


WISCONSIN STATE PATROL



Smoky Badger



In the following list you will find our Enforcement Bureau Driver of the Month -- in fact, you will find that all of them have attained Driver-of-the-month status. These people have earned their Safe Driver Awards because they care enough to drive their very best -- all of the time! Congratulations.

20 yr. - Sgt. Paul V. Genna
 Capt. Corwin Holmquist
 Insp. Laurence Ludwig

19 yr. - Insp. George B. Guss

18 yr. - Comm. Tech. Robert Henry
 Insp. Edward R. Pohan

17 yr. - Sgt. Donald U. Jones
 Tpr. Howard D. Kilday
 Insp. Earl R. Miller

14 yr. - Tpr. Thomas E. Harris
 Tpr. John L. Horak
 Tpr. Robert Janowski

13 yr. - Tpr. Alfred Foskett
 Tpr. Robert A. Kieweg
 Tpr. Edward G. Kirkeng
 Sgt. Bernard Muschinski
 Sgt. Harold Spurgin

12 yr. - Tpr. Jerome Koenig
 Insp. Lyle Walheim

11 yr. - Invest. Peter Helmbrecht
 Tpr. Orville J. Scheel

10 yr. - Tpr. Adolph Czechowicz

9 yr. - Tpr. Gary Cahoon
 Tpr. Robert Follis
 Tpr. Richard A. Gussert
 Sgt. Donald R. Holt
 Tpr. Donald Murawaski
 Tpr. Merle H. Neuman
 Tpr. Roy S. Smith
 Tpr. Delburn R. Walter

8 yr. - Tpr. Donald Aderman
 Tpr. Lee S. Cornell
 Tpr. Marvin E. Egle
 Sgt. Roger F. Hlavacka
 Insp. Donald Jazdzewski
 Tpr. Michael Jennings

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8 yr. - Insp. George Kimmerly
 Insp. Alden T. Lee

7 yr. - Insp. John W. Booth
 Tpr. John M. Brandon
 Comm. Tech. Herbert Desnoyers
 Insp. Donald J. Dionne
 Insp. Levi J. Dary
 Insp. Clifford Kleingbeil
 Insp. Dale Knutson
 Insp. Walter Muttonen
 Insp. Robert Nelson
 Insp. Earle R. Plonske
 Insp. Anton T. Rosandich
 Insp. Robert O. Roraff
 Insp. Clifford Sutter
 Insp. Alvin J. Vandrell

6 yr. - Insp. Fred L. Block
 Insp. Keith H. Krueger

5 yr. - Tpr. Walter Dunford
 Tpr. Larry W. George
 Insp. Edward J. Roberts

4 yr. - Tpr. Harold M. Burton
 Tpr. Craig O. Evans
 Tpr. Carl M. Frederick
 Tpr. Bud Kaetterhenry
 Tpr. Allan Mittelstadt
 Tpr. Dick A. Nelson
 Tpr. David L. Schumacher
 Tpr. James K. Steppke
 Tpr. Warren I. Wegenke
 Tpr. Richard P. Wyss
 Tpr. Gerald J. Zuhlsdorf

3 yr. - Tpr. Floyd Branchfield

1 yr. - Tpr. Gary L. Michalski
 Tpr. Arthur D. Sheldon

NATIONAL FLEET SAFETY CONTEST

The Enforcement Bureau remains in third place after five months have been completed. Our rate is 4.28 accidents per million miles traveled, while the average for the group is at 3.75.

1975 FLEET ACCIDENTS

For the first six months of 1975, our Bureau fleet has experienced 48 reportable fleet accidents. In 1974 that figure was 41 and it was 46 in 1973. That represents somewhat of a slippage for us over the last two years. The bad month so far in 1975 has been March which hit us with 14 fleet accidents, six more than the same month of 1974.

