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# From the Staff ...

Major J. Bret Johnson  
Support Services Bureau



The end of August means most new "truly agreed to and finally passed" legislation signed by Governor Jay Nixon has taken effect. I want to take this opportunity to inform you of a major change in the motor vehicle inspection requirements that will go into effect January 1, 2010.

House Bill 683, which passed this legislative session, was the major transportation bill of the 2009 session. Within the 93 pages of this bill was a change to Section 307.350 RSMo., which governs the requirements of when a motor vehicle is subject to a biennial safety inspection. Currently, only new motor vehicles are exempt from the safety inspection process prior to registration for a two-year period following their model year of manufacture. All other vehicles, excluding proportionately registered and historic vehicles, must have a safety inspection prior to being properly registered.

Beginning January 1, 2010, motor vehicles for the **five-year** period following their model year of manufacture, will be exempt from safety inspection process prior to registration or renewal of registration. In addition, vehicles registered in excess of 24,000 pounds for a period of less than 12 months (farm trucks) are also exempt from the safety inspection process. All other vehicles will continue the current biennial inspection. Vehicles manufactured in odd numbered years will receive the inspection in odd numbered years, and those manufactured in even numbered years will likewise be required to receive a safety inspection in even numbered years. This change is interpreted also to exempt used vehicles sold during the five-year period following their model year of manufacture from the safety inspection process. We estimate over 750,000 fewer vehicles will be inspected annually by the 4,525 inspection stations the Motor Vehicle Inspection Division oversees statewide.

Missouri, 17 other states, and the District of Columbia currently have a periodic motor vehicle inspection program. In comparing fatal traffic crashes from 2005 through 2007 in our state, one vehicle for every 131.2 vehicles involved in a fatal crash had a vehicle defect contributing to the crash. The nationwide statistic for the same time period indicates one vehicle for every 79.7 vehicles involved in a fatal crash had a defect contributing to the crash. This indicates our current program, overseen and administered by the Patrol's Motor Vehicle and Inspection Division, has saved countless lives since its inception December 1, 1968. I thank each and every employee who has been a part of this program for his or her dedication to our mission.

As January approaches and these changes become eminent, we will be responsible for educating the motoring public and answering questions about the aforementioned changes in the inspection program. I ask all of our enforcement personnel to become familiar with these and other changes in our laws from the past legislative session. Remember ... we **are** the experts.

On behalf of the colonel and the rest of the staff, thank you for your service and stay safe.

*(For more information regarding new laws, see Sgt. Kenneth M. Robinson's article on page 7.)*

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## Training Prepares Communications Operators

### By Communications Division

A Communications Academy class graduated on July 2, 2009. The class started on June 1, 2009, with 12 new operators from across the state. The course included 40 hours of basic communications giving the recruits an overview of the skills needed for their new career. During week two, they dove into MULES demonstration and applied the skills learned. Recruits also attended cultural awareness and studied Patrol and Communications Division history.

Practical applications were geared toward improving CAD, MULES, call taking, and operational radio techniques. Recruits were tested on spelling, state and local geography, and general knowledge of policies and procedures. Finals included timed examinations and application exercises.

Congratulations to all of our new communications employees! Also, thank you to the operators, trainers, and instructors who came to support the effort. To the operators who remained behind to cover those shifts—they could not have done it without you! Thanks to all!



*Pictured is the 2009 Communications Academy class. Congratulations to all of them!*

## Cover

*Col. James F. Keathley presented the Superintendent's Award for overall achievement to Trooper Andrew L. Woods (left). (Inset) Trooper Barbara A. Collins signs her Oath of Office with the Honorable Laura Denvir Stith serving as witness.*

# Young Man's Generosity Changes Trooper's Life

By Tpr. Joshua L. "Josh" White, Troop H

I'm one that has to have some kind of project to keep me busy. If I'm not occupied by building, repairing, or doing maintenance on things around the house or on vehicles, I'm thinking, "What can the next project be?" On January 20, 2008, my family and I returned home from church. Once again, I was consumed by my next project ... an antique rocking chair that belonged to my wife's great-grandmother. I knew it was sentimental, and my wife, DeAnn, was looking forward to rocking our first child in the same chair that her mother and grandfather were rocked in.

As my wife began to lay our daughter down for her nap, I started repairing the springs in the seat. I sat in the middle of the living room floor, and I knew I had a couple pairs of safety glasses in my garage. Unfortunately, I thought, "What's the point? It's just a rocking chair." I started on the first spring and stretched it out. In a split second, the spring slipped, recoiled, and struck me directly in the right eye.

I knew it wasn't good when I got over the initial pain and realized I did not have any vision in that eye. A quick trip to our local hospital resulted in a longer trip to Omaha, NE, with eye surgeons awaiting my arrival. The team of specialists examined me and the diagnosis was not good. I was told there wasn't much chance in saving the eye; and, even if they could salvage it, I wouldn't be regaining my vision.

Beating all odds, I came out of the

initial emergency surgery with my eye. Even more amazing to everyone was my ability to see some lights and shadows when the bandages were removed. We finally had some hope that things would work out. If only we had known how miraculous it all would be.

After a second surgery to clean up



Tpr. Josh White is pictured with his daughter, Reagan, and wife, DeAnn.

the back of my eye, we were informed that I would need a corneal transplant due to scar tissue zig-zagging directly through the middle of my eye. I was now a member of a club I had never imagined. My name was a part of the organ transplant list. Without a new cornea, I wouldn't regain clear sight. Without a transplant, I would never be a trooper again.

Because I was considered young and not in any immediate danger, my surgeons wanted to wait for a young healthy donor cornea to become available. There was no way to know how

long the wait could take. I wasn't sure how to feel. In order for me to have a chance at life as I knew it, someone else would have to lose theirs. That's when the true miracle came.

On a lazy Sunday evening in April, I received an unexpected phone call from my sergeant. He was a little frantic, and was asking for information regarding my doctors and hospital. A donor had been found. The family knew of my story and was requesting me to be a recipient.

Three days later, I was heading into surgery again. This time there was a feeling of hope and excitement. However, I couldn't help but think of the donor's family. Here I was hoping to get part of my life back when someone else had just lost a big part of theirs. While dealing with such a loss, they were able to think of

others. Through this unimaginable tragedy, they gave life and ability to so many others. I was one of the blessed ones.

My cornea transplant was a complete success. I amazed the doctors with every check-up visit. Again, I was told there was no way to know how long I may have to wait. Only this time, they were referring to me getting back to work—my ultimate goal. I begged the doctor to give me some sort of timeline. (Light duty was killing this trooper!) Finally, he reluctantly told me it could be about a year before the eye would be healed

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enough to know if I could meet the vision requirements of the Patrol.

However, in the same fashion as the rest of this story, they were proved wrong. Nearly three months after the transplant, I was reporting to Troop H Headquarters for light duty. Then, miraculously, only five months from the time of my transplant, I was cleared for duty. I was back on the road!

I look at my job a little differently now. They say, "You don't know what

you have until it's gone." That is so true. As with all jobs, there are ups and downs. But, when you see the possibility of losing it all in a split second, you know just how blessed you are. I was given a second chance to do the job that I love. Without the unselfish decision of a family in grief, I don't know where my life would be. I'm a walking testimony to the power of organ donation. Truthfully, until this incident, I hadn't thought too far beyond signing the back of my license. Now, I'm living proof of the incredible

impact that organ donation can have, not only on an individual, but for an entire family. I'm able to provide for my family by doing what I love. I owe my trooper status to a wonderful, inspiring family that I have since had the opportunity to learn more about.

To this family: Thank you. Thank you for giving me the gift of sight. Not only to get back to my career, but for the ability to see every milestone of my little girl's life. Your thoughtfulness is never far from my thoughts.

## *A Family's Tragedy Gives Others Hope*

*By Spec. Asst. Theresa M. Backes, Q/HRD*

Last year, I received one of those dreaded phone calls: My great nephew, Devin Dudenhofer, was involved in a traffic crash. In the next breath, I was informed that he was not expected to live. I immediately started praying and placing things in God's hands. We went to Devin's home to offer support to his parents and sister; and as you might imagine, it was one of the hardest things we have ever had to do. We all prayed and shed many tears together.

While at Devin's home, his mother, Shirley, shared an interesting story with us. Devin lost a very good friend in a traffic crash the summer before and that friend's family donated his organs. Devin thought that was such a wonderful thing to do that he told his mom if anything ever happened to him, to donate his organs. He said he would want to help others. Devin went one step further—he signed himself up as an organ donor. Devin loved helping others in any way and lived his life doing just that.

We know God works in mysterious ways. The organ donor coordinator asked Shirley if she knew of anyone in need of an organ. Shirley did not know of anyone, but men-



*The Dudenhofer family provided this picture taken before Devin's traffic crash. From left to right, they are: Devin, Mike, Shirley, and Ashley. Devin is holding his cat, Buddy.*

tioned to them that she would like to check with her family to see if they might. My family learned then that if someone they knew was in need of a transplant, that person could be placed at the top of the list.

When I learned this, I immediately placed a call to my supervisor, Captain Sandra K. Karsten, Q/HRD, who in turn called Captain Duane L. Robinson, Troop H, to see if Trooper Joshua L. "Josh" White could possibly receive a cornea from Devin. I think Josh's article tells the rest of the story. After everything fell into place so per-

fectly, both families knew that Josh's miracle didn't just happen. Constant prayers were/are shared by both families. My family and I were touched to know that Josh could continue the career he loves, and things could once again be normal for him and his family.

Devin was such a fun-loving young man, and he is and will continue to be missed by many. We truly believe that Devin lives on by donating his organs. I am sharing this story to ask you to please consider being an organ donor.

# Zone Recognizes Local Businessman

*By Sgt. Michael W. Watson, Troop D*

For those Patrol employees who have worked in the Joplin area, passed through for training, or just made a special trip, chances are you have eaten at or been directed to Pizza by Stout on Rangeline Road in Joplin. In addition to great food, the restaurant is adorned with a large collection of Patrol memorabilia and photographs, with many pictures dating back to the 1930s and 1940s. Pizza by Stout was founded by Willard Stout and his wife, Betty, in 1978.

Mr. Stout, originally from Bolivar, MO, was a United States Army veteran of WWII in the European Theater of Operations with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Division. He later moved to the Joplin area, and eventually started in the restaurant business. He earned numerous awards from the food service industry. On February 15, 2009, we were saddened to learn Mr. Stout had passed away after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Over the years, Pizza by Stout has played host to retirement parties,



*Tpr. Sam Carpenter presents a plaque of appreciation to Mrs. Joy Stout-Monahan. Her husband, Mr. Mike Monahan, observes.*

promotion celebrations, MOSTA meetings, and many other Patrol employee gatherings. Ever present during the busy lunch time, Mr. Stout always seemed to migrate to the table when one of the zones came in. Following the death of Mr. Stout, Trooper Samuel D. Carpenter, Troop D, organized a campaign with the zones in the Joplin

area to fund the purchase of a plaque honoring Mr. Stout's ardent support of the Patrol. This summer, Tpr. Carpenter's vision came to fruition, and he presented a plaque to Mr. Stout's daughter Joy Stout-Monahan and her husband, Mike, both of whom are strong supporters of the Patrol.

## Service ... Honor ... Memory ...

### Artist's Gift Honors Troop G Heroes

*By Clerk Typist III Amanda J. Perkins, Troop G*

Service ... Honor ... Memory ... A new plaque with those words is displayed proudly now at Troop G Headquarters as a way to honor those who gave their lives in the line of duty. Troop staff discovered many visitors did not understand why pictures of uniformed men hung on the wall. Local artist Danny Bradley was contacted to create a plaque to help explain what is meant by "the ultimate sacrifice". Bradley, a retired MoDOT employee, quickly finished the project and presented the plaque free-of-charge to Troop G.



