


WISCONSIN STATE PATROL



Smiley Badger



All safety movements are centered on three elements -- people, programs and progress. Our program is making progress because of these people, our Safe Driver Award notables for this month. These drivers have demonstrated their attention to those principles which have earned for them this recognition:

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| 19 yr. - Sergeant Erwin Bullette | 8 yr. - Trooper Kenneth DePlayee |
| Sergeant Frederick Frater | Sergeant Roger Nickerson |
| Chem. Tech. Thomas Geske | 6 yr. - Trooper Joel M. Brandau |
| Trooper Roger F. Geurts | Inspector Jack C. Fidler |
| Sergeant John L. Moriearty | Trooper David Pueringer |
| 18 yr. - Captain Ivan G. Anders | 5 yr. - Trooper James Ausloos |
| Trooper Kenneth DeTroye | 3 yr. - Trooper Elario V. Banda |
| Captain Perry L. Griffith | Trooper Edward J. Gegan |
| Chem. Tech. Edward Nielsen | Trooper Juan M. Camacho |
| 17 yr. - Sergeant Gerald L. Johnson | Trooper Kenneth R. Eggler |
| Trooper Kenneth J. Miller | Trooper Brian K. Fiege |
| 16 yr. - Trooper Richard D. Cox | Trooper Joseph Gustafson |
| Trooper Jack M. Honadel | Trooper Donald F. Johnson |
| Comm. Tech. Norman Walker | Trooper William J. Kulas |
| 15 yr. - Inspector Howard Roberts | Trooper George T. Maloney |
| 14 yr. - Captain Donald Kennelly | Trooper Louis J. Mane |
| 11 yr. - Inspector Bryce Gardner | Trooper Craig H. Preston |
| Inspector Delore Krueger | Trooper Richard L. Sacia |
| Trooper William Walker | Trooper James F. Schmerse |
| 9 yr. - Inspector Terry D. Bengtson | Trooper Gene H. Selke |
| Inspector James P. Cmeyla | Trooper Michael J. Taczala |
| Inspector Robert Gohre | Trooper Charles W. Tester |
| Trooper Douglas R. Jensen | Trooper Albert E. Trussoni |
| Trooper Robert Roehl | Trooper Keith A. Wynstra |
| Trooper Robert M. Schroeder | 2 yr. - Trooper Odell Brown |

LETTER OF THANKS

This unusual letter was received at District No. 1: "Dear Friends: Sorry to have to of had to received this citation. Now will I lose 3 points? It may teach me a lesson and I want to thank you for everything.

/s/ Sandy _____ "

(Sandy dropped \$37 and picked up 3 points in the exchange -- Editor)

HONORS TO TROOPER

Trooper Arnold L. Sudbrink of Augusta, District No. 6, was cited recently by his local American Legion Post as "Outstanding Police Officer". Further recognition was accorded him when the 10th Wisconsin District of the American Legion bestowed on Trooper Sudbrink its "Law and Order Award". We pridefully join with District No. 6 in congratulating Trooper Arnie Sudbrink.

INTER-DISTRICT FLEET SAFETY CONTEST

District No. 5 and District No. 8 are sparring for first place at the close of eight months of our current contest. Neither has been charged with a preventable accident. The rankings follow.

DISTRICT	PREVENTABLE ACC.	MILEAGE	RATE	STANDING
5	0	982,503	.000	1
8	0	435,160	.000	2
4	1	811,904	.123	3
3	2	875,422	.228	4
1	4	1,699,763	.235	5
6	2	828,076	.241	6
2	8	1,146,898	.697	7

Storkfeathers



Diane and Tom Richards announce the arrival fo their first child, Andrew David Richards, August 15, 1975 at 1:20 A.M. Master Richards weighed in at 7 lbs., 6½ oz. Diane is District No. 2's citation clerk.

IN SICK BAY

Inspector Joe Gefroh underwent back surgery August 27th at St. Luke's Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Susan (Mrs. Ken) Eggler was in Theda Clark Hospital, Neenah following an auto accident, which injured her left leg and cut her face. The mishap occurred near Waupaca.

