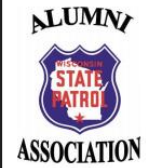




## *WSPAA 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Newsletter*



### **President Sander's Thoughts**



It is May and that makes me want to reflect on our fallen brothers and sister of the State Patrol. National police week is May 15, 2023, to May 21, 2023, in Washington D.C. The WSPAA is again providing 8 commemorative wreaths at the Law Enforcement Memorial to honor Troopers Jorge Dimas, William Schoenberger, Deborah McMenamain, Anthony Borostowski, Daniel Stainbrook, Trevor Casper, Donald Pederson, and Gary Powless.

Northwest Wisconsin has had three officers killed in the line of duty by gunfire in less than a month. Chetek and Cameron Police Departments each lost an officer on April 8, 2023. This was a traffic stop/welfare check on the driver. St. Croix County Sheriff's Office lost a deputy on May 6, 2023. This call came in as a vehicle in the ditch/intoxicated driver/welfare check. It is always tragic when a police officer is killed in the line of duty, but these three hit close to home. I grew up in Barron County where Cameron and Chetek are located. My first assignment was a Trooper position in St. Croix County and my husband was a St. Croix County deputy for thirty plus years.

I think the entire law enforcement community mourns an officer killed in the line of duty, because it is not just tragic but, each one of us reflects on our own career. How many times in your career did you come across a vehicle in the ditch, or handle a motorist assist that if the bad guy wanted to take you out, they could have?

We, as retirees, need to show our support for all current law enforcement. Shake their hand, thank them for their service, tell them to rely on their training and not hesitate to act. I have witnessed, in the last month, the overwhelming support law enforcement has received from the public. Let's show them that WSP retirees have their backs.

## Anniversary Congratulations

Members of the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> recruit class are celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023.

Looking over the membership list it looks like the following members were in these 2 classes that started in 1963. William Frederick, James Jeschke, Robert Kowalski, William Nash, Thomas Walsh, John Bruns, John Karns, Lawrence Luther and Gerald Schroeder. **Congratulations Gentlemen!!**

Members of the 32<sup>nd</sup> recruit class are celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. It appears that the following are in this group; Tanya Connors, Michael MacKenzie, and Lee McMenamin.

### **Congratulations on your 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary!**

If I missed any of our members in these 3 classes I sincerely apologize.



## March 21, 2023 WSPAA Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting held at the WSP Academy

Attendance: Mary Sander, Phil Wenzel, Linda Woldt, Kim Hurley, Keith Young, Ruth Tiry, Ray Sondelski, Dave Collins, and Dave Harvey

Meeting was called to order at 10 am by President Sander followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Sander welcomed Dave Harvey.

Ray made a motion to accept the agenda for the day and Phil seconded the motion.

**Financial Report** – Currently we have \$10,889.32 in checking and \$6953.77 in our scholarship savings account. We have a 24 month cd with a balance of \$2,006.21 and an 18 month cd with a balance of \$2004.96. Monies from our merchandise sales will go into the scholarship fund. Discussion on Linda turning over the cd's as they come to term. Linda will look into it.

**Scholarship Report** – Mary had some posters about the scholarships made up to display at the Posts, Central Headquarters and at the weigh stations. We wanted to stir up more interest in the scholarships and get more applications. Prior to posters being made I received permission from Superintendent Carnahan for the display of these posters. Several board members took posters back to their regions to display them.

Dave Harvey mentioned that there are websites out there that are just for available scholarships and maybe we want to put it on there. We will look into that for future years.

**Merchandise Report** – Ruth stated that sales are slow. We got \$180 back from Queensboro for purchases made on their website. Profits from Queensboro sales will also go into the scholarship fund. Ruth asked if we wanted to stay with Queensboro. It was decided that discussion on this would be tabled until the next meeting.

**Membership Report** – Mary passed around a list of members that did not re-new for 2023. Now Mary, Linda & I had sent several emails to these people since the beginning of the year notifying them that their membership had expired. Linda mentioned she had gotten ahold of 3 people on the list and they were sending in their monies.

