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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE –

Hello Members,

I am writing this as I look out the window at the 4th snowstorm we've had in the last two weeks with snow amounts of over 6 inches. Days like this use to cause me great anxiety knowing I'd be assigned to the Interstate in St Croix County. I'm sure we all have more than one story to tell about weather related crashes. We risked our own lives and well-being to serve the motoring public.

The 40th recruit class graduated right before deer season in 1990. My first cruiser was totaled on January 11, 1991 when two semis lost control on the snow covered roadway. One semi ran into my cruiser sending it into the ditch. My field training officer and I were out of the cruiser investigating a different crash. We ran for our lives through the deep snow as we watched my cruiser come airborne towards us.

October 1991 brought the Great Halloween snow storm which was supposed to be a few flurries but ended up being 28 inches of snow. Snow plows were pulled off the Interstate as it

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was too dangerous and they just couldn't keep up. Semis and cars got stuck and the drivers just abandoned them on the roadway.

These incidents happened my first year out of the Academy. I would have 23 more winters to get through before I retired. The first winter after I retired, I would look out the window and think the snow really is pretty as it comes down. I do however think of my Brothers and Sisters out there still working the highways and hope they all stay safe.

I told these stories because as your President, I'm hoping more of you will use this newsletter to tell your stories. I love to hear the adventures and incidents that happened during the WSP history. I have said before and I will say it again, "If we don't tell our stories then who will?" I challenge each one of you, all 274 members, to reminisce and write a paragraph or two about something that happened during your career. Don't let the tank trails, the sharing of speed equipment, the lack of equipment, the someone may have buried their cruiser in the mud, the Troop picnics, and any other story you want to share get lost. I think even the newest of Troopers want to hear our "old" war stories.

If you decide to share something you can submit it to Kim Hurley, kimwspaa@gmail.com I do want you to only tell your own stories and don't submit anything that may cause harm to anyone else.

Stay safe everyone and think Spring.

Mary

Wisconsin State Patrol Alumni Association Board Meeting

At Stevens Point Police Department - Thursday, August 15, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Lindemann at 10:00 AM followed by our Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in Attendance – President Scott Lindemann, Vice President Phil Wenzel, Communications Director Kim Hurley

Treasurer Linda Woldt, Membership Mary Sander, Secretary Gary Brogan

Regional Reps – Mike Jennings – SW, Keith Young – NW, Ruth Tiry – SW, Ray Sondelski – NC

Guest – Cris Lewis (wife of Mark Lewis)

AGENDA - Motion by Gary Brogan to approve the Agenda, second by Phil Wenzel, approved.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT – We received an email from Jim Trussler's daughter Cheri looking for photos or anything when Jim was employed with the WSP. Consensus of opinion was to have her contact Dave Harvey at HF as we don't have anything.

We also received the letter and info regarding publishing another anniversary book for the WSP, not the WSPAA. We felt there wasn't enough interest and the 75th anniversary book was marketed recently and the next anniversary would be our 100th in the year 2039.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Treasurer Linda Woldt reported that there is \$14,188.51. Keith asked how that compares with a year ago – Linda said on August 21st last year it was \$14,481.

Ray asked if we have any plans for spending any of it for donations. We haven't found anything yet other than paying for the member's lunch at the annual meeting, last year it was \$900.00. We also agreed to pay for the board members mileage back and forth to the quarterly meetings and at times their lunch. There are other association operating expenses for various office equipment necessities, publishing, office supplies, postage, etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Membership -

Mary Sander distributed the newest membership list. We have 265 members which included a couple of new members just added not too long ago. Keith recruited some new members at an event recently. Plus Mary passed around a copy of the sympathy letter she sent to Mrs. Doug Van Buren.

WSPAA NEWS & MEETINGS - Kim said she has been working regularly with Diane King & the website is all up to date, she has the info for the annual meeting. Thanks to Mary we also have our 2015 By-laws on the website. Keith asked if we have the last recruit class info on the website as yet – that info hasn't become available but will work on it when it does.

Phil said he would like to see an article from 1975 or something in our past history.

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETING - We discussed a number of subjects including the correspondence on publishing another anniversary book, an award company that produces belt buckles and other awards. We have access to the clothing store on the web which we have used for years. The subject of coffee and/or travel mugs and polo shirts and hats came up and if we should consider having a merchandise table at the annual meeting with any limited edition items. Keith described how they had t-shirts made up for their ATV club and they sold out and he thinks we are missing out on a pot of gold by not having a merchandise table at the annual meeting. It was felt that most items couldn't be produced in time for the annual meeting which is in less than a month. Gary said he would check with local shops in Sun Prairie if they could have a limited number of mugs with our WSPAA logo made up in time for the annual meeting, they must be dishwasher safe.

