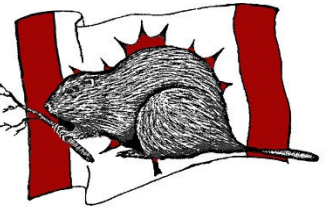


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"The Voice of Resource Law Enforcement"



2013 NAWEOA OFFICER OF THE YEAR ***Walter May***

Maryland Natural Resources Police Corporal Walter May (right)
receives the 2013 NAWEOA Officer of the Year Award
from NAWEOA Vice President Dave Webster

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Fallen Officer Memorial



Saskatchewan Conservation Officer, **Justin Knackstedt**



On May 31, 2013, Saskatchewan Conservation Officer Justin Knackstedt was fatally struck by a motorist on Highway 11 at an accident scene south of Saskatoon while assisting RCMP with

traffic control.

Justin was posted in Saskatoon and was on duty at the time of his death.

“Justin was a tremendous young man. He was eager and keen. He knew what he wanted in life, and that was to be a conservation officer,” said Kerry Wrishko, a compliance area manager for the Ministry of Environment.

Knackstead’s colleagues said he was passionate about his work and was always quick to lend a hand when someone needed help. “He was a hunter and fisherman himself, and he knew the bountiful resources Saskatchewan has and it was his mission to protect those resources,” Wrishko said at the funeral.

Justin was an excellent officer, a great friend to many, and a true gentleman. He will be sincerely missed by all who knew him.

Arkansas Game & Fish Wildlife Officer **Joel Campora**



In the early hours of May 31, 2013, Wildlife Officer Campora, 32, and Scott County Sheriff Cody Carpenter were attempting to rescue two women from a flood-

ed house. As the two men approached the home in a boat, other deputies at the scene heard a loud noise which apparently was the home collapsing from the pressure of the raging, flash-flooded river.

“He (Joel) was the epitome of what a wildlife officer should be and he was doing what he was trained to do last night,” said Mike Knoedl with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.

His dream career with the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission as a wildlife officer, 1st class, began five years ago. He was an active trainer within the AGFC, served as the treasurer of the AWOA, and was an active member of his church and community.

Joel had a passion for helping people and especially enjoyed children and young people. Joel leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife, Rebecca, and two young daughters, Dacie Jayden and Bethany Faith. Anyone who knew Joel knew his love of his family and serving God.



THE NORTH AMERICAN WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION FALLEN OFFICER FUND

The Fallen Officer Fund was originally founded in 1991 by the officers of Alberta. Originally referred to as the "50-50" or "Memorial Fund", the officers made a generous contribution of \$20,000 at the 10th Annual NAWEOA Conference in Red Deer. The fund was primarily developed to provide assistance to the families of fallen officers who made the ultimate sacrifice for the protection of our natural resources. To date, the Fallen Officer Fund has made a total financial contribution in excess of \$200,000 to the families of 85 fallen officers who have been recognized by NAWEOA. A \$2,500 contribution is made to the family of a fallen officer; the fund may also provide a \$100 memorial cheque for those who do not meet the criteria for a fallen officer payment.

Currently, the Fallen Officer Fund is supported exclusively by 53 different individuals and organizations that make voluntary contributions when an officer is recognized as being lost in the line of duty or otherwise. Upon notification of a fallen officer, fund members generally contribute \$50 USD or \$50 CAD, depending on their respective home country. In addition, some individuals or organizations make a larger contribution per officer. For example, the Conservation Officers of Pennsylvania Association (COPA) as well as the Oklahoma State Game Warden Association make a \$100 contribution per fallen officer rather than the \$50 support. Other organizations make an annual contribution regardless of need and, in return, they are not asked to submit an individual payment upon the death of an officer.

NAWEOA provides support to the fund in the form of administrative services and by absorbing costs to administer the fund and make payments when necessary.

Fund contributions are tracked separately from regular NAWEOA funds. Those individual members or organizations that contribute to the fund are documented and these records, as well as other Fallen Officer Fund information, can be found by visiting the NAWEOA website at www.naweo.org. Once the site has been accessed, click on the Fallen Officer Fund Information.



NAWEOA's Fallen Officer Fund criteria are as follows:

FALLEN OFFICER MEMORIAL FUND CRITERIA

The North American Wildlife Enforcement Officers Association will recognize wildlife and fisheries law enforcement officers killed as a consequence of performing their duties. NAWEOA recognition will be material and commemorative, indicating solidarity within our profession and compassion toward family survivors.

ELIGIBILITY:

Anyone who is eligible for regular or deputy NAWEOA membership may be nominated for this award.

For the purpose of this Memorial, "law enforcement officer" means an individual involved in wildlife and/or fisheries crime control or reduction and who is directly employed on a full-time basis by a local, county, state, provincial or federal law enforcement agency of the United States or Canada with or without compensation, who is duly sworn and has full arrest powers.

Less than full-time law enforcement officers will also be considered. In such cases, eligibility will be determined after a review of several issues, including but not limited to job description, training and circumstances of death.

"Line of duty" means any action which an officer is obligated or authorized by law, rule, regulation, written condition of employment service to perform, or for which the officer is compensated by the public agency he or she serves.

The term "killed in the line of duty" means a law enforcement officer has died as a direct and proximate result of a personal injury sustained in the line of duty. This includes victim law enforcement officers who, while in an off-duty capacity, act in response to a law violation.

This includes victim law enforcement officers who, while in an off-duty capacity, are actually en route to or from a specific emergency or responding to a particular request for assistance; or the officer is, as required or authorized by law or condition of employment, driving his employer's vehicle to or from work; or when the officer is, as required by law or condition of employment, to drive his own personal vehicle at work and is killed while en route to or from work.

Not included under this definition are deaths attributed to natural causes, except when the medical condition arises out of physical exertion, while on duty, that is required by law or condition of employment. Deaths, on duty, from natural causes, are subject to review by the NAWEOA Executive Board.

Also not included under this definition are deaths attributed to voluntary alcohol or controlled substance abuse, deaths caused by the intentional misconduct of the officer, deaths caused by the officer's intention to bring about his or her own death and deaths attributed to an officer performing his/her duty in a grossly negligent manner at time of death.

Each death caused by disease shall be reviewed by medical personnel with appropriate skill and expertise as determined by the NAWEOA Board of Directors. If it is determined that the officer died as a result of infectious disease contracted while performing offi-

cial duties, or by exposure to hazardous materials or conditions while performing official duties, that officer is eligible for inclusion on the Memorial.

The NAWEOA Board of Directors shall exhaust all possible means available to verify an officer's eligibility status, and the correct spelling of the name. Efforts will include having the name verified by the law enforcement agency of record and a surviving family member.

PROCEDURE:

It is the duty of the Jurisdictional Representatives and/or Regional Director to immediately report to the President of fatalities occurring within their jurisdictions.

This report will include:

- (a) Name, address, title, age, years of service, and history of lost officer.
- (b) Names/relationship of family members.
- (c) Circumstances, as detailed as possible - When? Where? How?
- (d) Funeral arrangements – naming who is in charge and when and where is the funeral.
- (f) Local memorial fund and who is administering.

The president will advise the executive and may issue a brief press release. Directors will advise their Jurisdictional Representatives.

Upon notification of qualifying death the Secretary Treasurer will forward a check in an amount determined by the executive or general membership to the immediate family or to an established memorial fund, complete with a letter of condolence which will include the names of the Fallen Officers Fund Contributors.

The president will co-ordinate NAWEOA's attendance at memorial services, delivery of flowers, report the incident in the newsletter and ensure the incident is reported in the International Game Warden.

The president will ensure that a suitable commemorative plaque is provided to the officer's agency. The agency will choose a place where the plaque, complete with the officer's photograph will be displayed.

The secretary/treasurer will forward a letter to all Fallen Officers Fund Contributors advising of the death along with as much detail as is known at the time and will request donations be submitted to rebuild the fund.

NAWEOA will provide \$250 and one basic registration to the immediate family of a fallen officer that has met the criteria for the \$2,500 fallen officer fund payment, to be used to attend the NAWEOA summer conference where that officer is to be honored. Upon arrival at the conference, funds will be reimbursed in the currency of the residency of the receiving family.

Note: PROCEDURE REGARDING \$100 MEMORIAL CHECK

(No vote, through internet blog or official meeting, of the Executive Board is necessary when considering the issuance of a \$100 memorial check):

1. When a Regional Director receives notification of an officer death in his/her region which **does not meet the criteria for a \$2,500 FOF payment that Regional Director shall:**
 - a) Verify such information; obtain circumstances of death and survivor information
 - b) Notify the Executive Board via email of details of the death
 - c) Wait one (1) week during which time other board members may express contrary opinions or forward questions for further clarification
 - d) Notify the Secretary/Treasurer to make the \$100 payment to the appropriate survivor (providing there is no opposition)
 - e) Provide the Sec/Treas with the name and address of the survivor (include relationship between officer and survivor) to whom the check should be sent
2. Upon receipt of the necessary information from the Regional Director, the Sec/Treas shall send a \$100 check (in the funds of the country in which the officer resided) to the President of NAWEOA.
3. The President shall then send a card of condolences and the \$100 check to the appropriate survivor.



Additional Note: Notification of death must be made to the NAWEOA Board within 1 year of death to be considered for the \$2,500 or \$100 payment.

In closing, as administrator of the Fallen Officer Fund, I personally want to thank those individuals and organizations who contribute to this worthy cause. Donations from personal participation or funding from outside sources would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact me at farrells@nb.sympatico.ca

Take care and stay safe.

Sincerely,
Shawn Farrell
NAWEOA Region 3 Director
Fallen Officer Fund Administrator

The President's Report

By Dave Webster



Hello, everyone. It's hard to believe it is already two months past the conference in Boise. What a great conference! I know my family thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Great job, Idaho!