BUREAU FLEET SAFETY PROGRAM

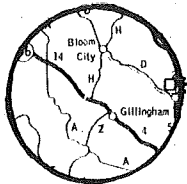
Two years ago August 31, our fleet had experienced 49 reportable vehicle accidents. Last year at the same time, the total was dropped to 46, which was really great, because it was a new low. For 1975 our accident experience has taken a jump up to 53 reportables as of August 31st. Safety is no accident -- it is a full-time occupation.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	TOTALS
Hdqs.	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dist. 1	0	1	3	2	2	0	2	0	10
Dist. 2	1	1	5	3	2	2	2	1	17
Dist. 3	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	5
Dist. 4	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	2	8
Dist. 5	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	4
Dist. 6	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	6
Dist. 8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	6	5	14	8	5	5	5	5	53
Insp.	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	6
Trooper	4	5	11	4	5	4	4	3	40
Sgt.	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	4
Lieut.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Capt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Rdo. Tech	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chem Tech	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1



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)



Last month's mystery location: From Sgt. Hlavacka: "....I submit that the county is Clark, and the predominant highway is Hwy. 10. That's part of the first district I served in, District 6. How many from District 6 replied? Tpr. Steve Hanson had this to say, Roger: "Just thought I'd better let you know I read the 'S-B'... (it) shows Hwy. 10, eastern Clark and western Wood Counties.

CB CONTROVERSY

The Wisconsin State Patrol received a letter, directed to Col. Versnik, demanding that the WSP immediately cease the use of CB radios or face legal action for alleged violation of federal law. Atty. Jay Schwartz, Racine, contended in his letter that citizen band, within the meaning and intent of the law, was designed solely and exclusively for the use of citizens to conduct their business. Schwartz accused the Patrol of using CB radios as a tax collecting function.

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T R A F F I C D I E - G E S T

A summary of traffic accident data you can use in your contacts with citizens. These facts and figures are from the National Safety Council monthly publication, TRAFFIC SAFETY.

MOTOR-VEHICLE deaths in June 1975 totaled 4,240, a decrease of 2 per cent from the June 1974 total of 4,330 and a decrease of 19 per cent from the pre-energy-crisis June 1973 total of 5,250. The June 1974 total was the lowest since the June 1965 total of 4,111.

Deaths for the first six months of 1975 totaled 21,260, an increase of 3 per cent from the six-month total for 1974 of 20,610 and a decrease of 20 per cent from the corresponding six-month period in 1973. Deaths for the 12-month period ending June 1975 totaled 46,850.

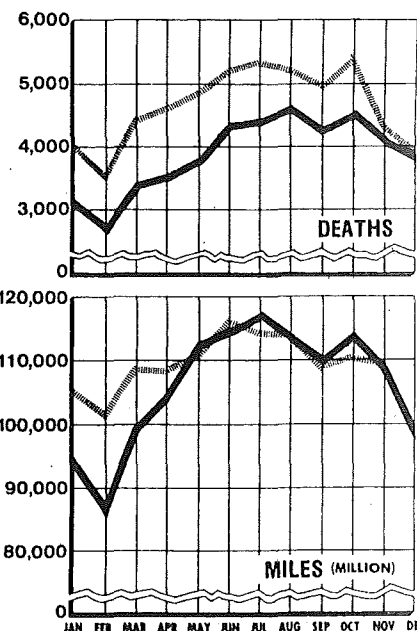
Disabling injuries for the first six months are estimated at about 800,000. These are injuries resulting in disability beyond the day of the accident, and do not include minor injuries which probably totaled as many more.