Prior to the meeting Joseph had asked Mary if it was possible to break down the membership list by Post. He is trying to re-start the regular breakfast in the Fox Valley and needed help in knowing who was in the Northeast Region. Mary did make separate

lists for each Post. This will not be a regular thing going forward. Mary gave each board member a copy of these lists.

President Sander passed around our old WSPAA brochure. She asked if we wanted to update it. Discussion on this and ultimately it was decided not to update the brochure as the board did not feel we use it anymore.

### **Regional Reports** –

North Central Region – Ray had touched base with Dave Forsythe about being a regional rep. The second Tuesday of the month there is a coffee clutch at 8:30 am at the Merrill truck stop and it is well attended by former officers of different departments.

Southwest Region – Dave Collins reported that the funeral for Warren Holsbo was well attended and it had Naval and WSP Honor Guard present. Breakfasts at Green Lantern in McFarland are always well attended.

Northwest Region – Keith stated that the Thursday breakfast in Eau Claire is open to all law enforcement. Fred Staff is in tough shape at this time. Tom Kalk is suffering from early stages of dementia.

Southeast Region – No reps for this region.

Northeast Region – No rep in attendance.

Dave Harvey made a presentation on the internal State Patrol Website and the Patrol's ties with the Wisconsin Historical Society. Dave has been passionate for years about preserving the history of the Patrol. Dave is a member of our new history committee.

The board then went to work on the 5 tables of memorabilia & training items that Sgt. Platt and others had brought down from the attic at the Academy. It was fun to see this old stuff and brought back memories for many board members. We probably kept half of the items. The history committee will be meeting at the Academy on April 27<sup>th</sup> to go through more items that are in the attic. The history committee is in its infancy right now. The hope is to have new displays at the Academy and possibly a mannequin to display old uniforms. We asked Captain Hefte if we could take over the current displays at the Academy as they sometimes get stale. Captain Hefte was more than happy to let us take over the displays stating that the clerical staff really does not have time to do it.

Next board meeting is May 23, 2023 10 A.M. at the Wausau Post.

Ray made motion to adjourn the meeting, Keith seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.

*History Committee* meeting report from April 27<sup>th</sup>. Mary S. Kim, Joseph J. and Dave C. were in attendance. Dave. H had other commitments. Sgt. Platt and probably a few of the recruit class members brought down more items from the attic. Many awards and plaques were amongst the items brought down. We also found some old Road Runner newsletters, Badge-R report newsletters, old traffic law books and lots and lots of pictures. It was a lot of fun looking through all the pictures and sharing stories.

The committee made progress in thinning out the amount of stuff at the Academy and will meet again in the future to continue thinning out items.

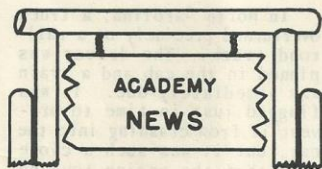
The *history committee* met again on May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Academy. Present were: Mary, Kim and Dave C. Joseph and Dave H. had other commitments. Once again Sgt. Platt and his elves had another cart load of plastic totes and boxes for us to go through. Mary got to see her father's recruit class book, fun stuff. The 3 of us made good progress and gave Sgt. Platt a smaller load for his cart to save for us. Later this summer the committee will meet again at the Academy to go through more items.

### **2023 Deaths**

1. Steve Brulport, age 69 died on 1-15-23. Steve was a member of the 35<sup>th</sup> recruit class, badge #1598. He is survived by his wife-Barbara and daughters – Celena & Crystal.
2. Ken "Gatten" L'Esperance, former PCO. Survived by his wife Renee, children: Jess Kahl & Patrick, stepdaughters Kali & Bria.
3. Warren Holsbo, age 81, died on 1-18-23. Warren was a member of the 15<sup>th</sup> recruit class, badge #479. Warren is survived by his fiancée Rose and his sons Mark & Al.

**Mark your calendars for September 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**Retiree Day at the Academy.**



### RECRUIT SESSION

Recruit training is once again in full swing at the Academy. The enrollment for the tenth session includes 12 traffic officer trainees, and four Inspectors I. Sergeant Walsingham and Officer Rehberg are acting as the commandants for this session and are becoming more familiar with their duties as the session progresses.