*Lt. Dwayne F. Isringhausen accepts a special plaque from Danny Bradley and his Mr. wife, Cathy.*



*This plaque is now displayed at Troop G Headquarters.*

# Legislation Addresses Traffic & Criminal Law

By Sgt. Kenneth M. Robinson, Q/TND

The Missouri General Assembly enacted new legislation affecting members of the Patrol. Some of these were effective immediately; the rest became effective on August 28, 2009. Listed below are a few highlights:

## SB 368 — BICYCLES AND MOTORCYCLES RUNNING RED LIGHTS

This act creates a new law (Section 304.285 RSMo.) providing that a bicyclist or motorcyclist who enters or crosses an intersection controlled by a traffic-control signal against a red light shall have an affirmative defense to that charge under certain conditions.

## HB 62 — CRIME BILL

*Selections of note from the "Crime Bill" are:*

- (1) Requires a photograph to be taken of an incarcerated individual prior to release and made available to the crime victim upon his or her request (Section 217.439 RSMo.);
- (2) If a person has complained about a dog to the appropriate authority on at least two occasions, this bill provides a criminal and civil defense for the killing or injuring of the dog if that person or another was in reasonable apprehension of imminent harmful contact by the dog (Section 273.033 RSMo.);
- (3) Specifies that the owner or possessor of a dog that bites, without provocation, any person on public property or lawfully on private property or any dog that causes property or livestock damage will be strictly liable for any damages suffered by the bitten person or any damage to property or livestock and must pay a fine of up to \$1,000 (Section 273.036 RSMo.);
- (4) Makes it a crime to own or possess a dog that has previously bitten a person or domestic animal without provocation and bites any

person on a subsequent occasion (Section 578.024 RSMo.);

- (5) Specifies that any person 21 years of age or younger who operates a moving motor vehicle while sending, reading, or writing a text or electronic message by means of a hand-held electronic wireless communications device will be guilty of an infraction (Section 304.820 RSMo.);
- (6) Specifies that any person younger than 21 years of age who purchases, attempts to purchase, or has in his or her possession any intoxicating liquor or who is visibly in an intoxicated condition will be deemed to have given consent to undergoing chemical tests to determine the alcohol or drug content of the person's blood (Section 311.325 RSMo.);
- (7) Prohibits certain sexual offenders from serving as an athletic coach, manager, or trainer for any sports team in which a child younger than 17 years of age is a member (Section 566.155 RSMo.);
- (8) Creates the crime of disarming a peace or correctional officer if a person intentionally removes from or deprives the peace or correctional officer of the use of his or her firearm or other deadly weapon while the officer is acting within the scope of his or her official duties (Section 575.153 RSMo.);
- (9) Specifies that any person who removes an electronic or radio transmitting collar from a dog without the permission of the dog's owner with the intent to prevent or hinder the owner from locating the dog will be guilty of a crime (Section 578.028 RSMo.);
- (10) Allows law enforcement officers to inspect any record open to inspection by the State Veterinarian or the Department of Agriculture of any livestock sales or market licensee without prior notice or obtaining a search warrant.

## HB 93 — TRACTOR PARADES

This bill exempts tractors driven by licensed drivers during daylight hours on specified parade routes for fund-raising activities and other special events from certain width, height, length, and registration regulations with the approval of the superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol (Sections 304.170 and 304.260 RSMo.).

## HB 253 — MOTORCYCLE HEADLAMP MODULATORS

This bill allows motorcycle headlamps to be fitted with a modulating device on the headlamp, which will vary the intensity of the headlamp at a rate of 240 cycles per minute (Section 307.128 RSMo.).

## HB 683 — TRANSPORTATION BILL

*Selections of note from the "Transportation Bill" are:*

- (1) OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS OR MOTORIZED WHEELCHAIRS ON STREETS (Section 304.034 RSMo.)  
The governing body of any municipality by resolution or ordinance may allow a person to operate a golf cart or motorized wheelchair on any street under its jurisdiction if certain conditions are met.
- (2) ASSAULT OF A HIGHWAY WORKER (Sections 565.081 - 565.083 RSMo.)  
The crime of assault of a corrections officer, law enforcement officer, emergency personnel, or probation and parole officer in the first, second, and third degrees is expanded to include a highway worker in a construction or work zone.

# Spotlight

## Cpl. Christine A. Bogart



**Appointed:** July 1, 1994.

**First Assignment/Current:** First assignment was Troop A, Zone 16, Benton County.

**Promotions:** Corporal -- January 9, 2005.

**Current Assignment:** Troop I, Zone 4, Pulaski County.

**Family:** Christine met her husband, Joseph Bogart, while she was a trooper in Benton County and he was a reserve deputy for Benton County. In December 1996, the two were married. Joe is currently serving as a captain in the U.S. Army and is stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood. The Bogart's have one son, Jonathon, 11.

**Interests:** Christine's interests include golf, snow skiing, and spending as much time as possible with family. Of these family events, she particularly enjoys watching her son play soccer.

Christine was born in Baton Rouge, LA, but grew up in Greenfield, MA, where she graduated from high school in 1983. In December 1987, Christine graduated from Truman State University, where she earned a bachelor's of science degree in criminal justice. Prior to becoming a state trooper, Christine served as a Sedalia police officer for six years. Christine has been part of numerous special as-

signments while with the Patrol. Several of these, which Christine found both fulfilling and enjoyable, include: the Papal visit to St. Louis, serving in Mississippi following Hurricane Katrina, and the 1996 "Southern Governor's Conference" in Kansas City. Christine said she enjoys the diversity of being a trooper and that it allows her to work with the public.

## Tpr. Adam S. Rice



**Appointed:** January 1, 2006.

**First/Current Assignment:** Troop H, Zone 1, Rock Port.

**Family:** Adam is married to Jessica (Peak), of Forsyth. The couple is expecting a child in November 2009.

**Interests:** Adam's passion is hunting and fishing. He also plays a little golf. He has a love for the outdoors and has taken up gardening. Adam and Jessica like to vacation at Table Rock Lake during the summer.

Adam was born in Branson and attended high school at Nixa. After graduating from high school in 2003, he joined the National Guard and spent time in the Middle East. In 2005, he returned to the states and was hired as a trooper in 2006. Adam's father, Scott Rice, is also a trooper in Troop D, Zone 12. Adam says Jessica and he love Rock Port and plan to stay in Troop H.

## MVI III Llona C. Hance



**Appointed:** August 1, 1994.

**First/Current Assignment:** Troop I, Rolla.

**Promotions:** Motor Vehicle Inspector II -- February 1, 1995; Motor Vehicle Inspector III -- August 1, 1997.

**Family:** Llona has two children: a son, Arthur, and daughter, Tina. Arthur and his wife, Sonya, live in Belle, MO, and they have two children, Arthur Lee and Mallory. Llona's daughter, Tina, and son-in-law Sonny, live in Rolla. They also have two children, Landon and Lauryn.

**Interests:** Llona is very proud of her grandchildren and when it comes to interests, the four are the first mentioned: Llona took pleasure in watching grandson, Arthur Lee, who is a senior at Belle High School, place 11th in the state golf tournament. She added that Mallory, who is junior at Belle, is an accomplished fast-pitch softball player. Llona also enjoys watching her younger grandchildren, Landon, as he plays baseball, and Lauryn, who plays softball. According to Llona, she thoroughly loves fishing, bowling, and just hanging-out with the four grand-

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children. Other interests include sewing, playing the piano, and walking with her neighbors. Llona is also an active member at Vichy Community Church and frequently is called upon to teach Sunday school.

Llona is a life-long resident of the Vichy community, and also attended school in Belle. Llona stated that she enjoys many aspects of her MVI job, but in particular enjoys the annual inspection of school buses.

## Section Chief J. Corey Chaney



**Appointment:** January 1, 1993.

**First Assignment:** Radio Operator, Troop C, St. Louis.

**Promotions:** Radio Telecommunications Technician -- July 1994; Radio Telecommunications Technician 1st Class -- January 1996; Assistant Chief Telecommunications

Engineer -- March 1999; Chief Telecommunications Engineer -- February 2005; Section Chief -- December 2007.

**Current Assignment:** Section Chief, Communications Division, General Headquarters, Jefferson City.

**Family:** Corey is married to Tanna (Bushman), and they have a daughter named Kaitlyn. There is also a cat in the family called Salem.

**Interests:** Corey enjoys vacation time with family and is a sports fan (especially baseball and football). He is an amateur radio operator and a homebrewer. He also likes to fly-fish the streams of Colorado.

"I enjoy coming to work every day, because it's never the same day twice," said Corey. "It helps when there are a great bunch of people at the Patrol to spend the day with."

## Patrol's 'Motorcycle Mechanic' Makes Troop Call

*By MVI III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D*

Auto. Tech. III Adam J. Feltrop, Q/MED, visited Troop D recently to perform required maintenance on our two motorcycles. Corporal Steven A. "Steve" Donnell and Trooper Donald M. "Don" Ivie both needed heat shields added, and Steve required adjustment to the seat shock absorber. (The shock absorber in the seat is adjustable, allowing you to put air in it to suit the rider. The amount of air determines the ride and the height that the rider sits in the seat.)

Adam received certification training at the Motorcycle Mechanic Institute in Phoenix, AZ. He is currently the only motorcycle mechanic in the Highway Patrol. However, Auto. Tech. I Derin M. Holterman is scheduled to attend the certification training in the near future.

I was curious as to any limitations there are regarding when they could ride the motorcycles, so I asked Captain Juan O. Villanueva. He said the officer makes the decision when to ride regarding weather. But, the troop has limited them to riding during daytime hours with few exceptions.



*Auto. Tech. III Adam J. Feltrop, Q/MED, provided maintenance to Troop D's motorcycles.*

# Troop I Bids Farewell To Chaplain

By Sgt. Danny J. Crain, Troop I

On June 26, 2009, Troop I said farewell to Terry Robinson, who had served as a chaplain for the troop since the program was initiated in 2001. According to Terry, at that time he was one of about 40 ministers from throughout the state, and one of five from the Troop I area, who chose to take on the additional responsibilities of a "troop chaplain".

When not busy ministering to those within his congregation at First Church of God in St. James, MO, Terry regularly rode with and assisted Troop I officers during the past eight years. His services were always appreciated and his genuine friendship was valued by both the troopers and civilian employees of Troop I.

Terry and his wife, Cheryl, plan to enjoy their retirement years by moving closer to family in Odessa, Texas. Troop I will always have fond memories of Terry and wish him and Cheryl the best in their golden years.

