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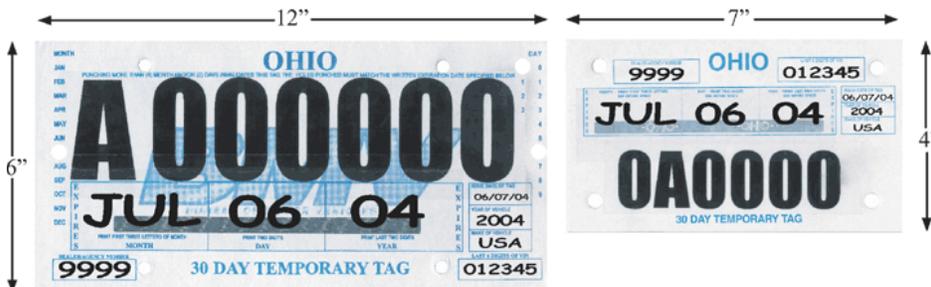
SMALLER MOTORCYCLE PLATE

The Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) began issuing a new, smaller 30-day temporary tag for motorcycles in June. Up until this time, the same temporary tags were issued for passenger vehicles and motorcycles.

The new tags are four inches high and seven inches wide, matching the size of motorcycle license plates, which were made smaller March 1, 2004. The tags will have similar features as the full-size temporary tags, but will not include the punch-outs for the month and day of expiration. The larger tags are six inches high and 12 inches wide.

“The smaller tags are a better fit for motorcycles,” said Registrar Frank Caltrider. “The larger tags do not fit properly in the motorcycle license plate brackets.”

The cost remains at \$10.50.



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Saved by the Helmet

Executive Director Ernest Howard of Administration (left) presents a “Saved by the Helmet Award” to Mark Fellure, Fiscal Services (middle) with Bob Secrest, Motorcycle Ohio administrator (right). Mark was “Saved by the Helmet” on March 28, 2004. While riding in the Hocking Hills he hit some gravel and took a spill. He suffered some minor injuries, including a rock imbedded in his helmet.

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BMV Employee Comes Home

After serving 14 months in Iraq, Duke Hobson, chief of Deputy Registrar Administrative Services Section (DRASS), returns home to a warm welcome of family, friends and employees. Neighbors decorated his street with American flags, streamers in red, white and blue and patriotic signs, all to welcome a soldier who served his country in the Iraqi conflict. Duke was quoted in the *Call & Post* as saying,

"I can't thank you all enough. I truly appreciate it. It's just truly good to be home."



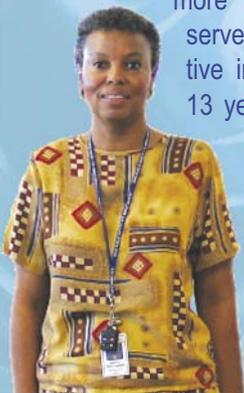
Duke, who also fought in the Vietnam War from 1968-1969, was summoned to leave for Iraq in February 2003. He has been a soldier for over 28 years. Duke also serves as a Franklin County sheriff.

Field Rep of the Year



Field Representative Dorothy Bray-Hudson has been selected as the Field Representative of the Year 2003 for the state of Ohio. This award recognizes her dedication and great work as a member of the BMV Field Services staff.

Dorothy has been a state of Ohio employee for more than 29 years. She has served as a field representative in Central Ohio for nearly 13 years and was selected for this recognition by a vote of all Field Services district chiefs and assistant chiefs.



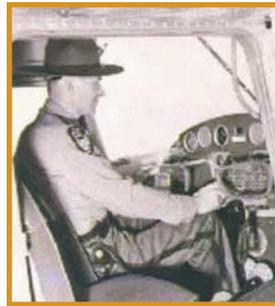
Reflections *on the Past*



FLYING HIGH

Patrol's Aviation Section Has Played Vital Role Since 1948

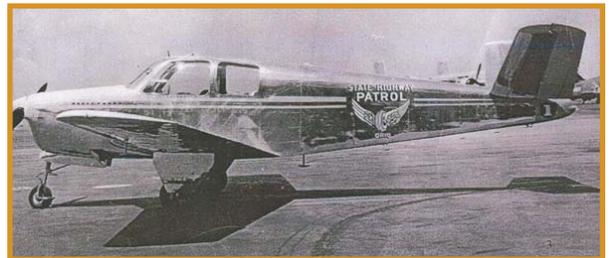
For 56 years, the Ohio State Highway Patrol's pilots, planes and helicopters have been an integral part of exceptional services to the state of Ohio.



Ernest Webb, the Patrol's first pilot.

