



WSPAA QUARTERLY

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WHY ARE WE HERE? President Scott Lindemann

WSPAA Vision and Core Values

Vision

The promotion of fraternal activity, preservation of history and the sharing of information amongst the current and former employees of the Wisconsin State Patrol.

Core Values

Promote congeniality, fraternity and fellowship

Support the mission of the State Patrol

Honor professional public service

Respect the diversity of State Patrol experience

Preserve the heritage of the Wisconsin State Patrol

Keep members informed about the WSP, the State Retirement System and the activities of current and former WSP employees

Hopefully all WSPAA members know and support the WSPAA Vision and Values. Like most organizations, the WSPAA. The Board of Directors intends to get involved in more historical projects with and separate from the Division of State Patrol. We had the opportunity to meet with superintendent Fitzgerald. He expressed great support for the WSPAA effort and will be including WSPAA members on Historical committees.

With the building of a new Hill Farms / DOT Building, there is some hope of a DSP display space in the lobby. The final plan is still pending and cutting of space in a building like this, is a quick easy way for budget people to show taxpayers, they have cut non-essential spending. More to come on that.

The State Patrol has also asked for WSPAA assistance in identifying the Division collection of old, obsolete speed monitoring equipment. That was a portion of the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting March 4. More on that later as well.

Alumni, you have a wealth of knowledge of how the State Patrol reached the levels of service they provide today. The advancement of technology in law enforcement is unbelievable. Let's get involved and not allow the "Good Old Days" to slip away.

To keep you better informed of what your WSPAA Board of Directors is involved in, we will distribute, by News Brief or WSPAA Quarterly the Minutes from ALL Board of Directors meetings. If you see an issue or project of interest in researching or working, please contact me at: President: Scott Lindemann sgklingemann@charter.net

I look forward to seeing more members get involved.



WISCONSIN LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL CELEBRATION—12 NOON—CAPITOL SQUARE

WSPAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET IN SWR, DEFORST POST

Members Present; Superintendent Steve Fitzgerald, President Scott Lindemann, Treasurer Linda Woldt, Keith Young, Mary Sander, Lyle Bliss, Maynard Stoehr, Bryan Peth, Xuong Tuoung, Michael Jennings, Joseph Hack (Associate member) and Bob Young

Vice-President Wenzel and Secretary Brogan were excused. At 10:00AM—the meeting was called to order by President Lindemann who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time, the meeting was adjourned to the WSP Radio Install shop. Earlier this year, Trooper Mel Yasick, the Division Speed Equipment Coordinator brought back from the Academy, a pallet of old archive speed equipment. The group was successful in identifying most of the old equipment which dates back to the early days of the patrol. All agreed, these items need to be maintained for historic value. The problem of where to store these items is always a question. The Superintendent agrees. The Division needs to maintain these historical items. See a short article about this equipment later in this Newsletter.

The meeting was reconvened at the DeForest Post at 1:45PM.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Linda Woldt gave the financial report. We now have a balance of \$11,758.38 plus a couple recent renewals which have not been processed yet.

SECRETARYS REPORT: Sec Gary Brogan was not attending today. Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: Scott wished all members a happy 5th year WSPAA birthday and thanked everyone for their participation and efforts.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Mary Sander reports we have 297 members. There are 18 members who have not renewed for 2015 and 54 who have not renewed for 2016 yet. We had a short discussion of what we should do for those who have not renewed for 2015 yet.

Lyle Bliss posed the question of, "Just what do our members get for their \$15 dues?" Beyond the weekly News Brief and the WSPAA Quarterly, which are greatly appreciated, what do they receive? The Superintendent spoke of the importance of those memos and keeping alumni informed. He also spoke about the intangibles of retiree involvement such as the WSPAA itself. This work is all done on a voluntary basis to promote what we all worked for and are now retired from.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Scott has named a committee to research and recommend the question of a LIFETIME Membership and dues for husband/wife, domestic partners, etc. The committee has not met yet, though emails of research have been exchanged. Scott has asked for a committee recommendation before the next BOD Meeting. Linda Woldt will chair this committee.

WSP HISTORY COMMITTEE: Superintendent Fitzgerald discussed his commitment to preserve WI State Patrol history. He has a DSP Committee to maintain this History. President Lindemann offered WSPAA assistance in this effort if needed.