As President, I look forward to working with the Board as we welcome new members, Carlos Gomez and Gabriel Paz as Regional Directors, and say goodbye to Kevin Schoepp and Scott Haney. A big "Thank You" to both of them and especially to Kevin Schoepp who leaves the Board after 10 years of dedicated service to NAWEOA. His knowledge and passion on the Board will be missed. You will be missed as well, Scott! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Rich Cramer for his leadership as President over the past two years. I plan to lean on him heavily in his new role as Past President.

We on the Executive Board and all members of NAWEOA find ourselves in uncharted waters as we look forward to the conference next year being hosted by NAWEOA in Reno. It will be the first year without a host agency leading the way and, as we continue to look for host agencies, it is becoming clearer that it may not be the last. I urge all of you to attend Reno and continue the proud tradition of the summer conference, but I also ask you to

look closer to home in regards to potentially hosting a conference within your agency. It is time we start to think outside the box. As Chief Stark from Wisconsin stated in his presentation, "If you don't like change, you are going to like being irrelevant even less." We need to look at partnering with other bordering state or provincial agencies in co-hosting conferences. We need to look at partnering with private conference planners to take some of the burden off of officers who may feel the task is just too daunting. I know for a fact that these avenues are being explored as we speak. If you have any questions or concerns regarding hosting a conference, please contact Rick Hildebrand, Conference Liaison, at conferenceliasion@gmail.com and he will be able to answer your questions.

As we move forward, we on the Board are committed to looking into all aspects of NAWEOA and how we can make its day-to-day operations more effective and efficient, which include IGW, the newsletter and executive function.

NAWEOA belongs to its membership and if we want to keep it strong, we need to pull together as a collective to make that happen. I am proud to be a member of NAWEOA and look forward to the future and whatever changes may come with it because, as a group, there is nothing we cannot overcome and make better.

Be safe during this busy fall hunting season and I look forward seeing everyone in Reno next summer!

The Vice President's Report

By Lew Huddleston



"Whew!" That was the first thing I said after the NAWEOA conference this year in Boise. It was very rewarding to see four years of planning, sleepless nights and effort turn into a well-received conference. Everybody I talked to had a fantastic time, especially the kids and significant others. Thanks to Bill London, Julie Bryant and the rest of their

committee members for their efforts with those two committees. There was a tremendous amount of effort put in by a large number of people to pull off the conference -- too many to try and mention, but I would again like to say "Thank You" to all those members of the Idaho Conservation Officers Association who put in time and effort to make the 2013 Conference the success that it was.

You would think that after the conference I would take a significant amount of time to recharge before I took on a new project. That would have been the smart thing to do, but that was before I accepted the nomination to take on the Vice President's position with the NAWEOA Executive Board. I am extremely flattered to be asked to run for the position.

I have to say I am extremely flattered to be asked to work with the current members of the Board. They are extremely energetic, tireless and willing to donate whatever time is required to carry on the message of NAWEOA.

We do have a couple of extremely tough decisions coming up. One is just what are we going to do with the annual summer conference. Hopefully everyone knows that there are three former members of the Executive Board who are working on organizing next year's conference in Reno. Randy Hancock, Scott Haney, and Steve Tomac are organizing the 2014 conference; the Executive Board will also be working at the conference providing manpower. 2015 and 2016 are open as of now and will be a main topic of discussion at the winter meeting. If anybody has any thoughts of an association that might be interested in hosting the conference, please get in touch with NAWEOA Conference Liaison Rick Hildebrand at conference@naweo.org.

As VP, one of my responsibilities is to work on the administration of the NAWEOA Awards. I would encourage all members of NAWEOA to go the website and check out the awards and the criteria for each one. Please take the time to consider submitting members for the awards.

Be safe and hope you see everyone in Reno.

2013 NAWEOA CONFERENCE OPENING & CLOSING CEREMONIES

By Rich Cramer

Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony at the annual NAWEOA Conference is always the most poignant event of the week. We honor our chosen profession and pay homage to our fallen officers. This past year in Boise was no different as the Idaho officers did an outstanding job in organizing the event.



We began the day by assembling on the steps of the Idaho State Capitol for a group photo and then proceeded to march to the conference venue. The opening ceremony was kicked off by

ceremony as well as the family of Fallen Officer David Grove from Pennsylvania, whom we honored at the 2011 conference in Saskatoon.

During the tribute to the fallen officers, "Amazing Grace" was performed by the Scottish Highlanders and IDFG Officer Nathan Stohosky read a moving poem entitled "The Monument". The tribute ended with a rendition of "Taps" played by US Fish and Wildlife Service Bugler Silvester Martincic and the invocation by Idaho State Police Chaplain Elden Issak.

The opening ceremony continued with a presentation by a local group of Basque dancers who put on quite a show for the assembled audience. We continued with the introduction of the NAWEOA Board of Directors and the roll call of jurisdictions by NAWEOA President Cramer. A resounding round of applause was given to the Idaho officers during the roll call.

NAWEOA Vice President Dave Webster then closed the ceremony on an upbeat note as he made the 2013 NAWEOA Officer of the Year presentation to Maryland Officer Walter May.

Closing Ceremony

Closing ceremonies are a bittersweet time each year as we close the annual conference and prepare for the final banquet and for the conference the following year. The closing ceremony this year was very well attended and very well organized by the Idaho officers.

NAWEOA President Rich Cramer gave special thanks to the outstanding job that the Idaho officers had done throughout the week. Thanks were paid to the Idaho Conservation Officers Association and the Idaho Department of Fish & Game for their invaluable support.

The Idaho Honor Guard was introduced to begin the formal closing of the 2013 NAWEOA Conference. The Idaho officers then ceremoniously passed the NAWEOA flag and the "eternal" flame to representatives of the NAWEOA Board who will be hosting the 2014 conference in Reno, NV. The Honor Guard led the contingent in a march out of the room and President Cramer officially closed the conference with a bang of the historic NAWEOA gavel.



Master of Ceremonies, Idaho Chief Jon Heggen. The honor guard then placed the colors on stage followed by the national anthems of both the US and Canada. The anthems were beautifully sung by a group of Boise PD officers.

Speakers were then introduced by Chief Heggen. Idaho Governor Butch Otter honored us with his presence and he was followed by Idaho Fish & Game Director Virgil Moore and Fish & Game Commissioner Bob Barowski.

NAWEOA President Rich Cramer was then introduced to begin the tribute to the fallen officers. Sadly, this year we recognized three of our fallen comrades: Newfoundland and Labrador Fish and Wildlife Officer Howard Lavers, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Wildlife Officer Joel Campora, and Saskatchewan Environment Conservation Officer Justin Knackstedt. We were all honored to have the family of Officer Knackstedt with us for the



2013 NAWEOA Officer of the Year Award Corporal Walter May

NAWEOA is pleased to present Corporal Walter May with the NAWEOA Officer of the Year Award. Cpl. May has been employed with the Maryland Natural Resources Police since 1980, and his job performance throughout 2012 qualifies him for this prestigious award. May consistently produces quality cases, developed through his hard work ethic and the wealth of knowledge and skills that he has obtained as a seasoned Maryland Natural Resources Police Officer. May consistently achieves high results and exceeds normal standards for enforcement actions using a positive attitude and diverse working knowledge. In 2012 Cpl. May documented 1006 violations in the form of 297 citations and 709 warnings.



NAWEOA Vice-President Dave Webster (left) presents the Officer of the Year Award to Cpl. May with his wife looking on.

Allegany County. Cpl. May rappelled the cliff-side approximately 180 feet and used a rescue basket to recover the body. May also participates as a member of the local Emergency HazMat, Collapse and Water Rescue Team. Cpl. May is an instructor at the NRP Academy instructing Preliminary Breath Test and first aid as well as instructing in-house to his fellow officers as well.

Corporal May is dependable and can be counted upon to be available when needed during any event. Cpl. May places organizational interest ahead of personal convenience and displays a genuine interest in the department and its goals.

Cpl. May displays a high level of integrity and honesty in every aspect of his life, both personal and professional, and continues to be a role model for younger officers who regularly seek him out for guidance and advice. Cpl. May is the lead diver of the Agency's Underwater Operations Unit. He is trained in high-angle rescue missions and was the lead for the recovery of a fall victim in

"RECOGNIZING THE GOOD GUYS"

is a special column which was initiated by Pat Brown several issues back. We will continue to recognize Wildlife Enforcement Officers who have received awards or recognition in the Spring issue of the NAWEOA Newsletter.

This recognition may be from their own agencies, officer associations, civic groups, outdoor-oriented organizations, etc.

So be prepared to send appropriate information about your fellow officers who have received awards since the previous Spring issue of the NAWEOA Newsletter.

This information should be sent to your NAWEOA Jurisdictional Representative so that he/she can compile a list for your Region. It should be received by your J-Rep no later than February 15th.

Fortunately, we hear of many Wildlife Enforcement Officers who have been honored by a variety of awards and recognition.

Make sure that we hear about your fellow officers!

Unfortunately, there is limited space to recognize these officers in the Newsletter, so the information will be limited to:

Name, rank or title, agency name, award name, and year if appropriate.

2013 NAWEOA GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING and ELECTIONS

By Rich Cramer

Each year, the day before the summer conference officially opens, the NAWEOA Board of Directors sits down for an all-day meeting. The general membership is welcome to attend these meetings each year to see what occurs "behind the scenes". The general members present each year often provide valuable input and clarification on many issues brought before the Board. If you are considering a run for office, it is a very good idea to attend the Board meeting so you can see what a Board position entails.

This year was no different than previous years as the Board addressed a great many issues and provided informational reports from the jurisdictions as well. It is important to go over the tasks assigned to Board members throughout the week such as booth staffing requirements and other responsibilities. Most importantly, at this meeting the Board finalizes the budget that will be presented to the membership for approval. The budget process begins months earlier and is gone over extensively at the winter Board meeting. With the most up-to-date figures, the Board can present a realistic and thorough financial picture to the membership.