The cost of motor-vehicle accidents for the first six months of this year is estimated at slightly more than \$7.5 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



Reductions at the End of June

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

States

South Carolina	—13%	Nevada	—7%
Mississippi	—13%	North Carolina	—6%
Ohio	—12%	Georgia	—6%
Minnesota	—11%	Tennessee	—4%
Oregon	—11%	Kansas	—4%
Nebraska	—10%	Montana	—4%
Florida	—8%	Indiana	—2%
Michigan	—7%	New York	—1%
Idaho	—7%	Virginia	—1%

FLEET ACCIDENTS THEN AND NOW

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

1975

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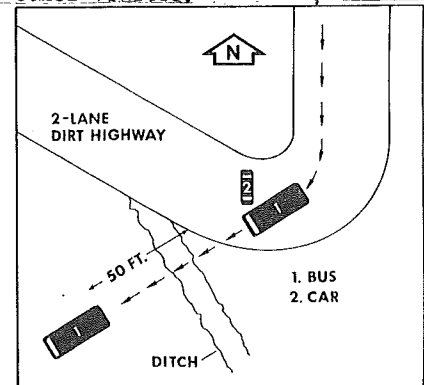
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ACCIDENT OF THE MONTH

THE ACCIDENT

Driver stated that he was driving southbound on a dirt road, moving about 40 mph; the time was 12:30 a.m., and it was raining. While going into a curve, he found the road slippery and took his foot off the accelerator. As he rounded the curve, he saw a vehicle standing across the road; the stalled vehicle was without lights. The driver tried to brake, but his wheels just locked and skidded, so he tried to go around the left side of the stalled car. He started to skid sideways and since there wasn't any clearance, he headed for the left-hand ditch, but the right side of his vehicle struck the stalled car. He finally went into the ditch doing about 30 mph, damaging the left front fender, hood, bumper, and grill of the other vehicle.



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In Memoriam

On September 3, 1975, Tpr. Michael D. Meinke died from the effects of terminal cancer, an affliction with which he had been living for the past year and one half.

A graduate of Academy Class 19, Trooper Meinke was transferred on March 29, 1969 to District No. 3 and took up residence with his wife Shelby at Wautoma. He

is also survived by a daughter, Vicki, age five years.

Funeral services were conducted at Faith United Methodist Church in Westfield at 1:30 P.M., Saturday, Sept. 6, 1975. Pall bearers, all from the Patrol, were Sergeants Donald Jones and Arthur School and Troopers Gary Cahoon, Jerry Long, Roger Geurts and Robert Sanders.





FOR THE
ROCKING CHAIR
SET

* Jerold L. Witte, Trooper II, Dist. 3, resigned Aug. 14 to become police science instructor with Moraine Park Technical Institute.

* PCO-2 Paul Poeschl, District 3 resigned August 15, 1975.

* Eileen (nee Schroedl) Deinlein, former Field Force Secretary at State Headquarters, has been reinstated at District No. 1 Hdqs. as Typist II, effective Aug. 18, 1975.

* Sgt. Gerald Johnson, District No. 1, is attending the NUTI long course at Evanston, Illinois, Sept. 10, 1975 thru June 12, 1976.

* Gustav Schroeder, PCO II District 4 retired from state service, effective September 23, 1975.

* Myron Olson resigned his Trooper 1 position September 6, 1975.

* Insp. Joe Gefroh was granted medical leave, Aug. 16 to Oct. 13, 1975.

* Insp. Doug Augustine, Dist. No. 3 resigned, effective Sept. 11, 1975.

* Diane Richards, Typist III, Dist. No. 2 resigned Sept. 15, 1975.

* Tpr. Roger Geurts has transferred from Oshkosh to Kewaunee County effective October 8, 1975.

* Dan Janz, PCO I State Hdqs. transfers to District 8 on Oct. 12, 1975.

* Tpr. Steve Koch Dist. 3, transferred to Waushara County from Algoma, effective Sept. 28, 1975.

* Former Inspector Don Getter has been reinstated as MVI-I effective Sept. 28, 1975, assigned to Dist. 1.

