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WSPAA HOLDS 2ND ANNUAL MEETING By Bill Harvey, WSPAA President



Pres. Bill Harvey conducts the WSPAA Annual Meeting

Our thanks to the Academy and staff for hosting an impressive Alumni Day. Attendees were encouraged both to renew old and make new friendships. We often heard people say “I recognize your name, but I’ve never met you before today.”

We are pleased to have 225 WSPAA members and a fledgling organization that will become as successful as its members cause it to be. In our 2013 elections, Tim Heffernan was elected Vice President and Lyle Bliss will continue as our hard-working Treasurer. Bruce Bishop, founder of WSPAA and out-going Vice-President agreed to become North Central Regional Representative and Jim Cmeyla was elected to be the North East Regional Representative.

Preparing to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Wisconsin State Patrol in 2014 has offered a wonderful opportunity to focus on capturing and preserving history. Digitization of images – 5,000 photos from Academy and Hill Farms files have already been done. Also, at Alumni Day, many retirees had their photographs taken for the 75th Anniversary Commemorative Book. Mark your calendars for August 15, 2014, when the celebratory 75th Anniversary Banquet will be held at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

Supt. Steven Fitzgerald thanked the Alumni for their work that established a highly respected agency. He also commented that WSP’s involvement with the National Governors’ Association annual meeting held in Milwaukee was successful.

We learned that accident reconstruction continues to grow. What a worthwhile activity it serves to other agencies. The WSP has developed a reputation for outstanding work in this area and is now responding to requests from other agencies such as Department of Criminal Investigation, Fire Marshall, and local law enforcement agencies for crime scene mapping.

The Academy is very busy hosting training by other law enforcement agencies.

Another area where activities have increased is in the area of drug enforcement. Hardly a week goes by without State Patrol Inspectors and Troopers making arrests for drugs. The State Patrol and other agencies are suffering from limited budgets, yet crime continues. The State Patrol staff is doing their best with the resources allocated to them. However, one disheartening note is that when troopers graduate from the Academy, they are sought after by other agencies that pay higher wages, contributing to a high attrition rate. This indicates the respect that other agencies have for WSP’s recruitment and training process, but we want those graduates for our own agency.

During our WSPAA membership meeting, WSPAA members said that they like to be informed and appreciate communications about get-togethers such as area coffees, lunches or dinners. They also appreciate the WSPAA Updates or weekly summary of activities, the Quarterly newsletter, and our informative website. Many members were also sporting good-looking apparel purchased through our website.

All in all, we left the Academy feeling well-nourished socially, mentally, and physically. It was a great day, and we look forward to seeing you at next year’s event on Friday, Sept. 12, 2014.

STATE PATROL CHEMICAL TEST SECTION

By Susan Hackworthy, Section Chief

The Wisconsin State Patrol Chemical Test Section is nationally recognized as a leader in forensic breath alcohol testing with active participation on the Scientific Working Group for Toxicology (SWGTOX) developing national standards for breath alcohol programs, National Safety Council's Committee on Alcohol and other Drugs, and the International Association for Chemical Testing.

The Breath Alcohol Testing Program began in 1955 with the Breathalyzer. Wisconsin was one of the first states to utilize the breathalyzer and the section worked closely with its inventor, Dr. Robert Borkenstein, in its early stages. The program grew from 6 Breathalyzers and 250 Troopers trained to operate them, to 230 Breathalyzers and over 5,000 law enforcement officers from agencies statewide trained to operate them.

In 1985, the Intoxilyzer 5000 replaced the older Breathalyzer. The Intoxilyzer was a computerized state of the art instrument in its time and served the State well until 1998. In 1998 the Intoximeter EC/IR was approved for use and in 2006 the EC/IR II was approved for use and is currently in use today.

The present Chemical Test Section consists of breath alcohol toxicologists who maintain and certify evidential breath alcohol testing instruments, train and certify instrument operators of evidential breath alcohol instruments as well as PBT's, and provide expert testimony in court on all scientific and technical issues.