It all started in 1948. On May 4, 1948, the Patrol placed its first aircraft—a sleek Beechcraft Bonanza—into service. It was originally to be used not for enforcement purposes, but for disaster relief, air searches, transportation, photography, and "errands of mercy." Sgt. E. V. Webb, a graduate of the Camp Perry Class and an old "barn-stormer," flew the first Patrol mission on June 8, 1948. During the flight, Webb broadcast a radio signal which reached all posts and most cars. While airborne, he also spotted a disabled vehicle and directed officers to the scene, recording the first aircraft assist. That first mission, as well as Webb's ardent support of an aircraft program, earned him the title "father of Patrol aviation."

The Patrol's Aviation Section took a giant leap forward on July 4, 1952. It was on this date that Patrolman W. D. Braucher and Sgt. J. H. Gorham were observing traffic conditions from the air and spotted a semi-truck driving recklessly on Route 224 in Mahoning



County. They radioed its position to Sgt. W. E. Timberlake, patrolling below, who subsequently stopped the vehicle. Braucher then landed the plane to file charges. As though a light had been turned on, plans for various enforcement-related uses for aircraft exploded and the role of Patrol aircraft changed forever.

Today, the Ohio State Highway Patrol maintains an Aviation Section consisting of 14 uniformed officer-pilots, three American Eurocopter turbine-powered helicopters, and 12 Cessna airplanes.

The primary mission of Patrol pilots is enforcement of traffic safety laws and assistance to motorists. In addition, the Aviation Section conducts aerial searches, often utilizing the FLIR (Forward-Looking Infra-Red) device which can sense subtle changes in temperature and "see" persons who are missing or at large after dark. Pilots also fly photo missions, and locate marijuana plants each year while in the course of normal duties. In addition, they provide services to other law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

Patrol pilots provide critical support in several key enforcement programs, including: enforcement of school bus safety violations; Operation Lifesaver which targets railroad crossing violations; Operation TRIAD (Targeting Reckless, Intimidating, and Aggressive Drivers) where "road rage" types of violations are occurring; and concentrated following too closely enforcement details. The Aviation Section is sometimes called upon for emergency transportation and technical service in aircraft crash investigations and enforcement of laws governing air traffic.

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In 2003, the Aviation Section logged 5,216 flight hours. In addition, the latest airplane, a Cessna 182, was purchased in the fall of 2003. In four years, the Patrol Aviation Section will celebrate it's 60th anniversary. It is a credit to the state of Ohio that this unit continues to grow and be a vital safety vehicle for all Ohioans. It continues to fly high.



SOME PATROL AVIATION FIRSTS INCLUDE:

May 1948: First Division Airplane; a Model 35 Beechcraft Bonanza

June 8, 1948: First Patrol mission—a disabled vehicle is called off to a ground unit

July 4, 1952: First enforcement contact when a Patrol pilot spots a commercial driver operating recklessly

June 21, 1956: First major search using aircraft when a Patrol plane searched for a truck driver involved in multiple murders

1960: First helicopter



Excellence in Service Awards

Annette Pinkerton, Chief of the BMV Telecommunications section, received the Excellence in Service Award (ESA) for ODPS in the Management category for the second quarter. Others awarded were **David VanScyoc** in the Law Enforcement category, **George Dotson** in the Technical Services category and **Christy Redifer** in the Office Support category.



Left: Annette Pinkerton accepting the award from Director Morckel.



Right: Christy Redifer accepting an ESA award from Director Morckel.

"EMS Star of Life" Award Winners



The Ohio Chapter American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) announced its "EMS Star of Life" award winners on May 20, 2004, at its sixth annual awards ceremony during EMS Week.

2004 STAR OF LIFE AWARD WINNERS

- Region I - Cincinnati Fire Department
- Region II - Miami Township Division of Fire & EMS
- Region III - Spencerville Ambulance Service, Inc.
- Region IV - Highland Township Volunteer Fire Department
- Region V - Mifflin Township Division of Fire
- Region VI - Malta - McConnellsville Fire Department, Division of EMS
- Region VII - Quad Ambulance
- Region VIII - Aurora Fire Department
- Region IX - Westlake Fire Department
- Region X - Pymatuning Ambulance Service

2004 "YOU'VE GOTTA HAVE HEART" AWARD WINNERS

- Region I - Miami Township Fire & EMS
- Region II - Xenia City Fire Department
- Region II - Covington Rescue Squad
- Region II - Brookville Fire Department
- Region II - Bellbrook Fire & EMS Department
- Region III - Lafayette Jackson Fire Department
- Region III - Wapakoneta Rescue Squad, Wapakoneta Fire Department, & Wapakoneta Police Department
- Region V - Washington Township EMS
- Region V - Columbus Division of Fire
- Region VI - Marietta City Fire Department
- Region VI - National Trails EMS
- Region VIII - Randolph Township Fire Department
- Region VIII - Tallmadge Fire Department
- Region IX - Central Lorain County Ambulance District, Oberlin Fire Department, & Oberlin College Security
- Region IX - North Ridgeville Fire Department

