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WISCONSIN STATE PATROL



Smoky Badger



Safe driving is the most important part of every professional driver's job. Some drivers accept the need for defensive driving more than other drivers do. That extra effort which some are more willing to put forth to develop safe driving habits, greater skills and pride in accomplishment is what leads to recognition reserved for experts only. Congratulations to the Enforcement Bureau driving experts listed here for earning their Safe Driver Awards.

20 yr. - Insp. Dick Berger
Lieut. Arnold J. Buza
19 yr. - Major John J. Sterba
18 yr. - Sgt. Garland Spratz
17 yr. - Sgt. Richard T. Kinsman
Tpr. Arthur R. Schrock
Capt. Lester Walsingham
16 yr. - Sgt. Lewis E. Lutz
Tpr. Gerald H. Striegel
13 yr. - Tpr. William E. Walker
12 yr. - Tpr. Aldin A. Asp
Tpr. John J. Bruns
Tpr. John E. Hendrickson
Tpr. Paul J. Kueber

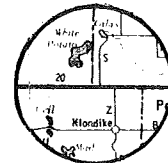
12 yr. - Tpr. Thomas J. Puetz
Tpr. Raymond Sailsbery
Sgt. Stewart Vande Zande
Tpr. Jerome E. Wittstock
Tpr. Leo W. Zipperer
11 yr. - Insp. Ronald H. Helland
Invest. Lorenz Mittelstadt
Sgt. Lowell J. Nelson
Tpr. Gervase C. Thompson
9 yr. - Tpr. Gary A. Krumnow
7 yr. - Tpr. Dennis G. Schroeder
Tpr. Orin L. Wincentsen
Tpr. Theodore Wroblewski
2 yr. - Tpr. Gerald L. Fine

DAVE SMITH LEAVES STATE SERVICE

A bon voyage party was held for former Enforcement Bureau employee, David Smith. About 60 of Dave's friends and fellow workers gathered at Frenchy's Supper Club with Judy and Dave on Friday evening, January 9, 1976 to wish him the best of fortune. In his new endeavor, Dave will be field representative for Sub Zero Refrigeration Co., Inc. of Madison. The beautiful attache case which was bestowed on him should be really useful to David. Prior to his assignment in Registration's Inquiry Unit, Dave handled certifications in the Inspection Services of the Enforcement Bureau. We all wish you well, Dave.

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)



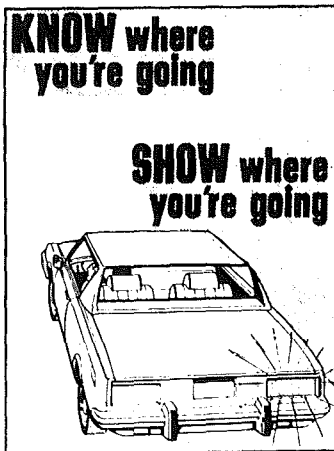
Burgoo Baron, Sgt. Casey Ryan was the only one who correctly identified last month's location as Hwy. 13 in Bayfield County.

1975 FLEET ACCIDENTS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Hdqrs.	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Dist. 1	0	1	3	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	4	18
Dist. 2	1	1	5	3	2	2	2	1	0	4	1	3	25
Dist. 3	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	8
Dist. 4	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	10
Dist. 5	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	9
Dist. 6	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	7
Dist. 8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3
TOTALS	6	5	14	8	5	5	5	5	4	8	5	13	83
Insp.	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	8
Tpr.	4	5	11	4	5	4	4	3	4	5	5	12	66
Sgt.	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	6
Lieut.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Capt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Comm. Tech.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chem. Tech.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

FLEET ACCIDENTS
THEN AND NOW

As the Smokey Badger goes to press, this is the picture for 1975 fleet accidents as compared to 1975. December made a poor showing with 13 accidents, compared to five in 1975. January 1976 isn't far behind December 1975, with a total of 12 accidents so far. Perhaps we should all review our winter driving techniques.