We had a short discussion on challenge coins, cost, popularity of them, what to do with them, so many of them just end up in your drawer however some members pursue them and are always looking for them. (Their origin was with the military when you always carried your challenge coin with you and when you got together as a group, anyone that didn't have their challenge coin on their person was

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responsible to pay the tab for the group!) The consensus was not to bring up any of these items at the annual meeting.

Mary said we only have 22 registrations so far and they have to be in by the 19th – during the meeting

Kim quickly sent out a group email to everyone reminding of the deadline if they wish to attend the annual meeting. Linda said our timing has been off especially with the confusion over the date change. We talked about the agenda and what is needed for the election of our President, Secretary and NW and SW Regional Representatives.

Agenda and when to have the meeting and election, timing critical to correspond with academy agenda, the CCW shoot at 8:00 AM, registration as we did last year. Elections for President and Secretary as well as Regional Representatives are number one on the Agenda. We had a brief discussion on the requirements, by-law definitions and how to proceed at the annual meeting. The membership has been notified about the election and nominations can be made from the floor, etc.

Keith Young nominated Mary Sander for President.

After a lengthy discussion on the Wisconsin flag boxes that are presented to the family of the deceased and the possibility of considering a wooden, laser engraved plaque with a metal challenge type emblem on it, it was decided not to wait any longer but to just proceed and make a donation to the WSP Honor Guard toward their travel expenses. Mike Jennings made a motion that we make a one-time donation of \$500.00 to the WSP Honor Guard toward their travel expenses, second by Gary, approved. Treasurer Linda Woldt will write the check and present it to the Honor Guard at the annual meeting.

Scott said he had received a letter from Jody R. Wormet who is the new section chief for Engineering and Communications within the Bureau of Support Services (see the text of the letter at the end of these minutes). Phil and Mike spoke about Jody and Phil gave the background that Jody graduated with Phil's oldest daughter, he was with DCI and ran the evidence bus at crime scenes and coordinated all the evidence, etc. He left DCI to go to DOT. We should invite him to the next board meeting and then put the info out to our membership, similar to when we went to the radio shop and looked at all their new equipment.

Regarding the upcoming election and casting ballots, Keith suggested we just put the names up on a chalkboard and write down the names of who they are voting for. Further info on who can be elected to the board - they must be a full member (associate or honorary member are not included) and those are the only ones that can be a voting member.

Brief comments on other subjects before the end of the meeting –

Mike said we had a good turnout at the Green Lantern breakfast the first Thursday of every month –

Phil was at the WTA golf outing on Monday and tried to recruit some old retirees that aren't members –

Ray thanked Cris for coming to our meeting, her comments and experience were very welcome –

Mike has WSP hats to give away at the annual meeting and will toss random members names in a hat at registration and give them away at various times during the meeting -

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Keith made a motion to adjourn at 12:01 PM, second by Ray, approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Brogan, Secretary

Letter of August 3rd, 2018 from BSS, DWSP Section Chief Jody R. Wormet to Scott Lindeman:

Good morning,

I just wanted to take a quick opportunity to introduce myself. I am the new section chief for Engineering and Communications, within the Bureau of Support Services. Major Huibregtse and I were discussing opportunities to work with the Alumni Association and perhaps get the word out concerning new technologies being implemented in the fleet and elsewhere in the Bureau. If interested, perhaps we could set up a call in the coming weeks to discuss further.

Thanks for your time. Best,

Jody

WSPAA ANNUAL MEETING AT FORT MC COY

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 7, 2018

President Scott Lindemann welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming today, there were a total of 77 members and guests.

We continued with the WSP Honor Guard entrance and presentation of colors followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Scott and the Board presented the Honor Guard with our donation check in the amount of \$500.00 for their use as they deem appropriate. The Honor Guard graciously accepted and all of the Board enjoyed a round of handshakes with the Honor Guard.

President Scott said the next item on the agenda is the need for a change in our bylaws, further explanation:

ARTICLE 7 REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES, Section 1 (a) which now reads:
Regional Representatives shall be elected from the Board of Directors or appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors for the term of four (4) years - it needs to be corrected to read"for a term of two (2) years" instead of four..... which will make it coincide with the rest of the bylaws wording and description which can be found in ARTICLE 8: ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE.

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Motion by John Gifford to approve, second by Tom Cantrell, approved.

VP Phil introduced the Board members and Regional Representatives, he also introduced Cris Lewis, wife of deceased trooper Mark Lewis, and thanked her for her help and her wish to participate in the WSPAA.

Phil also thanked Kim for doing such an excellent job assuming all the responsibilities after Bob Young passed away.

