

1997

# THE PATRON FIRE FIGHTER



**BEMUS POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT., INC.**

ALBURTUS STREET, BEMUS POINT, NEW YORK 14712

**Pete Samuelson**  
*Fire Chief*



**Ron Thompson**  
*President*

*Dear Patron Firefighter:*

*Each year as we prepare for our major annual fund raising effort, we are reminded of how fortunate we are to live in Bemus Point. Each year our community comes through with the financial support that is so necessary to continue our important mission, and all the members of the Bemus Point Volunteer Fire Department are very grateful.*

*Your support has allowed us to provide our members with first rate equipment and safety gear, thereby enabling us to perform our job in the most efficient manner possible.*

*As you read this issue of the Patron Firefighter, you will learn about some of the equipment that your past support has made possible, as well as what we hope are some interesting articles about some of our members.*

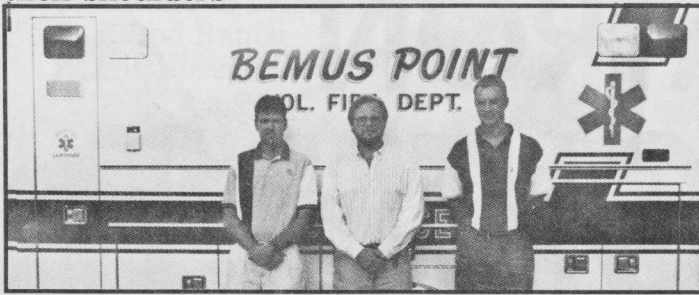
*As always, you have an open invitation to visit your fire hall at any time to inspect the equipment that your contributions have made possible. Even better, stop by and pick up a membership application, because we can always use more help!*

*Yours Truly,*

*Pete Samuelson*  
**Fire Chief**

## CHIEF OFFICERS

Pictured here are the Fire Chiefs. These are the guys that call the shots. The ultimate responsibility of any call or function rests on their shoulders



**PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:**  
 Scott Keleman - 2nd Assist. Dave Graham - 1st Assist. Pete Samuelson - Chief

## LINE OFFICERS

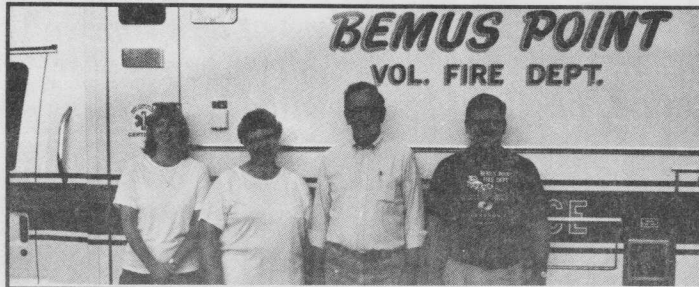
These people are responsible for implementation on the scene of general orders given by the fire chief. They manage teams of firefighters/ rescue personnel during an incident.



**PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:**  
 Brain Raines, Mark Satilemer, David Gustufson, Mike Winnie, Chuck Frazier, Dana Johnson, Chuck Shick, Phil Erickson (not Present)

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

The Overall Administration, Finances, and Fund Raising responsibilities rest with these individuals.



**PICTURES FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:**  
 Sandy Morrison - Secretary, Trudy Thompson - Financial Secretary, Ron Thompson - President, Ed Farris - Treasurer, Phil Erickson - Vice President (Not Present)

## HEART MONITOR

Through the generous donation of Bruce Maydwell the Fire department has purchased the latest piece of equipment in heart defibrillation.

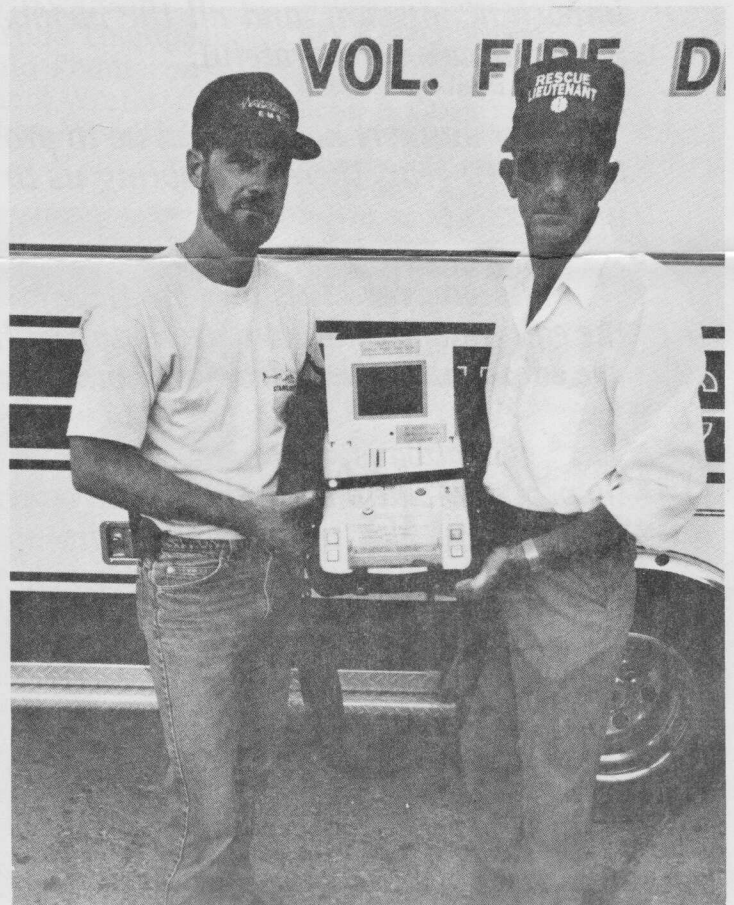
In November 1995 the BPVFD purchased a new MEDTEC rescue ambulance complete with the latest specialized equipment needed to provide the best patient care ever.