1975 FLEET ACCIDENTS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	TOTAL
Hdgrs.	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Dist. 2	1	1	5	3	2	2	2	16
Dist. 3	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	5
Dist. 4	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	6
Dist. 5	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	4
Dist. 6	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	5
Dist. 8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTALS	6	5	14	8	5	5	5	48
Insp.	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	5
Trooper	4	5	11	4	5	4	4	37
Sgt.	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	4
Lieut.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Capt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Comm. Tech.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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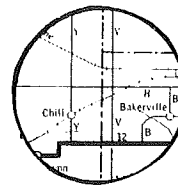


RESIGNATION

Tom Orth's leaving the Bureau was noted on Friday, July 18, 1975 with a potluck luncheon, short speeches and presentation of a gift.

Tom's leaving a void, but he said he is looking for new scenes, and a man has to do it for himself. Good traveling, Tom, y'all heah now!

SO YOU KNOW WISCONSIN?



All right, no "cheating" now, tell me in what county this location can be found as well as the predominant highway? (Answer next issue)

Janet Sabatke, who sez she travels "the back roads" to get to her Grandpa's house at Shawano correctly fingered Hwy. 51 and Hwy. 54 in Portage County. That's potato and bean country, home of Keene's Store and Almond, birthplace of former Director Larry Beier, according to Insp. Bill Muschinski.



THE STEERING COLUMN



A recent study completed from August through November 1974 at roadside in the State of Vermont throws a new light on some of the attitudes about drinking and driving. The main thrust is toward the "harmless beverage"

attitude that seems to prevail concerning drinking of beer. According to the study, it is not true that teenagers do most of the drinking and driving; also it is not true that people who have paid the penalty by conviction for drunken driving do not repeat the offense -- they get smarter and are more careful not to get caught! Three-fourths of all the people who were tested above .10 per cent (the legal limit) preferred BEER to hard liquor. The highest number of intoxicated persons were in their 20's and 30's -- debunking the myth that the teens drink all the beer. Fourteen per cent of the impaired drivers had been convicted of one or more drunk driving charges and five per cent had gone that route two or more times on that charge. Most of the impaired had been drinking in bars or lounges, while 15 per cent had been drinking in their cars, and only three per cent had done their drinking at home. The tests were conducted on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at locations across Vermont, between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 3:00 A.M. If the study means anything at all, it tells loud and clear that beer-drinking is more of a hazard than it has been receiving credit for in circles other than the law enforcement brotherhood.

VAN SEZ: "It's called 'take-home pay' becuz there's no other place you can afford to go with it...."

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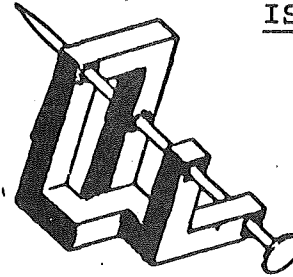
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Mrs. Linda J. Schlueter
COMPOSITOR



VALOR AWARD

On July 21, 1975 at 12:05 P.M., Trooper Edwin Tomlin received an award for valor from Governor Patrick J. Lucey. The presentation took place in the Governor's office at the capitol with Tpr. Tomlin's wife, Sonia, and their two daughters present. Also present to witness the occasion were Colonel Versnik, Majors Lacke and Sterba and Captain Ivan Anders.



IS SEEING BELIEVING?

Eye-ball that absurdity on the left. Does it make sense? You can't really believe it, yet it's there.

Right? Sometimes one can't comprehend as factual the image that has been flashed on the big screen upstairs. When you're driving, don't let yourself be caught by surprise or further thrown off your guard by an image that your brain rejects or fails to compute. An image that spells immediate danger or one that defies belief may be the tip-off for impending and imminent trouble -- if action isn't positive and immediate. Keep the eyes moving while you drive and don't throw yourself a curve by refusing to believe what you see or what you think you see.

IN RETROSPECT: Captain Alva Rehberg was appointed to the Police & Fire Commission, City of Tomah, by Mayor Bean and the City Council confirmed the appointment. Obviously, the city fathers recognized a bargain. Congratulations to both the Captain and the City of Tomah.

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Father Bob Riedmueller delivered the keynote address at the APCO Seventeen-State Regional Conference at the Marriott Inn, Brookfield, WI, Tuesday, May 6, 1975. Well, Holy Hertz's.

