



June 2019 Newsletter



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello Members,

I wish you all a happy and healthy summer and hope you have several plans made with your family and friends. Summer has just arrived, but your WSPAA Board is already hard at work preparing for Alumni Day at the Academy. This year's event is **September 6, 2019.**

We know that September is several months away, but it is time to check your calendars and start making plans. The Academy and catering staff has requested that we give them a head count by August 1st. The Association will pay for lunch for all current members attending. The charge for a guest will be \$10.00. Last year we had several members send in the reservation form, but did not attend. The Association was still charged for those meals. We would like to try to eliminate paying for meals that no one eats. The reservation form is included in this newsletter. **The Board of Directors has put a deadline of July 27th, 2019 to get your reservations in.** The Board also fully understands that "stuff" happens, so if you send in your reservation and can't attend, contact Treasurer Linda Woldt prior to the reservation deadline. She will void your reservation and return your check, if you sent one.

The Board conducted a survey, several months ago, to see if the membership would be interested in coffee cups and challenge coins. I'm happy to tell you that we will have ceramic coffee cups, travel

mugs, and challenge coins available for purchase at Alumni Day. A price list will be available soon, so stay tuned.

I would like each of you to seriously consider attending Alumni Day. There are a few people who want to see Alumni Day go away from the Academy or end altogether. I don't want that to happen. I would love to see all of our 263 members and their guests attend this year. We have elections for vice president, treasurer, and are looking for regional representatives from North Central, Southeast, and Northeast Regions. Please consider attending and let the Board know what you want from the Association. Come and renew old friendships or reminisce about the good old days. We may even have some give a ways this year.

See you on September 6th,

Mary

The Chain Gang

By Terry Stewart, Supervisor of Automotive Services

In the fifties and sixties the State Patrol had 250 sworn officers as well as 250 patrol cars. Half (125) of the fleet were traded for new vehicles each year using a sealed bid process. In 1959 and again in 1960 the Patrol got a high number of American Motors Ambassador sedans.

After they had been in service for some time a few of the 1960 Ambassadors developed a problem where at highway speed the hood would come unlatched and fly up striking the windshield and blocking the driver's view. In some cases involving higher speed they even went over the top and hit the red light on the roof causing it to cave in. Obviously this was very unsafe. Fortunately, and through great effort by our officers, no further accidents occurred, such as driving off the road or striking an object. As a stop gap measure we purchased some heavy duty chain, eye bolts, snaps etc. and made what might be referred to as safety chains. All 1960 Ambassadors were then equipped with these chains. The device was such that one would open the hood latch, pull the hood up a few inches and then reach in and unhook the chain before opening the hood all the way.

In those days we purchased most of our gasoline at Clark Oil Company stations as well as a few other vendors. At that time all these service stations were what we now call full service stations where the attendant would routinely check the oil etc. under the hood. It was a terrible surprise to an attendant to unlatch and sharply pull up on the hood only to have it go a few inches and abruptly stop, often pulling the hood right out of their hands. It didn't take long for word to get around about these hood latches. American Motors demanded that we remove the chains. In respect for the safety of our officers we refused.

We filed claims with AMC for reimbursement of the repair costs for each of these occurrences but were turned down. This went on for some time until the annual *State Automobile Bid Specification* meeting. At this meeting Mr. Bill Rank, Chief of Purchases & Services announced

that until such time as the Motor Vehicle Department was reimbursed for these losses the American Motors dealers would not be allowed to bid. We soon received payment in full. In the years 1961 through 1966 we did not purchase any American Motors patrol cars, but it was not because of this issue.

