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HAPPY 75th: By Steve Olson, WI DOT Public Affairs

The State Patrol's 75th Anniversary will be prominently featured through an array of programs this year.

In anticipation of the State Patrol's 75th Anniversary on September 1, 2014 several initiatives to highlight the agency's illustrious history are already underway, including the following:

Tickets on Sale for Anniversary Banquet: Current and retired members of the State Patrol are cordially invited to the 75th Anniversary Commemorative Banquet at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells on Friday evening, August 15. Registration and a social hour will begin at 5 p.m. The dinner and formal presentation will be from 6 to 10 p.m. Current and retired members of the State Patrol attending the banquet will receive a special folio in honor of the event. Tickets are \$40 per person. To purchase tickets online and to select your meal visit: www.wspbanquet.com. Due to high demand and limited seating, ticket purchases are limited to a total of two tickets (one for the employee or retiree and one for a guest.) If tickets remain after May 1, they will be available for purchase. If you wish to purchase more than two tickets, please email wspbanquet@gmail.com to be added to the waiting list. A number of rooms are available at the Chula Vista Resort for banquet attendees. To make room reservations, call 1-877-608-8815 (booking code is C19371). For more information, visit: www.wspbanquet.com or contact Trooper Ryan Zukowski of the Wisconsin Troopers Association (WTA) toll free at 1-866-678-4335.

Commemorative Book: A committee has begun editing the anniversary book, which is filled with historical information, personal stories and photos. More than 500 copies of the book have been purchased.

Commemorative Badges: Superintendent Stephen Fitzgerald authorized the wearing of an approved commemorative badge during 2014. The badges capture the look of those worn by the agency in the 1930s and 40s.

Anniversary License Plates: Anniversary license plates arrived in February and are now being mounted on marked State Patrol vehicles. Anniversary decals also will be applied to the vehicles.

Anniversary Website: A new 75th Anniversary website (<http://www.dot.wi.gov/statepatrol/anniversary/index.htm>) was launched in January. It features information and photos from the early days of the State Patrol to the present and also includes an archive of newsletters and other historical publications. News and updates about anniversary events and programs will be published throughout the year on the website. Visit: www.dot.wi.gov/statepatrol/anniversary/index.htm

Wisconsin Traffic Safety Reporter Issue on the Anniversary: The latest edition of the Wisconsin Traffic Safety Reporter is devoted to the 75-year history of the State Patrol. The issue is available on the anniversary website's News and Updates page.

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/library/publications/format/newsletters/safety/tsr-vol17no1.pdf>

75th Anniversary (continued)

Challenge Coins and Calendar Drawings: The WTA is offering special edition challenge coins for the anniversary. The coins are available for purchase online at the Trooper Store on the WTA website. As part of the WTA 75th Anniversary Calendar promotion, a list of daily raffle winners is listed on the WTA website: www.wisconsintrooper.org.

Anniversary Video: A special video to honor the current and former members of the State Patrol will be created in coming months. It will be available on the anniversary website and other media.

The anniversary projects are designed to honor the legacy of the State Patrol and recognize its exceptional contribution to traffic and public safety since its inception. As Superintendent Stephen Fitzgerald says, "The State Patrol and its responsibilities have changed greatly over our 75-year history. However, our commitment to the highest standards of our profession has never wavered. We all can be justifiably proud of our service and our contributions to the State Patrol's lasting legacy of saving lives and reducing injuries since 1939."

Logo Wear: In addition, do not forget DSP and 75th Anniversary logo wear can be purchased through the WSPAA online at: <http://wspaa.qbstores.com> . For the latest in 75th anniversary news go to our website at <http://wspalumni.org/>



75th Anniversary

Logo

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License Plate



RETIRED OFFICER FIREARM CERTIFICATION FOR 2014

It is that time again. The first group of retired officers have completed their qualification shoot. Sgt. DeFrang advises: The goal is to have each region host a shoot and for the Academy to continue holding one session in January and another in conjunction with the annual Alumni Day, typically in September.

Currently recertification shoots are planned at:

Spooner Post — May 15, 2014

Fond du Lac Post — November 4, 2014

As you make your plans to re-qualify, visit the Academy website for specifics and registration. The link is: <http://wspa.mrooms3.net/>

WSPAA VIRTUAL RANGE DAY

The WSPAA is planning an afternoon at the Gander Mountain Virtual Shooting Range in Windsor again this spring. Following a successful event last spring, we are again planning a date for members to practice their skills. The event will be much like last year. This is not planned as a competition but as entertainment. We will have a few door prizes and NO GUNS TO CLEAN.