*Captain Lee Ann H. Kenley, Troop I, presents an appreciation gift to Chaplain Terry Robinson upon his retirement.*



## 'Looking Beyond the Stop'

*The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial stop. Each of these officers made at least one felony arrest during the period of June 23, 2009 through August 23, 2009. (Editor's Note: This column excludes DWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information under the "miscellaneous" section of the radio report to be considered for this column.)*

### Troop A

Sgt. B.L. Daniel, 2 arrests  
Tpr. M.P. Fennewald, 1 arrest\*  
CVO II J.C. Rector, 1 assist\*  
Cpl. K.M. Fisher, 2 arrests  
Tpr. M.B. Koch, 1 arrest  
Cpl. R.B. McGinnis, 2 arrests  
Cpl. S.M. Salfrank, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.A. Schmutzler, 1 arrest  
Sgt. C.M. Stosberg, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.M. Toal, 1 arrest

### Troop B

Tpr. J.D. Davidson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. A.A. O'Brien, 1 arrest

### Troop C

Tpr. J.S. Baughman, 1 arrest  
Cpl. N.C. Benson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.V. Buchheit, 1 arrest  
Sgt. J.R. Campbell, 2 arrests  
Tpr. T.S. Croft, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.E. Givens, 1 arrest

Cpl. L.J. Keathley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. P.C. Long, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.L. Rice, 1 arrest  
Cpl. W.B. Sevier, 1 arrest

### Troop D

Sgt. G.L. Braden, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.W. Krehbiel, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.T. Vermillion, 1 arrest

### Troop E

Tpr. R.R. Gibson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.D. Hamlett, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.D. Lynch, 3 arrests  
Tpr. D.J. McBride, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.D. Owens, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.G. Slaughter, 1 arrest  
Tpr. N.L. Wheelles, 1 arrest

### Troop F

Tpr. S.A. Brazas, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.J. Huenink, 2 arrests  
Tpr. T.O. Mitchell, 1 arrest

Tpr. M.E. Morice, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.K. Sullivan, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.A. Veasman, 2 arrests

### Troop G

Cpl. J.A. Cravens, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.B. Pounds, 1 arrest

### Troop H

Tpr. J.C. Gilliland, 4 arrests  
Tpr. D.L. Lyle, 2 arrests  
Tpr. A.G. McAtee, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.S. Rice, 3 arrests

### Troop I

Tpr. A.N. McMahon, 1 arrest  
Sgt. B.G. Arnold, 1 arrest  
Sgt. A.B. Swearingin, 1 arrest

### DDCC

Cpl. W.B. Moder, 1 arrest

# How OTHERS SEE Us ...

*Mr. Marlin (Tpr. J. Clayton "Clay" Marlin, Troop D),*

... I am a 17-year-old boy. About 120 days ago, I was at a party with my friends. We were all just hanging out and having a good time, and then we decided to get some beer. I went and got some alcohol and I brought it back to the party. Then, we all started drinking and I got drunk. Later on that night, my friend said he had to be home at 11. I was the only one that wasn't completely wasted, so I decided to take my friend home. I was really scared, but I didn't want him to get grounded. So, I decided I would try to be a good friend and take him home. I figured I wouldn't get caught.

Well, time came around and we tried to sober up, and I started to take him home. On the way to his house, I saw three cops that had pulled people over, and I thought, "Well, I'm driving good, so I won't get caught." So, I continued to take him home. Well, I finally made it to his house, and I dropped him off. I sat in his driveway for about 20 minutes deciding if I should spend

the night or just go home. I decided to go home, so I left his house.

Then, I headed home and I saw lights in my back window. It was you pulling me over. So, I turned on my blinker and pulled over. You came up to the window and asked me what I was doing that night and I told you. From me talking to you, you could smell the alcohol on my breath, and you proceeded with sobriety testing, and from those tests you could tell that I was drunk.

Then, you took me to the county jail and you called my parents. They came and picked me up. I was charged with DWI that night ... at the age of 16. The legal age to buy alcohol is 21, and I was 16 years of age. The legal limit to drive when you have been drinking is .08 for a person that is 21 years of age. I blew a .083; therefore, I was breaking the law if I was 21, but I was 16 ...

For these actions, I have had to pay for court costs and alcohol classes,

and many other fees. I have realized that the night I decided to drink and drive, I didn't just put my life in danger or my friend's life in danger. I put all the other people's lives who were on the road that night in danger, too. I could have wrecked or killed one or many other people that night. I am blessed that I didn't do that.

I have learned that it's not good to drink alcohol and it's not worth it. I also have learned that if you do so happen to drink, never drink and drive. You're supposed to call a taxi or don't leave where you're at. I am very sorry for putting you in the danger that I put you in the night I decided to drink and drive. I want you to know that I have learned my lesson and I will never drink and drive again ... and, until the age of 21, I will not drink any alcohol. I'm also glad that you pulled me over that night because I'm afraid that if you didn't pull me over that night I would probably still be drinking and driving today. Even though I have had to pay lots of money for the decision I made, I'm glad that it happened. I have learned so many lessons ... it has made me a new person.

*(Juvenile's name withheld.)*

## L.E.T.S.A.C. Honors Trooper Croft

*By Capt. J. Tim Hull, Q/PIED*

The Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Advisory Council held their annual conference on July 13-17, 2009, at The Inn at Port Arrowhead in Lake Ozark, MO. Each year the council honors officers as "Traffic Officer of the Year" from four categories for the tremendous accomplishments they achieved during the previous year. The council honors officers from small departments, medium departments, large departments, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The awards were presented at the conference banquet held on the evening of July 16, 2009.

This year's Patrol recipient was Trooper Travis S. Croft. Tpr. Croft has been with the Patrol for four years, and is assigned currently to Troop C



*Tpr. Travis S. Croft, Troop. C, holds his Officer of the Year Award from LETSAC. He is joined by (l) Col. James F. Keathley, Q/Staff, and (r) his zone sergeant, Sgt. James R. Campbell, Troop C.*

covering St. Louis and Jefferson counties. During the year 2008, Tpr. Croft totaled 1,963 arrests and issued 875 warnings. These totals included:

- 87 — DWI Arrests
- 329 — Speed Violations
- 188 — Insurance Violations
- 269 — Non-Moving Violations
- 610 — Seat Belt Violations
- 196 — Hazardous Moving Violations
- 47 — Felony Criminal Arrests
- 237 — Misdemeanor Criminal Arrests

Tpr. Croft's exemplary attributes include his devotion to duty, dependability, and leadership abilities. He has represented the Missouri State Highway Patrol with distinction and honor, and his outstanding performance as a Missouri state trooper has brought credit upon himself, the MSHP, and the state of Missouri. His dedication and service to the citizens of Missouri has brought him the distinction of being named Missouri State Highway Patrol LETSAC Officer of the Year for 2009.

*Congratulations, Tpr. Croft, on your accomplishment!*

# Promotions and Reclassifications



Erik L. Hurst  
Sergeant  
Troop A



Roger L. Phillips  
Sergeant  
Q/DDCC



Norman E. Rodenberg  
Sergeant  
Troop A



Leslie D. Thurston  
Sergeant  
Q/TND



John D. Wheeler  
Sergeant  
Troop G



Adam V. Dillon  
Corporal  
Troop A



Rodney L. Calvert  
Corporal  
Troop C



Jason N. Crites  
Corporal  
Troop E



Jason L. Decker  
Corporal  
Troop C



Scott L. Nelson  
Corporal  
Troop G



Gregory D. Primm  
Corporal  
Troop A



Troy D. Stegeman  
Corporal  
Troop F



Casey E. Utterback  
Corporal  
Troop A



Katie P. York  
Comm. Oper. II  
Troop A



Michelle L. Ausloos  
CITS I  
Q/ISD

# Promotions and Reclassifications



Cynthia L. Baker  
Clerk Typist III  
Q/MVID



Roger D. Branson Jr.  
AFIS Entry Oper. II  
Q/CJISD



Marcy J. Bonuchi  
Fingerprint Tech. II  
Q/CJISD



Courtney Borman  
Fiscal & Budg.  
Analyst I  
Q/BPD



Jennifer L. Bowser  
DE II  
Troop C



Rickey R. Casper  
CVO Sprv. II  
Troop E



Branden S. Coker  
CIT Trainee  
Q/ISD



Reita D. Cyrus  
Clerk Typist II  
Troop D



Teri L. Dicks  
DE Sprv.  
Troop C



Cody J. Fender  
Auto. Tech. III  
Troop A



Dale A. Goldsberry  
MVI II  
Troop E



Susan Hall  
DE III  
Troop E



Valerie L. Hampton  
Fingerprint Tech. II  
Q/CJISD



Patricia L. Jarman  
DE III  
Troop H

# Promotions and Reclassifications



Jill A. Jones  
DE III  
Troop D



Rebecca L. Kliethermes  
Latent Tech. II  
Q/CJISD



Angelo H. Luebbers  
MVI II  
Troop C



Kay E. Monk  
Laboratory Mgr.  
Q/CLD



Vicki K. Nelson  
DE Sprv.  
Troop I



Sharon K. Rains  
AFIS Entry Oper. III  
Q/CJISD



Dennis W. Richardson  
DE III  
Troop F



Cynthia A. Spain  
AFIS Entry Oper. III  
Q/CJISD



Ricky L. Talbert  
CVO Sprv. I  
Troop D



Kristie D. Tipton  
DE III  
Troop E



Amanda E. Worthy  
Fingerprint Tech. II  
Q/CJISD



Jason L. Wyckoff  
Criminalist Sprv.  
Q/CLD

## Patrol News

On page 29 of the July/August 2009 *Patrol News*, we left out the letter 'e'! We extend our sincerest apologies to Sgt. E. Dean Green. The original information should have read, "Ret. Sergeant E. Dean Green came the most miles--from Hawaii! Dean gives tours in Hawaii. He said if any member comes to Hawaii, they should contact him for the best deal on the island." We know his name is Dean ... and we regret the error.

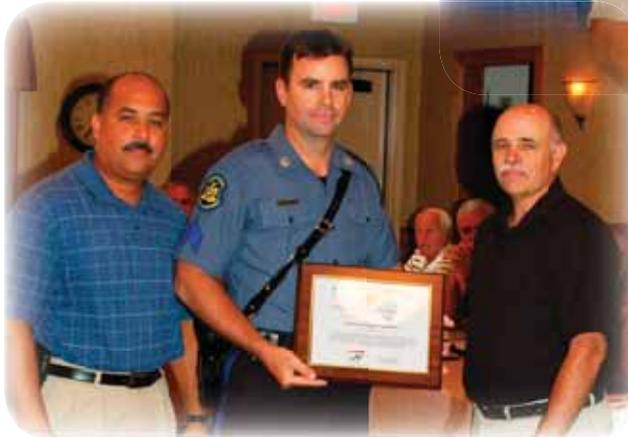
# FMCSA RECOGNIZES DRUG INTERDICTION EFFORTS

*By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED*

Mr. Joe Boyd and Mr. Bill Coleman, of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, were impressed with the drug interdiction of the Patrol over 2008. To applaud the efforts of commercial vehicle officers and troopers, Mr. Boyd and Mr. Coleman provided certificates of recognition to six of them. The awards were presented during the commander's conference by Col. James F. Keathley, superintendent of the Patrol, and the recipient's commanding officer. Those recognized included Troop D's Sergeant Matthew K. Funderburk, Corporal Shannon W. Crouch, Chief CVO J. David Brooks, and CVO Sprv. I Rick L. Talbert; and Troop E CVO Sprv. I Randall K. Cooper and CVO II Bill G. Cooper. (Chief CVO Brooks was not available for the awards ceremony. Drug interdiction stops CVO Brooks made resulted in 57 kilos of cocaine and approximately 1,730 pounds of marijuana being seized.)



