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WSPAA First President and Progress By William Harvey, WSPAA President

Celebrating Our Past and Planning for the Future

The person on the telephone asked “How would you like to join an organization that doesn’t exist?” “Why would I want to do that?” I responded. “Because we would like to start the Wisconsin State Patrol Alumni Association” was the reply. “Well, that’s enticing” I am very proud of having served with the WSP and I accept the invitation” I responded.

That was 5 years ago and thanks to our hard-working Steering Committee, our association has made great progress. The initial steps were laborious and not all that exciting – registration with the State of Wisconsin, writing by-laws, setting up a financial system and borrowing funds to start the organization were major accomplishments. Janet Sabatke, Bruce Bishop, and Maynard Stoehr led with the initial registration and by-laws. We then developed our mission statement to guide our progress:

- Promote collegiality, fraternity, and fellowship
- Support the mission of the State Patrol
- Honor professional public service
- Respect the diversity of State Patrol experiences
- Preserve the heritage of the Wisconsin State Patrol
- Keep members informed about the WSP, the Wisconsin Retirement System and activities of current and former WSP employees

On reviewing our mission statement today, I believe we are right on target.

We also tried to answer the age-old question that would no doubt be asked “What’s in it for me?”

The WSPAA Quarterly Newsletters have feature articles, event information and other information. We have also kept members informed through weekly “News Briefs” with a summary of State Patrol activities that show how times are changing. Note the increase in drug arrests and reconstruction of crash or crime scenes. Also, one can see requests for WSP expertise from local and area agencies. News Briefs also keep us abreast of obituaries or other critical matters.

Socials within and across WSP Regions arranged by Regional Representatives. We have hunkered our way through a submarine, enjoyed shooting at Gander Mountain, taken an overnight train trip, and talked long and wisely at morning coffees and lunches. Tim Heffernan showed us that regional activities can be great mini-vacations.

Collaboration with the Academy for Alumni Day and recertification program for persons wishing to have a permit for concealed carry thanks to Bob Kowalski’s efforts.

Affordability – dues are kept to a minimum thanks to the tireless efforts of Treasurer Lyle Bliss. Lyle set up our merchandise sales for which we earn a small profit for the WSPAA. We have a good supplier of shirts, vests, windbreakers, caps, etc. – all quality products available at a discount.

Bill Harvey Thoughts (Continued)

Planning for the Future

Fast forward to the end of my term of office and a look toward the future. Thanks to the hard work of Membership Coordinator Mary Albeyll, Steering Committee, and the Board of Directors, we are 255 members strong, have a very positive relationship with the WSP and have been asked to play a crucial role in capturing the history of the WSP.

In 2014 the WSP will celebrate our 75th Anniversary and much work has been done for this celebration. To capture the history of the WSP, Sgt. David Harvey worked with the Madison UW Library and Information Studies to guide us in preserving our 75 years of historical memorabilia so that they are not lost and can be retrieved. The WSPAA assisted with the processing of parts..... this is a big job and any help would be appreciated.

Looking to the future, though, the Alumni Association and the State Patrol need everyone's input. UW-Madison Media Resources students set up a structure for our use and little by little we are making progress. "If not you, then who?" will be able to talk about these shots /images? Certainly the new hires won't know what the retirees know, so unless we step forward and be involved, things like Gresham, the AGS, who the WSP alumni are, and other incidents will be lost.

One important initial task is to identify the civilians who served in the communications centers, secretarial/administrative support/vehicle/buildings and grounds, etc. By putting our heads together we will be able to come up with this list and include these important people in our organization. We are more than uniformed personnel; we are civilian employees, too, who make this organization strong, professional and reputable.

Next we want to identify the who/what/when of historical photos that have been placed on the website. We can learn how to do it at one's home or come to a central site to talk things out together. To date there are 5,000 items already digitized and being identified by our members, but there are thousands of items that yet need to be processed. So. . . if not you, then who? Can help?

Future planning will also involve "Where then will items be displayed ? Where ? How ? Stored ? etc."

These are our association's first steps and as we approach 2015 we need your input. What are you willing to help the WSPAA become in the future? What can you take from it and what can you give to it ? Everyone's participation is encouraged.

We look forward to being together at our WSPAA meeting at Alumni Day on September 5, 2014. At that time we will elect new regional representatives, secretary and president. Our members will set our sights on WSPAA's future.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to have served as president for the early years of this impressive organization. Thank you all.

