



IN UNIFORM



The Association of Montana Troopers maintains and recently restored two vintage Montana Highway Patrol cars, a 1935 Ford and 1977 Plymouth. Following their restoration, both cars were driven in a parade in Helena on May 15, 2009. Pictured are Sergeant Mike Swingley and his sons in the 1935 Ford, as well as Major Tom Butler and Sergeant Art Collins in the 1977 Plymouth. Association members can request the vehicles for display at community events, cars shows, and parades. For more information, members may log onto our web site, www.montanatrooper.com, register for access to the members only area, read more, and make a request on-line.



On January 13, 2009, Trooper Rocky Bailey (MHP 261) of Stevensville Detachment 113 was presented his 15 years of service stars. Troopers Jeremiah Snider (MHP 279), Tamra Winchell (MHP 261), and Martin Shrock (MHP 258) were on hand to congratulate Rocky for his years of service. The award was presented by Capt. Hamilton, along with Sgts. Richardson and Breidenbach.

We are happy to announce the birth of Eavan Mae Brown, born the morning of May the 7, 2009, at 10:59 a.m. Eavan weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. and measured 21 inches. Parents are Trooper Derek Brown, District 7, and his lovely wife Kjersten. Both mom and baby are doing well. Congratulations Brown family!

We are happy to announce the birth of Ryan David Hawkins. Ryan was born Thursday, June 11, 2009 in Kalispell, weighing in at 6 lbs. 7 oz. Ryan David was born to Trooper James Hawkins of Kalispell and his lovely wife, Marsha. Both mom and baby are doing well. Congratulations Hawkins family!

We are honored to announce the birth of Kiran Rae Hazleton. Kiran Rae was born Sunday May 7, 2009, at 3:04 p.m. She weighed in at 7 lbs. 13 oz. and measured 20.75 inches. Because of the generosity of two very special birth parents, Sergeant Shawn Hazelton and his lovely wife Jennifer were able to receive this wonderful gift. She has been a long awaited blessing! Kiran is at home in Great Falls with her proud parents. Congratulations Hazelton family!

We have the pleasure of announcing the wonderful birth of Ms. Kami Lyn Hensley. Little Kami was born on Monday, April 13, 2009, weighing in at 6 lbs. 15.8 oz. and 20.5 inches long. Kami was born at PSL in Denver due to some complications and underwent surgery the following day, the 14th. Please keep Kami in your prayers for a speedy and full recovery, remember her parents in your prayers too! Congratulations to Trooper Joseph Hensley and his beautiful wife Tina, District 4, Billings.

We are honored to announce the birth of David Knutsen, born April 22, 2009. Little David weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and measured 19 inches. Parents are Trooper Joel Knutsen (MHP 175) and his lovely wife Jenny. Both mom and baby are doing well. David is welcomed by his parents and big sister Sage. Congratulations Knutsen family!

Erin Elizabeth McNulty was born unto Trooper James McNulty and his wife Jessica on March 26, 2009. She weighed in at 8 pounds 4.6 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Both mother Jessica and baby are healthy and doing well. Congratulations to Jessica and James (District 8, Havre)!

We are honored to announce the birth of Larrisa Rae Melton. Larrisa was born June 18, 2009, at 1204 hours and weighed in at 8 lbs. 8 oz. Larrisa was born to proud parents Trooper Terrance Melton of Browning and Terry Weasel Tail.

We are honored to announce the birth of Michael David Novak, born May 20, 2009. Little Michael weighed 10 lbs. 0 oz. Parents are Trooper Andrew Novak (MHP 208) of Stevensville and his lovely wife Tanya. Michael David will also be joining big brother Drew. Both mom and baby are doing well. Michael David is named in honor of our two beloved troopers who have fallen in the line of duty; Michael Haynes and David Graham, two of Andrew's friends and academy classmates. Congratulations Novak family!

Trooper Jeff Sargent and his wife are the proud parents of a baby boy, Landen James. Landen was born January 27, 2009, at 11:01 p.m. and weighed 9 pounds is 21 3/4 inches. This is their second child. Mother and baby are doing well.