*CVO Sprv. I Rick Talbert's efforts in five interdiction stops yielded 57 kilos of cocaine, approximately 2,333 pounds of marijuana, and \$200,000 in cash. With CVO Talbert (center) are Troop D Captain Juan O. Villanueva (left) and Col. James Keathley.*



*Sgt. Matthew Funderburk was recognized for looking beyond the initial stop and locating approximately 2,750 pounds of marijuana. Pictured with him are Troop D Captain Juan O. Villanueva (left) and Col. James Keathley.*



*CVO Sprv. I Randy Cooper (center, left) and CVO Bill Cooper (center, right) accepted certificates for their work during two commercial vehicle stops. These gentlemen located "black marker" Mexican beer in one load and 53 bundles of marijuana in another. Troop E Captain George E. Ridens (I) and Col. James Keathley presented the awards.*



*Cpl. Shannon Crouch was applauded for locating 1,100 pounds of marijuana and 35 grams of a controlled substance during a traffic stop and an inspection. Troop D Captain Juan O. Villanueva (left) and Col. James Keathley presented the award.*

# Anniversaries

## October

### *30 years*

Asst. Chief Oper. Barbara E. Graham, Troop F  
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. Sprv. Ronald J. Lueckenhoff, Q/TND  
Clerk Typist III Victoria A. Kleffner, Q/TND

### *20 years*

Asst. Chief Oper. Brian D. Douglas, Troop F  
Clerk Typist III Jeanette L. Ford, Q/TND

### *15 years*

DE Sprv. Michael J. Boyle, Troop C  
Chief Oper. Jimmy L. Cleveland, Troop F  
Auto. Tech. III Donald H. Duffey, Troop E  
Clerk Typist III Glenda L. Hager, Troop C  
CITS I Larry R. Jones, Q/ISD  
MVI III Kelly S. Weissinger, Troop A  
DE Sprv. Galen R. Young, Troop A

### *10 years*

CIT III James R. Behymer, Q/ISD  
Stenographer III Terri K. Cole, Troop C  
MVI III Larry F. Kuhn, Troop B  
CITS II Terry D. Norment, Q/ISD

### *5 years*

Tpr. Christopher M. Arbuthnot, Troop C  
Tpr. Benjamin J. Blankenbeker, Troop F  
Tpr. Joshua R. Breitbach, Troop C  
Tpr. James W. Collins, Troop I  
Tpr. Robert C. Creasey,

Troop D  
Quality Control Clerk II Rodney E. Davis, Q/TFD  
Tpr. Cody G. Dunfee, Troop A  
Tpr. Matthew P. Fisher, Troop A  
Tpr. Russell R. Gibson Jr., Troop E  
Tpr. Travis I. Goolsby, Troop A  
Tpr. Aaron K. Griffin, Troop H  
Tpr. Shawn M. Griggs, Troop C  
DE II Amanda D. Harris, Troop E  
Tpr. Huntley H. Hoemann II, Troop C  
Tpr. Tobin J. Hollmann, Troop F  
DE III Johnna M. Houser, Troop A  
Tpr. Donald K. Jones, Troop G  
Tpr. Eric R. Kessler, Troop C  
Tpr. John A. Lacey, Troop E  
Tpr. Brian R. Lange, Troop A  
Tpr. William S. Lashmet, Troop H  
Tpr. Nogi H. McDaniel, Troop E  
Tpr. Jason E. McTheeney, Q/GD  
Tpr. Ronald A. Metteer Jr., Troop C  
Tpr. James D. Ogden, Troop A  
Comm. Oper. II Justin K. Parks, Troop B  
Tpr. Dale B. Pounds, Troop G  
Tpr. Dustin B. Reed, Troop C  
Tpr. Matthew R. Schmidt, Troop C  
Tpr. Kurt A. Schmutzler, Troop A  
Personnel Rec. Clerk III Bernadette C. Sieren, Q/HRD  
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Dana R. Strohm, Troop A  
Tpr. Ricky L. Vannada Jr.  
Tpr. Juston R. Wheatley, Troop C  
Tpr. Ryan J. Wilhoit, Troop A  
Tpr. Tycee M. Williams, Troop C

Tpr. Curtis B. Wilt, Troop F  
Comm. Oper. II Michael S. Zvolanek, Troop C

## November

### *20 years*

MVI Sprv. Kevin D. Green, Troop C

### *15 years*

Sgt. Bryan G. Arnold, Troop I  
Sgt. George W. Arnold, Troop I  
Cpl. Donald R. Barbour Jr., Troop F  
Cpl. Eric T. Bartel, Troop C  
Sgt. Nicholas D. Berry, Troop B  
Sgt. Mark A. Bielawski, Q/GD  
MVI III Gary L. Campbell, Troop F  
Cpl. Michael D. Hargus, Troop G  
Cpl. Stephen D. Jarrell, Q/DDCC  
Cpl. Terry W. Lee, Troop E  
Cpl. Douglas M. McDaniel, Troop E  
Cpl. Russ E. Sargent, Troop E  
Tpr. Rick E. Scism, Troop A  
Tpr. Ivy A. Warren, Troop D  
Cpl. James E. Wilde, Troop D

### *10 years*

CVO Sprv. I Dovie L. Sebourn, Troop E  
Tpr. Christopher A. Winter, Troop F

### *5 years*

Crim. Hist. Tech. I Linda L. Kever, Q/CJISD  
AFIS Entry Oper. III Jeffrey S. Koenigsfeld, Q/CJISD  
CIT II Cristian M. Oros, Q/ISD  
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. Sprv. Troy A. Wolken, Q/MED  
Comm. Oper. I Lela A. Wood,

# 'Boom Boom' Brown Wins Championship Belt

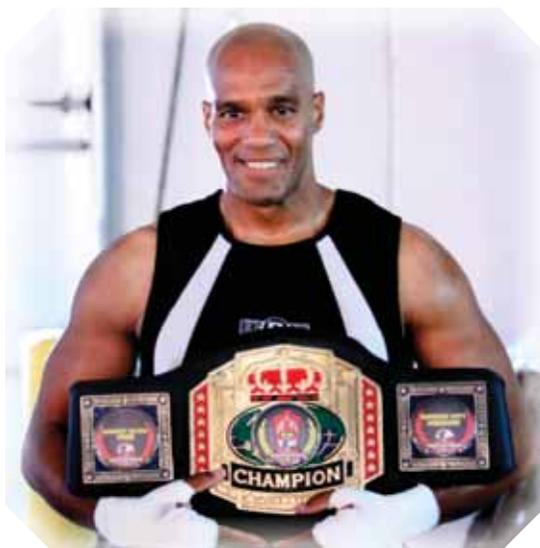
By Troop A

If you were a member of the 56th Recruit Class, you probably will recognize the nickname "Boom Boom" Brown. You might even have painful memories of "Boom Boom" aka Sergeant Nathan K. "Nate" Brown, Troop A, if you were unlucky enough to box with him during the Academy.

Nate has been involved in boxing since he was 12 years old. Nate's dad was a boxer in the Marine Corps and started Nate boxing at a very young age. Football and other organized sports dominated Nate's competitive life, but he always boxed for enjoyment and fitness. Nate's garage is well-known in Odessa, MO, as a great place to learn how to box and to get in shape. Those Patrol members who have braved one of Nate's workouts can attest to his conditioning (and ability to hit like a truck).

At the ripe old age of 49, most people aren't thinking of climbing into a ring and fighting, but that is just what Nate did recently. He competed during the week of August 4-8, 2009, in the Ringside World Amateur Boxing Tournament at the KCI Expo Center in Kansas City, MO. Prior to this, Nate had boxed in a couple of law enforcement tournaments ... but nothing of this magnitude. This tournament is the largest of its kind in the world and drew competitors from all over the world. There were numerous age and weight classes for the approximately 1,400 entrants to compete in. Nate fought in the 34- to 49-year-old, 201-pound, Master's Division.

Due to the bracketing, Nate fought once to advance to the Championship round. In his first bout on Friday, August 7, Nate faced an opponent from Miami Beach, FL.



*Sgt. Nate Brown, Troop A, proudly displays his championship belt from the Ringside World Amateur Boxing Tournament.*

Those in attendance were treated to an exciting, very fast-paced bout. After three hard fought rounds, Nate's hand was raised in victory and it was off to the Championship round on Saturday, August 8. In the Championship bout, he faced an opponent from Harvey, IL. Nate set the tone

*Sgt. Nate Brown, left, advances on his opponent.*



quickly in the first round with a vicious right hand that put his opponent on the canvas. His opponent was able to resume and lasted into the third round, when Nate again imposed his will and dropped him for the final time. The referee stopped the bout and Nate's hand was raised once again, but this time it was as Champion.

Those people who are lucky enough to work with Nate know he is truly one of the nicest people you will ever meet. He has a long history of working with youth in the Odessa area and coaching little league football teams. Nate epitomizes the adage of being a "gentleman who enforces the law". A large crowd at the Ringside World Amateur Boxing Tournament witnessed a true gentleman compete and prevail. Nate made all of us at Troop A proud that day, and we congratulate him on his outstanding performance.



*With hits like this one, Sgt. Nate Brown made his mark (and left a few) during the tournament.*

# MSHP Commissions 29 New Troopers

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

On a rainy July 10, 2009, the Patrol commissioned 29 new troopers during a graduation ceremony in the Patrol's Academy gymnasium. Governor Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon spoke to the 89th Recruit Class. He acknowledged that the new troopers will face challenges that others in this state will not have to face. But, he praised the training provided by the Patrol.

"The greatest asset this agency has is the people it has," said Gov. Nixon. "I'm honored to welcome you to that group today."

Colonel James F. Keathley, superintendent of the Patrol, told the class that trust has to be earned. "Your job is to go forth and establish that trust with the integrity you have every day."

The colonel welcomed the new troopers by saying, "Yesterday, I called you recruits and I had a long talk with you about what I expect of you. Today, I have the honor of calling you troopers. Savor the moment. The real work starts in two weeks." [They reported for duty on July 27, 2009.]

During the graduation ceremony, the colonel presented the four class awards. The Physical Fitness Award went to Trooper Brandon W. Adamson. The Firearms Award went to Trooper Jason C. Daly. Trooper Ryan C. Richardson earned the Academic Award for the class. The Superintendent's Award for overall achievement was presented to Trooper Andrew L. Woods.

*Congratulations to the members of the 89th Recruit Class!*



*This little trooper (Anthony) was all smiles at dad's (Tpr. Charles P. Verdone) graduation.*



*Gov. Jay Nixon addressed the 89th Recruit Class at their graduation ceremony.*



*(l to r) Sgt. Alan Sullivan, Q/GSD, congratulates his brother, Trooper Christopher J. Sullivan.*



*The Honorable Laura Denvir Stith, Missouri Supreme Court, administered the Oath of Office to the new troopers.*

*After the new troopers signed their Oaths of Office, the Academy staff congratulated them.*



Listed below are the names, hometowns, and first assignments for members of the 89th Recruit Class:

Name	Hometown	First Assignment
Brandon W. Adamson*	Columbia, MO	Troop F
Nicholas D. Bengston*	Wildwood, MO	Gasconade/Osage Counties Troop C
Kyle L. Carroll*	Maysville, MO	St. Louis/Jefferson Counties Troop H
Travis L. Coffey*	Mount Vernon, MO	Andrew/Buchanan Counties Troop C
Barbara A. Collins*	Florissant, MO	Warren County Troop C
Jason C. Daly	Chillicothe, MO	St. Louis County Troop H
Gabriel T. Gronemeyer*	O'Fallon, MO	Grundy/Livingston/Mercer Counties Troop C
Evan T. Hane	Brookfield, MO	St. Louis/Jefferson Counties Troop I
Travis S. Inman*	Ozark, MO	Crawford County Troop C
Neil V. Jannin*	Perryville, MO	Franklin County Troop C
David L. Johnson	Warsaw, MO	St. Francois/Washington Counties Troop A
Chadwick S. Kutzner	Marionville, MO	Johnson County Troop A
Ryan A. LeClaire*	St. Clair, MO	Platte County Troop C
Rusty W. Lumpkins*	O'Fallon, MO	Jefferson County Troop C
Parrish M. Lutz	St. Joseph, MO	St. Charles County Troop H
Terry McElyea	Willow Springs, MO	Andrew/Buchanan Counties Troop C
Brandon P. Mills	Carbondale, IL	St. Charles County Troop C
Tyler Mobley	Licking, MO	St. Louis County Troop B
Christopher V. Nance	Cape Girardeau, MO	Clark/Scotland Counties Troop C
Joseph T. Peart*	Cairo, MO	Franklin County Troop I
Lane P. Quinn	Salisbury, MO	Crawford County Troop B
Seth R. Rector*	Macon, MO	Putnam/Sullivan Counties Troop B
Ryan C. Richardson	Lee's Summit, MO	Linn/Chariton Counties Troop A
Brody R. Sanson	Excelsior Springs, MO	Troop A
Kyle A. Seabaugh	Jefferson City, MO	Clay County Troop H
Christopher J. Sullivan	Conception, MO	Andrew/Buchanan Counties Troop A
Charles P. Verdone	Hennepin, IL	Saline County Troop C
Michael M. Williams	Belleville, IL	St. Louis/Jefferson Counties Troop C
Andrew L. Woods	Republic, MO	Jefferson County Troop C
		St. Francois/Washington Counties

\* Indicates the 12 new troopers who received an associate's of applied science degree from Mineral Area College based on their course work at the Academy.

