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AMT 2012 Annual Meeting and golf tournament August 11 & 12, 2012 in Lewistown, MT.

The annual meeting will be held Saturday morning, August 11, at 8am at Crabtree Coffee, 618 W. Main Street, Lewistown.

The meeting will be followed by 18 holes of golf, beginning at 10 am at Pine Meadows. Lunch will be provided.

Dinner will be Saturday evening, August 11, at 7pm at Brooks Market, on the corner of 2nd and Main, Lewistown.

On Sunday morning, August 12, at 9am, an additional 18 holes will be played at Judith Shadows.

*Send no money, pay all at the door.

Reserve your rooms now, as this is Cowboy poetry weekend.

Lodging suggestions:

Calvert Hotel (406) 535-5411

Yogo Inn (406) 535-8721

Super 8 (406) 538-2581

and others available.

For more information, contact Sergeant Kelly Mantooth in Lewistown.



Pictured from left to right are Chief Deputy County Attorney Rod Souza, Captain Keith Edgell, and Trooper Eric Gilbert.

Trooper Eric Gilbert (MHP 325) was awarded the Yellowstone County DUI Task Force Award of Merit on December 15, 2011, for his contributions to DUI enforcement in District 4.

Congratulations to Trooper Derek Werner for being selected as the Montana Highway Patrol's Trooper of the Year for 2011.

Trooper Werner was nominated by his supervisors in District 5 for being a great representative of our core values and for his actions in responding to a serious incident on March 11, 2011.

At 1138 hours on that date, Trooper Werner was patrolling on U.S. Highway 2 when he came across a four vehicle crash. This crash occurred on an



Trooper Derek A. Werner

icy road in poor visibility and temperatures of less than -20 degrees. While he was assessing the scene, more vehicles came into the area and crashed including a heavy commercial vehicle that created total havoc.

Trooper Werner had to perform a number of tasks immediately including protection of the scene, protection of persons from the weather hazard, and triage of the injured victims already there. Trooper Werner handled a scene that in the end included ten vehicles and eighteen persons, many of whom were seriously injured. He did this alone, and at great risk to himself. When told he would be recognized for his heroic effort, he simply said, "I was just working." That's the kind of guy Derek is, and that is why it is an honor to name him our trooper of the year.

Trooper Werner will also be the MHP's nominee to the IACP/Motorola Trooper of the year. The eventual nation-



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al winner will be announced in Alexandria, Virginia, on March 30, 2012. Information on past national selections can be found here:

<http://www.theiacp.org/About/Awards/TrooperoftheYear/tabid/303/Default.aspx>

Well done Trooper Werner, and congratulations again!

2011 AWARDS OF MERIT FOR NO PREVENTABLE CRASHES

DISTRICT 1

- Rocky Bailey
- Chris Hamilton
- Darlene Lee - 5 years
- Richard Hader - 5 years
- Steve Gaston - 10 years
- Mike Burman - 15 years
- Roman Zylawy - 15 years

DISTRICT 2

- Kenton Hicketier
- Robert Armstrong
- Shawn Hazelton - 5 years
- Kelly Mantooth
- Shellie Babinecz - 10 years
- David Baggs - 5 years
- Seth Cavalea
- Michael Flood - 10 years



Sergeant Roman Zylawy receiving an Award of Merit for 15 years without a preventable crash from captain Greg Watson.

- Scott Fox
- Josef Kinsey - 10 years
- Jim Lumsden - 5 years
- Jade Shoup
- Danny Sons - 10 years
- Tom Taylor - 5 years

DISTRICT 3

- Drew Knapp
- Joe Cohenour
- Jeremy Lee
- Ben Havron

DISTRICT 4

- Scott Ayers - 5 years
- Tony Beehler - 5 years
- Bill Bullock - 5 years
- Keith Edgell - 5 years
- Eric Gilbert - 5 years
- Jason Grover - 5 years



Trooper Darlene Lee receiving an Award of Merit for 5 years without a preventable crash from Captain Greg Watson.



Trooper Mike Burman receiving an Award of Merit for 15 years without a preventable crash from Captain Greg Watson.