At this time we think it would be appropriate if we take a little of the space assigned to the academy and try to introduce you to the new employees of the Motor Vehicle Department.

David Caldwell, traffic officer trainee, comes to the department from the city of Marinette. He is married, the father of five children and a former policeman in Marinette.

George Cobler was a former plumber's helper and is presently in training for the Inspector I position. He is married and lives in Platteville.

Ronald Himberg hails from Milwaukee where he was formerly employed as a motorcycle patrolman for the city. He is married, the father of two children, and presently in training for the traffic officer position.

Roger Hoar, a former part time printing instructor at Stout Institute in Menomonie, is a married man, and is a traffic officer trainee.

Robert James is a married man and comes to the department from Catawba. He is a former district insurance manager, presently in training for Inspector I.

Gerald Kell, a former undersheriff of Sawyer County, comes to us from Mosinee. He is married and the father of three

children. He also is in training for Inspector I.

Robert Kieweg of Waukesha is a former state employee, having been employed as a youth counselor at Wales. Kieweg is single and is a traffic officer trainee.

Richard Kimball is another of the men presently in training for the Inspector I position. He is a married man and



A close check on the cadets physical condition is kept at the Academy while he is going through the Recruit training as evidenced by this picture. Cadet Kimball is pictured checking on the weight of Cadet Zellner.

a former seasonal postal clerk from Oshkosh.

Edward Kirkeng of Madison is a former water department employee of that city. He is married and is presently a traffic officer trainee.

Thomas Marley, a former automobile mechanic from Oconomowoc, is presently employed as a traffic officer trainee. Tom is single.

Bernard Muschinski, a former service station operator, hails

from Plainfield. Mr. Muschinski is married, the father of three children and is in training as a traffic officer trainee.

Jay Nash is a former enforcement division employee having been employed as a Inspector I, a graduate of the last Inspector I recruit class held at the Academy. This class graduated in November of 1960. Nash is married and is presently living in Union Grove.

Harold Spurgin, a traffic officer trainee, is a resident of Germantown. He is married, and was formerly employed in personnel work for the Joseph Schlitz Brewing Co. of Milwaukee. Spurgin also held the position of constable for the town of Germantown prior to accepting his present position.

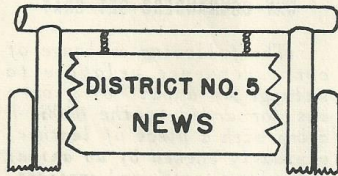
Robert Swanson of Pembine falls into this type of life quite naturally. He is a retired twenty-year army man and so all of the discipline of life at the Academy is right in line with his former way of life. Swanson is single and is presently employed as a traffic officer trainee.

Delburn Walter of Montfort is married and the father of six children. He was formerly employed as a school bus driver and is a traffic officer trainee.

Bernard Zellner of Fond du Lac is another former Enforcement division employee having worked as stock clerk in Dist. 3 headquarters. Zellner is married, the father of three children and is a traffic officer trainee.

This, we hope, gives you a thumbnail description of the personnel we now have in training here.

In addition to these people we have, to this date, had several outside people attend parts of this session. Personnel who have already attended parts of this session include patrolmen Norman Behrendt and Robert Nelson of Marinette and Detective Fred Godeman of Sheboygan County. Detective Godeman is scheduled to attend



#### THE BITTER END

Officer LeRoy Larson received a valentine this year that will be long remembered. On February 14, he was going to recheck a school bus driven by a farmer. When he drove into the farmer's yard, a couple dogs were cavorting around and one seemed to have a pretty mean bark. When the farmer's wife appeared, Larson asked if the dogs would bite and the lady answered "No, they just make a lot of noise."

Larson then got out of the squad and walked toward the school bus. He almost made it when he got a severe jolt from the rear and in the rear. The noisy dog didn't confine himself to just barking, but took a respectable mouth full of trousers plus some of the tender part of Larson's anatomy.

The Doctor didn't think stitches or shots were necessary and up to now he has been right -- no ill effects but Larson doesn't believe the old saying "Barking dogs don't bite."

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Inspector and Mrs. Donald Nielsen are the parents of a son, their third, born at 2:35 a.m. March 5. Jeffery Lee weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 inches tall.