A review of the fallen officer fund, elections and several other reports such as IGW, the Game Warden Museum, and several more are reviewed throughout the day. The meeting, which began at 0800, finally adjourned around 1730.

NAWEOA business picks back up on Thursday of the conference with the officer exchange presentations. I am sure you will all enjoy the articles prepared by Kevin Schoepp and Rob Brandenburg regaling you with their exploits. The budget was presented to the membership for approval with a motion made by Bernie Rivers (NY) and a second by Jeff Irwin (NB). The motion passed and the annual budget was approved by the general membership. There were 125 members present as the Board also reviewed the Fallen Officer Fund in detail and announced the positions up for election.

NAWEOA business resumed on Friday with election announcements and candidate speeches. We had nominees for President (Canada – Dave Webster, British Columbia), Vice President (US – Lew Huddleston, Idaho), Region 4 (Western US – Gabe Paz of Arizona), Region 5 (Central US – Jeff Jones of Nebraska, Tony Norman of Illinois, and Carlos Gomez of Oklahoma), Region 6 (SE US – Jeff White of Maryland) and Region 7 (NE US – Mark Allegro of Pennsylvania). The candidates were given a chance to make a short speech as to their qualifications and interest in the position and voting commenced to close on Saturday afternoon.

The Board then provided a number of reports to the membership and then a lively and open discussion on the future of the NAWEOA conference was held with the Board and the 60 members present for the meeting. Without a doubt, it is apparent that NAWEOA is going to have to explore new and different ways to do business if we are to survive as an association. The exchange at the meeting was encouraging and showed the passion which so many of our fellow officers have for NAWEOA.

The results of the elections were announced at the closing banquet on Saturday. Our new President is Dave Webster, our Vice President is Lew Huddleston, our new Region 4 Director is Gabe Paz, our new Region 5 Director is Carlos Gomez, and both Jeff White (Region 6) and Mark Allegro (Region 7) return to the Board for their final terms as Regional Directors.

Believe it or not, the NAWEOA Board is not finished with meetings as they must stay for a final Board meeting on Sunday morning. In addition to the final meeting, several hours were spent discussing and planning for the 2014 conference in Reno. The week for your Board is extremely busy, so if you see a few of them exuberantly relaxing in the hospitality area each evening, you should understand.

2013 NAWEOA AWARDS

By Dave Webster

NAWEOA believes deeply in recognizing the commitment of the wildlife law enforcement professional. The awards recognize people and agencies that have performed outstanding work, exemplary service to the public, or have contributed to wildlife law enforcement in other ways. The awards program is engrained within the constitution of the Association and many of the objectives speak to the importance of recognizing our own officers.

Awards are presented annually at the summer conference. Officers in attendance are presented with their awards before their peers.

This year, NAWEOA was pleased to announce that it received 50 different nominations for various awards. It is a credit to all those officers who have taken the time to nominate a fellow officer because the honor of being nominated by a peer is, in essence, the real reward.

With so many awards each year, NAWEOA has established a "Wall of Honor" which is displayed at the summer conference for the membership to view past and present award recipients.

Lifesaving

There were 17 nominations for lifesaving awards this year.

Wyoming Game and Fish Department Senior Warden

Kyle Lash for rescuing a lost angler who was disoriented and suffering from exposure to the elements. Lash was able to stabilize the subject and then transported him for emergency medical care.

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Conservation Of-

ficer Gilles Desjardins for assisting police in dealing with a young male who was in a treatment facility and emotionally unstable. Gilles stayed with this individual, who was suicidal, until backup arrived and the subject was arrested under the Ontario Mental Health Act.

2013 NAWEOA AWARDS

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Maryland Natural Resource Police Officers Robert Mayles, Jeffrey Sweitzer, William Thomas and Jeffrey Yommer for rescuing two people who had fallen through the ice on a local lake. Both had been in the water for close to 20 minutes and could not have survived minutes more without rescue.

Kansas Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Game Warden Landen Cleveland for rescuing two boaters who were stranded and in danger of drifting into dangerous pack ice.

Utah Division of Wildlife Sergeant Mitch Lane for providing first aid and performing CPR on one of two dove hunters struck by lightning.

New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources Conservation Officer Norman Bourque for rescuing a dependent man who had crashed his vehicle and fled trying to avoid detection. Bourque located the individual in a remote location outside of the designated search area and provided first aid and transported the subject to medical attention.

New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources Conservation Officers Michael Garvie and Paul Bergeron who were summoned by RCMP to assist with a suicidal man who had barricaded himself in a residence and requested their presence. Garvie and Bergeron entered the residence and were able to talk the young man out of his room and disarm him of a knife he was holding.

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Conservation Officer Scott Brandt provided first aid on fellow Officer Dudley Sorenson who was choking and needed immediate assistance. Brandt was able to get Sorenson breathing and to emergency care where surgery was required to clear his airway.

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Warden Justin Hawkaluk who rescued a stranded boater who was in danger of being swept into dangerous shelf ice on a partially frozen lake.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Officer Darin Abbott responded to a hunter suffering from a gunshot wound to the groin area. Abbott provided first aid which included emergency trauma supplies from his kit. Due to the remote and rugged location of the victim, it took 40 minutes for EMS staff to arrive and, without the actions of Abbott, the hunter would not have made it out alive.

Pennsylvania Game Commission Wildlife Conservation Officer Dustin Stoner who rescued a female occupant from a motor vehicle which had crashed and then caught fire near Harrisburg, PA.

British Columbia Conservation Officer Service Conservation Officer Simon Gravel rescued a female paddle boarder from Howe Sound who had fallen off her board and was not wearing a PFD. The water temp was about 10C and the subject was suffering from hypothermia. She would not have survived much longer without rescue.

British Columbia Conservation Officer Service Conservation Officer Jack Trudgian for rescuing a female crab fisher who was out in a portion of Burrard Inlet on an inflatable toy when she was taken by the current out into mid-channel; she was not wearing a PFD of any kind.

The female subject panicked and was struggling to stay afloat. This area is a very active shipping lane for large freighters, so Trudgian commandeered a vessel at the marina dock and was able to pull the female subject to safety.

Outstanding Service Awards

The Outstanding Service Award is given for outstanding achievement or service in the field of Wildlife Law Enforcement.

This year NAWEOA awarded nine Outstanding Service Awards.

Pennsylvania Game Commission Assistant Counsel in the Bureau of Wildlife Protection Jason A. Raup for his continued excellent support and legal guidance to the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Conservation Officers Matt Brooks and Scott McAughey for their commitment and dedication while working on "Project Bloodhound" which resulted in \$58,000 in fines and the suspension of a guide outfitter for 10 years.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Law Enforcement officers, Bryan Fugate, Gregory 'Todd' Hoyle, Steve McDaniel, Scott Cassels, Michael Lilley and Demian McColgin, for being awarded Officers of the Year for their respective regions in Florida.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Retired Officer Scott Haney for dedicated service to NAWEOA as Region 5 Director.

Saskatchewan Conservation Officer Kevin Schoepp for his support and dedication to NAWEOA as a member of the Executive Board. Schoepp served over 10 years as Region 1 Director, Vice President, President and Past President.

Torch Awards

The NAWEOA Torch Award Program was started 1997 on behalf of retired officers as a symbol of "Passing the Torch" and a way of recognizing our up-and-coming officers in North America. A special thanks to Art Redden for starting this program on behalf of NAWEOA.

The Torch Award Criteria is as follows:

Presented annually to an officer from each NAWEOA region to encourage the professional development of recently appointed officers. Both nominating and nominated officers must be regular NAWEOA members.

Nominated officer must not have worked as a wildlife enforcement officer more than five years, must have demonstrated a genuine desire to protect the resource and develop professionally, and must have demonstrated exceptional ability and initiative in the performance of his or her duties, including public education.

This award is adjudicated by and presentations are made on behalf of retired officers.

Each year NAWEOA receives a number of very good nominations for the Torch Award and I would like to once again thank this year's Torch Award Committee of Bernie Schmader, Pat Brown and Jerry Classen. This year's committee was impressed by the quality of officers nominated and it was difficult to select just one recipient for each region.

The recipients of the 2013 NAWEOA Torch Awards are as follows:

2013 NAWEOA AWARDS

(continued)

Region 1 – No nominations
Region 2 – No nominations
Region 3 – No nominations
Region 4 – Jeremy Felish, Arizona
Region 5 – Brad Dahlquist, Wisconsin
Region 6 – No nominations
Region 7 – Brian Singer, Pennsylvania

Certificate of Appreciation

Certificates of Appreciation can be awarded to anyone who is in any way helpful to the Association. This year NAWEOA issued a Certificate of Appreciation to an individual who helped host the winter Executive Board meeting in Reno, Nevada. As follows:

Carol Creekman – Nevada

Honorary Lifetime Memberships

Honorary Lifetime Memberships can be awarded on Executive Board approval to anyone who has performed an extraordinary service to the Association. This year, Honorary Lifetime Memberships were awarded to:

Kevin Schoepp – Saskatchewan - For his dedication to NAWEOA and 10 years served on the NAWEOA Executive Board.

Valor

The Valor Award is given to the officer who performs a heroic act or risks or receives serious injury, in the line of duty, in an attempt to protect himself/herself or a member of the public from a dangerous situation or circumstance.

The following officers were recognized as 2013 Valor Award Recipients.

Idaho Conservation Officer Paul Alexander for his valor in rescuing an individual from a submerged vehicle in frigid waters.

Alabama Conservation Officer Timothy Joe Lindsey for his valor in rescuing a small child from the burning wreckage of an airplane crash.

Newfoundland Fish and Wildlife Officers Ignatius Dobbin and Maurice Chambers for their valiant attempts to save their fellow Officer Lavers who had fallen through the ice on his snow machine.

California Fish and Wildlife Officers David McNair, Ben Matias and Dustin Holyoak for their valiant efforts in locating and apprehending a murderer, Christopher Dörner.