Today, there are 241 evidential breath test instruments state wide with about 5,000 operators who hold permits to perform evidential tests for breath alcohol. The Section trains approximately 500 new operators and recertifies approximately 2,500 officers annually.

Ignition Interlock Devices (IID)

The use of ignition interlock devices (IIDs) in Wisconsin was first incorporated in 1991 Wisconsin Act 277, which included provisions for vehicle seizure, immobilization or voluntary installation after an OWI conviction. The Administrative Code for IIDs, Trans 313, was promulgated in 1993 which gave the authority for the evaluation and approval of IID's to the Chemical Test Section.

2009 Act 100, which went into effect on July 1, 2010, eliminated provisions for vehicle seizure and immobilization and made IID installation mandatory for all repeat OWIs, all refusals and all 1st offense OWI with an alcohol concentration of 0.15 or higher. Since July of 2010, there have been over 34,000 OWI convictions where an IID has been ordered. At the present time, there are four Ignition Interlock Devices approved for use by the Chemical Test Section with evaluations of new devices ongoing.



Left: Russ Fleming and Bob Barbera, members of the 1st Recruit Class attended this year's Alumni Day



Right: Carl Zutz, member of the 3rd Recruit Class also attended.

CHEM TEST: THEN AND NOW



Breathalyzer training in 1956 at the State Patrol Academy. The 5-day course was taught, in part, by Dr. Robert Borkenstein, the father of breath alcohol testing.



Chem Test class for county/municipal officers



Chem Test class for new IR 5000 instruments



Ignition Interlock installed in auto

PHOTOS FROM THE 2013 ALUMNI DAY



Supt. Fitzgerald addresses the group



Current Command Staff are introduced to the Alumni



An estimated 135 alumni and guests attended. Faces in the crowd



WSPAA TOURS THE BELOIT SCALE By Lucy Harvey

On July 10, 2013, WSP Sergeant Eric Beine provided the WSPAA group with a tour of the new Beloit Safety and Weight Enforcement Facility. More than 6,000 heavy trucks travel north past the SWEF every 24 hours.

This structure is equipped with the latest technology for weighing and inspecting trucks. In addition to trucks that are brought onto the outdoor scale, trucks passing by are computer monitored. The “SWEF” has the latest in fixed indoor computers, bays with pits that allow inspectors to walk underneath the full length of the vehicle being inspected, and rollers that evaluate the performance of the truck’s brakes. Also, Inspectors often carrying portable scales to double-check trucks that may be avoiding the SWEF. In addition to working the scales, Inspectors spend a great deal of time going to other sites for vehicle safety inspections.

During lunch at the Road Dawg Truck Stop, we discussed the “early days” of truck enforcement as well as what’s rolling down the road today. Those at the table: Lyle Bliss, Superintendent Stephen Fitzgerald, Bill Harvey, and Frank Vickerman brought a combined 147 years of law enforcement experience.

An informative time was had by all, and a follow-up tour is being arranged for area judges.



Sgt Eric Beine explains the controls and equipment



Participating in the SWEF tour were: Lucy Harvey, Supt. Fitzgerald, Bill Harvey, Sgt. Beine, Frank Vickerman, and Lyle Bliss

MANITOWOC MARITIME MUSEUM TOUR by Lucy Harvey

Down into the submarine we went during the WSPAA August Summer Social at the Manitowoc Maritime Museum. Retired WSP Trooper and Submariner Don Randall shared real life experiences from his years aboard a submarine. He explained intricacies of submarine life and challenged us to imagine how we would have functioned had we been aboard for months at a time.