Mike Jennings had made up appropriate name tags and graduation badges for:

50th class graduates – Dick Kort and Phil Wenzel

60th class graduates – Leo Sendelbach

Mike had intended to recognize and thank those members however, Dick and Leo left after lunch and were not available.

ELECTIONS- Phil explained the positions on the Board whose terms are up and need to be filled by nominations and voting by the members for President, Secretary, SW Regional Representative, NW Regional Representative.

PRESIDENT - Keith Young nominated Mary Sander for President, Maynard Stoehr moved that the nominations be closed, it was accepted, there was a unanimous yes vote cast, and there were no nay votes.

With regard to the NW and SW Regional Representatives and Secretary, after a short discussion Maynard Stoehr's motion to accept those in their present positions and close the nominations, it was accepted, there was a unanimous yes vote cast, there were no nay votes.

Out-going President Scott said it has been a pleasure to serve as president and thanked the board for all their help and continuing efforts to help him keep the WSPAA alive and well.

Mary thanked everyone for voting her president and assured us we are in good hands.

Phil thanked Scott for taking over as president when Tim Heffernan passed away nearly four years ago and presented Scott with a card and a framed certificate of thanks from the Board.

Gary thanked everyone for their vote and said he was humbled to be WSPAA secretary.

As we concluded the annual meeting "The Old Major Bruce Bishop" stood up and thanked everyone for being here and continuing the WSPAA and everything it stands for!!

(It was great to have him with us along with his driver Tom Kelly.) Unfortunately Bill Harvey was unable to attend.

Our 2019 annual meeting will be at the WSPA on Friday, September 6th.

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Our next board meeting will be on at 10:00 AM, Thursday, November 8th at the Stevens Point PD and we need to contact Ray to see if he can set it up again to meet there as we did last time.

Thank you, respectfully submitted –
Gary Brogan
Secretary

WISCONSIN STATE PATROL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MINUTES

November 8th, 2018 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

4TH Quarter Board Meeting - Stevens Point Police Dept.

The meeting was called to order at 10:22 a.m. by President Mary Sander, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by everyone.

AGENDA – Motion by Linda Woldt, second by Kim Hurley, approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Secretary Brogan said that we added 3 more to our USPS mailing list due to problems where the members were not receiving WSPAA emails. Gary will double check the current membership list for snow bird addresses to be sure they are included.

Most of our quarterly newsletter costs are for copying, paper, envelopes, postage and related items. If anyone has any idea how to make it more effective or cost effective, please let Gary know. There were no suggestions.

Gary passed around an example of WSPAA pens with the name & internet address that he ordered 50 from Pensexpress with funds he had in PayPal.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Treasurer Woldt said we have \$14,693.29 in checking minus today's lunch cost and the \$870.00 for the corrected statement for the annual meeting at the WSPA. Keith asked what we had in checking last year at this time, Linda said it was \$13,823.29. After discussion Phil made a motion to approve payment of the amended annual luncheon statement, second by Gary, approved.

Kim asked if on future financial reports we can get a print out of the treasurer's report reflecting what we've spent since the previous meeting. It would make it easier for us to figure out where we are and then we can include it in our newsletter to the members. Everyone agreed and Linda will do so. Mary said the bylaws show we should have an audit every once in a while. Ruth moved to approve the report, second by Phil, approved.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS -

Membership Report – Mary Sander said we have 270 members and she mailed a friendly reminder with renewal membership applications to those members who were not current and do not have emails. There are 126 members that have renewed for 2019 so far. Linda said she received 2 payments this week.

Mary said she will bring up later the subject of finding a Membership Chairman to replace her.

News and Mailings – Kim said she has a draft for the next quarterly newsletter which mostly pertains to the annual meeting, but need pictures of Phil and Mary for our web site, Keith took the pictures and gave them to Kim.

Regional Representatives Reports – We hope to have 2 in each Region:

N.W. Region —Keith said nothing new to report, it has been quiet. Mary said she went to the last get together at Trego and handed out renewals. Keith said when they first started they had 15-17 people, but by attrition it just keeps getting smaller as the younger ones are not interested.

S.W. Region – Ruth Tiry Ruth said the only get together is way down in Mc Farland and she has been passing around the info. Mary said it strange that nothing is cropping up around Tomah or La Crosse. But Ruth said it's kind of a younger group there and they don't want to get involved after retiring. There is a group get together in Duncan but they won't join the association.

Phil said that Scott Lindemann wanted to stay on as a Rep. Mary asked him at the last meeting and he said yes, so we will check with him first to be sure. We will keep in touch with Mike Jennings as he has always been involved with the members history and recognizing the different classes at the annual meetings.

Ruth mentioned that although she is a SW Region Rep right now, she would accept the NW Region as it is closer to where she lives.