Deaths in 2019

1. John (Jack) Lampman passed away on 1-17-19. He was a WI Vehicle Inspector. John is survived by daughters; Karen, Lori, Julie and son-Tim
2. John Bretzel died on 1-18-19 at age 83 yrs. He is survived by wife-Sharon, daughters; Debra, Katherine, Sue and son – Michael. John was with the WSP for 26yrs.
3. David Woodruff –died 4-23-19 at 79 yrs old. Served in Army before the WSP. David is survived by wife-Jane, sons-Scott & Todd, daughters-Kim & Joni
4. Art Schrock died 5-14-19 at age 86. He was a Trooper for 31yrs and a member of the 11th recruit class. Survived by wife-Barbara and son-Greg.
5. Donald Artz died 5-22-19 at age 92. He retired as a Lieutenant after serving for 32 yrs. He is survived by his wife-Shirley, 3 sons; Tom, James & Steve, 2 daughters; Marlene & Catherine.
6. William Lampa died 5-25-19 at age 83. He is survived by his wife – Pauline and 4 children.

Wisconsin State Patrol Alumni Association Board Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2019 at WSP DISTRICT 4, WAUSAU

Our meeting was called to order @ 10 a.m. by President Sander after the Pledge of Allegiance. The agenda was presented and approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT –

Secretary Brogan reviewed how we were handling the USPS mailing to those members without email; additionally, those members who had reported they were having email problems and we also added to our USPS mailing list. He also explained the costs involved printing, stuffing envelopes and mailing to our members. After discussion it was agreed that we streamline our mailings, cut down on the obituaries reporting just the names, not the entire obituary. We are presently mailing to 22 members.

FINANCIAL REPORT –

Treasurer Woldt reported that our present balance in checking is \$16,254.51. The filing of state and federal reports has all been taken care of.

COMMITTEE REPORTS -

Membership

Cris said the laminator stopped working and she was not able to get the membership cards mailed. The board approved her purchase of a new one.

Cris also gave her presentation on the challenge coins which we discussed at length and we approved two different versions, a variety of silver and a lesser quantity in gold for management members.

Communications

Kim said the next newsletter will be coming out in June. Please note her new email address:

Kim Hurley <kimwspaa@gmail.com>

Clothing & Merchandise -

Ruth presented her options for the travel and coffee mugs and after a good discussion achieved a consensus for ordering them – UPDTATE - the travel and coffee mugs were approved and Ruth ordered and received them.

We received an associate member application from Louise Lach whose husband is deceased and it was agreed to accept her membership for 2019.

We also discussed honorary membership qualifications and agreed to leave them as is without any change.

We have a current list of 18 members who have not renewed for 2019. We will contact them again by emails and/or USPS depending on their addresses.

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA – for Friday, September 6th, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. -

President Mary will send a draft of our agenda to the Academy contacting Superintendent Burrell and Captain Matl prior to our next meeting. Kim will also contact the Ft. McCoy Police/Main Gate options prior to our next meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE -

Keith will chair this committee.

SECOND QUARTER WSPAA MEETING -

Will be at District 4, Wausau on June 13th at 10:00 a.m. - Ray has made the necessary arrangements.

Meeting adjourned -

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Brogan, Secretary



Bruce Bishop w/ 1952 Pontiac

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). **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.
- 5). **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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May - Mc Farland Breakfast



May - SE Luncheon



Wisconsin State Patrol Alumni Association Annual Meeting

WI State Patrol Academy, Fort McCoy, WI

September 6, 2019

Check-In 9:00 – 11:15 a.m.

The cost for lunch is \$10 for non-members/guests, \$0 for members.

*****The WSPAA will be covering the cost for lunch for active members*****

Checks should be made payable to WSPAA. If you are bringing a guest and want to pay for your 2020 membership at the same time you are making your reservation, **PLEASE DO NOT** combine the two amounts on a single check. Please send separate checks as it is easier for accounting purposes.

If you are a non-sworn member of the WSPAA and worked in the capacity of a dispatcher, program assistant, etc. please indicate below the year you were hired by the Department of Transportation so we can recognize you for your years of service.

of persons attending _____

Name(s) (**Please print**) _____

Rank at Retirement _____ Recruit Class # _____

Classification _____ Date Hired _____

RSVP by July 27, 2019 to: Linda Woldt, 3120 Breeze Drive, Sun Prairie, WI 53590

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