We then enjoyed a sub sandwich lunch (get the connection?) before touring the rest of the Maritime Museum. Later over coffee and decadent dessert, we conversed more about the Real Tales of the WI State Patrol. A most enjoyable and unique time was had by all.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

by Bruce Bishop

CARL ZUTZ MOTORCYCLE TROOPER PIONEER

Returning home from Europe in WWII, where he served in the 14th Armored Division in some of the most bitter campaigns including the Bulge, Carl Zutz tried different careers including making sausage and working in motion picture theater systems. His real motivation however fell into the field of public safety which led him to successfully apply for the Wisconsin State Patrol, graduating with the 3rd Recruit Class in July 1956 and being assigned badge #199. His first assignment was in District 3 working as a Trooper out of Fond du lac; Conover and Brillion.

When the State Patrol decided to experiment with motorcycles in the early 60's, Zutz, always adventurous and inventive volunteered, along with Trooper Harry Englebart, to be among the first riders. Englebart, who had previous cycle riding experience, and Zutz, who had none, started out learning the techniques of motorcycle patrol, riding together; one on the State owned bike and the other on a loner from Harley Davidson. Later Zutz was issued his own machine and other problems along with it. It required him being responsible for two vehicles, the bike and a cruiser. Also two sets of uniforms and the decision as to which vehicle to use on patrol. The weather often dictated that choice.

The cycles became familiar sights on patrol and targets for cameras as they led parades, performed public relations and enforcement duties at special motorcycle rallies and events. They provided a link between the Patrol and bikers.

With a record of no accidents, rollovers or laydowns but lots of evasive tactics, Carl took a respite from cycle duties for a short time in the 70's, when he was assigned to State Headquarters to help the Motor Vehicles Safety Division set up the Vehicle Inspection Program that involved some 54 men and formed the nucleus of what is now called the Bureau of Transportation Safety.

He finished his career as an AA4 in Madison in 1985. Carl and his wife of 64 years, Margaret, now live in Wittenberg enjoying a quiet retirement often with their children and grandchildren close by.

Carl, like many of us, likes to reminisce about the Good Old Days in the OLD PATROL and can be found close to home without the hassle of a computer and failing eye sight making him a devotee of books on tape.

Visit or call them at 604 South Webb St., Wittenberg, WI 54491 Ph. 715-253-2675.

Note: Since those early days of only two cycles, the State Patrol Motorcycle program has expanded to 14 Harley Davidson Motorcycles and 25 designated riders, providing a highly visible traffic law enforcement presence with concentrated efforts in busy metro and freeway areas.



Carl and Margaret Zutz



Carl Zutz 1936

EVENTS

Regularly Scheduled Gatherings:

First Thursday of the Month - Anyone retired from the State Patrol is invited. This is an informal gathering, no reservations needed, just show up at 9:00 am at the Green Lantern, McFarland, WI.

First Thursday of the Month - DOT Retiree Lunch at 11:30 am. Held at Monona Garden Family Restaurant, 6501 Bridge Road, Monona. No reservation needed.

Last Thursday of Even Numbered Months - WISDOT/DNR Retiree Breakfast at 9:30 am at "The Prime" in Trego, WI. Contact Tim Heffernan (tprtim@charter.net).

Monthly — ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) - contact Dennis Schroeder for date, time, and location. Everyone welcome. denniss@charter.net

Second Tuesday of each month — Retiree Breakfast at 7:30 am at the Hwy 51 Truck Stop ((I39 & CTH Q) south of Merrill. Contact Bill Harvey at lois3545@aol.com if you are attending.

Every Thursday — at 8:30 AM, Eau Claire Retired Law Enforcement Breakfast Group, any retired law enforcement officer welcomed. Held at VFW Post 305, 1300 Starr Avenue , Eau Claire, WI

If you know of additional events or gatherings of State Patrol alumni, please let us know so we can post it for all to see or attend. Send these items to bjyoung@charter.net. Send items in as soon as you hear of them. Thank you.

MORE PICTURES FROM ALUMNI DAY





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Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Winter Address (if different than above) _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

Current DSP Assignment: _____ Retired/Separated (Date) _____

Highest Rank or Position: _____ Date Started State Service: _____

May we share this information with other members: Yes ____ No ____

*Dues Paid: _____ Full Member or ____ Associate Member: \$15/year each

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