N.C. Region – Ray Sondelski and Bruce Bishop, but neither are here today.

N.E. Region – Lyle Sconzert and one vacancy

N.W. Region – Keith and one vacancy

S.E. Region – Orv Froh and one vacancy

OLD BUSINESS – Kim said we need to promote ourselves. Keith said he started to do press releases at the DOT office, they had two people, one was a tech and the other was press PR news media.

Gary said there is lot of WSP video etc. on the internet on the DOT – WSP website, but you don't know about it unless you happen to bump into it or are looking for it.

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Phil said he would write up something for the newsletter and get it to Kim with a copy to Mary along with Keith's page of maps with descriptions on the back.

Alumni Day 2018 – Mary said she thinks we did an exceptional job on such short notice, and in spite of the date change and she appreciates everyone here. Mary was rubbing elbows with everyone at the annual meeting and didn't hear any negative comments.

NEW BUSINESS - Alumni Day 2019 – will be on **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2019, AT 10:00 AM.**

Kim will keep it in the newsletters, so that all the members are aware of the date, etc. Mary said she met with Frank and they had a discussion about our annual meeting, its future, when, where, etc. Basically Frank said he doesn't want the annual meeting at the WSPA and we should find a different venue all together. We don't know if he is just the messenger or where this is coming from. Frank said he doesn't understand why the members want to get together at the WSPA, they did not like it here, complained about the food, training, etc. plus he said it is getting harder and harder to get on the Fort. Frank wants an agenda by April 2019 and we can do that subject to change.

As we all discussed, our annual meeting began years ago before the WSPAA even existed. Previous management started it and we came along later.

Mary said we don't know if what we're being told is accurate, after talking to Frank she went to Paul and he also said it is getting harder and harder to get on the Fort.

We all had a lengthy discussion on the circumstances and possible outcome:
Make contact with all the necessary contacts at the base, like Base Security and what it would take to make it easier for members to get on the base.
Provide them with a list of attendees or whatever they require for members to enter the base -
We could have one or two of us at the gate to assist in whatever way needed.
Mary said we will move forward and figure out what we have to do and finalize at the next board meeting. In the meantime we have to develop who the contacts are on the Fort McCoy base. We will schedule the agenda, so members remain in the auditorium we will have our meeting before the Superintendent speaks.

After further discussion Kim said she will make up a form with simple yes / no answers to send out by email. And correspondence asking the members if they want to have the annual meeting at the WSPA, do they want it every year or every other year; if not at the Academy can they suggest another location; would you like to see a WSPAA coffee cup or mug approximate

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cost \$5-10 each; or a challenge coin approximate cost \$10-15.00 each. It will also have a firm deadline for to return to her.

We also discussed an alternate such as Chula Vista which Phil says would be happy to have us there as September is one of their slower months. He will work up some details and let us know.

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR – Mary will talk to Cris Lewis and see if she would be interested in being the Membership Coordinator.

Round Table - We had a discussion on challenge coins, size, cost, colors, what they are made of and comparison with other law enforcement organizations. Cris Lewis has done some work on them because Mark had previously worked on them for the WTA. We will wait until the next meeting and see what she has come up with.

Coffee cups and mugs were also discussed and will see what our supplier Queensboro has to offer, they must be quality and no junk.

Free lifetime membership for older members using Bruce Bishop's suggestions were also discussed, he had suggested anyone age 90 or more. We also touched on honorary and associate memberships with no changes being suggested or made.

Phil said that Lt. Wanless had put out a memo a couple of weeks ago about the WSP memorial. There is no set location as yet and it needs to be somewhere other than the Academy. Our consensus of opinion is that it should be at the new DOT building where John Q Public can see and honor it. No new date for a meeting has been set nor are their dollars budgeted yet or will they come from the State. We all need to let them know and get as many involved as possible. Ryan at the WTA said that if everyone sold five of their calendars it would raise \$30,000.00. Kim said the WTA calendars are not out yet, but when they become available they would like us to sell them.

Our next board meeting is on Thursday, March 21st 2019 at 10:00 AM at District 4, Wausau. We all decided that Wausau is more of a central location with regard to the driving time for all of us.