Editorial comment: Everyone in the WSPAA and potential members alike, owe a great deal of thank you to Bill Harvey, Bruce Bishop and everyone else who participated in the early steps of the formation of the WSPAA. It has been a lot of work. Work that will pay off for years to come. Thank you!

Don't forget the **WSPAA Annual Meeting** to be held at the Academy with the Annual Alumni meeting on **Friday, September 5, 2014**. This is where the next officers of the WSPAA will be elected. Get involved. Let President Harvey know if you are interested in being an officer or Regional Representative. Get involved.

Also, don't forget the **WSP 75th Anniversary Banquet on August 15, 2014 at the Chula Vista Resort in WI Dells**. There are still tickets available. See more detail in other portions of this newsletter and on-line at www.wspalumni.org .

Meet some long time friends and make some new friendships.

Criminal Highway Interdiction

By David Catalano, WSPAA NE Regional Rep.

In 1990, the Wisconsin State Patrol formally launched what has become known as the Highway Criminal Interdiction (HCI) program. This program, originally known as Drug Interdiction and was referred to as a Badger Stop during the 1990's, has continued to evolve morphing into the development of a K-9 unit, HCI details being conducted statewide and WSP personnel being imbedded in the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) task force in Milwaukee.

All of the State Patrol Troopers were trained in 1990 and the Inspectors were trained in 1991. The original core group of individuals who had developed and instructed the Interdiction program included Sergeants Abraham Kaalele, Jay Sampson, Jan Ward and Doug Notbohm. Troopers David Sands, Phillip Wenzel, Steve Williams and David Catalano. These individuals attended training in Illinois and Ohio prior to developing and introducing the interdiction concepts to all WSP personnel.

After having received the training in interdiction, the troopers and inspectors were charged with seeking "indicators" of illegal activity during their traffic contacts. Indicators are the alter-meaning physical items within the vehicle. An example of an alter-meaning item may be displaying anti-drug abuse slogan decals with an excessive number of deodorizing items and a lived-in appearance within the vehicle. Indicators are also derived from the behavior characteristics being displayed by the driver and passengers within the vehicle. Behavioral characteristics can also be indicators which would include excessive nervousness such as shaking hands, an excessive or lack of eye contact, inappropriate sweating, a very dry mouth, misdirection hand movements such as pointing away from the vehicle in an attempt to keep an officer from focusing on the vehicle and many others.

Additionally, a very powerful indicator can be listening to the person on how they speak and choose the words they say and then listening to how the words are spoken. Based upon Dr. Abraham Mehbriam's communication studies in the 1960's, he determined in America, communication is based upon the following: 7% of our communication are the words we speak, 38% of our communication is how the words are spoken and 55% of our communication is kinesics, or body language. During the validation studies in the 1970's, which confirmed Dr. Mehbriam's findings, it was determined there were 3 subsets to the 38% component of how the words were spoken. The 3 subsets are: Use of tones, use of pitches and the rate of speech. Tones would include stammering, stuttering, choppy and or broken speech and the use of "Um" "Ah" and "Huh?" during responses. Dr. Mehbriam's research shown that the higher the pitch of the voice during a particular response, or set of responses, is indicative of deception. Finally, the faster the "rate of speech" the more deceptive the response. In other words, the faster a person talks the less factual the information they are providing.

The 7% of communication, the words spoken, surprises many people as they believe communication is all about words. Words, without pitches, tones, rate of speech and body language can be perceived in ways other than were intended. How many times did you send someone an email or wrote them a note and then discovered they were upset with you. They were able to interpret the meaning behind the words other than was intended because there were not pitches, tones, rate of speech nor kinesics included with the words. Examples of a person's deceptive use of words would include the use of "unsure answers" in response to an officer's question such as, "Not that I know of." or "If there are drugs that I don't know about in my vehicle will I get into trouble because I don't know anything." The person's use of concept words in their response such as the words "honestly" and "truthfully" are always suspect and suggest the person is attempting to sell the officer on the concepts those words represent. Overstatement words such as "completely," "actually" and "totally" are deceptive words used to disarm a law enforcement officer verbally, such as, "Actually officer, I am being perfectly safe."

