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NO HURRICANE DAMAGE TO THE BRF COLLECTION BUT THE PLANNED WINE AND CHEESE PARTY HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Isabel Hurricane Damage Update

As you may have read, seen on TV, or heard there was considerable storm water damage to artifacts at the Baltimore Museum of Industry as a result of the Isabel Hurricane. The basement of the Museum's main building, where some of the Museum's collections were stored, was flooded. This occurred as a result of the local sewerage pumping station's lost of power therefore causing sewage water to backup into the basement. The Museum has hired a damage restoration company who has been doing all the recovery work as to cleaning the basement and salvaging as many artifacts as possible. Their work should be completed by the middle of November. Other damage occurred to the awnings of the pavilion, the Baltimore Tug boat pier, and the computer schoolroom in the office building. The Museum was closed for one week until the basement was cleaned.

The Bendix Radio Foundation exhibits, artifacts, and material collection sustained NO storm damage. The BRF team did not meet for the initial week of the cleanup. The BRF team volunteered to aid in the recovery process but our offer was not accepted due to the potential health hazards and the hiring of the restoration company.

Wine and Cheese Party

The planned Members Wine and Cheese Party for this fall has been canceled as a result of the effects of hurricane Isabel and the cleanup thus required at the Museum.

New Archival Storage Facility for the BRF Collection

BRF has acquired the approval of the Museum for a new storage facility for the BRF collection. We are planning, designing, and constructing the storage room in the Museum leased facility located at 1414 Key Highway (directly across the street from the Museum). We are excited about this facility that is the culmination of three years of work by BRF at the Museum to arrange for such a facility and except for the storm delay would already be under construction. Plans are being finalized and BRF team construction should start in December. The facility will house the total BRF collection of artifacts and archival material providing an area to process and access our collection efficiently.

Transportation Exhibit Stanchions

The BRF team assisted the Museum's special project leader in preparation of the forthcoming Transportation Exhibit. A total of 48 metal stanchions 36 inches tall were fabricated from used brake rotors, 1½ inch pipe and eyebolts all painted black. These stanchions will be used to protect the displayed antique vehicles from accidental damage by visitors. This transportation exhibit is planned to open in April 2004. The BRF team will be providing additional support in preparation of signage for the vehicles.

Mailing List

Our mailing list consists of over 900 names of former Bendix Radio employees or friends but it is still incomplete. If you know of someone who would like to receive future issues of this newsletter please provide his or her name, address, telephone number, and email (if available) to our Membership Secretary, Bill Scott. Thanks for your help.

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