The WSPAA, now 5 years old, need to be sure our history can be followed. A copy of all News Brief and WSPAA Quarterly is forwarded to the WSPAA mailbox. That should be a start. Bob has also shared copies of hundreds of documents on a FLASH drive with Sec. Brogan. We need an organized effort to be sure history is not lost.

CATALOG ITEMS: Mike Jennings is proposing adding items to the mail-order catalog. The Supt. stated he saw no issue with this addition as long as the long wear is not available to the general public. Mike will research further.

Meeting adjourned 1PM. Next meeting planned for June 10, 2016 at the Academy.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES CONTINUED

Regional Representative: The WSPAA is still short of regional representatives and several of the reps are not active. One of the duties of the regional rep is the recruitment of members. We need to work on this and be sure what the expectations are before an appointment is made.

If anyone is aware of a listserve or email address, please forward these to Bob. He will try to develop a larger Non-Member mailing list for our recruiting effort.

DANENET.org: Scott explained the concept of using DANENET.ORG. We are working on a trial run to test this system. IF it works it could save a lot of time mailing all group mailings. We are working on it.

Scott thanked all members and especially Supt Fitzgerald for attending and their ongoing efforts.

Meeting adjourned 1:00 pm.

Next Board meeting is planned for Friday, June 3, 2016 at the Academy.



Jay Nash, 1994



Sgt Bill Nash, 1997

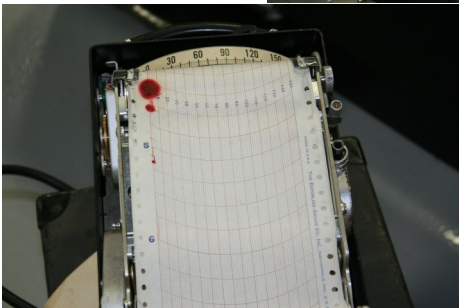
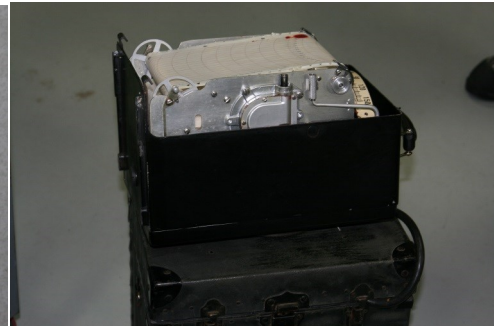
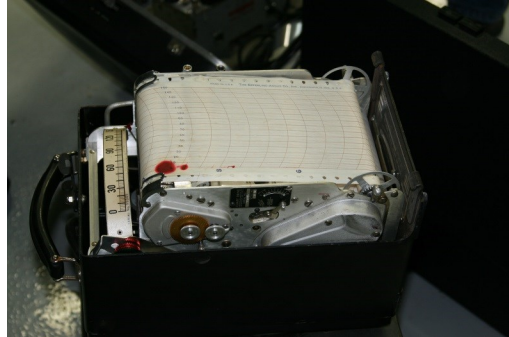


Bill Nash—see the rest of the story in Bruce's article

EVOLUTION OF SPEED DETECTION EQUIPMENT BY TROOPER MEL YASICK

Over the years, the Wisconsin State Patrol has been quite progressive in the effort to control speed on WI highways. We were early users of developing technology. As the current coordinator of the speed enforcement equipment, we have assured these historical units have been retained for possible display. I have also been fortunate to have the expertise of my predecessors in answering many questions taking us back over 75 years.

On March 4, 2016, the DSP invited the Board of Directors of the WSPAA to a viewing of some of this old equipment at the Radio Install Shop. Approximately 15 members attended including Maynard Stoehr and Superintendent Fitzgerald. Numerous makes, models and types we observed. I think all questions about vintage, make, model, operation and etc were answered. Attached is a collection of some more unique models.



RETIREES , THE BUDGET AND BENEFITS

BY DENNIS HUGHES

THE BATTLE OVER STATE HEALTH INSURANCE

On January 19th, in his annual State of the State address, Governor Walker said reforms were being considered to State employee group health insurance plan options , and he pledged to commit “every penny of savings” realized from those changes to State support for public education.

While he did not endorse any specific additional change to the State health plan beyond the ones that already took effect on January 1st (such as the new \$250 per person deductible and higher out-of-pocket cost limits), many interpreted the Governor’s remarks as an endorsement to restructure the plan using a self-insurance model.

