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SAFE DRIVER AWARD



Congratulations to these Bureau representatives who not only have earned the Safe Driver Award for completing a year of accident-free driving, but who have also polished the image of the State Patrol and the Enforcement Bureau.

19 yr. - Insp. John Donley  
Chem.Tech. Roland Gilbertson  
Sgt. Keith L. Wilder

18 yr. - Insp. George D. Eder  
Chem.Tech. Marvin O. Hughes  
Tpr. William R. Monthey  
Sgt. George R. Ryan

17 yr. - Insp. Orrie E. Brettingen  
Insp. John E. Lampman  
Insp. Robert E. Leece  
Insp. Richard E. Preller  
Insp. John F. Steffek  
Tpr. Rolland A. Wottrich

16 yr. - Insp. Ronald L. Prissel

15 yr. - Lieut. Donald J. Artz  
Comm.Tech. Donald A. Dudley  
Insp. Jerome J. Karl  
Tpr. Harold F. Rineck  
Insp. Carroll E. Schilf

13 yr. - Sgt. William H. Lampa

11 yr. - Insp. Rene F. Blizek

11 yr. - Insp. Donald T. Leece  
Insp. John J. Smith  
Insp. George R. Whalen

9 yr. - Insp. Douglas Fleming  
Insp. Florian R. Kotecki  
Insp. Ronald H. Wonders

8 yr. - Insp. Darol G. Peterson

6 yr. - Insp. Patrick C. Bouche  
Insp. Gregory W. Forward  
Insp. Bernard F. Gunski  
Insp. Paul A. Joles  
Tpr. John C. Mundy  
Tpr. Theodore Wroblewski  
Insp. Ralph J. Zlindra

4 yr. - Insp. Douglas Augustine  
Tpr. Gerald W. Bloedow

3 yr. - Tpr. Gary R. Duffenbach

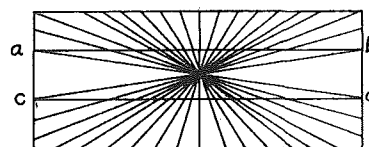
2 yr. - Tpr. Donald J. Stark  
Tpr. Donald K. Vinger  
Tpr. Craig A. Moore

NATIONAL FLEET SAFETY CONTEST

The Wisconsin Enforcement Bureau Fleet has fallen to No. 5 standing in the National Fleet Safety Contest at the close of 11 months. Our rate is 4.40 and the average rate for the group of eight competing fleets is 5.43 accidents per million miles of travel. In spite of the apparent let-up, our fleet over-all has experienced less accidents than a year ago at this time. It's just that some other drivers in the competing fleets are trying harder than we.

IS SEEING BELIEVING?

Sometimes the eye can play tricks on a person. That's why it's so important to keep the eyes moving--and glance several times in each direction before making a major deviation or movement in traffic. For example, lines ab and cd are really parallel, in spite of the effect!



# I N T E R - D I S T R I C T F L E E T   S A F E T Y   C O N T E S T

The word for today is CONGRATULATIONS! The Director's Trophy for safe driving has been awarded to District No. 5 for excellence in compiling the best record of the seven districts. The trophy itself was officially presented to District No. 5 at the February General Staff Meeting at Waukesha. This is a repeat performance, as District 5 has been displaying the trophy at their headquarters for the similar distinction of having been best in calendar 1974! Congratulations to the staff and personnel of District 5.

<u>District Number</u>	<u>Preventable Accidents</u>	<u>Miles Traveled</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Final Standing</u>
5	1	1,462,984	.068	1
4	1	1,253,698	.080	2
6	2	1,315,938	.151	3
8	1	656,250	.152	4
3	3	1,356,758	.221	5
1	9	2,716,513	.331	6
2	13	1,766,168	.736	7*

\*Battered Hubcap award for July thru December, 1974.

## 1975 FLEET ACCIDENTS

January 1974 started off the year with six fleet accidents. Our fleet has duplicated that dubious distinction this year, the only difference being that the accidents are divided up equally among six of the districts. Only District No. 1--which at this time last year had three fleet accidents--recorded no January fleet accidents in 1975. Last year, in January, there were two Inspector involvements; but, this year there were none for January. Let's keep our enthusiasm for fleet safety alive in '75!