Perhaps the most amazing piece of equipment is the recently purchased MARQUETTE AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) HEART MONITOR. The AED is used by EMT-D5 and AEMT-CC 5 to treat patients in cardiac arrest quicker and more efficiently.

The ambulance carries a wide variety of drugs and first aid supplies used to treat many different medical illnesses and injuries.

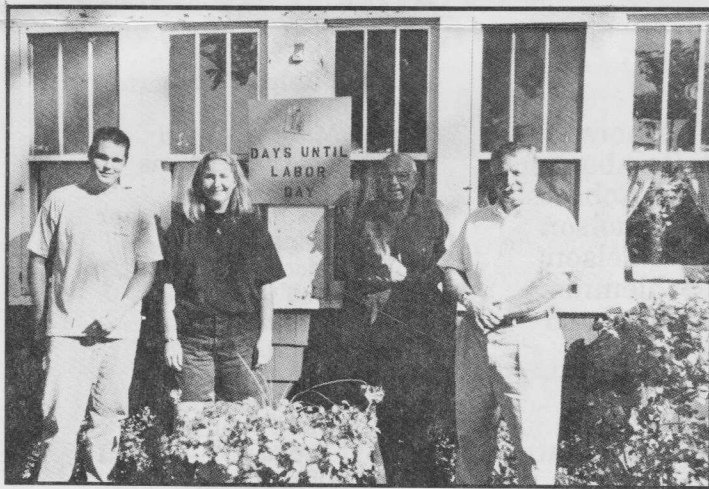
The goal of the rescue squad is to keep the ambulance up-to-date with the latest equipment and supplies. Also advancing the credentials of each team members through "hands on" experience and continuing education.

Thank you for your continued support. It is through your generous donations that we can provide you with the best possible prehospital care available.



# PROFILES OF VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER

This years issue we will feature the STAHLEY FAMILY. Father, Bob: Bob joined the fire department in 1949 thinking that he might be able to give something back to the community. A number of his friends were active in this department and they were doing their civic duty. Bob has done everything and held all offices except one, the office of treasurer. He was the first 3rd Assistant chief, one of the originators for the emergency squad, First Aid instructor for 15 years, and secretary of the County Fire Chiefs for 21 years.



Son, Jon: joined in 1967, felt it was his civic duty and wanted to carry on the family tradition. Positions held have been chief; first, second and third assistant chief; captain and

president of the Bemus Point Fire Company. He currently serves as deputy fire coordinator of Chautauqua County. He is a past member of NY state firechiefs, past member of Chautauqua County Fire board. He is a member of Chautauqua County and State Firechiefs Association.

Daughter, Rebecca: Becky Stahley is employed full time by the Bemus Point Market and part time by BOCES Ashville, and the Bemus Point Library. Her hobbies are reading, cooking and gardening. Becky has two sons - Jeremy who has just joined and Clark. It seemed natural for Becky to join the fire department since she has been surrounded by it all her life. Becky's grandfather, father, brother all members of B.P.V.F.D., so she is a little bit prejudice of the service. Bemus being a small town is like a large family. If I can be of assistance to any member of that family in need it's a great feeling. I would encourage anyone who is interested in volunteering in a fire department to do so. It is a very rewarding experience.

Grandson, Jeremy: Jeremy joined the fire department the same time that his mother Becky. He will be a senior this year at Maple Grove High School. He joined the fire department hoping to give help to those who need it also to carry on the family tradition. Another reason for joining is the comradery in the fire service.

## 1997 Bemus Point Vol. Fire Dept. Fund Drive

If you wish a receipt for tax purposes,  
Please enclose coupon & we will validate it for you.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DONATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: If you have any special concerns, safety concerns or questions, please indicate them on this form & we will call you concerning your comments.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY \_\_\_\_\_

# SPECIAL THANK YOU LIST

Bemus Point Mayor Judie Robinson & Village Officials  
Bemus Point Hardware  
Bemus Point School District  
Chautauqua Brick Company  
Redwood Ranch  
Sheriff Joseph Gerace & Deputies  
Nate Dryer  
Doug Oste  
Thom & Cheryl Shagla  
The See Zurh House  
County Legislator Richard Babbage  
Bob & Sandy Stanley and the Penny Saver Staff  
Arthur R. Gren  
Wanda Gustafson and Staff  
Ellery Supervisor Arden Johnson & Town of Ellery Officials  
Chaut. County Fire Coordinator Neil McNeight & Deputies