Jade and Ruthann Shope are the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl named Karissa Grace Shope. She was born February 11, 2009, at 2104 hours. Karissa weighed in at 6 pounds 15 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Both Ruthann and Karissa are doing well.

Another beautiful girl has been reported as being born to a Trooper Conner Smith and his lovely wife, Puja. Sources say Aaliya Jyoti Smith graced our world with her presence on Monday, April 13, 2009, weighing in at 6 pounds, 10.1 ounces, and measuring 18 inches long. Aaliya is doing well, along with her parents and big sister Reva.

We are honored to announce the birth of Olivia Brielle Tenney. Olivia was born at 0131 hours, June 4, 2009 to Sgt. Scott Tenney of Billings and his lovely wife Stacy. Olivia weighed in at 7 lbs., 14 ozs. Mom and baby are doing great.



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TO: Captain Gary Becker
FROM: Sergeant Andrew Knapp
DATE: June 16, 2009
SUBJECT: Hedstrom Award-Trooper David Gleich

With great pride, I recommend Trooper David Gleich for the Montana Highway Patrol Hedstrom Award. By definition this award is granted for attempting to "Save a life" and going "Above and beyond" the normal call of duty. Trooper Gleich met these requirements on May 4th, 2009, shortly after 1800 hours.

Trooper Gleich over heard a vehicle vs. pedestrian crash on the Lewis and Clark County radio channel. Trooper Gleich responded to the crash. Trooper Gleich was the first law enforcement and/or medical personnel on the scene. Trooper Gleich observed a small child laying on his right side with a large amount of blood around the child. Trooper Gleich exited his vehicle and grabbed his medical bag from the trunk of his vehicle. Trooper Gleich then ran to the child's side surrounded by onlookers and family members. Trooper Gleich took control of the situation while remaining calm. Trooper Gleich rolled the child onto his side and observed blood from the child's mouth, nose and the right side of his head. The child was not breathing, unresponsive and did not have a detectable pulse. Trooper Gleich initiated CPR. Trooper Gleich was unable to acquire an affective seal with the one way breathing apparatus. Trooper Gleich made the decision to remove the mask and continue without protection from the child's bodily fluids. As a result Trooper Gleich ingested a large amount of blood.

Trooper's Gleich's passion and dedication for preserving human life was on full display this day. Trooper Gleich demonstrated why so many are proud to be part of our organization. Trooper Gleich put aside his personal safety and well being to help another person in need. Trooper Gleich's action embodies what the Montana Highway Patrol and the Hedstrom Award are all about.



On May 29, 2009, Trooper David Gleich was presented with the Hedstrom Award by Colonel Mike Tooley for lifesaving attempts.



A short graveside remembrance was held on the one year anniversary of Trooper David Graham's death. Those pictured are as follows: Captain Clancy King, Sgt. Roy Christensen, Sgt. Duane Bowers, Sgt. Steve Lavin, Trooper Martin Schrock, Trooper Rick Mehring, Genny Graham, Carrie Schneider, Trooper Mike Haynes, Tawny Haynes and their children, and Trooper Glen Barcus' wife December and their son. Genny attached pictures drawn by David's children to a memorial wreath. A few people spoke of fond memories of David and what he meant to us and to the Patrol, reinforcing that while David may be gone, he will not be forgotten.

On Tuesday, April 7, 2009, Trooper Jason Grover was honored at a luncheon at the Crowne Plaza Hotel as the Billings Downtown Exchange Club Officer of the Year for the Montana Highway Patrol. The keynote speaker was Governor Brian Schweitzer, and Colonel Mike Tooley made the presentation of Trooper Grover, who received a Glock 9mm semiautomatic pistol from the Exchange Club as a token of their gratitude for his service.



Pictured are Governor Schweitzer congratulating Trooper Grover, Colonel Tooley, Sergeant Ayers, Trooper Grover and Captain Keith Edgell together, as well as a group photo of the Governor with all the recipients, showing Billings Police Department Detective Ken Paharik, BPD Officer Harley Cagle, Governor Schweitzer, Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Mike Schieno, and Trooper Jason Grover.



On May 15, 2009, as a part of National Police Week and Memorial Day ceremonies, the Montana Highway Patrol Honor Guard gathered in Helena, honoring those who have served and died in the line of duty.