Watch the News Brief for more detail very soon. But for now, mark your calendar for **May 9, 2014, TENTATIVE DATE**. The WSPAA Board of Directors are planning to meet in the morning, if you would like to sit in and participate. The shoot will follow about 1:00 — 1:30 p.m.

Watch your mail for more details — SOON!

EFFORTS TO DIGITALLY PRESERVE WISCONSIN STATE PATROL HISTORICAL ITEMS

By Sgt David Harvey

Early Considerations:

In late 2012, the Wisconsin State Patrol was beginning preparations for the approaching 75th Anniversary of the Wisconsin State Patrol in 2014. Of the many efforts included in the preparations was one to properly organize, preserve and make available historical documents related to the history of the Wisconsin State Patrol.

Involvement of the University of Wisconsin-Madison:

As options for the handling of Wisconsin State Patrol historical documents were being discussed, Kevin Hubbard, a member of the Wisconsin State Patrol Information Technology staff recommended reaching out to the University of Wisconsin-Madison for assistance. Kevin had previously completed coursework at the UW in the area of Digital Archiving under MA, Library and Information Studies Faculty Associate, Dorothea Salo. Ms. Salo was contacted and briefed on our agency's needs. She agreed to assign our project to a Digital Archiving Team during the approaching semester.



In February of 2013, the Digital Archiving Team met with Academy Captain Chris Newman and Bureau of Field Operations (BFO) Sergeant David Harvey on the UW campus. The team discussed the goals of the project with regards to the upcoming 75th Anniversary and beyond. The team also obtained information regarding available manpower, physical and electronic storage capabilities, available equipment and the types of historical items that were currently in the DSP collection. During the meeting it was determined that the Digital Archiving Team members would benefit from being able to personally view the historical collection housed at the Wisconsin State Patrol Academy.

UW Digital Archiving Team Site Visits:

In late February, Academy Lieutenant Jerry Voight hosted the UW Digital Archiving Team at the Academy during an onsite visit. During the day-trip, the team was able to access the historical collection housed in the attic in order to document the volume and variety of types of historical items stored there. The team spent approximately five hours sorting through the collection while making notes for their project plan.

After completing the site visit to the Academy, the team produced a project charter outlining the project description, objectives and goals.

As the digital archiving team began putting their project plan together, another site visit was arranged. This time the team traveled to the DSP Central Headquarters in Madison to have an opportunity to test the digital preservation portion of their project. The team utilized DSP staff and equipment in scanning and preserving photos and documents in an electronic format.



Presentation of the UW Digital Archiving Project Plan:

On May 10, 2013, the Digital Archiving Project Leader presented her team's project plan to Superintendent Stephen Fitzgerald during a Wisconsin State Patrol Alumni Association meeting at Gander Mountain in DeForest, Wisconsin. The plan outlined strategies, procedures, options and available resources that the team had identified for use by the DSP. Beyond the written plan, instructional videos and a sample database was delivered by the team to the DSP.

Putting the UW Plan Into Action:

As the 75th Anniversary of the Wisconsin State Patrol drew closer, a committee was put together consisting of DSP members to develop a commemorative 75th Anniversary book. Anniversary book committee members were each assigned topic areas for which they were to gather information on. Early in this process the committee began to gather digital photos and scanned copies of developed photos. Following the recommendations of the UW Digital Archiving Project Plan the committee determined that it would need to identify a shared location where digital items could be uploaded, and identified. To accomplish this, a dedicated SharePoint site was created in ESponder. Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) sponsors ESponder through a company called NC4. ESponder enables agencies across Wisconsin to better plan and coordinate events through the shared use and access to Microsoft SharePoint. The anniversary book committee put together a database in SharePoint that mimicked the database designed by the Digital Archiving Team while taking advantage of the web accessibility and security provided by ESponder. As the committee assembled electronic documents from the entire spectrum of topic areas, the items were uploaded and identified in ESponder for all committee members to utilize. In addition, a historical timeline database was created to allow committee members to record significant events and dates and to attach associated documents pertaining to DSP history. In all, over 5,000 items were uploaded for use in the 75th Anniversary Commemorative Book.



Moving Forward:

As the 75th Anniversary of the Wisconsin State Patrol passes, the need to preserve and identify DSP historical items continues. Part of the Digital Archiving Team's plan included the option of involving the Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS). The team cited the climate controlled storage facilities that the WHS had available as well as the ability of the WHS to properly handle the different media types that existed in the DSP collection. While photos and documents could be scanned into electronic format with relative ease, older films and negatives presented more of a challenge. On January 15, 2014, two members of the Wisconsin Historical Society traveled to the Academy with Sergeant David Harvey to review the DSP historical collection. The two WHS employees that made the trip work exclusively with records and documents from state agencies. As the WHS representatives identified the types of records contained in the collection, they also explained how the WHS would handle items from the DSP collection. What became apparent during this discussion was the critical importance of having not just the items themselves, but the story behind them. The WHS is currently working with the DOT in evaluating the process for the transfer of records/reports that are subject to disposal under their records disposal authorization (RDA) but the mixture of other historical items in the DSP collection have yet to be addressed.