- Jay Nelson - 5 years
- Buck O'Neill - 5 years
- Darvin Mees - 10 years
- James Moody - 10 years
- Joseph Hensley - 10 years
- Dave Munson - 10 years
- Toby Baukema - 15 years
- Craig Baum - 15 years
- Justin Kirchheck - 15 years
- Joe Coughlin - 25 years

DISTRICT 5

- Ed Hilbert

DISTRICT 6

- Joel Sieler
- Jim Sanderson
- Randy Owens

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Trooper Richard Hader receiving an Award of Merit for 5 years without a preventable crash from Captain Greg Watson.



Trooper Steve Gaston receiving an Award of Merit for 10 years without a preventable crash from Captain Greg Watson.





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Captain Keith Edgell; 5 years



Trooper Buck O'Neill; 5 years



Trooper Joe Hensley; 10 years



Radio Technician Mark Olsen; 10 years



Trooper Darvin Mees; 10 years



Trooper Toby Baukema; 15 years



Sergeant Jay Nelson; 5 years



Trooper David Munson; 10 years



Trooper Tony Beehler; 5 years



Sergeant JV Moody; 10 years



Trooper Eric Gilbert; 5 years

Duane Bowers
Neil Duram
Joel Sieler
Bryce Ford - 5 years



Sergeant Scott Ayers; 5 years



Trooper Jason Grover; 5 years



Sergeant Duane Bowers (MHP 135) presenting Trooper Bryce Ford (MHP 164) with an Award of Merit for 5 years without a preventable crash in September of 2011.



Trooper Bill Bullock; 5 years



Trooper Joe Coughlin; 25 years

DISTRICT 7

Brandon Moore
Joshua Brown
Derek Brown
Headquarters
Dustin LeRette
Larry Neiminen
Martin Shrock
Scott Tenney - 5 years





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Service Awards



Trooper Lath Keith receiving his ten year service stars from Captain Greg Watson.



Sergeant Scott Hoffman receiving a belt buckle from AMT President Sergeant Art Collins, congratulating him on 15 years of service.



Trooper Darlene Lee receiving a jacket from AMT President Sergeant Art Collins, congratulating her on her 5 years of service.



Trooper Richard Hader receiving a key chain from AMT President Sergeant Art Collins, congratulating him on 15 years of service.



Trooper Schuelke receiving a jacket from AMT President Sergeant Art Collins, congratulating him on 5 years of service.



Trooper Andrew Novak receiving his 5 year service star from Captain Greg Watson.



Trooper Dave Oliverson (MHP 157) receiving his 5 year service star in August of 2011 from Captain Gary Becker.



Colonel Mike Tooley presenting Captain Brad Sangray (MHP 108) with his 20 year service stars in August of 2011.

Trooper Ben Amos and his wife Kim are the proud parents of a new baby boy, Tucker, who was born on October 24, 2011, at 1415 hours. Tucker weighed in at 8 pounds, 11.7 ounces, and measured 21 inches long.

Trooper Adam Gane and his Mandi are happy to announce the birth of their new baby boy, Wynston Alexander Gane. Wynston was born on October 21, 2011, at 0039 hours and weighed in at 7 pounds, 9 ounces, and measured 20 inches.

Trooper Jeramy Rice and his wife are happy to announce the birth of their new baby boy, Clayton James Rice. "CJ" was born on October 21, 2011, at 1308 hours, weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces, and measured 22 inches long.

Trooper Brandon Uhl and his wife are happy to announce the birth of their new baby girl, Sophie Grace Uhl, who was born on June 28, 2011, at 1530 hours. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 20.6 inches long.

Trooper Shane and Staci Warehime became the proud parents of a baby boy on October 26, 2011. Stetson Cole weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces.



During Fall Management in 2011, Captain Kenton Hickethier fulfilled his part of a yearly wager with Sergeant JV Moody, in which the loser of the annual Cat-Griz game wears the winning school's jacket for the day.



At the end of October, 2010, the Montana Highway Patrol Communications Center underwent a major renovation and upgrade in furniture. New height-adjustable ergonomic workstations from Xybix Inc. were installed replacing the office-style cubicle set-up that had been in use since 2003. With the new workstations, employees have a variety of control at their fingertips

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designed to make their work area more comfortable and user-friendly. The new open design of the Communications Center allows for easier interaction with co-workers, and the new workstations offer significantly more usable counter space.