FLEET ACCIDENTS THEN AND NOW

As the SMOKEY BADGER goes to press, this is the picture for 1975 fleet accidents, compared to 1974. Solid black indicates a day with more than one fleet accident.

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BUREAU PICNIC - 1975

The word for the day -- Saturday, August 2, 1975 -- was "picnic", rain or shine and that's what happened. Where it all took place was at University Hill Farms Park. Participants were the employees of the Enforcement Bureau and their families, about 50 adults and kids altogether, for the '75 Bureau Picnic.

Pot-luck with beverages on a communal basis provided the sustenance for the vigorous games of volley ball and tennis which followed the noon luncheon. High-light of the day for the kids -- and for Jerry Blied as well -- was firing the lighter-fluid cannon and watching the tennis ball almost make it to the same level as the clouds. In addition to the "regulars", Major (retired) Glen and Fern Kissinger and the Harold Meyers joined the occasion.

Gracias to the committee: Lt. Jerry Blied, Mr. Pat Byrne and Frieda M. May.

IN SICK BAY

Cecelia (Mrs. Bud) Parker, Field Force Secretary, underwent surgery on Monday, July 21, at Madison General Hospital. Cecil is doing fine and her recovery is expected to proceed on schedule.

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Sgt. Francis Vickerman entered the hospital in Janesville on August 17, for gallbladder surgery. He expects to return to work in District 1 sometime in early October.

SERVICE AWARDS

At the General Staff Conference, plaques from the Independent Insurance Agents of Wisconsin denoting the Outstanding Service Award were given to District Commanders for the following:

Tpr. Paul Greiner, Dist. 1
Tpr. Arnold Fritsch, Dist. 1
Tpr. Gary Krumnow, Dist. 2
Tpr. Thomas Mackovich, Dist. 2
Tpr. James Fetherston, Dist. 2
Tpr. Gerold Witte, Dist. 3
Tpr. Marlin Kahl, Dist. 3
Tpr. Wayne Misener, Dist. 4
Tpr. Howard Kilday, Dist. 5
Tpr. Kirsten Roksvold, Dist. 5
Tpr. Warren Holden, Dist. 8
Tpr. Roger Steiner, Dist. 8



TRAFFIC DIE-GEST

A summary of traffic accident data you can use in your contacts with citizens. These facts are taken from the NSC monthly publication, "TRAFFIC SAFETY".

MOTOR-VEHICLE deaths in May 1975 totaled 4,090, an increase of 9 per cent from the May 1974 total of 3,750 and a decrease of 15 per cent from the pre-energy-crisis May 1973 total of 4,840. The May 1974 total was the lowest since the May 1965 total of 4,059.

Deaths for the first five months of 1975 totaled 17,020, an increase of 5 per cent from the five-month total for 1974 of 16,280 and a decrease of 20 per cent from the corresponding five-month period in 1973. Deaths for the 12-month period ending May 1975 totaled 46,940.

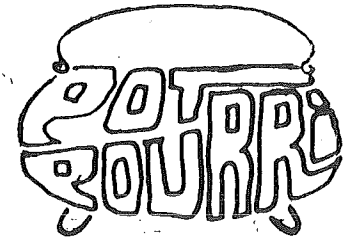
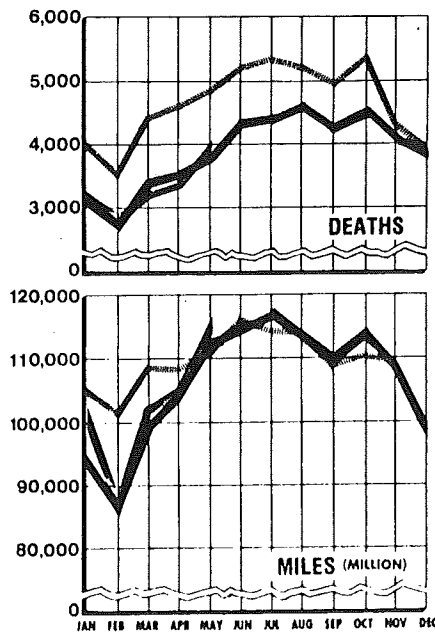
Disabling injuries for the first five months are estimated at somewhat more than 650,000. These are injuries resulting in disability beyond the day of the accident, and do not include minor injuries which probably totaled as many more.