### JAN

Hdqrs.	0
Academy	0
Dist. 1	0
Dist. 2	1
Dist. 3	1
Dist. 4	1
Dist. 5	1
Dist. 6	1
Dist. 8	1
TOTALS	6
Insp.	0
Tpr.	4
Sgt.	1
Lieut.	1
Capt.	0
Comm. Tech.	0
Chem. Tech.	0
Other	0



## NUTI WORKSHOP

An advanced workshop emphasizing the development of collective bargaining skills for use by police administrators and local governmental bargaining designates is being offered by the NUTI. Workshop on Collective Bargaining in Law Enforcement Agencies is scheduled April 7-10 and June 16-19. Both programs will be at the Evanston Holiday Inn, Evanston, IL. Included in the faculty members is Wisconsin's Zel Rice, Secretary of Transportation. He is a member of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service and American Arbitration Assn. labor panels, and the National Academy of Arbitrators.

National Safety Council's Accident Facts shows that of the 114,638 accidental deaths in 1970, 714 of them occurred more than a year after the accident itself.

## THE STEERING COLUMN

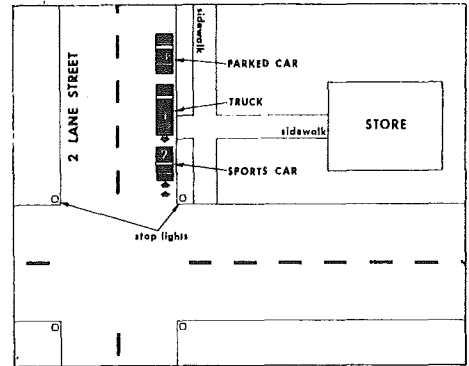
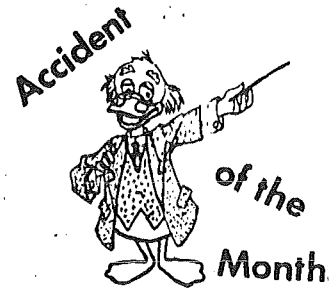


Col. Lew V.  
Versnik

With all the time-consuming duties which are performed in our daily routine both at State Headquarters and in the Field, one other thing of utmost importance must be provided, no matter what the cost. That item is the investigation of citizen complaints proffered against procedures and our personnel.

A few such complaints may be justified or justified in part, but the majority are proven to be without substance--often just a misunderstanding or a citizen letting off steam. But the over-riding fact of the matter is that all complaints must be investigated with like thoroughness, and all complainants must be answered. It is a standard policy of the Patrol. This policy has earned the Patrol the respect of the citizens of Wisconsin and from other states as well. I am well aware of the implication which accompanies any complaint--even when it is eventually proven to be unjustified--that suggests someone has violated one or more of the rules and regulations governing conduct and behavior in dealing with the general public. An inquiry to the Field requesting an explanation in no way is intended to support that implication. It is only intended to serve as an information-gathering medium which will determine the disposition of the matter. Selling our product is a challenge that only extra-ordinary people can meet. We must continue to meet that challenge.

Van sez: "Be Fearless; be Brave; be Out-spoken; be not Afraid to take a Stand -- Be Unemployed!"



The driver stated that he pulled to the curb to make a delivery. When he pulled in, the first three parking spaces from the corner were vacant; after making his delivery, the driver returned to the truck. A car had parked in front of him, but the rear was clear. He knew this, because he had walked behind the truck and entered it from the street side. The driver fastened his seat belt, and then checked his delivery slip for the next stop. Meanwhile, a small sports car had pulled in and parked behind him. The driver of the truck looked into his mirrors (which did not reveal the sports car parked behind him) and backed up--right into the car, damaging the headlights, grill and hood. The truck driver blamed the accident on the construction of the truck; it was a two-ton closed body, with two outside mirrors, but no window in the rear.

Answer is on page 5.