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The Montana Highway Patrol had the sad occasion to recently add three names to the law enforcement memorial located on the capitol grounds in Helena, those of Troopers David Graham, Evan Schneider, and Michael Haynes. May there never be another.

TO: Captain Keith Edgell
FROM: Sergeant Craig Baum
DATE: 2-11-09
SUBJECT: Nomination for award of recognition

On January 28, 2009 Trooper Mees was investigating a non-injury crash near the Arrow Creek Interchange on Interstate 90 when a call came in of another crash a few miles east of his location, at the Arrow Creek Interchange. Trooper Mees responded to that location and discovered that Phillip George Desatoff had lost control of his vehicle on icy roads and had struck a parked tractor trailer. Mr. Desatoff was ejected from his vehicle and sustained severe life-threatening injuries. Help Flight helicopter was dispatched to respond since the crash was 20 miles from the nearest medical assistance, however they could not launch due to inclement weather. The response time of the ground ambulance was compromised due to extremely icy roads. Trooper Mees was the first medical responder to arrive on scene. Mr. Desatoff had a severe leg fracture causing his foot to rest near his head. Mr. Desatoff was in and out of consciousness, and Trooper Mees ensured that he

stayed conscious and breathing while calmly and patiently awaiting the arrival of the ambulance.

On February 10, 2009 Mrs. Heather Desatoff made a personal appearance at the Highway Patrol Office and requested to speak with me. She told me that she wanted to thank Trooper Mees for "saving her husband's life." She stated that had Trooper Mees not been on scene that her husband would surely have died that night. She stated that Trooper Mees was a hero in her eyes and that he is the reason her husband is still alive today. She also appreciated that fact that Trooper Mees continued to follow up with her as to her husband's condition, and that his concern and compassion was of great comfort to her and her husband. She stated that the qualities that Trooper Mees has displayed are very rare, and she wanted to thank him for "saving her husband's life."

I would like to respectfully request that Trooper Mees be considered for either a Hedstrom Award or the Colonel's Citation for Meritorious Service due to his actions on the night of January 28, 2009.



On June 1, 2009, Trooper Darwin Mees was presented with the Hedstrom award for lifesaving efforts at the District IV meeting in Billings by Colonel Mike Tooley.



On Memorial Day, May 25, 2009, a service at the Park City cemetery honored Trooper Evan Schneider. Trooper Schneider's family and friends attended, as well as several members of the Montana Highway Patrol, paying tribute to Trooper Schneider and his family for their sacrifice.

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On January 14, 2009, Captain Keith Edgell presented Sergeant JV Moody and Trooper Brian Sampson with their 15 years service stars.



In the fall of 2009, Montana Highway Patrol cars will have a new look, with new graphics. On the rear quarter panels, the Patrol's motto of "Service, Integrity, Respect," as well as the infamous "3-7-77" of the Vigilantes will be prominently displayed. On the rear of the car, the Patrol's 75th anniversary (1935-2010) will be celebrated. For 2010, all new patrol cars will be Chevrolet Impalas.

The six Optimist Clubs of the greater Billings area recognize members of local law enforcement agencies for outstanding work with young people of the community.

Officers were recognized at a noon luncheon in May, 2009, at the War Bonnet Inn. Judge Russell Fagg was the keynote speaker. This year's honorees were Officer Mike Protain of the Billings Police Department, Reserve Deputy Dave Kenat of the Yellowstone County Sheriff's Department, and Trooper Adam Olivas of the Montana Highway patrol.



Pictured is Trooper Olivas receiving his award, along with Sergeant JV Moody and Trooper Olivas.



Troopers in District IV, Billings, participated in a range day on April 6, 2009. In the first photo, Sergeant Craig Baum and Trooper Brian Sampson are shown, with Troopers Kirchheck, Freivalds, and Hayter in the background. In the second photo, Trooper Brian Sampson takes aim, while in the third photo, Sergeant Baum assesses the target and Trooper Sampson expresses pride in his shooting capabilities.