The 38% of communication in America of how the person said the words is important for understanding the words used. How many times have we said or had said to us, "It is not what you said, but how you said it!" The pitches, tones and rate of speech provide the listener with the intended meaning of the words such as sincerity, sarcasm, humor, innuendo or deception.

Another critical facet of HCI training provided is vehicle searching. If an officer develops the ability to identify the various indications of illicit activity present, the next critical task is searching for the instrumentalities of the crime and supporting evidence. Vehicle searches can be very complex, difficult and dangerous. The use of after-market hidden compartments, also known as traps, has become common in vehicles. Additionally, there are a vast number of natural areas within a vehicle which can be utilized for secreting the evidence or contraband. Officers received initial vehicle searching training and have continued to receive enhanced training as it becomes available and as various trends continue to emerge. WSP personnel are continually challenged with the following scenario, "Imagine you are transporting a kilo of cocaine from Miami to Milwaukee and traveling thru areas where the officers are well trained in HCI. You must hide the cocaine in your vehicle in such a manner as the defeat an experienced officer in searching the vehicle and also defeat the drug sniffing K-9, which is very difficult. How and where would you hide the contraband? As you think of this scenario, notice how creative you were in secreting the contraband. Are you that creative when searching? That is the officer's task!"

HCI has continued to develop and grow as a vital organizational mission since 1990 when it was first introduced. Seizures, both in numbers of arrests and in the amount of contraband located continues to be realized by the WSP. As evidenced by this article, the training has also been enhanced and is a critical on-going component of a successful HCI program.

Trooper Debbie McMenamín's Revolver & Badge on display at the American Police Hall of Fame and Museum

By Lee McMenamín

Trooper Debbie McMenamín's revolver and badge are now on display at the American Police Hall of Fame and Museum. Debbie died tragically on October 26, 1989 when she was struck by a vehicle while making a traffic stop near Eau Claire.

After visiting the American Police Hall of Fame and Museum, Debbie's family decided the Museum would be an appropriate place to display these items. The museum, located adjacent to the Astronaut Hall of Fame, is at the entrance to the Kennedy Space Center, near Titusville, FL. The museum is the nation's first museum and memorial honoring all American law enforcement professionals. The mission of the museum is to honor those who have chosen a career in law enforcement and to memorialize the men and women of the United States who have lost their lives while serving as a law enforcement officer.

The weapon donated was Debbie's Smith and Wesson 357 magnum. The weapon was of particular interest to the museum for several reasons. The first being; it was a weapon that had been assigned to a fallen officer. Also of great interest was the WSP logo that was engraved on these models. The museum has dedicated a special place for the display of the gun. In addition to the Smith and Wesson on display is Debbie's Trooper badge, a Wisconsin State Patrol shoulder patch and the Wisconsin Trooper magazine that was published in memory of Debbie.

The museum is open daily and is an interactive experience. The museum is divided into three parts: The memorial area honoring fallen officers, the museum and a shooting center. A visitor to the museum will find displays of police vehicles, crime scene simulators, law enforcement equipment both modern and vintage along with movie props from motion pictures. The museum also hosts an onsite shooting center with computerized target systems.



STATE PATROL 75TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE: By Steve Olson, WIDOT

Activities to acknowledge the Wisconsin State Patrol's 75th anniversary are continuing.

Anniversary Book

The Anniversary Book Committee is working closely with the vendor to produce a high-quality publication. The committee is currently editing the first draft and the book will be printed later this year.



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Banquet

Tickets are on sale for the 75th Anniversary Banquet on Friday, Aug. 15, 2014, at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. As of late May, approximately 190 tickets have been sold. Tickets can be ordered online at the Wisconsin Troopers Association website: www.wisconsinstrooper.org.

Memorabilia

The WTA also has 75th Anniversary Challenge Coins for sale on the website. Die-cast models of cruisers with the anniversary markings will be available soon.

Video

A video highlight the State Patrol's 75-year history is under production and will be available later this summer on the State Patrol's anniversary website at: www.dot.wi.gov/statepatrol/anniversary.

License Plate and Logo

Troopers' and Inspectors' marked vehicles are now displaying 75th anniversary logos and license plates.



Inspector Vern Stanley of the Southwest Region—DeForest Post with the new 75th anniversary license plate and logo decal on his vehicle.