Motion by Keith to adjourn at 1:09 PM, second by Kim, approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Brogan-Secretary

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EVENTS—Regularly Scheduled Gatherings;

- 1). **2nd Monday of the Month**— Aurora Hospital Cafeteria, 2845 Greenbrier Rd., Green Bay, WI 9:00 am— Join us for coffee. All are welcome.
 - 2). **First Thursday of the Month** - just show up at 9:00 am at the Green Lantern, McFarland, WI.
 - 3). **Last Thursday of Even Numbered Months** - WISDOT/DNR Retiree Breakfast at 9:30 am at "The Prime" in Trego, WI. Contact Connie Salquist (ConnieSalquist@yahoo.com).
 - 4). **Monthly** — ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) - contact Dennis Schroeder for date, time, and location. The location varies but is generally in the North Central portion of the state. Everyone welcome. denniss@charter.net
 - 5). **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.
 - 6). **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 kimwspaa@gmail.com. Thank you.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION or RENEWAL

_____ *New member, please complete the entire form*

_____ Membership Renewal:

If there is no change in your address, telephone or email, please enter the year(s) you are renewing for in this box and fill in your name below.

Membership year runs from January 1, through December 31.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

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

Highest Rank/Position: _____ Recruit Class # _____ Badge# _____

_____ Full Member: \$15.00/year or _____ Associate Member: \$15.00/year

If you wish to pay multiple years, you may do so by multiplying the number of years by \$15.00.

Amount Paid: _____

Make your check payable to: WSPAA, Inc. and return this form along with your check to: Linda Woldt, 3120 Breeze Drive, Sun Prairie, WI 53590.

For Inquiries on your Membership, please contact:

Membership Coordinator: Cris Lewis (swimlewis@sbcglobal.net)

920-470-2145 OR

WSPAA Treasurer: Linda Woldt (wspaa2011@gmail.com) 608-279-0661

The Dutch Reach: A No-Tech Way to Save Bicyclists' Lives



This simple change in the way you get out of your car can save lives — of cyclists,

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By **Tanya Mohn**

• Oct. 5, 2018

If Michael Charney has his way, more Americans would adopt a simple method to prevent “doorings,” a type of collision when a driver or passenger in a parked car opens a door into the path of a cyclist.

He calls the maneuver the “Dutch Reach,” and it works like this: When you are about to exit the car, you reach *across* your body for the door handle with your far or opposite hand. This action forces you to turn toward the side view mirror, out and then back over your shoulder to be sure a bicyclist is not coming from behind. Only then do you slowly open the door.

“Dodging open car doors is a daily risk” for urban cyclists, said Dr. Charney, a retired physician and dedicated cyclist.

Fatal bike crashes are on the rise in the United States; in 2016 the [highest number of cyclist deaths](#) since 1991 was recorded. The research doesn’t say how many of those deaths are from doorings specifically, or how effective the Dutch Reach method is in preventing crashes, but [a study done in 2015 in Vancouver](#), British Columbia, found that the car-to-cyclist crash type with the most injuries was doorings, said Kay Teschke,

professor emeritus at the [School of Population and Public Health](#) at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver.

“A lot of people think because cars are stopped, doorings can’t be serious, but they are very common, and they absolutely can be very serious,” she said. “There have been deaths.”

Dr. Teschke and other experts say infrastructure — like designated bike lanes that separate traffic and bicyclists — is a key to safety, but there are actions cyclists and drivers can take on their own.

Make It a Habit, Start With a Ribbon

Dr. Charney created the [Dutch Reach Project](#) in 2016 after a 27-year-old nursing student rode into an open car door and died five blocks from his home in Cambridge, Mass. Her death followed several other recent cyclist fatalities in the area.

He said the Dutch Reach is taught in some bike safety classes and professional fleet trainings, and now two states — [Massachusetts](#) and [Illinois](#) — include it in their official driver’s manuals. Even so, the method is not widely known or used in the United States.

Dr. Charney acknowledges that it is difficult to change behavior and learn new habits. “I had a hard time retooling myself,” he said. “But it’s a simple behavioral fix; if you do it, it works.”

He suggests putting a ribbon on your car door latch as a visual reminder that you’re supposed to use your far hand to open the door instead of just instinctually opening the door as you always have.

This small maneuver goes beyond being a good Samaritan. It can help drivers and passengers avoid serious and costly damage to cars and the hassle of repairs, and protects them from stepping out into traffic and getting injured or killed by other cars, as well as bicycles.

Tips That Go Beyond the Dutch Reach

There is no name in Dutch for this technique — it’s just second nature to Dutch drivers, and has been for years. It has been deeply ingrained in the country’s culture.

“It’s just what Dutch people do,” said Fred Wegman, professor emeritus of [Traffic Safety](#) at [Delft University of Technology](#) and the former managing director of the [National Institute for Road Safety Research SWOV](#) in the Netherlands. “All Dutch are taught it. It’s part of regular driver education.”

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The robust bike safety culture that exists in the Netherlands today was not always the case. Serious injury and death were once more prevalent.

“But they just did not accept it. They systematically and proactively went about changing their safety systems,” Dr. Teschke said. “They tried big things and small things to see what will work. They just take safety really, really seriously.”