# Cycling With Carl Edwards: Laughing Through The Pain

By Cpl. Paul W. Meyers, Troop F

It all started with a call from a friend. "Do you want to ride with Carl Edwards from Columbia to Gateway next week?"

I thought to myself *what an opportunity--a bike ride with a NASCAR superstar! Three days in the presence of greatness.* I quickly agreed to go on the ride.

A few calls were made and in less than an hour, I got the call, "You're in. I just got off the phone with Carl, and he'd love to have you along."

*Great! This is going to be an incredible experience. Wait ... Columbia to Gateway ... Gateway is in Illinois. How far is that?* I haven't been on my bike all year. Sure, I rode from Clinton to Columbia, but that was when I was in my '20s, and I couldn't sit down for a week. I had to "man" up and just do it.

So, there I was, five days before the ride. What do you do to prepare? I called my old, and I mean old, Academy classmate, the man ... the myth ... and legend, Sgt. Mark A. Wilson, Q/TND, for advice. He recommended a couple of shorter rides to get prepared. He also recommended the purchase of "chamois butter". I asked him what it was for. He replied, "You know, for your chamois." I didn't want to seem

stupid, but I had no idea what he was talking about.

I went to the bike shop and went in blind. I felt like I was being set up for failure, but when I asked for chamois butter I got it. What a relief. After my first application to the undercarriage, I felt this stuff should be illegal. It's cool, tingling effect isn't right. I took my 15-year-old Trek mountain bike for maintenance and got the once over. I borrowed a camelback from Tpr. Matthew T. Halford, Troop F.

Then, I borrowed a pair of padded shorts from Sgt. Chris J. Harris, Troop F. (I know what you are thinking --200 miles in another man's shorts?) I decided to buy my own. I inquired with the tactical master, and zone Velcro/zip tie supplier, Tpr. Scott A. Ballard, Troop F, (Go blue team!) about how to mount a pistol to my gear, to ward off those crazy fans (maybe even some of Carl Edwards'). I packed a backpack with clothes, energy bars and powders, and my trusty chamois cream. I was prepared for the adventure. How hard could 200 miles be, right?

Day one was pouring down rain. The bike shop was filled with those wanting autographs. Many looked as if they hadn't seen a bicycle in years. They had armloads of every #99 item you could imagine. They were a mere

signature away from eBay glory. When Carl arrived, he did news interviews and talked with fans. My 12-year-old daughter was star struck and couldn't approach him. I had the opportunity to meet Carl's fitness trainer, Dean. Dean is the former trainer of Lance Armstrong and other elite athletes. He took one look at my bike, looked me in the eyes and said, "Good luck. Be gentle with her."

I detected a hint of sarcasm. His bike was clearly worth as much as or more than my house. I met Steve, the grocery store owner, and Brenan, the hippie/world traveler/giant. He travels the world videotaping famous bike trails for spinning classes. He wore a yellow shirt and was quickly dubbed "big bird". The ride began just as the rain let up, with about 75 riders. The initial ride was a benefit ride for one of Carl's long-time friends, who was paralyzed in a bicycle crash. That, too, didn't add to my confidence.

I immediately got my socks wet on a water crossing. The 15-mile ride to McBaine was uneventful. With the exception of the rider that stopped his 1975 10-speed to light a cigarette in his Dale junior tank top and jean shorts. I never saw anyone smoke and ride before. Some people are just talented. After arrival in McBaine, we dealt with

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Cpl. Paul Meyers and the rest of the bicyclists paused for this picture at the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, MO.

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the news media and more fans. After about an hour, the real ride began.

It seemed like a Star Trek away party. We had a NASCAR driver, Lance Armstrong's personal trainer, a doctor, a grocery store owner, a bike shop owner, a video producer, Carl's tour bus driver, NASCAR's chaplain, the sponsorship executive from Scott's, and a lowly state trooper. I wonder who was expendable. We rode through to Jefferson City, and the first meal stop. As we came into view of the [Missouri] Capitol, I began to feel as if I wasn't going to make it. Wow, day one, and I'm already toast. What a great representative of the Patrol. I sucked it up, and we got to the Missouri River Bridge.

I was looking ahead at traffic, like we are trained, and Carl Edwards swerved into oncoming traffic. I saw a wide-eyed, blue-haired, old lady almost take out one of NASCAR's stars. I was going to be a witness. As I reached the spot where he swerved, I noticed a stuffed monkey on the shoulder. Apparently Carl thought it would be a good souvenir. We made it to town and feasted on Chipotle. After dinner, I felt like a million bucks. I was back in the game. On to Tebbetts! As we crossed the bridge, we made a detour to the Jefferson City airport. Once there, Carl decided to take NASCAR's chaplain on a little ride in his stunt plane. He came back minutes after take off, holding a plastic bag and sweating profusely. He was still smiling, though. Carl explained how he was able to do one stunt and it was all over. We continued to Tebbetts.

In Tebbetts, Carl found us a youth hostel to stay in. It looked a lot like my barracks from the Army. Wooden bunk beds with fantastic memory foam mattresses. The kind you lie on and sink all the way to the plywood bottom. So comfy! However, there was a shower, and I was already tired and sore. I feasted on Subway sandwiches and Vitamin water. Go sponsors! I tried to lie down and sleep. It was then the group

discovered a ping-pong table upstairs. The championship matches went past midnight, before I finally passed out.

The next morning brought overcast skies and pain. Off we went with a new application of chamois butter. Final destination: Washington, MO. We suffered three flat tires and two crashes. Steve, the grocery store owner, decided to hit the brakes on a moss covered bridge and went down ... probably thanks to his high-dollar bike and skinny wheels. Dave, the bike shop owner, decided he wanted to race Lance Armstrong's trainer and got himself a nice bloody gash on his knee. Thank goodness he had some Stag beers to



*The group--and their bikes--stayed one night in this hostel near Tebbetts, MO.*

*NASCAR driver Carl Edwards greets a group who recognized him during one of the group's "pit stops".*



help him along.

We stopped in Hermann for lunch. Dean gave me the evil eye about my food choices. Who said troopers eat healthy? Really? We saw the beginning of a Jet Ski race from Hermann to St. Louis. One of the racers, a former KC Chief's lineman, looked like Sgt. Keith L. Lichay, Troop C, on a moped. I didn't say anything because I didn't want to be eaten. Off we went. I could feel backpack blisters beginning on my shoulders and my undercarriage felt about five times its normal size.

We arrived at the bridge to Washington. I was leading the pack as we approached the construction zone on the bridge. Traffic was down to one lane. Apparently a guy in a Dodge pickup

didn't like the fact bicycles can ride on the shoulder, and we were going to pass him. He nosed off the road directly in front of me. I swerved into the ditch and barely survived. I stopped my bike, and inquired with my outside voice, if the driver was having trouble keeping his truck on the road. The driver looked at me, backed up, and looked the other way, timidly. It may have been my impressive physique, or maybe the pistol grip from behind my camelback, which inspired the driver not to comment. Either way, I was still alive.

A flatbed construction truck offered to take us across the bridge and our crew loaded up. We rode to the public pool, had a back-flip contest (I got fourth), and arrived at our hotel. Carl pulled out all the stops with the two, single, female managers, but could get no discount on rooms. I

guess it's hard to stay rich when you pay full price all the time. We loaded bikes in elevators and rode up to our floor. I stayed in a suite with Carl and the doctor, also named Carl.

We walked across the street to a gas station. Got whistled at by a car full of ladies (Carl is the man!), and purchased some refreshments. Carl's purchase included sour patch kids and a bottle of muscle milk. In the lobby, Carl was recognized and a frenzy of cell phone cameras and sharpies were everywhere. The two young ladies at the front desk pulled me aside and asked who he was. I told them. They were a bit embar-

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passed. We returned to the room and watched UFC until we passed out. (All in separate beds, by the way.)

The next morning, my whole body ached. I felt like I was sitting on a life preserver. I applied a fresh dose of chamois butter and felt the wave of joy it produces. I saw the first sign of weakness in Carl when he asked if he could have some, too. We loaded up and headed out. After a stop at the Arch, it was on to Gateway. The doctor and chaplain got in a cordial discussion about the origination and purpose of religion in society. Things didn't get really heated until we stopped in Defiance. The service order in doubles table tennis almost brought people to blows. Blackberry's were flying and emails were being sent. The debate was never solved.

I got Carl to let me film him for my daughter. He took the liberty to tell her I was an idiot for taking a mountain bike, with mountain bike tires (the front of which was on backward) on a 200-mile journey. Thanks, Carl. Day three included a couple more flat tires and Steve crashed again. He tried to swat a horsefly off another rider's back and got pitted. We arrived at the Arch, took some photos, and played some Frisbee. Carl threw it into a tree, and the NAS-CAR chaplain decided to scale the tree in a federal park to retrieve it. He was successful and no one got arrested.

We crossed the river, took a nice scenic ride through East St. Louis, and arrived at Gateway-199.3 miles. I refused to stop there, so I forced the group to take a couple of laps on the racetrack until the 200-mile mark was broken. My wife and kids arrived to pick me up. She took a wrong turn and ended up on the track. The maintenance people were not happy. I ate muffins in Carl's RV, and we all bid each other farewell. He invited me for next year's ride. He gave my wife a shirtless hug. (Should I start to worry? They went to high school together, after all. Maybe they are just friends?) I'm looking forward to next year's ride. I hope my rear-end will heal by then.

Thanks, #99.

## Good Weather Graces Patrol Tourney

By Sgt. Michael W. Watson, Troop D

For the second time in as many years, the annual Patrol golf tournament was held at the Carthage Golf Course. Forty-one entrants teed off June 1 under sunny skies, as opposed to the cool weather and rain of Biblical proportions encountered with last year's tournament. Tournament organizer, Sergeant James L. Musche, received many positive comments regarding the condition of the course and of the meal served by Boomer Sooner BBQ and Catering of Carthage. Sergeant John A. Cyrus and Retired Sergeant Don Phillips garnered the top spot in the championship flight for yet another year.

### Championship Flight

- 1st - Sergeant John A. Cyrus and Retired Sergeant Don Phillips
- 2nd - Sergeant Clark N. Stratton and Corporal W. Mitch Bush
- 3rd - Major A. Dale Penn and Captain Ronald L. Walker

### "A" Flight

- 1st - Sergeant D.J. Hedrick and Retired Sergeant Ron Hedrick
- 2nd - Sergeant Dale E. Knox and Trooper Brian E. Kelley
- 3rd - Sergeant Michael W. "Mike" Watson and Corporal Jeffery L. Prewitt

### "B" Flight

- 1st - Retired Captain John Prine and Retired Corporal Joe Cook
- 2nd - Comm. Operator II Jeremy L. MacDonnell and Comm. Operator II Gerald D. Leigh
- 3rd - Retired Captain Larry Buschjost and Retired Sergeant Gary Lutes



*Tpr. Brandon D. Helms, Troop D, concentrates on his drive while hoping to stay away from the water hazard. (We don't have any proof he actually hit the ball ... or what attempt this was.)*

**Mark your calendars:** The 2010 tournament has been scheduled for Monday, June 7, at the Redfield Country Club, south of Jefferson City.

For its time in the Troop D area, two individuals, in addition to their long support of the Patrol, have specifically contributed to making the contest a success. The month after the Patrol tournament, two major supporters of the event were honored for their contributions and efforts with the tournament the times it has been hosted in Carthage. On July 13, 2009, Mark Peterson, PGA Head Golf Professional at the Carthage Golf Course, and Leon Faucett, PGA Professional and owner of the Sycamore Valley Golf Range in Mount Vernon, were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from Lieutenant Terry R. Moore. Peterson has been at the Carthage Golf Course for 13 years and a PGA member for 15 years. Faucett has the distinction of being the first sales

representative for the Ping Golf Company, starting his tenure in 1964, and has been a PGA member for over 60 years. Thanks again to Mark and Leon for the work and contribution in support of the tournament.