NAWEOA would like to thank all members who have taken the time to nominate a fellow officer for any of the 2013 NAWEOA Awards. Recognizing the good work that your fellow officers do is an important objective of NAWEOA and we want to encourage all NAWEOA members to continue to nominate their peers for the various awards that NAWEOA offers.

Family Time at the 2013 NAWEOA Conference

By Terry-Ann Webster
and children
Jake and Melanie

Roaring Springs Water Park was one of the highlights of our trip to Boise, Idaho, for the 2013 NAWEOA conference. While my husband was busy with the conference, I had the opportunity to visit the water park with my two kids and another family in town for the conference.

With a good-sized lazy river to float around in (a favorite of my daughter's), as well as a number of good slides for the semi-adventurous and another chunk of slides for the more adventurous, all our needs were met. My 10-year-old son Jake enjoyed "Thunder Falls" and the "Avalanche" with other boys of the same age for some thrills and chills, while my 8-year-old daughter Melanie chummed around with a few friends and raced down the "Racing Ridge" and "Rattlesnake Rapids". There was also a great "Kiddie Kowabunga" area for the little ones in our group as well.

I thoroughly enjoyed being able to let my children run off with their friends (and off for a few bites to eat), while still being able to keep a pretty close eye on them.

The day seemed to fly by and, before we knew it, we were making our way back to the hotel with tales to tell and friendships solidified for another year. We're looking forward to meeting up with our once-a-year friends for more fun times in Reno!



2013 Conference Female Officer Mixer

By Lori Backen

The female officer mixer took place at the Bardenay Restaurant. This was a departure from the female officer breakfast which traditionally took place during the conference and, as such, I decided to attend. The food and drink were excellent. As a female officer in a career dominated by men, the topics of conversation were quite different from what I'm accustomed to.

As one of the officers in Idaho recently had a baby, the topic was how the different agencies dealt with the issues maternity leave. I have never been on maternity leave, but I do know officers who have been and I was quite shocked with some of the difficulties that my fellow female officers have had south of the border. It was interesting visiting with female officers and I hope that the female officer mixer continues to be scheduled as an afternoon or evening event!

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MEET NEW NAWEOA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

REGION 5 DIRECTOR CARLOS GOMEZ

Carlos Gomez began his career as an Oklahoma Game Warden in 1979 and is married to his wife, Naida. They have four grown daughters.

Carlos stays busy in his metropolitan assignment of Tulsa and works actively in his state officers association and has served as the Oklahoma J-Rep to NAWEOA for 10 years as well as the IGW advertising manager.

A recipient of numerous awards, Gomez has been his state's Officer of the Year, Employee of the Year, Hunter Education Instructor of the Year, as well as the Southeastern Fish & Wildlife Association's (17 SE states) Officer of the Year. He also leads his area NWTF chapter as President and has been recognized as their state NWTF Officer of the Year.

Carlos' hobbies includes bow hunting, remodeling projects around the family home, and now fawning over his first grandson.



From a Retired Officer's Perspective

By Jeff White

The NAWEOA Conference in Boise, Idaho, was definitely a hit with the retirees. Boise in the summer is hot with low humidity. The evenings were warm and comfortable and the square behind the hotel was a perfect place to sit in the evenings, socialize and watch the locals. There were kids playing in the fountain, break dancing, singing, and playing different instruments. The people were friendly and the shops offered just about anything you wanted to eat. The surrounding country is breathtaking. The rivers are clear and fast and the mountains unbelievable. The Boise River, which flows right through the middle of town, was a short walk from the hotel. Sitting on the banks watching the rafters was very relaxing as a cool breeze came off the river. Trout could be seen feeding on insects on the river, although the fishermen did not seem to have much luck. I wondered how many had an angler's license.



After some time at the square, most retirees headed to the hospitality room. Here we met old and new friends, socialized,

snacked and drank different beverages. The food and drink selections were outstanding and the room was great, with the exception of having to climb the bleachers every time we had to empty our old bladders. The raffles and drawings were great with a lot of variety. The \$20 challenge coin was definitely a bargain for drink and food throughout the week.

The retiree mixer on Wednesday was very well attended by both locals and us not-so locals. About 40 retirees from throughout attended. The food went pretty quick and, if you did not get there early, you only got a little fruit and cheese. The beer and wine were good and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening and meeting other retirees. Retirees gave me their information to put out a roster so we can keep in touch and communicate with each other.

Idaho would be a spot that I would definitely want to come back and visit and Boise would be a great place to live. Hats off to the Idaho officers, spouses and families for making the 2013 conference a success and a great event for us senior officers to share our knowledge and experience with the newer officers.

2013 Officer Exchange Winners

By Justin Punchard

2013 Jurisdictional Representative Breakfast—Boise, Idaho

By Justin Punchard

This year's J-Rep breakfast saw a great group of hard working members in attendance. The Idaho officers ensured that no one left hungry and it was business as usual as we got through the agenda and round-table discussions. As a reminder to all of the J-Reps across North America, your role as a representative of your agency or association should not be taken lightly. You are the direct line of communication to the NAWEOA Board.

On behalf of all the Regional Directors, I would like to thank all of you for your continued hard work and commitment. We realize that in today's busy work environments, any extra workload or e-mails are not always easy to get to, but please take the time to respond to your Regional Directors and feel free to forward any concerns that you have. NAWEOA is truly here for all of our members. Communication is crucial to staying strong and connected.

Annually, the officer exchange draw is held during the officers' luncheon at the summer conference. This year in Idaho was no different, with a winner being picked from the United States and Canada, as well as an alternate from each country.

This year's winner from Canada is Ken Snowden (right) from Ontario; his alternate is Steve Garychuk from Manitoba. The winner from the United States was Jason Sherwood (left) of Wyoming; the alternate is Rob Brazie from Idaho. Thanks in advance to those jurisdictions that will host, or have hosted, an officer exchange and also to the agencies that support their officers in taking part.



2013 Torch Run/Walk *By Rob Brandenburg, Missouri*

What a beautiful day for the 2013 ~~5K~~ 7K torch run. The Federal Wildlife Officers Association, in partnership with the Idaho Conservation Officers Association and The North American Game Warden Museum, sponsored the Torch Run this year. This year's run followed the Boise River through Julia Davis Park and back. The weather was beautiful.

About 300 registered runners and walkers took part in the annual event and were greeted with lots of pizza and refreshments at the end. The event netted just over \$8,000 for the Game Warden Museum. This was the 13th year for the event and donations from the event now total well over \$100,000.

Larry Hergenroeder would like to apologize to the Michigan Conservation Officers Association as their association's name was omitted from the t-shirt. They donated \$100.00.

This year's winners in each category were:

Men

Sean Spencer, Utah
Randy Nelson, British Columbia
Steve Tomac, Nevada

Women

Lisa Lackore, Nevada
Lindzie Klucken, Idaho
Laura Tomac, Nevada

Youth

Coltin Mauler, Colorado
Evan Thome, Nebraska
Micah Bayer, Oregon

First Time at a NAWEOA Conference *By Kyle Christopher, Idaho*

I had a 5 1/2-hour drive to think about the week ahead. Sure, I'd received the preparation emails for over six months, but it was finally happening — the NAWEOA conference! During the drive, I considered what I'd heard from others, ranging from the great training opportunities to the nights spent socializing with officers from across North America.

I knew being an Idaho Conservation Officer, a member of the hosting state, meant I had a few extra responsibilities throughout the week, but I planned on getting the most out of my first NAWEOA conference. The thing I looked forward to the most was the opportunity to meet a bunch of other game wardens.

I was glad to see the outskirts of Boise, even though 5 1/2 hours was a short drive compared to many attending the conference. I checked into my hotel, registered for the week's events, and went to get dinner with some other Idaho officers. Then it was off to the hospitality room for some after-dinner drinks and socializing.

Throughout the week, I met officers and spouses from Alaska, Arizona, Minnesota, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin, to name a few. The people I met and the stories I heard were the highlight of the trip. Besides a room full of people to talk to, there were also tables full of raffle items. Throughout the week, raffle items ranged from Kuia packs to knife sets, and a whole lot in between. There was also an ongoing raffle for 5 guns; the winners were drawn on Saturday, the final day of the conference. Although I did not have any luck throughout the week, it was exciting to have so many opportunities to draw. There must have been close to fifty raffle items per night of the conference.

Wednesday morning started with a march to the capitol for a group photo. A few late-rising officers were greeted with resounding applause. Then, a group march brought us back for the opening ceremonies, an officers luncheon, and several speakers. I participated in the torch run Wednesday night and, although we ended up running a little further than we were supposed to and it was a little warm, everyone seemed to be having a good time.

Thursday was the first day of speakers. The biggest challenge was picking which talks to attend in the limited time slots. I chose well and left each of the conference rooms inspired and ready to test out what I'd learned during the upcoming fall. It was interesting to hear about the different challenges other states face and think about how their solutions might address similar problems in Idaho.

Friday was the Game Warden Skills Games. Unfortunately, because I was a member of the hosting state, I was not allowed to participate in the skills games due to a "home-field advantage." However, I had a good time helping out and watching the other states and provinces compete. The games ranged from wildlife identification to blindfolded, inner-tube duck retrieval. It was clear some groups took the games more seriously than others, when one of the teams correctly identified number 35 as a claw hammer in the wildlife identification tent. It was a blast to watch, but I'm looking forward to participating in future conferences.

Saturday was another day of speakers, followed by a banquet with live and silent auctions. I attended Wisconsin Officer John Welke's presentation addressing fur harvest and enforcement techniques. It's amazing how much you can tell about a critter by a fleshed hide. Once again, I was all fired up and ready to inspect some fur buyers! There were a lot of great auction items at the banquet, including guided trips, Sitka gear, bows, and a Nightforce scope. I almost spent more money than I should have, but luckily I did not get overwhelmed by the spirit of the auction, and I was able to stop myself at my predetermined cutoff point. After the banquet, it was time for a few more drinks and good-byes.