TROOPER INSERVICE RANGE FIRING

Third week's closing standings:

EXPERT CLASS

Tpr. McKinnon	Dist. 3	298 - 10X
Tpr. Daniels	Dist. 5	298 - 8X
Tpr. Wolf	Dist. 4	296 - 14X

SHARPSHOOTER CLASS

Tpr. Wincentzen	Dist. 3	289 - 3X
Tpr. Nash	Dist. 1	286 - 1X
Tpr. Neumaier	Dist. 1	281 - 7X

MARKSMAN CLASS

Tpr. Stricker	Dist. 2	284 - 5X
Tpr. Shaver	Dist. 6	281 - 7X
Tpr. Lyman	Dist. 2	281 - 5X

Highest District Average: 267.36, Dist. 5
Total No. Points: 2,941, No. Shooters: 11
Most Improved Shooter to Date: Trooper
R. D. Sailshery, District No. 1
Prev. Score: 216, Present Score: 280
Improvement 64 points

VAN SEZ: "In 1940, each car on the road contained an average of 3.2 persons. In 1950, the average was 2.1 and in 1960 it was 1.4 -- at this rate every third car on the road will be empty by 1980!!"

ACCIDENT OF THE MONTH

(From Page 4)

DISCUSSION

The Accident Review Committee classed the accident as PREVENTABLE, for these reasons:

- He knew the condition of the road (wet and muddy) and should have known that it would be slippery.
- His speed was too fast for weather conditions and the arc of the curve.

CARELESS PEOPLE

GET CARRIED AWAY!



"SPEAKING OF
HISTORY...."

Harry Galbraith (then a radio tech) wrote this item for the old Enforcement Division's NEWS-GRAM, namely, the November-December 1957 issue. Back in those days there used to be a lot of "DX" on the air. With Gus Schroeder retiring, it seemed appropriate to pick up this item for your current reading. -- Ed.

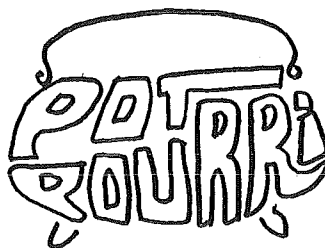
Radio Communications
By The Barry

We have a new Radio Operator amongst us here. Gustav Schroeder, a resident of Tomahawk and a former radio operator from the old Tomahawk Station. Welcome back Gus.

Mac, Jens, Russ and Friedland can't wait to fire up the new C-W Rig. This transmitter is replacing a hand built job, built back around 1938 or so. The CW boys handled a lot of traffic on it the past 20 years.

Robert Henry Radio Technician, has been doing a lot of work on the desks up here. He rewired the entire set up and built new amplifiers. Its a lot better than before. We still need something to filter out that oil drilling outfit down in Venezuela covering up the squads.

A group of the radio operators' wives entertained Mrs. Wilbur Jensen at the home of Mrs. John Stasny. The occasion, a baby shower. A lot of gifts were given and Jens said it was like money in the bank.



Gov. George Busbee of Georgia announced recently that \$96,000 from the State Emergency Fund would be used to equip 460 State Patrol cars with CB radios. Also, six

State Patrol base stations were to be outfitted with CB radio.

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Oklahoma State Troopers are now issuing citations to motorists for the good things they do instead of the bad. A driver identified by a trooper for showing rare judgement and driving skill in avoiding accidents may be stopped and issued an Exemplary Driving Citation. Each trooper may issue only five such citations in each year.

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Under a new law in the State of Washington, drivers may now purchase and install on their vehicles a colored light system which signals what action the driver is taking. A green light shows when the car is accelerating, an amber light comes on when the vehicle is slowing or decelerating and a red light appears to show when the driver is stepping on the brake. This became legal on September 1, 1975. The system, which will cost the average car owner about \$65.00, is intended to help avert rear-end collisions.

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The first of a series of an \$80 million network of 84 state-owned inspection stations to test motor vehicle emission controls is planned. As now envisioned, the new emissions inspections program will ultimately require 6.6 million auto owners to have their vehicles checked and, if necessary, spend up to \$150 on repairs before they will be issued new license tags each year. The last time that the state attempted an anti-smog program, it turned into an environmental and political whirlpool of controversy. That's in California.

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In Floral Park, New York, a 5'4" 130-lb. New York City policewoman tangled with a 170-lb. roofer. She took a 38 caliber revolver away from him, tackled him and held him down until other police came to her aid.