*Lt. Terry R. Moore, Troop D, (center) presented Mark Peterson, PGA Professional, Carthage Golf Course (left), and Leon Faucett, PGA Professional, Sycamore Valley Golf Range (right), with Certificates of Appreciation for their assistance with the Patrol's golf tournament.*

# New Employees



William J. Brester  
Prob. Comm. Tech.  
Q/CommD



Harold D. Burnette  
CIT Spec. II  
Q/ISD



Scott A. Cooper  
Sr. Procurement and  
Inventory Mgr.  
Q/BPD



Erin E. Darland  
Criminalist I  
Q/CLD



Maria A. Furey  
Clerk Typist III  
Q/CJISD



Brittany M. Malik  
Criminalist I  
Q/CLD



Colleen A. Moore  
Criminalist I  
Q/CLD



Stacy R. Morton  
DE I  
Troop H



Mary A. Reid  
Clerk Typist III  
Q/CJISD



J. Allen Williams  
Scale Maint. Tech.  
Q/CVE

## *Patrol Represented At Relay For Life*

**By Lt. Scott A. Meyer, Troop H**

At 7 p.m., on Friday, July 17, 2009, the Troop A Color Guard took part in the opening ceremonies for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. The event was held at Oak Park High School in Kansas City. Troop A's Color Guard included Lieutenant I. David Smith, Sergeants Barry A. Kumpf and Bruce M. Johnson, and Corporal James E. Thuss. Troop H's Chief Operator Roger M. Heard played the bagpipes and led the cancer survivors around the track on their opening lap.

The Relay For Life is an event sponsored by the American Cancer Society and held annually at many locations around the state. The events are a positive way to remember those who have lost their lives to cancer and to honor those who have won the battle or those who are fighting the fight.

*Chief Operator Roger M. Heard leads cancer survivors around the track on their opening lap.*



*Troop A's Color Guard presented the flags for the opening ceremony of the Relay For Life in Kansas City.*

# Patrol Honors Former Gov. Hearnes

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

A simple, but poignant request: In his will, former Gov. Warren Hearnes requested that upon his death members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol serve as pallbearers. On August 16, 2009, Gov. Hearnes, 86, died at his home in Charleston, MO. In keeping with the Patrol's longstanding tradition of service and protection, it was an honor to grant Gov. Hearnes' request at the Jefferson City and Charleston funerals.

Gov. Hearnes was a West Point and University of Missouri School of Law graduate and was elected as a state representative, secretary of state, and governor. He was the first Missouri governor to serve eight consecutive years in office.

While governor, he was known for his support of mental health, higher education, and social services. He wanted to make life better for the citizens of the state he served. (Gov. Hearnes also showed his support of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. During the first two years of his term, the authorized strength of the Patrol increased from 505 to 750 members.)

The approximately 50-member funeral detail for Governor Hearnes began with two Patrol motorcycles escorting the hearse from Charleston, MO, to Jefferson

*Troop F motorcycle officers led the procession from the Capitol.*



*Patrol pallbearers salute as an Apache helicopter squadron flies overhead in tribute.*

City. An honor vigil was established where three officers kept watch as Gov. Hearnes lie in state in the Capitol rotunda. (The honor vigil tradition is provided only to Patrol members and heads of state.) The Patrol, Missouri

National Guard, and Missouri Capitol Police shared the responsibility of the honor vigil throughout the night before and during the visitation and funeral. The Missouri State Water Patrol and Missouri Fire Marshall's Office were represented the day of the funeral. Troopers from General Headquarters and Troops C, E, and F assisted with the honor vigil, funeral, procession, and traffic control.

Visitors were able to



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*In the early morning hours of August 17, 2009, the honor guard kept silent watch. Honor guard members from the Patrol, National Guard, and Capitol Police were rotated a few times each hour.*

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speak with Mrs. Betty Hearnnes and other family members at the visitation, which began at 10 a.m. on August 19, and was followed by the funeral at 2 p.m. The National Guard band and a choir from the University of Missouri-Columbia performed at the service. Other tributes included an Apache helicopter flyover, a 19-gun salute, and the ringing of church bells in Jefferson City as the funeral procession left town.

The flag draped on Gov. Hearnnes' casket was one he'd brought home at least 40 years ago. He'd asked Betty to have it used at his funeral. She coordinated both funerals with the help of the Missouri National Guard. Hundreds gave their condolences to the Hearnnes family that week. An elected



*Troop E officers served as pallbearers at the funeral in Charleston, MO.*

official was gone, but his legacy of public service lives on ...

*Mrs. Betty Hearnnes accepts the condolences and thanks of a grateful state and nation as a U.S. flag is presented to her.*



## Welcome Home. Trooper Crabtree!

*By Sgt. Danny J. Crain, Troop I*

On July 13, 2009, Troop I welcomed Trooper Steven H. Crabtree home following his nine-month deployment to Iraq. To honor Steve, a luncheon was held for him and his family at Troop I on July 31, 2009.

For Steve, this was actually the second time he had returned home following a deployment to Iraq. His first military tour began in January 2005, and lasted 17 months, 12 of which were spent in Baghdad and Tallil. During that period, Steve served as a logistics clerk. However, before being called upon to begin his second stint of duty abroad, Steve changed his military occupational skill to that of a Blackhawk helicopter mechanic.

Steve received extensive training at several different military posts prior to his deployment to Iraq as a member of C Company 1-106. In addition to his duties as a mechanic, Steve was also given the responsibility of being a "crew

chief". His duties, as a part of the four-man Blackhawk crew, included making mechanical repairs, aerial and ground observer, and chopper door gunner. According to Steve, maintenance and repair duties on the Blackhawk frequently had to be conducted under adverse weather conditions and at any time of the day or night. Compounding the task within the harsh environment were large numbers of both mosquitoes and flies.

Steve said he enjoyed performing his duties and serving, but that home and family were always on his mind. Steve is an experienced veteran of the military, having served his country for 16 years. His current assignment is with the Missouri National Guard, where he holds the rank of sergeant.

Steve and his wife, Tara McKelvey, have four children: Steven, Nicholas, Emily, and Gavin. Now that Steve has returned home, the 12-year veteran



*Tpr. Steven H. Crabtree sits in a Blackhawk helicopter during his deployment.*

of the Patrol is back to work in Pulaski County, where he is assigned to Zone 4.

In closing, Steve would like to say thanks for the support he and his family received from both Patrol members and many others throughout the community during his past two tours. The Troop I family is quite proud of Steve for the valuable service he has provided and the sacrifices both he and his family have made.

# Retirements

## Lt. Wesley E. Benitz



On September 1, 2009, Lieutenant Wesley E. Benitz retired as a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, after 32 years of faithful service to the citizens of Missouri.

Wes began his career on March 1, 1977. Upon graduation from the Patrol Academy, he was assigned to Troop B, Zone 4, in Unionville, serving Putnam, Adair, Sullivan, and Schuyler counties. On September 1, 1986, he was promoted to corporal and transferred to Zone 3, in Brookfield. On September 1, 1990, he was promoted to sergeant and returned to Unionville. On September 1, 1995, he was promoted to lieutenant and transferred to Troop A, Lee's Summit. On August 1, 2003, he transferred to Troop H, St. Joseph, where he served until his retirement.

During his career, Wes served as the director of the Troop A SERT (now called SWAT). He saw many operations including the Alis Ben Johns manhunt, one of Missouri's longest manhunts. He attended the FBI National Academy, served on the MOSTA Board several times, and was an FTO.

A native of St. Joseph, MO, Wes served with St. Joseph Police Department from 1976 until his appointment to the Patrol in 1977. He obtained his associate's degree in industrial security from the Community College of the Air Force while serving with the Missouri Air National Guard at St. Joseph. Wes served with the National

Guard from 1971 until retiring in 1992, as the noncommissioned officer in charge of the 139 Weapons Systems Security Flight.

Wes is married to the former Patti Cundiff from St. Joseph. Patti will have some adjustments to make in retirement. She has never known any other life than the Patrol. Her father is retired Sergeant Corky Cundiff. Many of the women on Patti's side of the family have been very smart. Two have been married to Missouri troopers, one to a Kansas trooper, one to a St. Joseph police officer, and one to a deputy sheriff.

Wes and Patti have two children, who have followed the family tradition of public service. Brandon is assistant dean of student life at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, NE, and Jennifer is a social worker for the state of Missouri in Fulton. Jennifer's husband, Robert, is a Boone County deputy sheriff.

Wes wishes to thank the Patrol for the many opportunities and friends he's made during his career. There was truly a lifetime of memories made and friendships created. During his retirement, Wes plans to catch up on some projects, do a little carpentry, and work at his church.

## Retirees Are Invited!

The next gathering for MSHP retirees and their spouses will be December 10, 2009, at noon, in the gymnasium of Central United Church of Christ. We'll enjoy a catered meal of turkey, dressing, and all the trimmings prepared by the Elenor Circle. Reservations are required and must be in at least one week in advanced. Just mail that \$9 check for each individual attending to Larry Long, 12479 County Road 4039, Holts Summit, MO 65043.

## Sgt. L.D. Jefferson Jr.



After 29 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Missouri, Sergeant L.D. "Denney" Jefferson Jr. retired June 1, 2009.

Sgt. Jefferson's story began with his birth in St. Joseph. His father, L.D. Jefferson Sr., was a trooper in that area. (He would retire a sergeant in 1984.)

After graduating from Gallatin R-5 High School in 1970, Denney continued learning. He attended Union College in Lincoln, NE; Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, MO; and the Region 19 Law Enforcement Academy in St. Joseph, MO.

From January 1972 to January 1976, Denney served on active duty with the U.S. Air Force as a security policeman. During that time, he was stationed in Germany for two years and Washington, D.C. for two years. From 1976 to 1978, Denney was a member of the Missouri Air National Guard stationed at Rosecrans Field in St. Joseph, MO. Denney was also a police officer with the St. Joseph, MO, Police Department from 1976 to 1980.

Denney followed in his father's footsteps in 1980, when he became a member of the 51st Recruit Class on January 1. Upon graduating May 30, 1980, he was first assigned to Troop A, Zone 8, Johnson and Pettis counties. He was promoted to corporal and assigned to Troop A, Zone 13, Pettis County in July 1989. In August 1995,

# Retirements

Denney was promoted to sergeant and assigned to Troop A, Zone 12, Johnson County. In 1999, he was assigned to the Gaming Division; and in 2001, Denney returned to Troop A, Zone 12, Johnson County. It is from that position that he retires.

Over the years, he has taken part in a number of special assignments: security details for Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush; Missouri governor's inauguration detail; Pope Paul security detail in St. Louis, MO; security detail for the Soviet Union's (former) Premier Mikhail Gorbachev; security detail for U.S. Secretary of Navy Donald C. Winter; several state fairs; and various flood and tornado security details.

He has collected a lot of memories over his 29 years. "Having my father, Sgt. L.D. Jefferson Sr., present me with my commission at graduation," ranked top of the list. Denney said receiving his dad's badge and equipment upon his dad's retirement; numerous Rural Major Case Squad investigations; participating in the Police Olympics in St. Louis and Kansas City; working with the ATF, DEA, U.S. Secret Service, and Soviet Union's KGB Protection Service; gaming agent training in Las Vegas, NV; and numerous, notable manhunts and car chases also come to mind.

Denney has been recognized over the years by the Knob Noster, MO, Jaycees (law enforcement officer of the year twice); the Sedalia, MO, Rotary (Highway Patrol trooper of the year twice); and MOSTA member of the year.

When he isn't working, Denney is quite active in his community. He serves as committee chairman for Boy Scout Troop 513, in Warrensburg, MO; risk management chairman for BSA's Lone Bear District; and is a past member of the St. Joseph, MO, Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #3; Warrensburg, MO, Early Morning Optimist Club, and the American Legion.

Denney is married to Bobbie J. (Emerson), and they have two chil-

dren: Chelsea E. (Jefferson) Edwards and Brian C. Jefferson.