The week went fast, and when Sunday morning arrived I headed north. The drive was actually a welcome lull from the week's activities and a chance to reflect on what had transpired. The NAWEOA conference exceeded my expectations. I met a great group of gals and guys, attended some thought-provoking talks, "almost" won some great raffle items, and even had a little cardio mid-week. I didn't have a lot of down time, but I was still wishing I used what time I had more efficiently and pushed it a little harder. I'll admit, I was a little nervous going into the week, but that soon faded. I would highly recommend any new officers, as well as the seasoned veterans, attend the conference if they have not. Maybe I'll see you at the next one!



Field Notes

Fall 2013

Meet the newest Museum Board Member

**TERRY L.
McCLELLAND**
Deputy Wildlife Conserva-
tion Officer, Pennsylvania
Game Commission



Terry McClelland became a commissioned officer with the Pennsylvania Game Commission in 1968. He continues to serve in the areas of law enforcement, wildlife education and public land acquisition. Holding Post-Graduate Degrees in Education, Psychology and Supervision and Administration, Terry successfully developed an interactive Wildlife Learning Center for the Game Commission and administered exhibits and programming for seven years.

He also developed and implemented a curriculum, "Wildlife Education in the Classroom", approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education as a credit course for continuing education teacher training. Terry has also instructed at the Ross Leffler School of Conservation.

Hobbies include nature photography, hunting and fishing and woodworking. From his experience and education, Terry is looking forward to contributing to the ongoing growth and mission of the Game Warden Museum.

*The North American
Game Warden Museum
would like to thank everyone who
participated in the 2013 Torch Run
in Boise, Idaho.*



*We also owe a great deal of gratitude to
each of the sponsors.*

*Because of everyone's efforts, a total of
\$8,021.70 was raised, which brings the
overall Torch Run total to over \$100,000!*

*We hope to see you at next year's
conference in Reno, Nevada!*

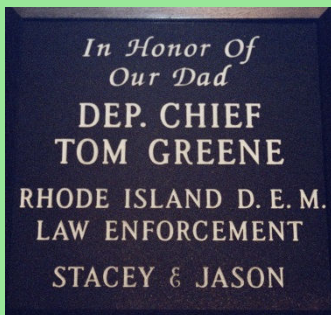


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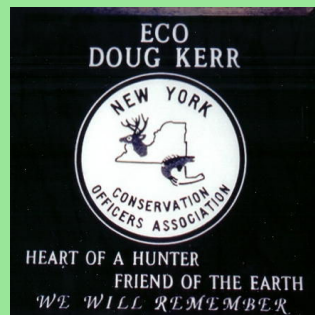
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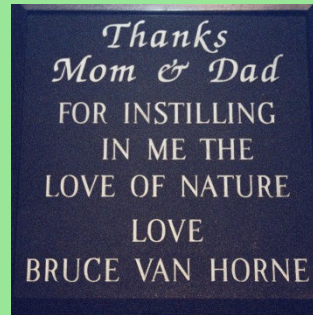
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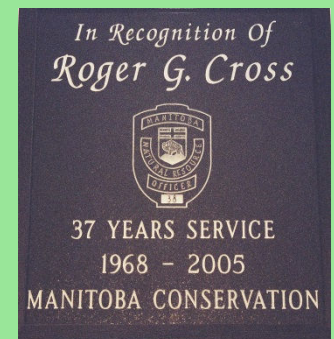
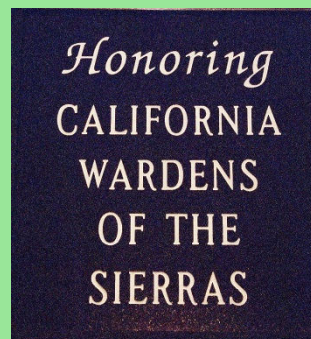
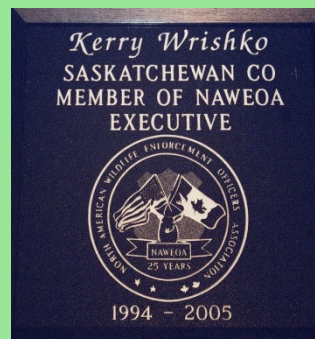
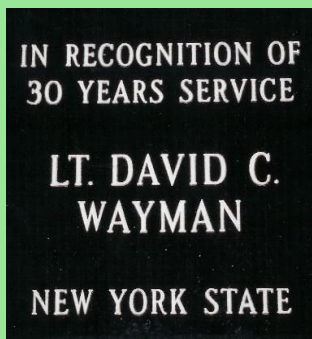
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Mot du président

par Dave Webster

Traduit de l'anglais par Christian Lemonnier

Bonjour à tous. Il est difficile de croire que deux mois se sont écoulés depuis la conférence de Boise en Idaho. Quelle grande conférence ! Je sais que les membres de ma famille ont bien apprécié. Beau travail Idaho !

À titre de président, j'ai hâte de travailler avec les membres du conseil, au moment où nous souhaitons la bienvenue aux nouveaux directeurs régionaux Carlos Gomez et Gabriel Paz et saluons Kevin Schoepp et Scott Haney qui tirent leur révérence. Un gros MERCI à ces deux individus, particulièrement à Kevin Schoepp qui nous quitte après dix années de loyaux services auprès de la NAWEOA. Son savoir et sa passion manqueront aux membres du conseil. Nous allons nous ennuyer de toi aussi, Scott ! J'aimerais profiter de cette opportunité pour remercier Rich Kramer pour son leadership à titre de président des deux dernières années. Je compte bien me fier grandement sur lui dans son nouveau rôle de président sortant.

Nous les membres du conseil et tous les membres de la NAWEOA, nageons en eaux inconnues, et avons bien hâte à la conférence de la NAWEOA qui aura lieu à Reno au Nevada. Ce sera la première année qu'aucune organisation ne chapeaute la conférence et, alors que nous continuons à chercher, il appert que ce n'est peut-être pas la dernière. J'implore chacun de vous à assister à la conférence de Reno, afin de perpétuer la tradition de cette rencontre estivale, mais encore, d'évaluer les possibilités d'organiser une conférence près de chez vous avec le soutien de votre organisation. Il est temps de sortir des sentiers battus. Comme le mentionnait le chef Stark de l'état du Wisconsin dans sa présentation, « si vous n'aimez pas le changement, alors vous aimerez d'autant plus le fait d'être impertinent ». Nous devons envisager la possibilité de s'allier aux organisations des provinces ou des états voisins, afin d'organiser une conférence en partenariat. Nous devons envisager de faire affaire avec des agences privées, afin d'enlever du poids sur les épaules des agents pour qui la tâche peut sembler énorme. Je sais pour cause, que ces avenues sont présentement explorées. Si vous avez des questionnements ou des inquiétudes relatives à l'organisation d'une conférence de la NAWEOA, prière de contacter

Rick Hildebrand, agent de liaison à l'adresse suivante : conferenceliason@gmail.com. Celui-ci saura répondre à vos interrogations.

À mesure que nous avançons, nous, les membres du comité, nous efforçons de revoir chacun des aspects de la NAWEOA, afin d'améliorer notre rendement et notre efficacité au quotidien. Cela inclut le magazine "*International Game Warden*", le bulletin de la NAWEOA, ainsi que les rôles de l'exécutif.

La NAWEOA appartient à ses membres et si nous souhaitons maintenir l'adhésion de ceux-ci, nous devons nous unir et faire en sorte que cela se produise. Je suis fier d'être membre de la NAWEOA et suis prêt à affronter le futur et les changements qui l'accompagnent. En tant que groupe, il n'y a rien que nous ne pouvons surmonter ou améliorer.

Soyez prudents lors de cette saison de chasse automnale. J'ai hâte de tous vous voir l'été prochain à Reno!

Dave Webster

NAWEOA President

Agent de l'année

Caporal Walter May

Traduit de l'anglais par Christian Lemonnier

La NAWEOA est fière de décerner le prix de l'agent de l'année au caporal Walter May. Le caporal May est à l'emploi du *Maryland Natural Resources Police* depuis 1980, et sa performance remarquable au travail tout au long de l'année 2012, le qualifie à titre de récipiendaire de ce prix prestigieux. L'agent May produit des dossiers de qualité de façon constante et ce, grâce à son travail acharné, à son sens de l'éthique, aux connaissances et au savoir qu'il a développés à titre d'agent de la faune pour le *Maryland Natural Resources Police*. L'agent May atteint des résultats supérieurs et excède même la norme en matière d'application de la loi en matière faunique, par des actions et une attitude positive et en utilisant diverses méthodes de travail. En 2012, l'agent May a constaté 1006 infractions, qui se sont traduites par 297 citations à comparaître et 709 avertissements.

Le caporal May est à la tête de l'unité des opéra-

tions sous-marines et agit à titre de plongeur principal. Il a suivi un entraînement de secourisme de haut niveau et a dirigé une mission visant à secourir la victime d'une chute dans le comté d'Allegany. Le caporal May a descendu en rappel une falaise d'une hauteur d'environ 180 pieds et utilisé un panier afin de récupérer le corps de la victime. De plus, l'agent May agit en tant que membre de la section locale d'intervention d'urgence en matière de marchandises dangereuses, d'effondrements et d'opérations marines. Le caporal May est instructeur en réanimation et en premiers soins à l'académie NRP, en plus d'enseigner ces techniques à ses collègues du service.

Le caporal May est fiable et l'on peut compter sur sa disponibilité lorsque sa présence est requise lors d'un événement. Le caporal May place les intérêts de l'organisation devant ses propres intérêts et démontre une attention sincère envers le département et sa mission.

Le caporal May fait preuve d'intégrité et d'honnêteté dans tous les aspects de sa vie, tant personnelle que professionnelle et demeure un modèle pour de plus jeunes agents qui lui demandent régulièrement des conseils.