A lady in Norfolk was fined \$25 for transporting 32 small children in a single station wagon at one time. A police sergeant testified that they were "lying flat on top of each other like logs."

Policeman: "How are your brakes?"

Motorist: "Rotten."

Policeman: "By the way do you have your license?"

Motorist: "Nope, never had one."

Motorist's wife: "Oh, don't pay any attention to what he says. He always talks that way when he's drunk."

Meek voice over the telephone: "Doctor, this is Mr. Henpeck. My wife just dislocated her jaw. If you're out this way next week or the week after, you might drop in and see her."

Discretion is at its best when it comes early enough in life.

Brash young clerk: "Since the supervisor just died, do you think I could take his place?"

Administrator: "It's all right with me if you can arrange it with the undertaker."

**COMMUNICATIONS  
NEWS**

**NEW RADIO SHOP**

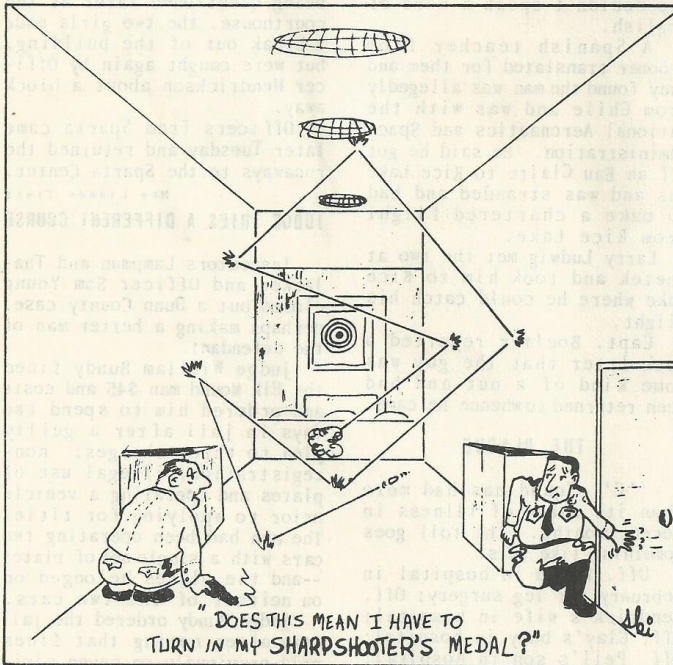
In case you have not heard, the technical staff is enjoying a great deal more elbow room these days. The new radio shop on the far west side has been in use for a number of weeks and has been a real help to the technicians, especially during the installations of radio equipment in the new squads. In the old shop at 30 and 51 on the east side, the boys had all they could do to get one car under cover but the new place looks like it would hold a dozen or more at one time.

In case you desire to see the place, drive west on Highway 18 (Verona Road) until you see the Verona scale. Then turn left, or south, at the road

just east of the scale and drive about a quarter of a mile and you are there. For the present time, it is advisable park on the road instead of driving into the shop driveway, as the driveway is like the "Rocky Road to Dublin". But things are bound to improve with blacktop surfacing or some such material.

By the time you get around to turning off one of those objectionable T. V. shows that the children are watching, you're so interested you can't.

Wall Street sources are trying to hush up the story of the crack statistician who drowned while wading across a river with an average depth of three feet.

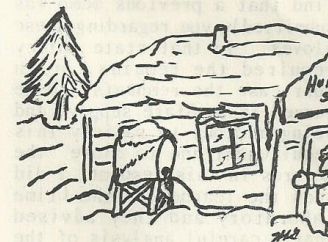


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The sequence below actually took place on March 2 of this year. Has anyone forgotten the cold weather?



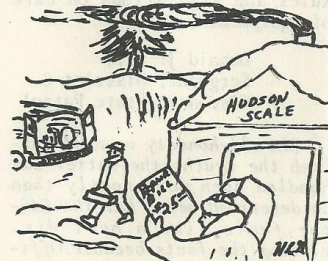
#1 The stove is out and it's 40 below zero.



#2 Looks like the oil line is frozen.



#3 604 says thaw it out with a fusee.



#4 Wonder who is going to pay for this.