We can, too, she explained, even if we don’t have the same cycling culture, or even the same number of cyclists. Here are some other tactics that we could all apply.

Teach Bicycle Safety Early

That education begins long before getting behind the wheel. Dutch schoolchildren starting at about 10 to 12 years old learn about road safety for roughly one hour a week for 40 weeks. “It’s part of the curriculum in primary school,” Professor Wegman said. Schoolchildren learn how to ride bikes safely and afterward are tested on their bikes in traffic. They learn the importance of shared roadways to make sure that both drivers and cyclists are aware of each other and know each other’s rules, he said.

He said he had observed that a number of cities and countries in Europe have embraced the Dutch Reach, and so can Americans. “It’s not unique to the Dutch” anymore, he said.

[The League of American Bicyclists](#) offers resources to cyclists of all ages to learn about [Smart Cycling](#) — from safety tips to how to find a [local bike safety class](#).

Keep Bike Running Lights On, Day and Night

In [a recent Danish study](#), keeping your bicycle lights on all the time reduced the chances of a collision by nearly 50 percent, Dr. Teschke said. Bike-sharing programs typically keep the lights on in their fleets, she said, most likely one of the reasons those programs tend to have lower crash rates than for those riding personal bikes.

Consider Professional Defensive Driver Training

Driver training is, in general, more rigorous and more costly in the Netherlands than in the United States. “In the Netherlands, parents are not allowed to teach their children,” Professor Wegman said. “We have formal driver education schools.”

Instruction is highly regulated, and classes are expensive. The cost of getting a driver's license in 2017 was about \$2,734 (2,300 euros), which includes about 38 hours of professional instruction, he said, quoting figures from the [Dutch Driver License Agency](#).

The far hand method of opening the door is included in drivers’ training and the exam that candidates take before getting licensed. “If they fail to do it or do it incorrectly, they fail the test,” Professor Wegman said. “The exam is serious business.”

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It's never too late to improve your driving knowledge. Drivers of all ages and levels can get instruction on and offline offered by many organizations, including [AAA](#), [AARP](#) and the [National Safety Council](#) will teach the "Far Hand Reach" technique to both operator-side and passenger-side users starting in January.

A Survivor Shares His Advice

Peter Hahn, 38, an analyst for the Defense Department and a regular bicyclist in Washington, had several near misses over the years, but he avoided a serious crash until last year when he biked down a quiet side street at 15-plus miles per hour. "As I approached an intersection, a door opened and my swerve wasn't enough to avoid the door corner poking into my front spokes," he recounted, and he was launched onto the pavement.

He awoke to the sounds of a fire truck and an ambulance, "and someone telling me not to move. I had to have 11 centimeters of titanium and eight screws inserted to stabilize" a serious arm fracture, he said, and was in a cast for weeks, attended weekly physical therapy sessions and has a lifelong scar.

"I lost a third of a year to that injury. I'm able to do pull-ups and hold my infant son," he said, "but I will never be the same. If the car driver had opened — at first — a crack, instead of fully, I would have made it home that night."

The Dutch Reach could have an effect if it becomes second nature, "like checking both ways before you cross a road," Mr. Hahn said. Until then, his advice to cyclists: ride a foot farther out on quiet side streets. For drivers: "a mere glance in the side-view plus blind spot would all but eliminate dooring."

"The Dutch have evolved into a culture that respects the right for everyone to get home safely," Dr. Charney said. "It's a change I'd love to see here."

THANK YOU FROM THE HONOR GUARD

Kim,

Please express a sincere thank you to the Alumni Association from the members of the State Patrol Honor Guard Unit for the very generous monetary donation! The men and women of the Honor Guard Unit strive to honor our country, our fallen brothers and sisters in Law Enforcement, as well as our retiree's that have passed on before us. We could not make this happen without the great support around us! Thank you for joining in this support, and please know that your gift will be put to good use.

Robert J Hartson

Motor Carrier Sergeant, Division Honor Guard Sergeant, Wisconsin State Patrol

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A MOMENT TO REMEMBER OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS WE RECENTLY LOST

Bretzel, John C. Peacefully went to be with the Lord on January 18, 2019 at the age of 83. Cherished husband of Sharon. Loving dad of Michael (Karen), Debra Breckenfeld, Katherine Bignell, Sue Karshna and stepdad of Michael (Elizabeth) Fossum. Dearest brother-in-law of Keith (Debra) Krueger and Keven (Susan) Krueger. Also survived by grandchildren, great-grandchildren, many other family members and friends. Preceded in death by his parents Frank and Gretchen and sister Louise Moder of Germany. John will be greatly missed by his canine buddies Daisy and Zoda. John retired in 1990 from the Wisconsin State Patrol after serving as an inspector for 26 years. He was a retired member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary with 20 years of volunteer service. John served in the U.S. Army from 1955-1959 as a mechanic. A heartfelt thank you to the staff of Vitas Hospice for the care and comfort provided to John in his last days. Visitation Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 9 AM until time of Mass of Christian Burial at 11 AM at ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH (3160 South 63rd Street, Milwaukee). Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery.