Cérémonie d'ouverture

Traduit de l'anglais par Christian Lemonnier

La cérémonie d'ouverture de la conférence de la NAWEOA demeure toujours l'événement le plus marquant de la semaine. Nous honorons notre profession et rendons hommage à nos confrères décédés en service. Ce n'était pas différent cette année à Boise, alors que les agents de l'Idaho ont organisé l'événement de façon remarquable.

Nous avons débuté la journée en nous réunissant devant le Capitole de l'état de l'Idaho pour une photo de groupe, puis nous nous sommes dirigés vers les lieux de la conférence. La cérémonie d'ouverture était prononcée par le maître de cérémonie, le chef Jon Heggen. Puis, la garde d'honneur a pris place sur scène, et un groupe de policiers de Boise a magnifiquement interprété les hymnes nationaux des États-Unis et du Canada.

Le chef Heggen a par la suite présenté les conférenciers. Le gouverneur de l'Idaho, Butch Otter nous a

honorés de sa présence, suivi par le directeur du service Virgil Moore et du commissaire Bob Barowski.

Le président de la NAWEOA, Rich Kramer, a été présenté à l'auditoire et a débuté la cérémonie de reconnaissance aux agents décédés en service. Malheureusement, cette année, nous avons rendu hommage à trois de nos camarades : l'agent de la faune Howard Lavers de Terre-Neuve et Labrador, L'agent Joel Compora de l'*Arkansas Game and Fish Commission*, ainsi que l'agent Justin Knackstedt de la Saskatchewan. Nous étions honorés par la présence de la famille de l'agent Knackstedt et de l'agent David Grove de Pennsylvanie, auquel nous avons rendu hommage lors de la conférence de 2011 à Saskatoon

Pendant l'hommage aux agents décédés en service, des Highlanders Écossais ont interprété "Amazing Grace", alors que l'agent Nathan Stohosky du *Idaho Fish and Game Department* a fait une lecture émouvante du poème intitulé "Le Monument". L'hommage s'est terminé par l'interprétation de "Taps", par le joueur de Clairon Sylvester Martincic du *US Fish and Wildlife Service*, suivi d'une prière par l'aumônier Elden Issak du service de police d'état de l'Idaho.

La cérémonie d'ouverture s'est poursuivie par la prestation d'un groupe local de danseurs basques, qui ont donné tout un spectacle à l'auditoire réunie. Nous avons enchaîné en présentant les membres de direction du conseil de la NAWEOA et par l'appel par le président Kramer, des représentants régionaux. Des applaudissements retentissants de la foule ont suivi la présentation des agents de l'Idaho.

Le vice-président de la NAWEOA Dave Webster, a terminé la cérémonie sur une note positive en décernant le prix de l'agent de l'année à l'agent Walter May du Maryland.

Cérémonie de fermeture

Les cérémonies de fermeture prennent généralement une saveur douce-amère, puisque nous mettons fin à la conférence, nous préparons au banquet final et nous préparons pour la conférence de l'année suivante. La cérémonie de cette année était bien organisée par les agents de l'Idaho et a réunis beaucoup de participants.

Le président de la NAWEOA, Rich Kramer, a sou-

ligné l'excellent travail des agents de l'Idaho tout au long de la semaine. Des remerciements ont été adressés à l'association des agents de conservation de la faune de l'Idaho, ainsi qu'au *Idaho Department of Fish & Game* pour leur soutien inestimable.

La garde d'honneur de l'Idaho a procédé à la fermeture officielle de la conférence 2013 de la NAWEOA. Les agents de l'Idaho ont alors procédé au transfert protocolaire du drapeau de la NAWEOA et de la flamme "éternelle" aux représentants du conseil de la NAWEOA qui seront les hôtes de la conférence de 2014 à Reno au Nevada. La garde d'honneur a mené le contingent hors de la salle, et le président Kramer a officiellement mis fin à la conférence par un coup du marteau traditionnel.

Première présence à la conférence de la NAWEOA

Par Kyle Christopher

Traduit de l'anglais par Christian Lemonnier

J'avais cinq heures et demi de route devant moi, pour penser à la semaine qui m'attendait. Bien sûr, j'avais reçu les courriels d'information des six derniers mois, mais elle allait finalement avoir lieu; La CONFÉRENCE DE LA NAWEOA ! Pendant le trajet, je pensais à ce que les autres m'avaient mentionné, en passant par les belles possibilités de formation aux soirées passées à échanger avec des agents de toute l'Amérique du nord. Je savais qu'en tant qu'agent de l'état hôte de l'Idaho, j'allais avoir quelques responsabilités additionnelles durant la semaine, mais je comptais bien tirer le maximum de ma première participation à la conférence de la NAWEOA. Ce dont j'avais le plus hâte, c'était la possibilité de rencontrer un tas d'autres agents.

J'étais heureux lorsque je suis arrivé en périphérie de la ville de Boise, même si cinq heures et demi de route n'était rien en comparaison de ce que d'autres participants devaient parcourir pour assister à la conférence. Je me suis enregistré à l'hôtel, me suis inscrit aux activités de la semaine et je suis allé souper en compagnie d'autres agents de l'Idaho. Par la suite, nous sommes passés au salon pour socialiser et prendre quelques verres. Pendant la semaine, j'ai rencontré des agents et leurs épouses en provenance de l'Alaska,

de l'Arizona, du Minnesota, de l'Ontario, de la Pennsylvanie, du Tennessee, de l'Utah, de l'état de Washington, et du Wisconsin pour ne nommer que ceux-là. Les gens que j'ai rencontrés et les histoires que j'ai entendues furent les points saillants de la semaine. À part une salle remplie de gens avec qui parler, il y avait aussi des tables remplies d'objets à faire tirer, tel des sacs de la compagnie Kuiu, des ensembles de couteaux et une multitude d'autres articles. De plus, il y a eu le tirage de cinq armes. Les gagnants étaient pigés le samedi, soit la dernière journée de la conférence. Même si je n'ai pas eu de chance pendant la semaine, j'étais excité devant tant de possibilités de gagner. Il devait y avoir une cinquantaine d'objets à gagner à chaque soir.

La matinée du mercredi matin a débuté par une marche vers le Capitole, pour une photo de groupe. Quelques agents qui s'étaient levés tard ont été accueillis par les applaudissements nourris de la foule. Puis, une marche en groupe nous ramenait pour la cérémonie d'ouverture, où nous attendaient le déjeuner des agents et plusieurs conférenciers. J'ai participé à une course au flambeau mercredi soir et malgré le fait que nous ayons couru un peu plus loin que nous devions le faire et malgré la chaleur, tous ont semblé bien s'amuser.

Jeudi était la première journée de conférences. Le plus grand défi consistait à choisir celles auxquelles nous souhaitions assister et ce, dans la période de temps limitée qui nous était octroyée. J'ai bien choisi et quitté chacune des conférences en étant prêt à tester ce que j'y avais appris à l'automne suivant. Il fût intéressant d'entendre parler des défis auxquels font face les autres états et de figurer comment les solutions proposées pouvaient aider à solutionner des situations semblables vécues en Idaho.

Vendredi était la journée des jeux d'adresse des agents. Malheureusement, en étant membre de l'état hôte, je n'étais pas autorisé à y participer en raison de l'avantage du terrain que l'on me concéda. Cependant, j'ai eu bien du plaisir en aidant et en regardant les autres états et provinces qui compétitionnaient. Les jeux variaient de l'identification d'espèces sauvages à la recherche de canards à l'aveuglette. Il est clair que certains groupes prenaient ces jeux plus au sérieux que d'autres, surtout lorsque vint le temps d'identifier le numéro 35, que certains ont identifié comme étant un

marteau de charpentier. C'était amusant à regarder, mais je compte bien participer à ces jeux lors de futures conférences.

Samedi était une autre journée dédiée aux conférences, suivi d'un banquet et d'enchères silencieuses et en temps réel. J'ai assisté à la conférence de l'agent John Welke du Wisconsin, qui traitait de piégeage et de techniques d'application de la loi. C'est surprenant ce que l'on peut dire d'une espèce à partir d'une fourrure non apprêtée. Encore une fois, j'étais bien déterminé à procéder à une inspection chez un commerçant de fourrures ! Il y avait beaucoup d'articles aux enchères, comme des voyages guidés, de l'équipement, des arcs et un télescope Nightforce. J'ai presque dépensé plus d'argent que j'avais convenu de le faire, mais heureusement, je ne me suis pas laissé avoir par l'ambiance des enchères et j'ai réussi à m'arrêter à un montant prédéterminé. Après le banquet, c'était le moment de prendre quelques verres et de faire mes salutations.

La semaine a passé vite et dimanche matin, je suis retourné vers le nord. Le trajet représentait une accalmie après une semaine remplie d'activités et constituait une opportunité de réfléchir sur ce qui émanait de cette conférence. La conférence de la NAWEOA a surpassé mes attentes. J'ai rencontré un groupe de femmes et d'hommes merveilleux, assisté à des conférences suscitant la réflexion, presque gagné un tas de tirages et participé à une séance de cardio en milieu de semaine. Je n'ai pas eu beaucoup de moments pour m'ennuyer, mais j'aurais souhaité utiliser mon temps d'une façon plus efficace. Je dois l'admettre, j'étais un peu nerveux au début de la semaine, mais ce sentiment s'est rapidement estompé. Je recommande tant aux recrues qu'aux vétérans aguerris, d'assister à une conférence s'ils ne l'ont pas déjà fait. Peut-être nous verrons-nous à la prochaine conférence!