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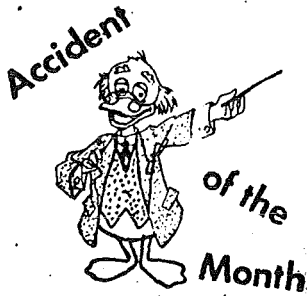
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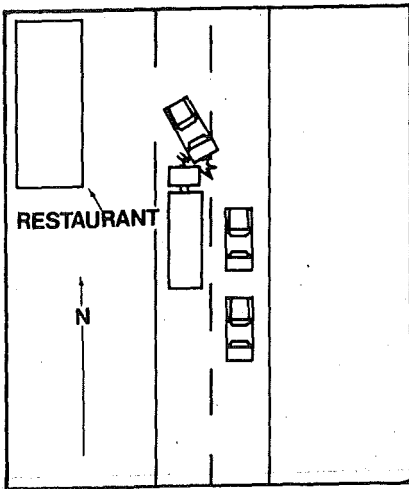
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The Accident

A semi-trailer, traveling approximately 45 miles per hour on a two-lane highway, overtook three cars ahead and about 45 feet apart, traveling about 30 miles per hour. The truck driver sounded his horn and pulled into the left lane to pass the three vehicles. As he passed the first two and was about 20 feet from the small foreign car in front, its driver turned on his left signal, veered into the left lane, and slowed abruptly to turn into a roadside restaurant. The truck driver hit his brakes, but struck the left rear corner of the automobile.



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SMOKEY BADGER

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Mrs. Linda J. Schlueter
COMPOSITOR



"TRAFFIC DIE-GEST"

This monthly summary of statistics is taken from the National Safety Council publication TRAFFIC SAFETY. This is information which you may find useful in your contacts with the public.

MOTOR-VEHICLE deaths in October 1975 totaled 3,980, a decrease of 8 per cent from the October 1974 total of 4,330 and a decrease of 23 per cent from the pre-energy-crisis October 1973 total of 5,197. The October 1975 total is the lowest since the October 1962 total of 3,913.

Deaths for the first 10 months of 1975 totaled 38,120, an increase of 1 per cent from the 1974 10-month total of 37,920 and a decrease of 19 per cent from the corresponding 10-month period in 1973. Deaths for the 12-month period ending October 1975 totaled 46,400.

Disabling injuries for the first 10 months are estimated at slightly more than 1.4 million. 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 10 months of this year is estimated at about \$16.0 billion.

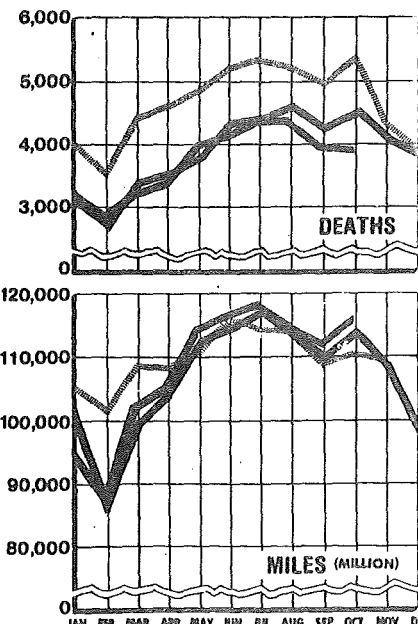
Based on preliminary vehicle mileage reports for this year, the estimated mileage death rate for the entire year would be 3.5 (deaths per 100 million vehicle

miles), a decrease of 3 per cent from the 1974 rate of 3.6.

Among the 50 states reporting October experience, 31 states had fewer deaths than in the preceding October, 18 had increases, and one state, Nevada, showed no change. For the 10 months, 22 states showed decreases in deaths, 27 states had more deaths, and one state, West Virginia, showed no change.