Congratulations to the Jefferson family! May your retirement be long and healthy!

## CVO II David W. Headrick



On August 1, 2009, after more than 15 years of dedicated service, Commercial Vehicle Officer II David W. Headrick retired as an employee of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Originally from Carthage, MO, David graduated from Carthage High School in 1965. He served with the United States Marine Corps from 1965 until 1967, attaining the rank of corporal (E-4). While with the Marine Corps, David was a hospital corpsman assigned to stateside locations in Virginia and New York, as well as an overseas assignment in Spain. Prior to his appointment to the Patrol, he was employed as a police officer with the New Orleans, LA, Police Department; the Carthage, MO, Police Department; and the Joplin, MO, Police Department. His public service with the various departments has spanned over 40 years.

David began his career with the Patrol in November 1993, and was assigned to the scale house along Interstate 44, near Joplin. In September 1998, he was promoted to Commercial Vehicle Officer II and remained at his original assignment at the scale house until his retirement.

An avid horseman, David plans on enjoying his retirement with time spent horseback riding, as well as fishing and hunting. He will also stay busy as a member of the Masonic Lodge, Alba, MO; Shrine Club, Springfield, MO; and Elks Lodge 861, Webb City, MO.

The employees in Troop D wish David a healthy and happy retirement.

# Retirements

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## Congratulations On Your Retirement!

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### Patrick H. Shay

Sergeant  
Q/DDCC  
Retired May 1, 2009.

*34 years of dedicated service.*

### Peggy P. Cope

DE Sprv.  
Troop C  
Retired July 1, 2009.

*Almost 33 years of dedicated service.*



### Eileen R. Brune

Program/Analyst Manager  
Q/ISD  
Retired August 1, 2009.

*Almost 29 years of dedicated service.*



### Robert R. Callahan

DE III  
Troop A  
Retired August 1, 2009.

*8 years of dedicated service.*



### Joan M. Dudenhoeffer

CIT Spec. II  
Q/ISD  
Retired August 1, 2009.

*34 and 1/2 years of dedicated service.*



### Nancy J. Reed

Clerk Typist III  
Troop C  
Retired September 1, 2009.

*Almost 24 years of dedicated service.*

# October

- October 2 • **Cpl. M.E. Webster** died in 1993.
- October 6 • **Sgt. R.G. Kimberling** died in 1999.
- October 12 • **Columbus Day**
- October 13 • **Troop B** troop meeting.
- October 14 • **Troop H** troop meeting.
- October 14 • **Tpr. J.R. Jenkins** died in 1969.
- October 15 • **Troop A** troop meeting.
- October 15 • **Class A Uniform**
- October 20 • **Troop I** troop meeting.
- October 21 • **Troop D** troop meeting.
- October 22 • **Troop F** troop meeting.
- October 23 • **GHQ** troop meeting.
- October 27 • **Tpr. W.W. Allman** died in 1955.



*Hana Alexis*  
Criminalist III Karen M. and Rick D.  
Hoover  
Q/CLD

*Wilson Meyer*  
Tpr. Wilson S. and Mrs. Keri J.  
Lieske  
Troop C

*Carson Finley*  
Tpr. Ryan D. and Mrs. Melinda L.  
Vaughan  
Troop C

*Lilah Jean Nix*  
Criminalist II Amie and S. Jeff Nix  
Q/CLD

*Owen James*  
Tpr. Jason E. and Mrs. Amy K.  
McTheeney  
Q/GD

*Koen Christopher*  
Criminalist III Sean C. and Jena R.  
Brooks  
Q/CLD

*Katie Ann*  
Tpr. Jonathon P. and Mrs. Chasidy  
A. Lynch  
Troop H

*Zoe Elizabeth*  
Sgt. David A. and Mrs. Heather M.  
Rice  
Troop F

*Ty Lawrence*  
Fingerprint Tech. Sprv. Michael G.  
and Mrs. Maria F. Fooks.

Q/CJISD  
*Alex William*  
Mr. Brian W. and Admin. Ofc.  
Support Asst. Dee A. Kempker  
Troop F

*Chloe Grace*  
Tpr. Harold G. and Tpr. Jennifer L.  
Vernon  
Troop H

*Landon David*  
DE II Jason D. and Mrs. Holly D.  
Stump  
Troop F

*Norah Faye*  
Tpr. Chase A. and Mrs. Jordan L.  
Stallcup  
Troop I

*Zayden David*  
Tpr. Seth D. and Mrs. Krystal M.  
Isringhausen  
Troop D

*Karley Marie*  
Mr. Kurt T. and CITS I Tonya M.  
Schaben  
Q/ISD

*Thatcher Rowe*  
Comm. Oper. III John B. & Mrs.  
Tiffany D. Beaton  
Troop E

# State Fair Attracts Thousands

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

This year's Missouri State Fair detail saw nice weather and large crowds. The Patrol was represented by officers at each gate and around the grounds, as well as a variety of displays. Otto -- The Talking Car made his 40th trip to the Sedalia fairgrounds! Have a look-see at this year's state fair detail.



CVO Sprv. I Allen D. Steele answers questions about commercial vehicles.

The bicycle patrol is one unique way the Patrol serves and protects people at the state fair.



This young man wasn't sure what to think of Otto, but talked to Sgt. Dan Crain, Troop I, with ease.



Tpr. Clark D. Parrott, Troop E, communicates with a driver.



Troopers were at every gate helping fairgoers find a parking spot.

# Deaths

## Gary R. "Ike" Eickholt



Gary Richard "Ike" Eickholt died April 19, 2009, at Lee's Summit Medical Center in Lee's Summit, MO. He was born Jan. 12, 1945, in Maryville, MO, to Joseph H. and DeLoris (Dunn) Eickholt. On Aug. 31, 1968, he married Shirley A. Worley in St. Louis.

He was a 1963 graduate of Maryville High School, and attended Northwest Missouri State University, in Maryville. He was employed by the Missouri State Highway Patrol, first as a driver examiner at Troop C, St. Louis, and then as a telecommunications engineer at Troop A, Lee's Summit. He retired in 1996, from Troop A, after 31 years of dedicated service.

He was a member of St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, Lee's Summit, and the Missouri State Troopers Association. Gary was a friend to all, and some of his favorite pastimes included spending time with family and friends.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents; his in-laws, Newton J. and Berniece Worley; a sister, Ann Heflin; and a brother-in-law, Jeff Atkinson.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley, of the home; a daughter, Stacy (and her husband, Craig) McLanahan, Lee's Summit; a son, Chad (and his wife, Megan) Eickholt, Lee's Summit; his grandchildren, who were the light of his life: Brooke, Trenton, and Trevor McLanahan, all of Lee's Summit; a brother, Larry (and his wife, Inella)

Eickholt, Council Bluffs, Iowa; a brother-in-law, Paul Heflin, Maryville; a sister-in-law, Donna Atkinson, Rogersville; a brother-in-law, David (Sue) Worley, Coupeville, WA; and several nieces and nephews.

A mass of Christian burial took place on Thursday, April 23, 2009, at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church in Lee's Summit. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to The Kyrie Foundation for pediatric brain cancer research, 213 S.W. Sunset Dr., Lee's Summit, MO 64081, or the Gary R. Eickholt Memorial Fund in care of Langsford Funeral Home, 115 S.W. Third St., Lee's Summit, MO 64063.

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## Jefferson M. "Jeff" Hickman



Jefferson "Jeff" Monroe Hickman, the son of the late Arthur and Dora Oliver Hickman, was born in Puxico, MO, on December 22, 1923. He died at The Cedargate in Poplar Bluff, MO, on May 21, 2009, at the age of 85 years.

He had lived in Puxico, Hayti, and Willow Springs before retiring to Poplar Bluff. Jeff was a retired lieutenant with the Missouri State Highway Patrol serving at Troop G, Willow Springs. He was a member of the 9th Recruit Class and served and protected the citizens of Missouri for 34 years. He was a member of the Calvary Baptist

Church in Hayti, and a 32nd degree mason at the lodge in Hayti. He served in the United States Army Air Corps as a staff sergeant in the 445th bombardment squadron, 321st bombardment group, where he was a tail gunner. His hobbies included hunting, woodworking, genealogy, and reading.

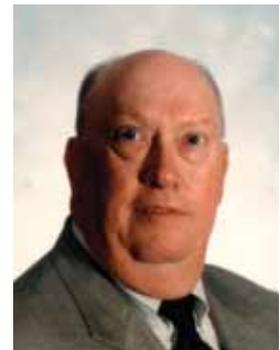
On September 18, 1943, he was married to Margie Magaline Shull in California. She preceded him in death on September 9, 1991.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Lonnie and Patty Hickman, of Poplar Bluff; one daughter, Brenda Bond, of Atoka, TN; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. Other relatives and many friends also mourn his passing. He was preceded in death by two sisters and one brother.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 23, 2009, in the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Puxico. The Missouri State Highway Patrol provided the honor guard.

*(Reprinted with permission from Watkins & Sons Funeral Services.)*

## John F. "Fred" Schenewerk



John Frederick "Fred" Schenewerk, 68, of Taos, MO, died Monday, August 3, 2009, at St. Mary's Health Center. He was born November 7, 1940, in Jefferson City, a son of Harry V. and Frances Schepker Schenewerk.

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He was a 1958 graduate of Fatima High School and attended Lincoln University. On August 16, 1968, in Miami, OK, Fred was united in marriage to Judie Sowinski, who survives at the home. Fred was employed with the Highway Patrol as a computer operator from 1977 until his retirement in 2000.

He was a member of the St. Francis Xavier Church. Fred enjoyed reading, watching Cardinal baseball, and traveling to Branson with Judie. He also loved playing Santa Claus, and did so for over 20 years at various nursing homes, schools, and other organizations.

He is also survived by one brother: Harold Schenewerk, and Harold's wife, Karen, of Wardsville; two sisters: Mary K. Smith, and her husband, Ross, of Taos; and Betty Ann Ahlers, and her husband, Ron, of Taos; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter: Susan Schenewerk (June 5, 1985); and two brothers: Robert L. "Bob" Schenewerk and David L. Schenewerk.

Friends were received and a memorial mass held on Friday, August 7, 2009, at the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. Expressions of sympathy may be made to St. Francis Xavier School or St. Jude's.

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## November

Nov. 1

Nov. 11

Nov. 26

- Central Standard Time begins 0200 hrs.
- Veterans' Day
- Thanksgiving

## Sympathy

*Our deepest sympathy goes to the following personnel who have lost a member of their family:*

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| Sgt. Richard C. Fletcher (A) - grandmother          | Tpr. Samuel V. Buchheit (C) - grandmother                            | Ret. Lt. Richard P. Burnett (B) - wife        |
| Ret. CVO Sprv. I Larry E. Stephenson - wife         | CIT III James R. Behymer (Q/ISD) - mother-in-law                     | CITS I Mark A. Blume (Q/ISD) - son-in-law     |
| Telecom. Debra K. Curry (A) - brother               | Ret. Cpl. David E. Holt - daughter                                   | Sgt. Steven R. Akridge (C) - father           |
| Tpr. Arthur G. "Arty" Torbeck (D) - grandmother     | Asst. Chief Oper. Randall T. Ebers (I) - brother                     | Sgt. Shawn P. Skoglund (H) - father           |
| Chief. Tech. Michael A. Thayer (Q/CommD) - father   | CIT III James R. Eggen (Q/CVE) - mother                              | Telecom. Maria T. Moore (F) - grandmother     |
| Tpr. Paul M. Behrens (B) - grandmother              | Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Mark D. Morff (Q/MED) - grandmother         | DE I Kristeen M. Hargis (D) - sister          |
| Lt. James E. Wilt (B) - father                      | Tpr. Derrick R. Powell (F) - grandmother                             | Ret. MVI Sprv. David W. Carroll - mother      |
| Tpr. Curtis B. Wilt (F) - grandfather               | Clerk Typist III Cynthia L. Martin (Q/HRD) - father                  | DE Sprv. Donette L. Baird (D) - grandfather   |
| Cpl. Jeffrey L. McCullough (E) - father-in-law      | Comm. Oper. II Teresa J. Taylor (D) - stepfather                     | Cpl. Jeffrey S. Baird (D) - grandfather       |
| Ret. CVO Mike W. Vance - father, aunt               | Crim. Intel. Analyst I Chad J. Mengwasser (Q/MIAC) - grandmother     | Cpl. Brian W. Vernon (A) - grandmother-in-law |
| MVI Sprv. Tobi A. Vance (A) - father-in-law, aunt   | Auto. Tech. III Derin M. Holterman (Q/MED) - grandmother             | Sgt. Kurt E. Mueller (Q/DDCC) - father        |
| Ret. Radio Oper. Allen M. Freuning - daughter       | Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Aaron M. Mengwasser (Q/CJISD) - grandmother | Ret. Cpl. Robert L. Haymes (I) - mother       |
| Ret. CVO Christopher Freuning - sister              |  | Cpl. Matthew R. Heits (H) - mother            |
| CIT III Douglas A. Hamacher (Q/ISD) - father-in-law |  | Ret. Sgt. James A. Knipmeyer - mother         |

# Ferial A. Findley Remembered

*By David Silverberg, Associate Editor  
Daily American Republic*

Friends and co-workers remember Ferial A. Findley for his accomplishments with the Missouri [State] Highway Patrol, in the Missouri House of Representatives, for the Missouri National Guard, and the Democratic Party.