The EMS "Star of Life" Awards are designed to:

- **HONOR** exceptional EMS personnel from each of Ohio's ten EMS Regions.
- **RECOGNIZE** Ohio's emergency medical services system and organizations.
- **REUNITE** the EMS provider with the person they treated and present the actual patient scenario.
- **GENERATE** positive media stories regarding pre-hospital care and the EMS Star of Life Award.
- **MAGNIFY** the profile of National EMS Week in the state of Ohio.





PUBLIC NEWS SAFETY NEWS

Roving Reporter

Q: *If you could go anywhere in the world with all expenses paid, where would you go and why?*

A: *"That's a very difficult question. I think a trip around the world would work the best for me. I've never been outside the continental US, except for Cancun and Aruba. There are so many intriguing locations like Egypt, Australia and the Netherlands. My bags are packed. Let me know departure time!"* Rachael Evans, EMA

A: *"First of all, I want to say that I am a world traveler. I just came back from an Alaskan Cruise (May 26 - June 2, 2004) with my best friend. It was great! September 4 - 11, 2004, I am going on a Caribbean Cruise with my husband. Two trips in one year is quite much! You think?"*

If I could go anywhere in the world, all-expenses paid, it would be "Down Under", Australia. I love all people and cultures. I'm really drawn to Australia because of the people (I love the way they speak), as well as the Aborigine tribe, the land and the animals. The fact that you have to catch an overnight flight indicates that there is such a time difference.

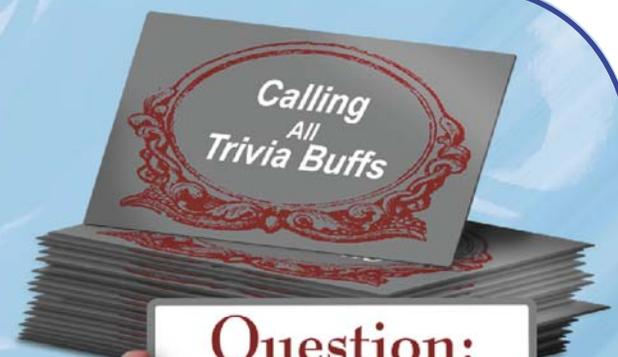
My plans for vacation 2005 are in the works. I usually visit my father in San Diego, California (May/June). I plan to visit him and my loving stepmother for two weeks. Somewhere in those two weeks we may take either a five-day Mexican Cruise or go somewhere in Mexico for a few days. Then in October, me and my friends (14) plan to go to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, to stay in a chalet.

I do not know what is next. Maybe a European trip." Terra Dillard, Legal

A: *"I think I would have to choose Africa. It would be nice to visit Somalia, Johannesburg, Kenya and Egypt (just to name a few places) and to see the beautifully hidden treasures that these places offer and experience first hand the different lifestyle and hardships that local people face daily."* Ida Miller-Doodley, ADM IT

A: *"I have always wanted to go to Hawaii. It's always warm, and it looks beautiful. Hopefully, I'll get to go after my retirement."* Pat Justice, BMW

A: *"There are many places I could name, but one of the most awesome and rewarding for me would be the Holy Land. To see and experience another culture and place where actual biblical events took place, would be very enriching as well as life changing; definitely something I would share with others."* Linda Carson, OSHP



Question:
When was the first year for date-of-birth vehicle registration and the mail-in registration renewal option in Ohio?

Send your answers to:
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In the June issue, the Bruce Springsteen album released on June 4, 1984, was "Born in the USA."

These people knew it:
Sabrina Straight Kris Marple
Dustyn Fox Julie Ferguson



WHO? is it?

He is one of the Lieutenant Colonels in the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Who is he?



In the June issue, the person was Cheryl Button, assistant chief of the Dealer Licensing Section for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

These people knew it:
Sabrina Straght Patricia Weimer
Kris Marple Quan Boyd
Peggy Barber Melony Simpson
Keira Arter Julie Ferguson
Angela Matney Dorinda Graf
Rosemary Jamison Jeffrey Coleman
Sarah Stedtefeld Vickie Saunders
Jennifer Benson.

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TRUCK AND TRAILER PLATES

Truck and trailer plates are now available in the new Sunburst version. Agencies will begin to sell the Sunburst version after their stock of Bicentennial truck and trailer plates have been exhausted. On June 7th, new software was loaded to each license agency that includes the issuance of Sunburst truck and trailer plates.