DSP Logo Wear

The WSPAA has our own online store! <http://wspaa.qbstores.com>

Our store features a variety of apparel and other merchandise with the embroidered WSPAA logo, WSP logo as well as the State Patrol 75th Anniversary Logo.

Check all of the information on the WSPAA webpage at: <http://wspalumni.org/index.html>

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 SHOW AND TELL ON JULY 21 AT THE WAUKESHA POST

By Lucy Harvey

The WSPAA will host a get-together at the WSP's Waukesha Post meeting room on Monday, July 21 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The day's get-together will be four-fold:

- 1) Someone from the Milwaukee Honor Flight is eager to tell the group about requirements and plans for the upcoming flights that will now include Korean War Veterans. He is invited at 11:30.
- 2) We will look at images that have been captured for the 75th Anniversary celebration and the history of the WSP. Also we would like to show people how they can look online and identify people/places/things on their own. If you have a laptop computer, please bring it along. In addition we will have an enormous box of photos and some marker pens so retirees can help capture even more of the photos that have yet to be identified. "If not you, then who?" can identify them?
- 3) Of course, coffee is always crucial to an event's success, so come at 11:00 to socialize and later we'll enjoy a sub sandwich luncheon together.
- 4) It will be fun to see WSP alumni and catch up on what they are currently doing.

We thank Lt. Reichenberger for his willingness to host this event, and Lt. Hefti for making the connection for us.

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

A three day get together in Superior, WI has been planned. 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 (www.barkersislandinn.com)

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

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

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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WHERE ARE THEY NOW

by Bruce Bishop

If you were in one of the early academy classes, you can't help but remember the most important person or persons that helped you through those difficult 13 weeks, though at the same time they may have seemed more a hindrance and threat than a help. They were the Commandants (later officially called Assistant Training Officers [ATOs]).

They were personally selected by the Division Administrator or highly recommended by District Commanders and for thirteen weeks they lived among the cadets as an ad hoc member of the Academy staff, providing a link between the Class and the administration. They were the counterparts of military Drill Sergeants with a little bit of chaplain thrown in. They were mentors, counselors, evaluator, scheduler, confidant, and logisticians responsible for development of the cadets as they proceeded through the course curriculum. They were the ones who didn't just keep the train running but kept it running smoothly and on time.

Since the first class in 1955, there have been one hundred eleven who have held this position, some at midpoint, having multiple tours. They left their homes, their families and lived on site with the cadets sharing their quarters, their hours of operation and their time off duty which was ten days on duty and four days home to tend to their families. They were last to leave the campus and first to return.

One of the early Commandants was Maynard Stoehr, a graduate of the First Recruit Class and Commandant of Ninth Recruit Class. Maynard was born in 1928. He graduated from the First Recruit Class in December of 1955 and wore badge number 106. His first assignment was in District 2 and later District 1 living in Janesville. Following his stint as Commandant he was promoted to Sergeant and was selected for the Long Course at NUTI. After completion he was assigned to the Academy Staff where he remained until he moved to the Motor Vehicle Department Headquarters as Chief of planning and training programs. Maynard was one of the principles in the formation of WSPAA, formulating the By-Laws and continues to serve as a valued member of the steering committee.

Asked to sum up his term as a Commandant he said "It was like living in a world of wonder; every day you wondered what would be coming up next."

Maynard was one of over 100 who have served as Commandants or ATOs, one third of whom have gone on to more responsible duties including two who became superintendents, two Colonels, three Majors, seven Captains, two lieutenants and thirteen Sergeants. All of which seems to indicate that being a Commandant was an early leg up in career advancement.

Records show that 14 women have filled the role of ATO beginning with Marsha Wiley for the 42nd Recruit Class.

Maynard lives in Oregon, WI at 441 Waterman Ln. ,Ph 608 835 5372 -Email mstoehr@charter.net.

Check in with him and say thanks.

A special thanks to Sgt John Heffernan of the Academy staff for supplying much of the raw data used in producing this article.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

75Th Anniversary Banquet, Annual Alumni Luncheon at the Academy, WSPAA Annual Business Meeting, Social gatherings and Identification of Historical State Patrol Photos, , CCW Alumni Certifications, etc. Check out the EVENTS tab of our web page for more information and registrations.

This is YOUR association. Here is the link:

<http://wspalumni.org/events.htm>



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____ New member: Please complete the entire form

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Name: _____

Street Address: _____

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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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