

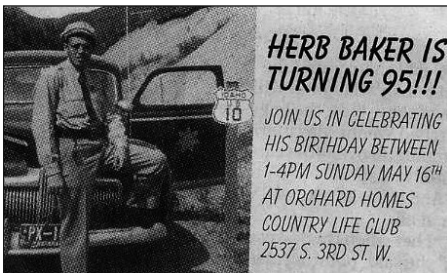
## Montana Trooper



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On May 20, 2010, the Montana Highway Patrol celebrated its 75th anniversary with open house events at headquarters and all district offices across the state. Pictured at the headquarters event from the left are Chaplain Lowell Anderson, Attorney General Steve Bullock, Governor Brian Schweitzer and Colonel Mike Tooley.



On May 16, 2010, retired Sergeant Herb Baker (1942 to 1975) celebrated his 95th birthday. Happy birthday Herb!



Trooper Amundson is assigned to the District VII Office, Bozeman, MT. Trooper Amundson has been conducting criminal interdiction efforts since becoming a MHP Trooper in 2002.

In 2009, Trooper Amundson had nine significant arrests which resulted



in confiscating 157425.87 grams of marijuana, or 347.064 pounds, 39.44 grams of methamphetamine or 1.39 ounces, 1 gram cocaine, 58 hydrocodone tablets, a 9mm handgun, \$11,819.00 cash and \$27,922.00 in U.S. Treasury checks. Trooper Amundson was able to remove well over 1 million dollars worth of illegal drugs destined to be distributed in the United States. Trooper Amundson has also been involved in numerous other successful drug interdiction efforts in southwestern Montana. These nine significant seizures indicate the thoroughness of Trooper Amundson's work product, as well as the team work philosophy. Additionally, he had forty eight misdemeanor drug arrests throughout the 2009 year.

The felony arrests were turned over to the Missouri River Drug Task Force, DEA and ICE for further investigation. He also broke up a check cashing ring from a traffic stop. The individuals were from California and had been cashing checks all over the country. The individuals had over 30 different sources of fraudulent identification cards. The case was turned over to the FBI and ICE.

Trooper Amundson's participation is a key component for the Montana

Highway Patrol as a member of the Rocky Mountain Highway Patrol Criminal Interdiction Team. This team concept of drug interdiction is exemplified by Trooper Amundson working closely with other agencies to stem the flow of dangerous drugs and identify other illegal acts. He is a model trooper and has a skill set that consistently has led to apprehending fugitives, recovering stolen vehicles, confiscating illegal drugs and weapons, cooperating with all enforcement task forces, and sharing intelligence with partner law enforcement agencies at the national, state, and local levels.

For these reasons, Trooper Amundson was selected as the Montana Narcotics Officer of the Year for 2009, and he received this recognition at a banquet held in Bozeman on March 11, 2010. Congratulations Trooper Amundson!



On April 6, 2010, Trooper Tony Beehler (MHP 172) was presented with the Billings Downtown Exchange Club 52nd annual Officer of the Year for the Montana Highway Patrol. Also receiving awards were Deputy Blaine West-on of the Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office, as well as Officer Shane Wenden of the Billings Police Department. As a token of their gratitude, the Exchange Club gave each officer a Glock semi-automatic pistol in the caliber of their choice. Trooper Beehler is pictured with his brother Joe, mother Judy, father Richard, and his wife Bobbie. Congratulations Trooper Beehler!

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office on May 19, 2010. Congratulations on your retirement Rodger!



Brown, who is buried at the Victor Cemetery.



Sergeant Pete Richardson and his family celebrated his son Andrew's graduation from Barry University in Miami, on December 19, 2009. Andrew received his BS in Exercise Science and plans to continue post-graduate work in Chicago, aiming for the medical industry. Andrew received the Dearborn Ranch scholarship for each of his four years, as did Price Richardson, who is also pictured. Price graduated Cumberland University with a degree in business administration in 2008. This benefit to troopers is huge, and all troopers' children should take advantage of the generous scholarship offered to troopers' and game wardens' children.

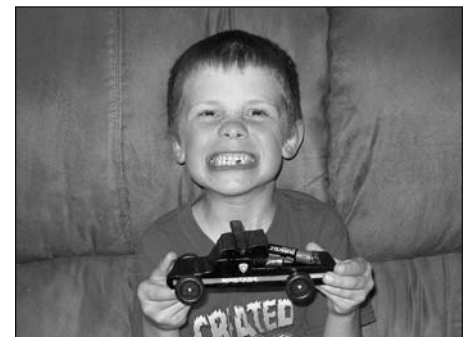
Patrol. If you would like to send a card, the address is: David Rossi, 212 Gresham, Glendive, MT 59330. Blessed be the memory of Adele Jeanne Rossi.



Trooper Randy Schuelke (MHP 317) of Missoula received his five year service star from Colonel Tooley on May 27, 2010.



Trooper Darlene Lee (MHP 231) of Superior received her five year service star from Colonel Tooley on May 27, 2010.



Cade Henry Tuggle, age 7 and son of Trooper Ross Tuggle, wanted to do a "cop pickup," complete with working lights and siren (with which dad helped) for the Cub Scout pinewood derby in Scobey.



Each Memorial Day weekend, troopers across Montana pay tribute to deceased troopers by posting flags and markers at their grave sites. Pictured are the memorials to John Driscoll, who is buried at the Hamilton Cemetery, and Virgil

Sgt. Pete Richardson retired effective July 14, 2010. He had most recently been the STET commander. His dates of service were July 14, 1990, to July 14, 2010, and Sgt. Richardson retired with 20 years of service.

It is with great sadness that we report Retired Trooper David Rossi's 15-year-old daughter, Adele Rossi, died in a tragic ATV accident in Glendive on May 28, 2010. Many of you will remember Trooper Rossi (MHP 194), who was stationed in Glendive and retired in 2006 after a 24 year career with the



Trooper Tamra Winchell (MHP 221) received her five year service star from Colonel Tooley on May 27, 2010. □