MONTHLY MOTOR-VEHICLE DEATHS AND TRAFFIC TRENDS

1975 — 1974 — 1973



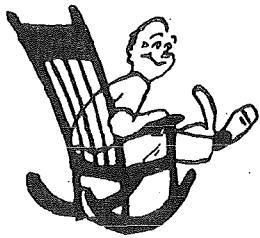
Reductions at the End of October

(States with 10-month death reduction, 1974 vs. 1975)

States

Idaho	—14%	Ohio	— 5%
Tennessee	—12%	Michigan	— 5%
Oregon	—12%	Mississippi	— 5%
Florida	—11%	Massachusetts	— 4%
Arizona	—10%	Indiana	— 4%
Georgia	— 9%	Pennsylvania	— 3%
South Carolina	— 9%	Virginia	— 3%
Minnesota	— 7%	Colorado	— 2%
New Hampshire	— 7%	Nebraska	— 2%
North Carolina	— 6%	South Dakota	— 2%
New York	— 5%	Maryland	— 0%

*Less than .5%.



FOR THE
ROCKING CHAIR

SET

*Capt. Corwin Holmquist, Capt. Charles Okonek, Insp. Martin Holzman & Insp. Earl Miller all retired Dec. 31, 1975.

*Eleanor Clark, Clerk II, SH, resigned her position effective Jan. 2, 1976.

*Samuel Bush, PCO II, Dist. 6, resigned his position effective Jan. 4, 1976.

*Steven Montaba, Trooper II, Dist. 3 resigned his position Jan. 3, 1976.

*Inspectors William Diersen and Wanda Krueger have been promoted to Troopers effective January 18, 1976.

*Trooper Dale Corbin, Dist. 5 has resigned effective January 3, 1976.

*Trooper Francis Hart, District 3 has resigned his position effective Jan. 3, 1976.

*Lieut. Jerome J. Blied has been promoted to Captain, assigned to Field Staff at State Headquarters, effective December 21, 1975.

*Sgt. Roger F. Hlavacka has been promoted to Lieutenant to take the place of Capt. Blied in the Special and Technical Services Unit at State Headquarters, effective Jan. 5, 1976.

*Sgt. Arthur H. School has been promoted to Lieutenant assigned to Dist. No. 5, effective Jan. 5, 1976.

WEDDING BELLS

Former Dist. 2 trooper, Bob White and Linda Welke, Ad. Sec. I at State Hdqrs. were married Sat., Jan. 31, 1976 in a ceremony at their new residence in Madison. * * * * *

PCO Gary Czapinski claimed Jane Zagrzebski as his bride on December 27, 1975 in Stevens Point.

In Memoriam

Our Sympathy To:

Trooper Peter Schreiber, whose father passed away on December 21, 1975.

Trooper Ken DeTroye, whose father, John DeTroye, Sr. passed away on January 18, 1976 at Sheboygan Falls.

ACCIDENT OF THE MONTH

Decision

The Accident Review Board ruled this accident PREVENTABLE. Passing accidents of this kind occur frequently. One of the cardinal rules of safe passing is to make sure that the drivers being passed are aware of your presence and your intention to pass. In this instance, the truck driver sounded his horn only once - 135 feet behind the lead vehicle. It is too much to assume that the lead driver heard the horn. Also, the roadside restaurant was a tip-off to danger. This coupled with the slow speed of the cars ahead should have been a clue that one of more of the cars might turn into the roadside restaurant.

Storkfeathers



Trooper Richard Abrahamson and his wife welcomed their new daughter, Amy Kathleen on December 18, 1975 in Rhinelander. Amy weighed 7 lb. 4 oz. and was 20 inches long.

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Tpr. Gary Cravillion and wife, Judith just missed having a New Year's baby when Kim Marie was born on Dec. 31, 1975. Their first child, Kim weighed 6 lb. 9 oz.

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Craig Jason is the new son of Tpr. Craig and Lynda Preston, born on Dec. 12, 1975. Craig is a big boy, starting out at 9 lb. 1½ oz. and 21 inches long.