On June 1, 2009, at the District IV meeting in Billings, Colonel Mike Tooley presented Trooper Brenda Timm with her certificate of confirmation, as well as a Hedstrom award for lifesaving efforts.

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Reference: Law Enforcement Recognition Program

Dear Selection Committee,

It is with great pleasure and respect I submit Montana Highway Patrol **Trooper Scott Waddell** as our agency's Law Enforcement Recognition Program nominee for his efforts in 2008.

Trooper Waddell has exhibited a high level of performance and contribution in the areas of arresting, preventing, educating, and training others about drunk/impaired driving and the impacts and consequences involved. Trooper Waddell arrested 18 impaired drivers, issued five (5) minor in possession of alcohol, and one (1) furnishing alcohol to a minor citation in the Cascade County area. He has a high conviction rate for these offenses and takes pride in his investigations. Trooper Waddell's dedication to the citizens of the State of Montana is evident in his hard work while both on and off duty.

Captain Kenton Hicketier, Sergeant Bruce Coccoli, and I unanimously support his nomination for this recognition. Trooper Waddell has been employed with our agency for over 5 years. His level of experience, dedication, and willingness to help other is an example for all our troopers to follow. If I can be of further assistance, or you wish to have more specifics about Trooper Waddell, please do not hesitate to contact me at (406) 453-1121 or (406) 868-8872. Thank you for your consideration of Trooper Waddell.

Respectfully,

Sgt. Shawn Hazelton
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Trooper Scott Waddell recently received the Officer of the Year award for 2008 from the Cascade County DUI Task Force Coordinator Al Recke. Scott's wife, Tammy, is standing to his left. This was Trooper Waddell's second time he honored as the top DUI enforcement trooper in Great Falls. □

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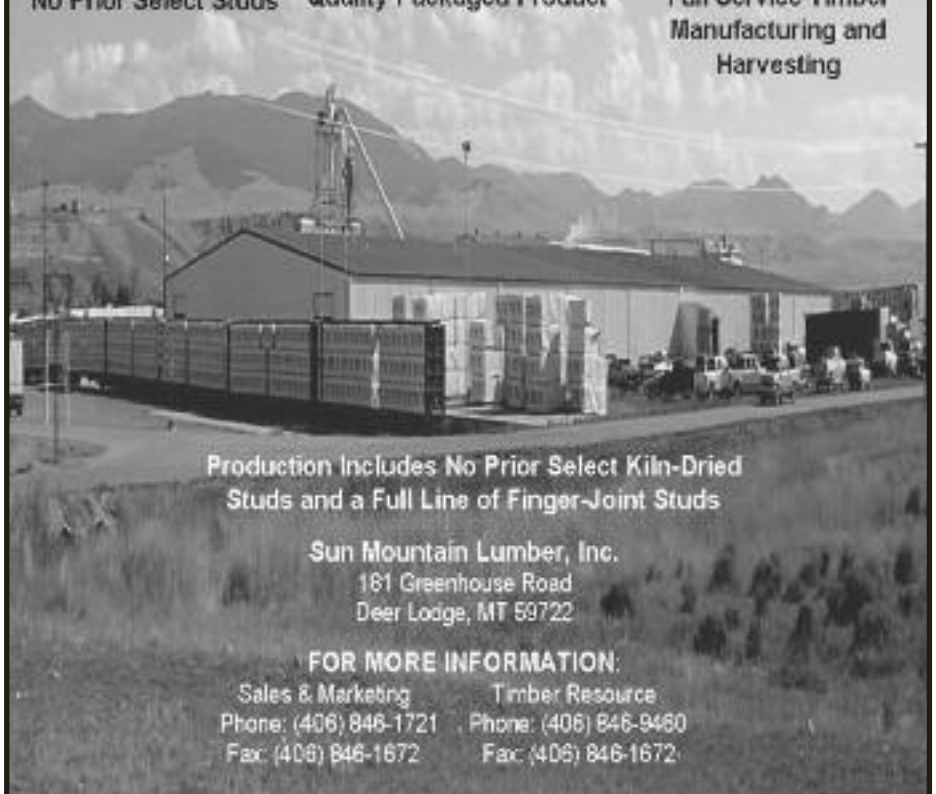
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