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I wonder who the red faced sergeant in District 3 is who dialed a wrong number recently and was greeted by the gal on the other end with: "HELLO POOPSY"

Whereforth Art Thou?

# FLEET ACCIDENTS

Fleet accidents for 1974 by day of the month. The solid black indicates a day with more than one fleet accident. If any day was bad for us, it was Fridays, with 18 fleet accidents. Next was Saturdays with 12.

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As the SMOKEY BADGER goes to press, this is the picture for 1975 fleet accidents:

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## WHATZ-IT?

These two little doo-dads perform a special function that has to do with insulation. If you give up, look on page 6 for the answer.



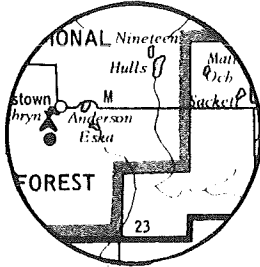
## BON BOYAGE TO MARY DUNN

Friday, February 14, 1975 was Mary Dunn's departing day from State Service. Mary became part of the Enforcement Bureau on November 25, 1968, as Secretary to Bob Cromey (retired), now supervised by Carl Zutz, Inspection Services Unit.

A pot-luck was held in the Enforcement Bureau in her honor. Mr. Carl Zutz gave a presentation of her past history and a gift was presented on behalf of her fellow employees. We all wish Mary the very best in her retirement years!

## SO YOU KNOW WISCONSIN?

All right, no "cheating" now, tell me in what county this location is, and what is the predominant highway? (answer next issue)



Yes! Some of our people sure do know Wisconsin.....Bill Gelhaus hunts pheasants, duck-hunter Capt. Howard Goetsch knew the area, Bob Hyer can take you thru there blindfolded, Sgt. Bernie Muschinski says, "they serve a very good fish-fry at one of the local watering sports", and Sgt. Zabel claims he worked as a youngster on his Uncle's farm near the Crawfish River. They refer to Hubbelton as being IT, located on Hwy. 19 in Dodge County.



## FOR THE ROCKING CHAIR SET

- Insp. Walter Krivinchuk, District 8, received a medical disability retirement effective 11/20/74.
- Ruth M. Borchardt has been employed as a Typist 2, Dist. 2, effective January 13, 1975.
- Employment of Louis Goth, LTE, Clerk 2, Communications Section, was terminated effective 1/24/75.
- Richard P. Vacca, Madison has been employed as a Clerk 2 in the Communications Section, 1/27/75.
- William P. Liedge, Trooper 2, District 8 has been granted a three month extension of his medical leave of absence.
- Pamela S. Hoessel, Madison has been employed as an Admin. Secretary 1, Communications Section, effective February 17, 1975.
- Mary E. Dunn, Typist 3, Inspection Services Unit, has resigned her employment effective 2/14/75.

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## Explorer post formed here

Explorer Post #608 was organized in January, 1975, under the sponsorship of District 5 Headquarters of the Wisconsin State Patrol.

Post members elected officers at State Patrol District 5 Headquarters Monday evening. Named president was Jim Parlow of Tomah. Other officers are Chris Rasmussen, vice president and Lynn Rasmussen, secretary-treasurer. Both are from the Tomah area.

Present membership includes ten Explorers and seven adult members, in addition to three Explorers from Necedah. All Explorers must have completed

the eighth grade and be between the ages of 15 and 21.

Post #608 is designated as a Law Enforcement Post and has as its special interest all the various activities involved in law enforcement. The objectives of the program are to explore all phases of the law enforcement field, to instill in the Explorers a genuine desire to demonstrate worthwhile habits, attitudes and practices as contributing members of society, and to provide citizenship, social, service, outdoor, vocational and physical fitness activities as an integral part of the program.

Meetings are held the first and third Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the State Patrol's District 5 Headquarters Building near Tomah.