The cost of motor-vehicle accidents for the first five months of this year is estimated at about \$6.1 billion.

Based on preliminary vehicle mileage reports for this year, the estimated mileage death rate for the entire year would be 3.6 (deaths per 100 million vehicle miles), no change from the 1974 rate of 3.6.

MONTHLY MOTOR-VEHICLE DEATHS AND TRAFFIC TRENDS

1975 — 1974 — 1973



Starting on January 1, 1976, in Switzerland, children under 12 years of age will be required to ride in a vehicle's rear seat. Just another safety measure the Swiss have instituted. Since 1971 installation of safety belts has been required there.

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Massachusetts continues to hold the dubious distinction of topping all other states in automobile thefts. Already, some 39,000 cars have been stolen during the first six months of 1975. The state runs a ratio of more than 1,100 auto thefts per 100,000 state residents annually. Not helping the situation any is the fact that neighboring states' title law permit titling immediately available. Maine, for example, has been called the "dumping ground for stolen vehicles" because title certificates are required only for vehicles bought in 1975. Said one official: "All you've got to do is steal an older car here, drive it to Maine and register it." Said another official: "...the only way to crack down is with better local police programs..."

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Reductions at the End of May

(States with five-month death reduction, 1974 vs. 1975)

States

Minnesota ...	—16%	Tennessee	— 7%
Nevada	—16%	Florida	— 6%
South Carolina	—13%	Indiana	— 5%
Ohio	—12%	North Carolina	— 4%
Mississippi	—12%	Michigan	— 3%
Georgia	—10%	Idaho	— 2%
Nebraska	— 8%	Arizona	— 1%

Many people believe that putting up traffic lights cuts down accidents. In Nassau County, New York, they found by comparison between before and after accident rates at 26 of their intersections that there were more accidents AFTER installation of the lights. The records were kept over a two to three year period before and after installation.

*** In Memoriam ***

"CAR -343"



On Friday, September 6, 1974, State Patrol District No. 3 Headquarters was dedicated by Governor Patrick J. Lucey with these words: "As I dedicate this district headquarters to the memory of Patrolman Donald C. Pederson, it is with confidence that this building will forever symbolize the respect and gratitude of the people of Wisconsin to Patrolman Pederson and to all the men and women of the Wisconsin State Patrol."

On August 26, 1972 the Wisconsin State Patrol attained a tragic landmark when Trooper Donald C. Pederson was shot to death from ambush, the first officer of the force to be killed in action since the Patrol was created by the legislature in 1939.

Former Inspector I, Clarke E. Fuller, Jr. who served in District No. 3 after being employed by the Enforcement Bureau on August 1, 1966, passed away at St. Vincent Hospital, Green Bay during the night of August 18, 1975. He had received a medical disability retirement on April 13, 1974 after having serious problems with arthritis.

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Chaucy May, Great Grandmother of Freida May's children, passed away on July 17, 1975 at Prairie du Chien.

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Trooper Daryl Kinnear's Father passed away on Monday, July 14, 1975.

Former Officer and retired inspector II Arnold Loeffler passed away at Mercy Hospital on Friday, August 1, 1975, where he had been under treatment for a minor ailment. Arnie had been making preparations to check out and return home when he was stricken.

Funeral was on Monday, Aug. 4, 1975 at the Emanuel Lutheran Church, Oshkosh and final interment was at Marquette Cemetery, Green Lake County. Pall bearers, all from the Patrol, were Sergeants Jones, Moriearty and Zabel; and, Troopers Caramanidis, Meinke and Geurts.

In Memoriam

NORVEL H. ROLLINS

This letter appeared in the APCO Magazine for July, 1975.

**SILENT KEY:
NORVELL ROLLINS**

Editor:

It is with the greatest regret that we received word of the death of one of our very dear friends, Norvell Rollins. Illinois chapter President Robert V. Stine has requested that our thoughts be conveyed to you.