Findley, 91, who was known as "F.A." or "Cap", died Friday morning, August 14, 2009, in Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center.

He joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1946, serving at Rolla, Van Buren, Willow Springs, and Poplar Bluff. He earned the rank of captain and was the Troop E commander prior to his retirement in 1978.

"He was a good man and a good officer. He loved the Highway Patrol," said Brent Davis, a retired Highway Patrol lieutenant who worked with Findley in Poplar Bluff. "He was my captain when I first got here."

At age 60, Findley was successful in his 1978 campaign for state representative. The Democratic Missouri House member was re-elected five times and served a total of 12 years. He was chairman of the House Transportation Committee, vice chairman of the House Appropriations Committee on Education, and served on several other committees.

"Ferial would tell me he would never allow anyone to buy him a meal. He was above board and always did what he thought was right," Davis said. "He was fair and guarded his reputation carefully."

Don Shelton, a retired Highway Patrol major, recalls working with and for Findley for several years.

"He was mainly a criminal investigator before he became the Troop E commander," Don said. "He was a fine man. If he told you something, you could go to the bank with it."

Shelton and Findley went fishing together.

"He enjoyed fishing," Don said.

Findley grew up on a small family farm near Puxico. He graduated from Puxico High School and was drafted into the U.S. Army one month after the

Pearl Harbor attack on December 7, 1941. He served from January 1942 to November 1945, including World War II and the Korean Conflict.

After retiring from the state legislature, Findley was instrumental in obtaining Gov. Mel Carnahan's approval of funding for a new Missouri National Guard Armory in the Poplar Bluff Industrial Park. On December 6, 1997, it was dedicated as the F. A. Findley National Guard Armory.

Sgt. James Arnold, who is the operations officer at the Armory, was living in Doniphan when his National Guard unit moved from the "cramped" old Armory near the Methodist Church into the new one.

"This is a great facility. We were thrilled to get it," Arnold said. The Armory is used for training, equipment storage, recruiting, and meetings. Honor groups for military funerals also are provided.

Findley also was influential in the Butler County Democrat Party activities, Truman Day rallies, and in the Eighth Congressional District.

"He was an extraordinary gentleman, a great public servant, and a wonderful friend. He really helped me a lot," said Art Cole, chairman of the Eighth Congressional Democrat Committee and treasurer of the county Democrat Party.

"When he was in the legislature, he was very supportive of mental health and the National Guard," Cole said.

Mike Winchester served as county Democratic chairman from 1990 to 1992 and had known Findley and his wife for more than 20 years.

"He always kept the interest of the people first. He was a fair politician. He worked with both political parties," Winchester said. "He was always fair and honest with me. He did a lot for his constituents. F.A. and Mary have always been friends."

Other accomplishments during Findley's political career include Shady Grove State School at Poplar Bluff, Regional Diagnostic Center group homes in Poplar Bluff and Sikeston, roads and bridges in his district, and funding for the Poplar Bluff Municipal Airport.



The Findleys operated the driver's license bureau in Poplar Bluff from 1993 to 2005.

Mr. Findley was born January 8, 1918, in the Asherville community near Puxico. He was a member of the First Baptist Church; Masonic Lodge; and Elks Lodge, all of Poplar Bluff; and a life-time member of V.F.W., of Puxico.

In 1946, he was married to Laura Simpson. She preceded him in death in 1958. He later was married to Patsy (Lucas) Harris. She preceded him in death in 1982. On May 7, 1988, he married Mary (Hunter) Vinson in Poplar Bluff. She survives.

Other survivors include his daughter, Gwendolyn Findley, of Miami, FL; stepchildren: Bob Vaughan, of Hagerstown, MD, Stuart Harris, of Fenton, Tami Edington, of Poplar Bluff, Teresa Schwab, of Springfield, and Major Sean Vinson, of Ft. Leonard Wood; grandchildren, Brian Vaughan, Heather Vaughan, Lucas Edington, Patrick Edington, Ashley Schwab, Branden Schwab, Katelyn Vinson, and Alyssa Vinson; great-granddaughter, Paige Alexandra Small; a sister, Wanda Parker, of Columbia; and brother, Ray Findley, of Columbia.

His parents, Alfred and Pearl (King) Findley, a son, Steven A. Findley, and brothers, Clyne Findley and Wayne Findley, also preceded him in death.

Memorials may be made to The MASTERS (Missouri Association of State Troopers Emergency Relief Society), 5287 Highway 67 North, Poplar Bluff, or to a charity of one's choice. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.cotrellfuneralservice.com](http://www.cotrellfuneralservice.com).

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# Sgt. Harris Recognized For Actions During Pursuit

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

On May 5, 2009, Sergeant Chris J. Harris, Troop F, was at the Patrol Garage in Jefferson City, when he overheard radio traffic regarding an individual who had made threats against a public official at the Osage County Courthouse. The suspect was riding a motorcycle and was armed with several weapons. Local Troop F officers were being notified, as were Osage County and Cole County deputies.

Sgt. Harris realized the gravity of the situation, and borrowed another patrol car--Tpr. Bruce McLaughlin's--to respond. Radio traffic continued to inform officers the motorcycle had traveled through Westphalia and shots had been fired. Sgt. Harris met the motorcycle, two deputies, and Tpr. Coby G. Holzschuh at the south junction of U.S. Highways 50 and 63.

He then joined the pursuit. Additional radio traffic indicated the suspect fired at a deputy, striking his vehicle. Once the suspect reached an area of U.S. 50 allowing Sgt. Harris to approach the motorcycle in a rapid and somewhat safe way, he decided to ram the vehicle to stop the pursuit. At this time, the suspect was traveling over 70 mph and approaching the city limits of Jefferson City. Sgt. Harris struck the rear of the suspect's motorcycle, causing it to become embedded upright in the patrol car's grill.

The suspect fell off the motorcycle, and when he came to a stop, shot himself in the head. He was pronounced dead at the scene. The investigation discovered that the suspect was in possession of two handguns, one rifle, one shotgun, and 700 rounds of ammunition for the weapons.

Sgt. Harris placed himself in danger to end a threat, potentially saving



Colonel James F. Keathley, left, and DPS Director John M. Britt, right, presented the August 2009 DPS Employee of the Month award to Sgt. Chris J. Harris, Troop F.

other officers and civilians from injury or death. His actions led to his being named August 2009 DPS Employee of the Month. Sgt. Harris is the fifth Patrol employee to earn this recognition in 2009.

"We didn't know where his final destination was, but we did know bad things were going to happen if he got there," said Colonel James F. Keathley, superintendent of the Patrol, during the August DPS Employee of the Month award ceremony on August 18, 2009.

DPS Director John M. Britt congratulated Sgt. Harris and noted that his actions were a reflection of the caliber of training provided by the Patrol.

Troop F Commanding Officer Capt. Dale A. Schmidt also spoke at the ceremony. "The sergeants are the backbone of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Chris and the other zone sergeants set the example for the young men and women they supervise," he said.

"I just want to say thank you to everyone who called and offered their support afterward," said Sgt. Harris. "I really appreciated it."

*(Editor's note: Governor Jay Nixon named Sgt. Harris Missouri State Employee of the Month for September 2009.)*

# ~ Thank You ~

We want to extend our gratitude to our Patrol family for all their prayers, thoughts, and expressions of sympathy during our loss.

*DE Clerk Judith A. Rayburn,  
Troop E  
Cpl. Jeffrey L. McCullough, Troop E  
CDL Exam. Marilyn J. Thompson,  
Troop E*

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Our families would like to thank everyone for the many and varied expressions of condolence following the passing of our mother/grandmother. Those acts, along with simply knowing

you had our families in your thoughts and prayers during this time, were sincerely appreciated. Additionally, those in attendance were very impressed with the display of compassion shown by the large number of uniformed members at the funeral service. Again, thank you for being such great coworkers and friends.

*Lt. Col. Richard Coffey, Q/Staff  
Communications Technician II  
Bradley W. Coffey, Q/CommD*

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Our family would like to express our gratitude for the thoughts, prayers,

cards, and expressions of sympathy extended to us upon the loss of our wife and mother-in-law, Virginia Burnett. We also appreciate your support at her visitation and funeral.

*Sincerely,  
Ret. Lt. Richard P. Burnett  
Asst. Dir. Timothy R. Schlueter,  
Q/CJISD*

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I'd like to thank all the members of our Patrol family that shared their expressions of sympathy, thoughts, and prayers following my dad's recent death. I'd especially like to thank those members who attended the funeral service. Many of my family members and our friends commented how special it was to see such strong support from the Patrol.

*Sincerely,  
Sgt. Kurt E. Mueller, Q/DDCC*

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On behalf of my family, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the cards, flowers, prayers, and expressions of sympathy after the death of my stepfather, Herman Campbell. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

*Sincerely,  
Sgt. Richard E. "Rick" Buttram,  
Troop F*

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Thank you so much to everyone who expressed condolences in any way on the recent passing of my father. Your expression of sympathy and compassion will forever be remembered.

*God bless,  
Clerk Typist III Cynthia L. "Cindy"  
Martin, Q/HRD*

## Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

### 35 years ago ...

*October 1974 -- Motor vehicle inspectors began working in the field on October 7, after one week of intensive training at the Academy.*

### 15 years ago ...

*October 1994 -- "Real Stories Of The Highway Patrol" returned to Missouri to film.*

### 5 years ago ...

*September/October 2004 -- Retired Sergeant Hubert Looney carried the Olympic torch in St. Louis.*



Year to Date June 7, 2009	Same Period Last Year Year to Date	Number of Increase or Decrease	2007 Traffic Fatalities	2008 Traffic Fatalities
331	392	-61	992	960

Note: These totals do not include late deaths.

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# Patrol's 90th Recruit Class Arrives!

*By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED*

Thirty-five people reported to the Missouri State Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Academy on July 1, 2009, to begin the 25-week training course to become a trooper. As of October 1, 2009, 27 recruits remain in the class. The average age of the members of the 90th Recruit Class is 24.78 years. Of the recruits, two have some college experience, five have an associate's degree, eight have more than 60 hours of college credit, 10 have bachelor's degrees, and one has a master's degree. Two of the recruits have worked in law enforcement and three have prior military experience. The 90th Recruit Class is scheduled to graduate on December 18, 2009.



*This chalkboard provides words to live by.*



*Welcome to the Law Enforcement Academy! Members of the 90th Recruit Class are experiencing equipment issue.*

*Physical training began on day one for the 90th Recruit Class.*