On February 16th, the Group Insurance Board directed ETF staff to prepare a Request for Proposals to seek companies that are willing and able to administer a self-insured State group health insurance program, on either a statewide or regional multi-county basis.

The RFP will be issued in July, with responses due by September. ETF staff will evaluate the proposals in time for GIB to make a decision at their November board meeting.

For more detail on the intent, timing and implications of this self-insurance RFP, read the four-page February 9th ETF staff memo to the GIB, available on-line at:

<http://etf.wi.gov/boards/agenda-items-2016/gib0217/item5b.pdf>

Simply put: The GIB is taking a giant step toward scrapping the current structure of the State group health insurance program and replacing it with a self-insurance model.

As noted in earlier WSPAA newsletter articles, ETF has already spent \$500,000 on two different consultant studies of self-insurance. Those studies did not agree on how much savings, if any, might result from the change – and one of the studies indicated self-insurance might actually increase the cost of the State health plan.

Even if proposals generated by the RFP suggest that moving to self-insurance would indeed create savings for the State as an employer, no change in program structure would occur before 2018 – and even then, no change would be made unless the Legislature’s Joint Finance Committee agreed (due to a recent law change specific to this subject).

Even though Governor Walker has promised “every penny of savings” from State health plan reforms would be applied to State aid for public education, the reality is that when the time comes, he could only “propose” that expected future savings be used in this manner when he submits his biennial budget.

That is because every Governor’s budget proposal is just a starting point for legislative debate and is subject to revision by the Joint Finance Committee. Plus, Governor Walker did not say whether any State health insurance program savings would mean a net increase in State school aids or if they would be used simply to offset other sources of taxpayer support for public education.

A UW-Madison professor who studies the insurance industry recently said if the State moves to self-insurance it might not have much direct impact on covered participants, but it could not only destabilize Wisconsin’s health services provider network, but also disrupt the state’s health insurance industry, especially in counties with large numbers of State employees.

One critic of a structural change has warned that self-insurance would mean State budget constraints will one day force the Governor and legislators to make tough choices between setting aside funds for health insurance claims versus other competing State expenditures (schools, social services, tax relief, roads, and so on). If that happens, then the simple solution will be to shift even more of the insurance plan costs to State employees and retirees.

Stay tuned.

NORTHWEST REGION RETIREE SHOOT

BY CLIFF PARR

This year's Northwest Region Retiree Shoot at the Spooner Range (IRPC) will be on Thursday, May 26th starting at 9:00 AM. If you are interested, please go to the LearnCenter website to register. If you have any problems getting registered, please contact me. To register online, please follow the directions below:

Go to the LearnCenter (<https://wisconsin.dot.csod.com/default.aspx?c=wspa2>) : Search for "CCW"

Select "DSP Retiree CCW Handgun Qualification" ; On the Training Details page scroll down to the list of Available Sessions ; Click on the "Request" Button ; Fill out the registration form (4 screens)(there is no lodging available for this training, just mark that there is no lodging needed when you get to that part of the registration process)

Please remember to bring:

- . Your handgun(s); Two magazines (semi-auto) ; Holster used with handgun ; 44 rounds of ammunition (per gun to qualify on); Extra ammo in case a re-shoot is necessary; \$15 check made out to WISDOT
- . Hearing and eye protection; Your appetite (burgers, brats, etc...)

I will have the following forms completed and ready for you to sign on May 26th:

- . Completed Wisconsin State Patrol Identification Card Information Sheet.
- . Completed Statement of Verification for Retiree Concealed Carry sheet.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Thank you.

Cliff Parr, Trooper, NW Region – Spooner Post, Cell: 715-415-2748

WSPAA GREEN LANTERN BREAKFAST:

Reported by Mary Albedyll

We had another great turnout for the March 3rd WSP retiree breakfast at the Green Lantern by McFarland -- with 18 attendees. It was great to see everyone who could make it again. We welcomed two new-comers who joined us for breakfast – Superintendent Stephen Fitzgerald and Xuong Tuong.

Attendees were: Arnold Fritsch, Mike Jennings, Linda Woldt, Ron Disher, Warren Holsbo, David Collins, Jeff Cunningham, Leo Sendelbach, Dave Odekirk, Steve Hanson, Larry Luther, James Parker, Supt. Stephen Fitzgerald (1st time), Bob Young, Xuong Tuong (1st time), Lyle Bliss, Ed Ross, and Mary Albedyll.