Point de vue d'un agent à la retraite par Jeff White

Traduit de l'anglais par Christian Lemonnier

La conférence de la NAWEOA à Boise en Idaho a indéniablement été populaire auprès des retraités. La ville de Boise bénéficie d'un climat chaud et sec. Les soirées étaient chaudes et confortables et l'espace derrière l'hôtel constituait l'endroit idéal pour s'asseoir

en soirée, afin de socialiser avec les gens des environs. Certains enfants jouaient dans la fontaine, d'autres pratiquaient le break dance, tandis que quelques-uns chantaient où jouaient d'un instrument de musique. Les gens étaient amicaux et il était possible de trouver exactement ce que l'on voulait manger aux alentours. Les environs offraient des paysages bucoliques. Les rivières étaient limpides et rapides et les montagnes, incroyables. La rivière Boise qui coule au milieu de la ville n'était qu'à une trotte de l'hôtel. L'observation d'adeptes de la descente de rivières était relaxante, alors une petite brise se faisait sentir. L'on pouvait apercevoir des truites manger des insectes à la surface, mais les pêcheurs ne semblaient pas avoir de chance. Je me demandais combien avaient leur permis de pêche.

Après un certain temps passé à socialiser derrière l'hôtel, la plupart des retraités se sont dirigés vers le salon. Là, nous avons retrouvé tant nos anciens que nos vieux amis, avons grignoté et avons bu diverses boissons. Le choix de nourriture et de breuvages était incroyable et le salon très confortable, mis à part le fait qu'il fallait gravir les estrades à chaque fois que nos vieilles vessies nous l'exigeaient. Les différents tirages étaient très bien et offraient une bonne variété d'articles. Le challenge du 20 dollars constituait une aubaine certaine pour manger et boire toute la semaine.

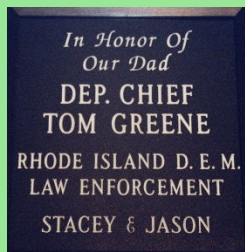
La soirée des retraités du mercredi a attiré une bonne foule tant locale que pas tellement locale. Environ une quarantaine de retraités ont participé. Ceux qui ne sont pas arrivés assez rapidement, n'ont eu que quelques morceaux de fromages et de fruits à se mettre sous la dent. La bière et le vin étaient bons et tous ont semblé apprécier la soirée et la rencontre d'autres retraités. Des retraités m'ont donné leurs coordonnées dans le but de constituer une liste permettant de maintenir les contacts.

L'état de l'Idaho est un endroit que j'aimerais de nouveau visiter et la ville de Boise un endroit où vivre. Chapeau aux agents de l'Idaho, à leurs épouses et à leurs familles, qui ont fait de la conférence de 2013, un succès et un événement propice pour nous, agents seniors, à la transmission de notre expérience aux nouveaux venus.

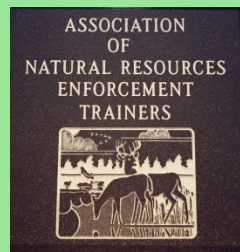


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12th Annual North American Game Warden Museum Charitable Golf Tournament

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This past June marked the 12th Annual North American Game Warden Museum Charitable Golf Tournament. The tournament was held at the Kingswood Golf and Country Club in LaSalle, Manitoba. The weather was beautiful, the course was in great shape, and the golfers were eager to have some fun and raise money for the Game Warden Museum. Attendance was lower than in past years, but the tournament was still a huge success. When the dust from the sand traps settled, **a total of \$6,955 was raised that day.**

The money raised goes directly into the operation of the museum. We truly appreciate all the support the tournament received from the golfers, businesses, and organizations that helped make the tournament a success. The North American Game Warden Museum would like to thank the following sponsors:



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We would like to give a special “**thank you**” to the numerous Officers’ Associations that supported the tournament.

If your officers association would like to support next year’s tournament, please contact Blake Patterson at Blake.Patterson@gov.mb.ca.

Warden Skills, Idaho Style

By Scott Haney

Ah, to hear those two words again, Warden Skills! Every year I can't wait to hear those words and wonder what will be in store for us this year. I am guessing I will eventually be saying, "I wonder what I will be watching someone else do this year?"

Rick Bogar and the Idaho officers did a great job of providing a challenging game course. With temperatures realistically topping 100 degrees, the games were focused around water. There were thirteen five-member teams signed up to participate.

The first event was "Duck Retrieval". Teams were required to lash four inner tubes together as a boat, put on life jackets, swim out in the lake where one of the members was the duck hunter and the other four were retriever dogs.

The hunter, using only a duck call, had to guide the "dogs" one at a time to a retrieving point where decoys were floating and the "dog" had to bring a decoy back to the hunter. The problem was, the dogs were blindfolded. It was obvious some of the dogs needed to return to a training class! After each dog retrieved a duck decoy, it returned to the bank.



The second event, "Wildlife Identification", had team members welcomed into a wall tent where they were required to identify waterfowl and other birds by their wings. There was a time constraint to ID all twenty-seven wings.



"High Mountain Lake Stocking" was an interesting event. If you have never tried moving around wearing swimming goggles in the bright sun, try it sometime! Team members had to use a water balloon launcher to launch water bombs at their teammates. Two team members held the launcher, one loaded and launched and the other two attempted to catch the water bombs in a "small" child-sized pail. A folded blue tarp, representing the lake, was on the ground and the catchers attempted to stay on the tarp. I was told the line-drive method was not the best and that a squish ball is capable of taking a grown man to the ground.

"A Day in the Life of a Conservation Officer" was event number four. The station began with "New Hire Training" where the teams were given separate scenarios for each member dealing with fishing, hunting and waterfowl. Each team member was given ten minutes of training from the hunting/fishing guides (needed to quick study the law for their scenario) and then they went out into the field.

Once at their scenario, they had to detect and record as many violations as they could find. They were allowed one "life line call" to seek an answer from a team member, who had all the regulations with them. So, let me get this straight, ten minutes to read Idaho hunting and fishing laws, enter a camp and ten minutes to find every violation? Piece of cake!

The fifth event of the qualifiers was "Elk Packing Camp". At this station, team members had to carry a pack from camp to the "kill site". Once there, they had to load elk quarters (sandbags weighing from thirty-five to forty-five pounds) on the packs and head back to camp. Running with a pack frame with forty-five pounds of sand in 100-degree temperatures? Nothing to it (if you're a camel!).

Once back at camp, which, of course, was at the top of a hill, each member had to tie their pack to a hanging rope and hoist the meat up the meat pole. Skinny rope, "cheap" pulley -- what's the problem?!

At the end of the qualifiers, two teams were left standing, team "AIM LOW" consisting of four Nebraska officers and one BC officer and "The Wildlife Warriors" from Utah. The championship round included two events. The first involved the teams carrying a wall tent and its frame out of a truck and setting it up. When given two five-gallon buckets with various corner pieces and 25 poles on the ground, it's not an easy task. I personally saw the results and the judges were very liberal on "setting up" the tent.

And, finally, my personal favorite — "Hells Canyon Without a Paddle" — where each team member had a turn at sitting on a raft frame duct-taped to a boat frame and pulled by the other members. Sounds like fun!

One team member, The Fisherman, was in the seat being pulled by the other team members through a serpentine course, attempting to catch geese (decoys — no live animals were injured during this event) using a catch pole.

At the end of each leg of the race, The Fisherman had to "catch" a large goose shell with a fly rod. The goose shell had to be hit with the rubber ball on the end of the fly rod line.

To assist with keeping the participants cool (I am sure that was the only reason), the Eagle, Idaho, Fire Department and the Idaho Eagle Hatchery pumper trucks were set up along the course to spray the teams as they went by. For some reason, they had to pass the trucks several times during the course! This was also used to simulate the rapids of one of Idaho's finest rivers.

When it was all said and done, first place went to team AIM LOW -- Ray Dierking, Mike Thome, Doug Pollard and Jeff Jones of Nebraska, and Randy Nelson, of British Columbia.

Congratulations!

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Robin Brandenburg 2013 Officer Exchange Trip Missouri to British Columbia

I was enjoying the Arizona conference already, but when I heard my name called for the officer exchange, I was ecstatic! As it turns out, it would also be the last time I would be eligible for the drawing. I finally made the decision this summer to retire. It was fitting end to a career.

Several exchange officers have decided to travel to British Columbia for their exchange trip over the last few years and I was torn between the east and the west coast. Being from the central US, I don't get to the ocean much. The deciding factor was the amount of conflict wildlife work British Columbia does.

So it was decided; British Columbia was my destination. I contacted Dave Webster immediately and started setting up the 10-day trip, mostly in the lower portion of British Columbia, hoping to get in on some bear and mountain lion calls. BC handles 1/2 million wildlife conflict calls per year.

British Columbia is 5 times the size of Missouri at 364,764 sq. miles. They have about 140 officers serving 4.5 million people. Missouri has about the same number of officers serving 6 million people. So, the big difference is that BC has 1 officer for each 2,600 sq. miles and Missouri has 1 officer per 435 sq. miles. Obviously, it might take a bit longer to get to some of your calls in BC.

I arrived on April 3rd and was picked up by Denny Chritien. Denny covers the Fraser River Valley. I threw my bags in the truck and we hit the pavement. We met up with Dave Cox for a trash-burning investigation. BC residents can only burn yard waste. The subjects were reportedly

burning other stuff. That other stuff turned out to be tires and animal parts. One of the residents of the property was butchering animals in the chicken house and selling the meat. They needed a way to dispose of the carcasses.

We then met up with Paul McFadden for some coyote predation trapping. This was just like at home except a little more hands on.

The next day Denny and I went up the Fraser River Valley to the Chehalis River and stopped by the hatchery.

**Chehalis Hatchery
Clipping Coho
adipose fin on a
Coho Salmon**



We covered lots of beautiful country, but not much enforcement activity over the next couple of days. It seems like when we were on one side of the district, the bear calls were on the other side. We spent an interesting morning in a subdivision that had a bear problem. The subdivision had 4 or 5 trash services.

Each service was on a different day. So every day was Christmas for the bears. We talked to a couple of residents about keeping their trash up and not accessible to bears. We also spent some time in the Othello Tunnels Coquihalla Canyon Provincial Park. This is a truly beautiful area and Denny and his wife were wonderful hosts.