John E. 'Jack' Lampman, of Boyceville, WI passed away Thursday, January 17, 2019 after a valiant, 2 year battle with cancer.

Dad was convinced that he wanted to write his own obituary, however there were always roads to be explored and people to visit with and time got away from him so it is left to us to share what a truly special person our dad was. Dad was not just a good dad, he was the BEST dad, from the time we were born until he passed into the arms of the God he loved so much. It didn't matter if we were 5 or 50, he would respond if we needed help, love or support – or just a dumb comment to make us smile. He once said he didn't care how old his kids were, as far as he was concerned they could move back in and live with him forever!

Jack loved many, many things; God, his family, his country, his friends, cars, being busy, country & bluegrass music, bad but clean humor, western movies, chocolate, NCIS, Louis L'Amour, travel, trains, lighthouses and always, the great outdoors!

Jack was born November 17, 1928 in Ladysmith, WI to Glen Lampman and Grace (Tromblay). He grew up in Ladysmith and by the age of 10 was already working hard delivering newspapers, he added farm labor to his resume by the age of 11. Both of these occupations, put a few pennies in his pocket and he got paid to be outside, where he was always happiest. He performed many jobs over the course of his life; milk hauler (via train!), woodsman, farmhand, soldier, mechanic, State of WI vehicle inspector, meter reader, Red Cross transfer and handyman. His most important occupations may have been husband and father, which we would say his investment was poorly compensated for and which he would strongly disagree with us on.

Jack met Geraldine (Gerry) while working as a farmhand near Durand and they were wed in Ladysmith on April 4, 1959. They had 4 children. They enjoyed their home, children, grandchildren and traveling until Gerry's health prevented her from enjoying some of this. Jack spent their remaining years together caring for her. Throughout this journey his Catholic faith was of great importance to Jack. He was a faithful and active member of St. Luke's parish in Boyceville since 1976. He met many of his greatest friends through this congregation and we thank all of them for their friendship and support of dad through the years.

Jack was diagnosed with his cancer very shortly after losing his wife. The next year and a

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half was spent trying to check off some bucket list items, both alone and with his family. There were train rides, light house tours, ferry rides, eagle observations, river cruises, train museums, Mackinac carriage rides and chainsaw carving shows! Not to mention two “senior moments”, the purchase of his prized Mustang convertible and the “platinum” F150, both of which led to many day tours on back country roads reliving his meter reading days.

Jack did miss a few bucket list items: Reaching the 100 year milestone (darn cancer!), a helicopter ride, sky diving, seeing both the Pearl Harbor & DC monuments and taking Menley (COH), Shannon (Mayo Oncology) and Heather (Mayo Hospice) for a ride in his bright yellow Mustang this spring.

Jack is survived by his three daughters and their husbands: Karen and Kenny Alfrey (Anderson, IN), Lori and John Hansen (Ham Lake, MN) and Julie and Drew Karnick (Blaine, MN). And one son and his wife: Tim and Selvi Lampman (Lee, NH). And eight grandchildren: Justin Alfrey, Ben Alfrey, David Karnick, Matt Karnick, Anna Lampman, Devin Lampman, Nikhila Lampman and Maya Lampman.

Jack is predeceased by his wife: Geraldine ‘Gerry’ (Calhoun), his parents, Glen and Grace Lampman and two sisters, Gene and Renee Lampman.

Special thank yous go to:

Dr. Sandeep Basu and his wonderful oncology staff here in Menomonie. Your care and support went above and beyond expectations. Dad once said it was a good thing he got sick or he “may never have met all those nice people”.

To Comforts of Home Assisted Living, also in Menomonie. The environment you provide to people who can no longer live independently is invaluable and we cannot thank you enough for making dad as happy and comfortable as possible in his last weeks.

Our dad was truly, his son’s first hero and his daughters’ first love.

Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 26, 2019 at St. Luke’s Catholic Church in Boyceville with Father Amir officiating. A luncheon will follow the service. Military Honors will be conducted by the Harmon-Harris American Legion Post #314. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in John’s memory can be made to a charity of your choice.

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Vernon R. Thalacker, 85, of Eau Claire passed away after a sudden illness on Thursday, September 6, 2018 at Milestone Senior Living.