Opportunities for Assistance by Wisconsin State Patrol Alumni Association Membership:

What has been preserved to date has largely been through the gathering of digital photos and through the scanning of printed photos and documents into electronic format. This work has been done by both 75th Anniversary Committee members and by officers on temporary alternate duty. While officers on alternate duty may continue to add to the collection, the identification of the items is often a task that our officers are unable to complete. The use of ESponder for the collection of these documents allows the DSP to grant access to these items and their associated information to entities outside of the DSP; namely WSPAA members. Once access is granted through ESponder, WSPAA members may log in to the ESponder site from any computer with internet access. Within the site, the member can then view any of the documents and more importantly, add information to any of the documents. Many of the photos and documents that are in the DSP collection are of high quality but are sorely lacking in identifying information. The hope is that WSPAA members can provide the much needed detail.

Creation of a Dedicated DSP Historical Site in ESponder:

Currently the historical items that have been preserved in electronic format reside in a DSP 75th Anniversary site in ESponder. An effort is underway to move a copy of all of the saved items into a DSP Historical site that will be dedicated exclusively to the preservation and identification of DSP historical items. WSPAA members who wish to assist in this effort will be granted access to the site by a DSP ESponder Administrator. Sergeant David Harvey will demonstrate the functionality of the new site as well as grant user permissions at an upcoming WSPAA meeting.

A Joint Effort:

Creating a cooperative effort between the current and former DSP members is imperative if the history of the Wisconsin State Patrol is to be properly preserved. Our agency is fortunate to have had the proud and dedicated former employees that it does. They each played a part in creating the rich history of the DSP and they can continue to play a part in the preservation of that history.



SUMMER *SIMPLY SOCIAL* INDOOR PICNIC By Lucy Harvey

When we have asked people what they would like the WSPAA to do for activities or what they are looking for from their association, we normally hear one theme—the opportunity to just socialize, talk about old times.

With this in mind, we have made arrangements to meet that desire—a **Simply Social Picnic**.

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

No bugs, no rain, no food preparation, just time to sit and reconnect with other WSP retirees from all over the state.

We'll gather at 10:00 a.m. for conversation at Dino's Family Restaurant in Portage, WI, where we'll have lunch around 11:30 a.m. from the menu. After lunch we can continue to visit or help to identify the personnel and equipment in the photos gathered from the WSP archives. (The 75th Anniversary committee really needs the retirees' help to do this.) At 3:00 p.m. we'll head for home being much better connected again.

Directions to Dino's Restaurant:

Dino's Restaurant and Lounge

2900 New Pinery Rd. , Portage, WI 53901

608-477-4833

For more information, and to let us know who to expect to attend, contact Lucy Harvey at:

lois3545@aol.com

Hope to see you there.



WSPAA SUPERIOR GET AWAY or GET TOGETHER **by Tim Heffernan and Mary Sander**

A proposed itinerary for a three day get together in Superior, WI. The prices for the motel on Barker's Island are for a mid-week stay. These are non-summer rates. The dates are September 16 to 18, 2014. There are numerous things to do in the Superior - Duluth area.

Arrival and Stay: Barkers Island Inn

Tuesday-Thursday (under 20 rooms) at \$69 per room per night. There is a block of rooms being held for us but you must call prior to August 16 to make your personal reservation. Call 1 800 344 7515 and tell them you are with the Wisconsin State Patrol Alumni Association. For more info contact Mary Sander at twocops@baldwin-telecom.net

Things to do:

Richard I. Bong Museum: America's leading Ace of all time, who piloted a P-38 Lightning through more than 200 missions over the Southwest Pacific in World War II and destroyed 40 enemy planes - the most by any United States pilot before or since. www.bvhcenter.org for more info.

Admission Prices - Adult \$9.00, Senior(65+) \$8.00

GROUP (10 or more) Adult \$7.00, Senior(65+) \$6.00

S.S Meteor Tour: The last above water whaleback ship in the world.

Admission Prices - Adult \$7.00, Senior(62+) \$6.00

Wisconsin Point and Lighthouse: Superior Bay is a natural harbor in the northwest corner of Lake Superior. 229 acres, with 2 3/4 miles of beach. Historical marker for a sacred Chippewa burial ground. This is a great place to have a walk along the beach, picnic, or search for agates.