## CANDIDATE FOR CLUMSY OX CLUB!

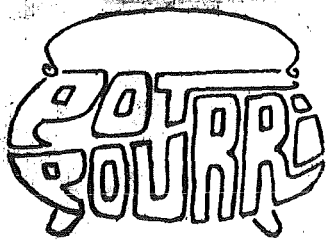
ChemTest Tech. John Offermann is in Cast; he slipped and fractured his right arm.

## ACCIDENT OF THE MONTH

Decision of the Board is as follows:

### DISCUSSION

The Accident Review Committee graded this a PREVENTABLE accident, stating that because the driver knew that his rear vision was restricted, he should have maintained constant vigilance for just such a hazard. Fastening his seat belt and reading his delivery orders provided sufficient time for another vehicle to pull in and park behind him. He also could have pulled forward, at an angle, and then backed up. The angle position probably would have disclosed the parked car. As stated, there were three parking places available originally; the driver should have spaced his vehicle to avoid the possibility of being boxed in.



- U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Burger has enjoined the U.S. Labor Department from enforcing any part of P.L. 93-259 (Fair Labor

Standards Act), including those sections which require the payment of minimum wage and overtime to fire and law enforcement officers. The case will go to the full court for final decision. Agencies have been advised that until and unless the injunction is overturned, they need not alter their overtime or compensating time payment procedures.

- Iowa State Dept. of Transportation Commissioners voted 4 to 3 against legalizing 65-foot twin trailer trucks on that state's highways. Iowa is the only state west of Pennsylvania along I-80 (main east-west truck route) that does not allow the 65-footers. Double-bottom 60-foot truck-semi rigs are allowed in Iowa. Iowa's Governor Ray expressed concern that the increased truck traffic, if longer double-bottoms were permitted, would further deteriorate I-80 which is now cracking and in need of repair. Highway Commission Planning Director Ray Kassel, when asked if longer trucks would put more weight on the roads, said "not necessarily" since Iowa has a gross weight limit of 73,280 pounds. Missouri and Kansas have limits of 61,400 and 61,000 pounds respectively. The average weight of present double-bottoms in Iowa is 62,600 pounds. The longer units will have to detour around Iowa by going through Missouri and Kansas.

- A New Jersey Court has held that VASCAR now meets the criteria for judicial notice. That state's supreme court held for the prosecution, in a contested case, where it was claimed that judicial notice can be taken of VASCAR where there is satisfactory proof of the good working order of the particular unit and of the qualifications of the operator.

- Arkansas is looking over a new bill introduced in their legislature to sophisticate driver examination and driver control by forming a new Office of Driver Services in the Department of Public Safety. Under the bill, there would be a four-year driver's license at a fee of \$3 per year, color photo laminated on the license and vision exams each time a license was renewed--and a medical examination or driver's test at any time the ODS had cause to believe that a driver should not be licensed for mental or physical reasons.

- The new bulletproof vests of lightweight material stronger than steel are taking hold in California since such a vest saved the life of an officer who bought one on his own. Shot as he approached a motorist, the officer suffered only a bruised chest. Los Angeles has appropriated \$350 thousand to buy them of everyone of the city's 7 thousand policemen. Oakland and San Francisco have made the same decision, plus Baltimore, MD. The vests weigh only three pounds, yet will turn back .44 magnum and 00 buck!

From the Saturday, January 25th edition of the KENOSHA NEWS comes this informative item:

### **Nabs armed robbers**

A state patrol officer caught two armed robbers singlehanded at about 3 a.m. today.

David Kadlac, owner of the Interstate Mobile station at Hy. 142 and I-94, commended Officer Craig Preston for "some real fast and brave police work."

When the station attendant pushed a silent alarm button, notifying authorities an armed robbery was in progress, Preston was less than 30 seconds away.

He pulled his shotgun out, took off, and arrived at the service station just as the two men were trying to commandeer a customer's car for a quick getaway.

Kadlac said the two men had about \$175 in cash which they got at knife-point from the station attendant.

Preston pulled up and covered the two men with his shotgun. The two robbers did not put up a fight.

The two are being held by authorities, who believe they are the same two men who held up the White Hen Pantry in Kenosha this past week.

WHATZ-IT? answer is:

Ear plugs for noise insulation.