Vernon was born on April 20, 1933 in Black River Falls, WI the son of Robert Franz and Grace E. (Longsdorf) Thalacker. His family moved to Eau Claire when he was nine years old. He graduated from Memorial High School in 1951. Vernon started college at UW-Eau Claire but ended up enlisting with the Army Security Agency. He honorably served three years amongst the United States, Japan, and Korea. After the service, Vernon became a Trooper on the Wisconsin State Patrol.

In 1957, Vernon married Kathryn Irene Smith at Grace Lutheran Church in Eau Claire. A daughter and son were born while living in

Chippewa Falls. While living in Menomonie, their second son was born. Vernon was later hired by the Interstate Commerce Commission in Milwaukee. Uncle Sam changed the ICC, into the U.S. Department of Transportation; Vernon was ultimately assigned the territory of Minnesota. Vernon reached his goal of 33 years with the Federal Service before retiring in 1994.

After living in several communities throughout Wisconsin, the family decided to move back to the Eau Claire area, where they lived on the north side for several years before moving into the Good Shepherd Senior Apartments in 2009.

Vernon became an active member of the National Active & Retired Federal Employee's Association (NARFE) and served as President of the Wisconsin Chapter for seven consecutive years. Vernon and Kathryn traveled in all the 50 States, Mexico, and three of the Canadian Provinces. The family enjoyed itself on many summer trips wherever they travelled. Vernon especially enjoyed spending time with family and friends playing card games, watching movies, eating out at restaurants, or just spending time together.

Vernon is survived by his wife of 61 years, Kathryn; his daughter, Barbara (David) Sluis Sr. of Shelby Township, MI; his sons, Richard of New Richmond, WI and Steven of Sparks, NV; five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; his youngest brother, Bernard of Greeley, CO; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Vernon was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Franz and Grace Elizabeth Thalacker, and his brother, Dennis.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 11:00 am at Hope United Methodist Church with Rev. Hyejung Hwang officiating. Visitation will take place on Monday, September 10, 2018 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Smith Funeral Chapel as well as an hour prior to services at church on Tuesday. Burial will follow services at Forest Hill Cemetery in Eau Claire with Military Honors preformed by the American Legion Post 53. Friends and family can leave condolences online at www.smithfuneralec.com.

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Lorenz "Larry" Mittelstadt, 78, of Fond du Lac died peacefully with his family by his side on August 29, 2018 at the age of 78 at St. Agnes Hospital in Fond du Lac.

Larry was born in Hartford on November 16, 1939. He graduated from Hartford High School in 1957, and from Spencerian College in 1962 with a Business Degree. He worked for Firestone for one year as a sales rep, then joined the Wisconsin State Patrol in 1963 as a member of the 12th recruitment class where he served for 30 years until retiring in 1993.

He met his wife Judy at the dairy bar in Hartford the summer of '59. He knew the moment he first saw her that she was the one he was going to marry. They were married on February 11, 1961.

Larry loved being at his cabin in the Harrison Hills - skiing, fishing, hunting grouse, and ATVing. He enjoyed his time with friends and family at Paramore's Campground in Astor, FL. He loved riding his pedal bike and later his e-bike. He was a member of Salem United Methodist Church and enjoyed his Salem men's fellowship Sunday School Class. He mostly loved and enjoyed his time with his family and friends especially his children and grandchildren and great grandchildren--he was so proud of them all.

When someone has such a large presence in your life it's even more noticeable when they are gone. You were dearly loved and will be deeply missed Larry, Dad, Gomp.

Larry is survived by his dear wife, Judy (nee Braunschweig) of Fond du Lac; his three children: Kim (special friend Linda Balmer) Mittelstadt of Mayville, Kay (Curt) Mittelstadt-Lock of Fond du Lac, and Karl (Kristine) Mittelstadt of Eldorado; nine grandchildren: Andy (Katrina) Mittelstadt, Daniel (Justine) Mittelstadt, Nicholas (Maddie) Mittelstadt, Loren Lock, Ian Lock, Cannon Lock, Ellen Lock, Wyatt Mittelstadt, Ryder Mittelstadt; two great grandchildren: Isaiah and William Mittelstadt; his sister, Lynn (Tom) Stephenson of Sussex; and many other dear friends, and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Lorenz and Esther (Adams) Mittelstadt; his sister, Helen Gamm, and his favorite hunting companion Sparky the springer spaniel.

A memorial gathering will be held at Salem United Methodist Church in Fond du Lac on Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 9 a.m. until the time of the memorial service at 11 a.m. at the church. Rev. Dawn Helton and Peter Capoyianes co-officiating. A lunch and celebration of Larry's life will follow at the North Fond du Lac Community Center.

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----Next board meeting is March 14th at Wausau Post----



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Thank you

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