Please mark your calendars and join us for the next WSP retiree breakfast at the Green Lantern by McFarland on Thursday, April 7th at 9:00 am. Hope to see you all there!

50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE 14TH CLASS

BY MIKE JENNINGS

In 2016, the 14th recruit class will reach its 50th anniversary. Some class members are trying to organize a gathering in conjunction with the Annual Alumni day at the Academy. The first issue is to find all class members. They are asking for your help.

Most members have been located.

BOB JONES, EDWIN SCHRANK, ROY SMITH are some who have not. If anyone knows where these graduates can be located please contact Mike Jennings at: mikeandjudy@mhtc.net

More details about this gathering will be distributed when available.

Just a reminder, the Academy Alumni Day is planned for Fri., Sept 9, 2016.

Where Did They Go?

By Bruce Bishop

This month's "Where Are They Now" column takes on a little different flair and asks a slightly different question, "Where Did They Go?"

I noticed that at one time there were two Nash's (Jay and William). Both graduates of the Academy. Jay, a former Adams County Deputy, was issued WSP Number 1182 when he graduated with Recruit Class 10 in July, 1962 and William, WSP Number 369 with Recruit Class 11. He graduated in March 1963 – only eight months apart. I thought this might be a couple of brothers only to learn later that Jay was the father and William (Bill), his son. While Jay fully intended to graduate as a Trooper, a training injury caused a reclassification to Inspector and assignment he followed in District 6 till retiring on disability as an Inspector II in 1973. Except for service in the Army during WWII, almost all of Jay's adult life was spent in law enforcement at county and state level. He inspired his son to follow the same course. Jay was born in Wyeville, WI on March 30, 1919. He died in George West Texas in December, 1999.

Bill, like his father was born in Adams County in 1940 and graduated from Adams Friendship High School class of 1958. Two weeks later he enlisted in the US Air Force and served as an Air Policeman. He pursued an education in Law Enforcement at Milton College after his discharge. He applied for the Wisconsin State Patrol, graduated with the 11th Recruit Class and assigned to District 1. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1973. He attended NUTI 1976 – 1977. After NUTI, Bill was on the Captain's list in 1980 but promotions were frozen indefinitely. Bill took advantage of an offer to work for International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), moving onward and upward – working first with the National Highway Safety Administration (NHTSA), ending up as Deputy Director of the Traffic Safety Institute. He moved on from there to the Federal Aviation Administration and Department of State all in managing security and anti-terrorism programs and instructing in the Curriculum that he developed.

Bill retired from The Federal Aviation Administration in December, 2007. Today he and his wife Pat live at 1717 Deep Creek Road, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73131, email wjnash@cox.net, Ph. 405-659-4990.

At the close of our interview, I asked Bill if he was ever sorry that he didn't wait around until Captain's promotions were possible again. His reply was "not really". "While I was extremely disappointed when told I was not going to be promoted, It actually opened new doors for me. Resigning was very hard but it worked out for the best. All of my accomplishments were based on my training and assignments with the State Patrol. Today I am a very proud member of WSPAA".

Talking with Bill Nash brought me back to the stepping stones that the Patrol provided as I and many others moved from WSP and I wondered how many others had used the WSP as a launching pad to other professional plateaus.

Others had that same curiosity. We carried it a little further by querying the WSPAA membership via the weekly News Brief and asking our readers to identify any persons who left the Patrol to become a Chief of Police or Sheriff. This inquiry was expanded it beyond police work to other employment in federal, state or local safety-related jobs, public and private safety services and agencies.

What follows in the attachment (**separate attachment**) are the results of our inquiry. This is a working document. Please review the contents. We are sure others who left the State Patrol before retiring to accept employment in other fields will come to mind. These could be sworn or non-sworn personnel. We want to add them to the list and update it from time to time. We need your help to capture as much historical information as possible. Please help in this effort.

If you know of anyone who does now or has worked for the Wisconsin State Patrol and changed employers for advancement in career, please let us know. A quick e-mail will do. Send responses or questions to bjyoung@charter.net. Thank you.

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ASSOCIATION

EVENTS—Regularly Scheduled Gatherings

Second Monday of the Month— Aurora Hospital Cafeteria, 2845 Greenbrier Rd., Green Bay, WI
9:00 am— Join us for coffee. All are welcome.

First Thursday of the Month - Anyone formerly employed by 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 Connie Salquist (ConnieSalquist@yahoo.com).

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

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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