On August 30, 2011, Troopers Justin Moran (MHP 305), Aaron Freivalds (MHP 300) and Bill Bullock (MHP 187) wait for their turns on the firing line at the District 4 range day.

District 1's Deadly Encounters training in October, 2011, resulted in a direct



hit to the back of Trooper Tami Winchell's hand. After a few choice words, she managed to put a smile on her face and pose for a photograph. Submitted by Trooper Scott Bennett.



Members of the 51st Academy participate in firearms training under the

watchful eye of firearms instructors. Photo by Clarke Sutphin.



The patrol car of Trooper Michael Haynes has been permanently secured on a flatbed trailer with funding provided by the Yellowstone County DUI Task Force, the Broadwater County EUDL grant, and the Big Horn County DUI Task Force.

The purpose of this display is for public events where an advertisement against drunk driving would be beneficial. Use of this car is for all law enforcement agencies, DUI Task Forces, clubs such as the Lions, Kiwanis, and Opti-
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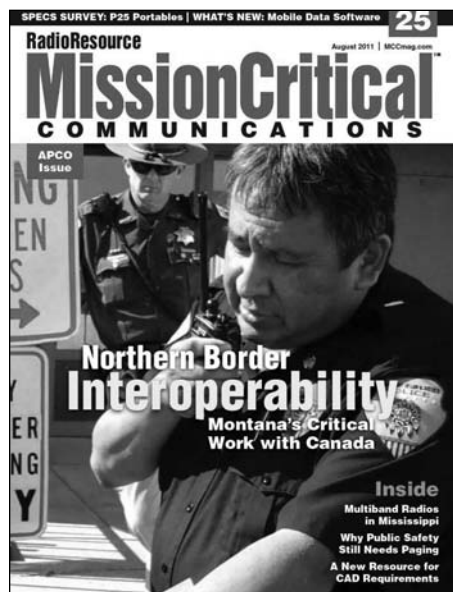
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mists and schools of any type for public events.

Trooper Cal Janes will be in charge of the scheduling of the vehicle/trailer at public events, so any inquiries should be directed to him. Reservations will be on a first-come/first-served basis. Transportation of the car and trailer will be up to the person/club using it for display. The driver of the vehicle must also be able to show proof of insurance.

You may reach Trooper Janes at his duty cell: (406) 599-9257



The August, 2011, issue of the *MissionCritical Communications* magazine included an article about Montana's Border Interoperability Demonstration Project (BIDP) grant. The cover of the magazine featured two Montana law enforcement officers: Lt. Jim Summers

with the Fort Peck Tribal Law and Justice Department and Montana Highway Patrol Trooper Ross Tuggle, who is stationed in Scobey.



During Jim Bridger Days on July 16, 2011, then District 4 Administrative Assistant Amari Schmalz coordinated a tribute to Trooper David DeLaitre during a parade that took place in Bridger, Montana. Amari, Michelle Williams, Angela Melton, and Danielle Brown rode their horses through the parade down the main street of Bridger carrying the Montana Highway Patrol banner and flag, as well as the flag of the United States of America. Their horses were marked with Montana Highway Patrol patches, and Trooper Bill Bullock provided vehicle support for the riders.



John Spencer was promoted to the rank of sergeant effective July 30, 2011,

and a promotional ceremony was held on October 31, 2011. Sergeant Spencer is stationed in Headquarters, Fleet and Supply, and also remains the Patrol's pilot for its helicopter and fixed wing aircraft. Photo by Clarke Sutphin.

Trooper Kirk Barfuss retired effective October 31, 2011. He had been stationed in White Sulphur Springs. His sworn dates of service were June 30, 1989, to October 31, 2011. He has accepted a position with Tort Claims and will continue to be a state employee.

Trooper Andrew G. Horton submitted his resignation effective November 22, 2011. Andrew had been stationed in Polson, and his sworn dates of service with the Patrol were January 22, 2010, to November 22, 2011.

Trooper Frederick Kessner retired on November 18, 2011. Trooper Kessner had been stationed in Culbertson, and his dates of sworn service with the Patrol were July 14, 1990, to November 18, 2011.

Trooper Tom Taylor submitted his resignation effective November 30, 2011. He was stationed in Great Falls, and his sworn dates of service were July 8, 2002, to November 30, 2011. □

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