighboring departments participated. Among the many fire trucks in the parade was the Wantagh Fire Department's original 1910 fire pumper.

Back in the early 1900's, there were a number of fires and after a huge one in 1909 at the local lumber yard, George Box, the local blacksmith and a foreman in the department, suggested they needed better equipment. In 1910, he built the fire pumper in his shop with a purchased Fairbanks engine. It could pump 66 gallons a minute, a big improvement over the hand powered trucks and bucket brigades previously used.

Over the years, the fire pumper appeared in a number of parades. When the department's 100th anniversary was approaching it was decided to restore the deteriorating fire pumper. This was done in 1998 and 1999 and the apparatus has been on loan to the Nassau County Firefighter's Museum in Uniondale. It was exciting to see it back in Wantagh for this special event! 📖



Michael Beck (left) and William Sigler (right) apply water seal to the museum deck

Wantagh Museum Deck is now Water Sealed

By Paul Sigler, Co-Curator

On Sunday, September 15, three volunteers took advantage of the perfect weather and applied water seal to the train station deck. Paul Sigler, his son William, and college intern Michael Beck used rollers and completed the entire deck in a few hours. This should provide protection from the elements for several years. 📖

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“Preservation with a Purpose.”

Wantagh News from the Past

Compiled By Carol Poulos, Co-Curator

145 Years Ago

October 1879: The farmers are now able to estimate the size of their crops, and they report a good yield of wheat, oats, rye and hay, but a failure of the corn crop.

125 Years Ago

September 1899: The “Young Couples” bench on “Lovers Lane” is broken and needs repair.

November 10, 1899: Kauffmann Brothers have shipped 24 carloads of kraut to the city this season. The school children have organized a social club known as the “West End Club”, and on election night, they enjoyed themselves by having a large bonfire on Counselor J. M. Seaman’s lot.

120 Years Ago

September 1904: Isadora Meyer received thirteen horses that were shipped from Buffalo. William Dean, John Box, George Box, Frank Young, Harry Young, and Corodon Norton went on a trip to Raccoon Woods for beach plums.

October 1904: J. J. Fussell opened his new grocery store on Wantagh Avenue.

115 Years Ago

November 1909: Gunners have been busy, quite a number of rabbits and birds have been shot. Stafford’s Moving Pictures in Ultsch’s Hall (Wantagh Hotel) every Thursday night are drawing good crowds.

80 Years Ago

October 1944: Howard T. Finch, of Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, an attorney with law offices in Hempstead, is serving as chairman of the Wantagh National War Fund Campaign. The quota for Wantagh is \$500. Letters to residents will advertise the campaign.

75 Years Ago

November 1949: Nassau county farmers started winter field storage of crops. George Wicks, Wantagh Avenue, had his field storage pits dug last week and has begun storing white turnips. The turnips are placed in crates and the crates put in four foot deep pits. As the cold season progresses, more dirt is added. Salt hay is placed over the vegetables and dirt is added. Wicks will offer carrots, turnips and rutabagas for sale during the winter. Crops are removed from the pits as they are needed for market. Soon after Thanksgiving, local farmers will begin to store Savoy Cabbage.

65 Years Ago

September 1954: After a delay over a \$50 equipment installation charge was settled by union and industry representatives, the new Wantagh High School opened its doors to 1,200 students.

October 1954: A fund campaign was launched by St. Francis DeChantal Church to construct a 16 classroom school and convent on land adjacent to the church. 📖



Fussell's Store



Wantagh Hotel



Wantagh High School Under Construction