# MEMBERSHIP LIST

Daniel Burns  
Sharron Caloren  
Dennis Carlson  
Brenda Crandall  
Herbert Crandall  
William Crandall  
Douglas Crist  
Jeremy Crist  
Elizabeth Crossley  
Bryan Dahlberg  
Philip Erickson  
Ricky Farnham  
Theodore Farnham  
Edward Farris  
David Graham

David Gustafson  
Janice Hallberg  
Kurt Holm  
Jeffrey House  
Bruce Johnson  
Dana Johnson  
Kathleen Johnson  
Kurtis Johnson  
Scott Kelemen  
Torrey Lambert  
Robert Magnuson  
Sandy Morrison  
Barry Oste  
Douglas Oste  
Terri Oste  
Jeffrey Present

Brain Rainers  
Hilary Rambacher  
Raymond Roberts  
Peter Samuelson  
Todd Samuelson  
Mark Schlemmer  
James Shephard  
Mark Smith  
Jon Stahley  
Robert Stahley  
Carl Steenburn  
Keith Swanson  
Gertrude Thompson  
Ronald Thompson  
Michael Winne  
William Woodfield

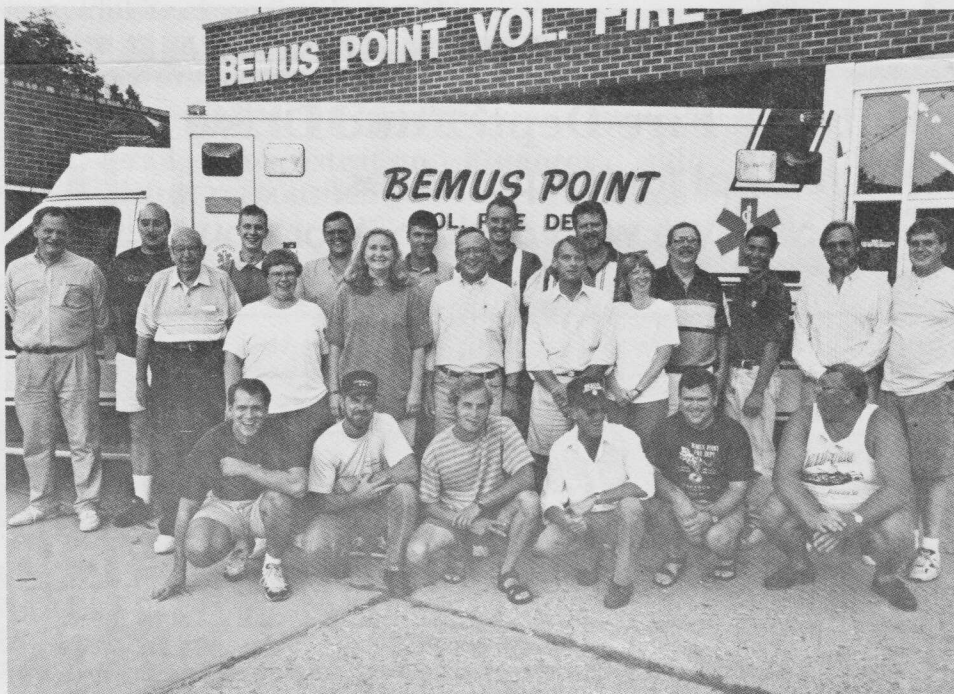
# CHIEF'S CENTURY CLUB 1996-1997

## BUSINESS

See Zurh House  
Bemus Point Golf Course  
Turney's Sanitary Service  
Bemus Point Inn  
Wendleys One Stop  
Ellery Sno-Cruisers  
Shore Acres Boat Yard  
Surf Club  
Italian Fisherman  
Chautauqua Brick  
Hare 'N' Hounds  
Michael J. Rogers Assoc.  
David I. Lipsey Ins.

## CITIZEN

Falconer Jones  
Elizabeth Proctor  
Anna & Ralph Langbartel  
Anthony Zingale  
Don & Mary Haglund  
Edward & Claire Davis  
George Besley  
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Brickner  
Jess Present  
A.J. Paddock  
Paul & Bob Samuelson  
Dena Lander  
Allan & Elaine Short  
Arden Johnson  
Mrs. Martha Miller  
John & Jane Johnston  
Ingjald Lodge IOV #65  
William Thompson  
Roy & Mary Benson  
Gary & Judy Johnson  
Robert O. Wilson  
Roger R. Olson  
Karen Walsh  
Beverly Johnson  
Dr. & Mrs. John O'Connor  
Robert Anderson  
Arlon Shick  
Albert & Betty D'Attilio  
Deborah Anderson  
Tom & Andy Dawes  
Dan & Carolyn Haglund  
Robert E. Sharpe



# FALLEN FIRE FIGHTERS

Whenever,  
you see the  
black banner  
hung above  
our door - It  
is our way of  
honoring a  
fallen  
firefighter.  
We will leave  
it up for one  
month after the death of one of our