We have known Norv a number of years, and although he was a member of an adjoining chapter, we have worked closely with him, particularly in the field of frequency coordination. His other accomplishments have not gone unnoticed, however.

Today, the State of Wisconsin would be less fortunate if it weren't for the contributions in the field of various phases of communications made by Norv. His mark has been left in general frequency planning, the State Microwave System, the WISPERN system and the Emergency Medical System, to name a few.

We feel that there is a part of Norv in each of these, and that they form a fitting, living memorial that speaks for itself. We will miss him, and are thankful for the opportunity of knowing him and working with him.

Robert J. Hajek
Illinois Secretary/Treasurer

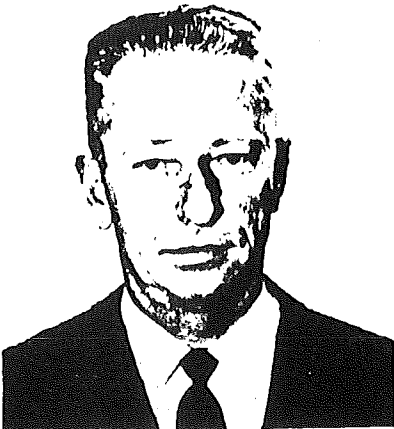


*The United States of America
honors the memory of*

NORVEL H. ROLLINS

*This certificate is awarded by a grateful
nation in recognition of devoted and
selfless consecration to the service
of our country in the Armed Forces
of the United States.*

Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States





FOR THE ROCKING CHAIR SET

Stephen N. Fisher, Inspector I, Dist. No. 6, has resigned his position effective July 5, 1975.

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Thomas Orth, Administrative Assistant I, State Headquarter's Inspection Services Unit, has resigned his position effective July 18, 1975.

They finally found out what was the problem with the air conditioning system at District No. 8. A mouse had built a nest in the outdoor unit of the system and it fouled up the whole works intermittently until they discovered the cause.

Storkfeathers



Thomas Neil is the name of the new 4 lb. 13 oz. son born to Trooper Neil and Arvilla Tuchalski on July 2, 1975 at St. Vincent's Hospital in Green Bay.

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Trooper Merle Neuman and wife, Carol, have a new daughter, Noreen Susan. Noreen weighed in at 8 lb., 2 oz. when she arrived on Monday, July 7 at Riverside Hospital in Waupaca.

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Trooper Tom Maloney and his wife have a new addition to their family. Kimberly Nicole was born on July 28, 1975, weighing 9 lb. 14½ oz.

Congratulations to all the proud parents!

Big Winner At County Fair Is Sparta 15-Year-Old

By JANICE LA RUE
Tribune Correspondent

From the barnyard to the sewing machine, 15-year-old Barbara Guy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Guy, rural Sparta, emerged from the four-day Monroe County Fair as a big winner in both livestock and fashion competition with eight blue ribbons, two red ribbons and other awards.

The teenager appeared with 88 other girls who modeled clothes they had made themselves in the 4-H Clothing Revue Style Show Sunday, the last day of the fair. After four days of hectic activity, she and her co-exhibitors appeared as fresh and excited as they had on opening day.

Miss Guy won one red and two blue ribbons in the feminine arts — the blues for a tennis outfit and a preschool child's ensemble and a red for a pants suit.

Earlier, in the livestock competition, Miss Guy, who plans to someday practice veterinary medicine, secured six blue and one red ribbons — plus other

awards for her reserve champion steer and grand champion female Brown Swiss.

It was a year of change for the Monroe County Fair — the grounds had a face-lift, the livestock a new milking parlor and beautiful weather prevailed for the entire four-day period.

CLUMSY OX CLUB

Trooper Gerald Schroeder was admitted into the "Clumsy Ox Club" by virtue of his July 29th misfortune -- He fell and broke his left wrist while working to complete his new home.

MORE POTPOURRI

A spin-off of the reduction in traffic fatalities has been the unfavorable effect on availability of organs for transplants. A transplant surgeon at the University of Chicago said that there were six fewer donations of kidneys during the first six months of 1974 than during the same period in 1973. He attributed the lack of available organs to the reduction in traffic deaths.