Admission Prices - FREE

- Additional Information:

These are just some of the things we could do in Superior.

For anyone wanting to stay longer to explore this area or want to incorporate these in the three day here are some suggestions.

In Wisconsin: Pattison State Park - home to WI highest waterfall, hiking trails.

Drive on Hwy 13 to Bayfield and visit the Apostle Islands

In Duluth: Visit the Aerial Lift Bridge in Canal Park

Lake Superior Maritime Visitor Center

Tour William A. Irvin Freighter

Glensheen Mansion - Congdon Estate

North of Duluth: Travel the North Shore via scenic 61. Stop at several scenic overlooks along the way. Visit Two Harbors Lighthouse Bed & Breakfast, Gooseberry Falls Rest Area & Visitors Center, and Split Rock Lighthouse. If you want to keep going north, you'll find Tettegouche State Park, Grand Marais, Grand Portage, then Canada.

Come join your friends and alumni for a few days in God's country. For more information contact Mary Sander at: twocops@baldwin-telecom.net



SS Meteor

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

by Bruce Bishop

Dick Schroeder

Patrol Voice and Ears for 40 Years

Dick was born in Marshfield on May 22, 1936. He was five years old when his father, Gust, moved the family to Wausau where Gust became a policeman. Five years later Gust became one of the original “police radio dispatchers” as they were called in the 40’s and 50’s and moved the family to Tomahawk where Dick graduated from Tomahawk High School in the Class of ’54. He entered the US Air Force in 1955, as an air policeman, separating in 1959.

Gust was more than just a father to Dick. He was a mentor, encouraging him to join WSP’s newly increased and upgraded communication group. Dick reported to Norv Rollins, Communication Chief, on October 1, 1959. Hired on the spot, he was assigned to the Central Communication Center, Wilson Street State Office Building in Madison. This was almost like a wedding present to him and his new bride of one month Donna Brunow, who was the daughter of the Tomahawk’s Chief of Police and a former Lincoln County Sheriff.

The Schroeder’s, now a family of four with daughters Dawn & Darcy, were just nicely settled in Madison and Dick in new quarters at Hill Farms State Office Building where statewide patrol operations had been moved in 1964.

That same year, radio operations were decentralized and moved to the district/regional level. A grand opportunity and easy choice presented itself to Dick and Donna to return to the north as a PCO at District 5 Headquarters in Spooner where another daughter, Lynda, was born. In 1975, an opening at Wausau brought them even closer to home.

Double digit minus zero cold, blizzards, icy closed roads and multiple accidents, sorting out jurisdictions, warning the public and coordinating support services became routine with special problems, often unanticipated. State Patrol coordination with local and county law enforcement during the University of Wisconsin campus riots in the 60’s, public demonstrations against Indian treaty rights to walleye fishing, chemical spills, weather and accident road closures and many other issues that made centralized coordination of decision making critical and especially difficult under media scrutiny to further complicate matters, there were also amusing (but sometimes near tragic) incidents. Dick tells about the time at Spooner when a mentally challenged person downed the microwave tower on Lookout Mountain, south of Rhinelander on November 4, 1971. The man was subsequently arrested and jailed in Lincoln County. In an escape attempt, he reportedly injured the jailer with a broom stick, confiscated his service weapon and shot three holes in the communications console. He was later rearrested and spent the next 5 years in prison. The damage to the tower resulted in splitting District 4 into two parts and leaving District 5 in Spooner all alone, without the intercom, the red telephone and teletype for several months, until a new tower was erected. They were able to communicate with District 6, utilizing a different frequency for registration and driver’s license data.

Dick retired in May of 1999 after 40 years. He is one of the unsung heroes that daily goes to work to deal with the routine, only to find themselves immersed in the special security and emergency response problems that face today’s PCOs. He has watched communication history being made and technology advanced and takes pride in the part he has played.

Dick keeps in contact through periodic visits to the Wausau post, WSPAA on line, weekly and quarterly reports and he is a regular at the NC Region breakfast meeting at 51/Q restaurant South of Merrill the second Tuesday of every month, along with invites back to the retirees get-together in Spooner.

Family, travel, Donna’s church work and Dick’s working part time for a Toyota dealership keep them more than busy. But it doesn’t interfere with their enjoying retirement at 1329 N. 4th Ave., Wausau, WI 54401. Drop in or give them a call at 715-675-7057 or send an Email to schrats54@yahoo.com.



Dick & Donna Schroeder

PCO Dick Schroeder 1999



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 (I-39 & CTH Q) south of Merrill. Contact Bill Harvey at lois3545@aol.com if you are attending.

Every Thursday — Eau Claire Retired Law Enforcement Breakfast Group, at 8:00a.m., 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.

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

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

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