**Othello Tunnels
Coquihalla
Canyon
Provincial Park**



The morning of April 5th, I went with Inspector Chris Doyle and DFO officer Dave Loop out in Howes Bay to check crab traps. After the morning patrol, they dropped me at Gibson's Landing for lunch and then transferred me to Murray Smith. I stayed with Murray and his gracious family the next couple of days.

On April 6th, Murray and I met up with Robert Kaatz of the DFO. The plan for the day was to boat up the coast to interview a subject about a bear kill. Murray told me that Robert was the world's best boat operator. The ride took us up the coast past some truly spectacular scenery, white-side dolphins and lots of waterfalls, to an old logging camp, then a 1-kilometer hike up to the cabin for the interview. The subject was very cooperative and after he tried to remember several things, he just took a look at his calendar. He kept a diary on his calendar. The story was all cleared up and his camp guest was in a bit of trouble.

Misery Falls ➡

We also checked some prawn and crab fishermen as we traveled to our destination. We were checking the licenses and catch of a pleasure boat when I looked up to see the patrol boat drifting off. It seems like the world's best boat operator didn't do a very good job of tying up the boat when we boarded the other boat.



Robert Kaatz, DFO, World's Best Boat Operator?? With Murray Smith

On April 7th, Murray and I met up with Andrew Anaka and went to patrol Goat Lake. We had a great day on the water, a fine shore lunch, but few were fishing. We did find a couple prospecting for gold. We don't have much of that in Missouri. That evening I stayed with Retired Officer Mark Girard.

Prospecting for Gold ➡

The next morning Andrew took me to Okeover Provincial Park where we picked up some oysters for my evening meal. I was then handed over to Mike



Newton and Gordon Hitchcock. We patrolled from Lund to Campbell River. On the way, we had to stop and check a couple of prawn traps Mike and Gordon had set. That evening we had oysters on the grill, prawns and moose steak. WOW! What a wonderful stay with the Newtons!

One of the highlights of the trip for me occurred on April 10. I was with Peter Pauwels. We picked up a bear and 2 cubs and took them for release. The bears were captured near a school the day before. We also toured the Chemaus, Cowichan and Nitnat River valleys. During this part of the trip, I was most interested in how officers handle wildlife conflict calls and the protocol within the agency. Missouri is just starting to see some bear and mountain lion and we will have to be handling more and more of these types of calls in the future.



The last day was spent with Scott Norris as we spent the soggy day patrolling to the west side of Vancouver Island. The last evening I was included in a surprise birthday party for Scott's birthday.

A couple of observations:

Every officer has a place to stop and eat lunch and it usually involves some breathtaking scenery or a quiet spot and good food; we don't have enough time for general patrol; we are all dedicated to the job and spend that extra time because of our connection to our community.



I would like to thank the officers and families of the British Columbia Conservation Officers Service, my agency, the Missouri Department of Conservation, and NAWEOA for allowing this great learning experience to happen. Missouri is the "Show Me State" and we take great pride in our hospitality. I think the officers of the British Columbia Conservation Officers Service and their families showed me what true hospitality and friendship is all about.

It's sure a Small World...

By Bruce Ward

I was sitting down Friday afternoon with a gentleman (David Moore) whose business is running auctions, and he is presently assisting me in preparing my parents' home contents for an online auction to aid in emptying it out for sale as they downsized last fall to a retirement home with assisted living.

He is from Fergus, Ontario, and you can't help but like him. His expertise is assisting in securing an alternative to either calling the family to come and take what they want or donating to charities or landfills.

The conversation on this beautiful hot spring day drifted to what I'd be up to if I was not sorting through 80 years of life's accumulations and memories for future family members, and that came to the business of game wardening... and Dave says he only knows one game warden (who happens to be his brother-in-law), but that fellow lives in Nova Scotia. So, out of curiosity, I had to ask his name (despite only knowing very few Bluenoser gamies), and he says, "Arthur Redden"!

Well, my jaw damn near hit the floor! We talked about Art's term as NAWEOA President, chair of the awesome 1995 Conference in Nova Scotia, the special NAWEOA gavel Art made from wood from each of our seven regions glued and bonded into a tool to open and close each summer meeting, and David's participation in those events by being the auctioneer for the 1995 closing banquet.

So, we had to crack open a beer and snap a photo as a plan fell in place to have a bit of fun with Art...and my wife Lydia took the attached snapshot, emailed it to David and he shared the email message (see end of story) that he sent to Art.

By the time this is read, no doubt the cat will be out of the bag, and turnabout payback from the "Sydney Crosby of Nova Scotia's COs" will be raining onto David and myself...but that's just what friends do...

As a sidebar, the last five years have been a pretty full slate for my family, helping out aging parents with deteriorating faculties (like many others of our generation across the world), and I just have to share this note to let others who might find themselves in a similar situation know that there is a real trend/ business opportunity associated with the aging demographic living longer and moving into retirement options.

When you're burned out and short of energy and time, the concept of organizing, sorting through significant possessions and finding a practical solution for how to realize monetary benefit from that everyday household stuff that your loved ones don't need as they downsize into simplified accommodations can be overwhelming. Who wants to organize another garage sale to make less return than you'd earn at your usual wage just setting it

up?

That's where these online auction people figure in. They can sell almost everything you don't need and will assist in sorting through, cataloguing, organizing, photographing the goods, running an on-line auction, collecting the proceeds, and ensuring the pick-up at specified times of the items. Almost unbelievable.

David's business is called rapid-sell.ca. I'm not plugging for him, so much as saying "thanks", because he already helped NAWEOA 18 years ago, and now he's helping me and my family, and this type of business might help you. It sure helps if you can find one you trust as much as I trust David, and I just met him. And when you learn that they are run by family of such respected friends and colleagues as Art and Bonnie, it just made me feel so trusting and relaxed I had to let all you other dinosaurs know this is out there. (Yes... I know this is old news to techno-wizards like Kleiner and Brandenburg, or the all-round sharpies like Cramer, but just perhaps whiz kids like Punchard may not know about this— although it's similar to Craigslist, ebay and kijiji and y'all probably know way more about it than me...but jes in case ye dint...

In the old officer's hotel room suite, parties that lasted into the early hours, after security folks had gone to bed, and political correctness hadn't yet been invented, we still got a lot done by this old fashioned networking of sharing war stories and solutions to mutual problems.

The world, she sure is a small place, and so nice to meet extended family you didn't even know! Tight lines, have fun and be safe.

P.S.- and he's letting you off way easier, Art, than I would have had the shoe been on the other foot...boy, did I have a dandy caper planned...

Here is the email that David Moore wrote to his brother-in-law Art Redden:

*From: David Moore & Associates
Date: 5 May, 2013 9:17:23 AM EDT
Subject: Artie is a savour*

Junior,

When you see Artie can you thank him for Scott & me, for who he knows? Scott, doing a little fishing in the wrong spot and season and shouldn't have been. This important fellow came up behind him and said what do you know about game wardens? Scott replied all I know is my mom's brother said he was the Sydney Crosby of game wardens. The warden said, don't get smart with me son! Who is your mothers', so called important Warden brother? Art Redden, Scott said shaking in his boots. This nice man asked where Artie lived and Scott responded with NS. This Warden said get out of here and have your uncle teach you the proper laws of hunting and fishing. He finished by saying, you are lucky, I also do know Art Redden.

Small world, eh. Or is Scott just lucky.



Thank you for your
kindness.

God Bless,

Becca, Darie + Beth



During a time
like this
we realize how much
our friends and relatives
really mean to us

Your expression
of sympathy will always
be remembered.

The Family of

Joel Lee Campora

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2013 Conference Female Officer Mixer By Lori Backen



Lori's photo of the Idaho State Capitol

On Saturday, I went on the walking photography class and tour. During this class we learned how to take our cameras off of "auto" and use the manual settings. We were also treated to a great walking tour of downtown Boise. Afterward, we were able to select our favourite pictures of the tour to put on a slideshow that was played during dinner at the Bardenay Restaurant.

NAWEOA 2014 RENO, NEVADA

July 21 - 26, 2014
Reno Events Center



NAWEOA '14 is going to be extraordinary! This is the first time that the NAWEOA Executive has hosted a conference without having a local jurisdiction as a host. However, everything else about the conference will be very similar to conferences of the past.

We have excellent training lined up, with “subversive groups” being our main thrust. We will have highly qualified speakers presenting information about White Supremacists, Aryan Nations, Sovereign Citizens, and a host of other gang-type groups. Our breakouts will cover a variety of wildlife law enforcement topics. Overall, this conference will be heavy on TRAINING!

In addition to training for officers, we will have a good program for spouses and kids. We will have some actual training that pertains to being part of a wildlife officer's family/job. And for the retirees, we will have some breakout sessions that we hope will be both entertaining and informative. We will have something for everyone!

Of course, the old standbys will be in evidence as well. Opening ceremonies are always touching. The Museum Torch Run will be along the Truckee River and the river park that runs through the center of town. The Warden Skills competition will again be held on Friday afternoon, offering fun and entertainment for the entire family. And, the Grand Finale will be the traditional banquet, auction and dance.

We would like to invite you to bring the entire family to Reno. The Silver Legacy Casino and Hotel will be the conference hotel. The room rates are exceptional, the hospitality great, and the training will be excellent -- all done to make a memorable event for the family. Come and join in! Let's make this a conference to remember!

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CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

The speaker for the first day will be **Dr. Bobby Smith**. Dr. Smith had been a law enforcement officer in Louisiana for nine years, when, on the night of March 14, 1986, at point-blank range, he was shot in the face and blinded by an armed, violent drug offender. He recalls lying face down on the center lane of the highway, soaked in blood, and thinking, "Will this be the day that I die?" But Bobby chose to not give up; he chose not to die that day; he chose to live. He is the author of three books, "Visions of Courage: The Bobby Smith Story", "The Will to Survive", and his latest book, "What's In Your Heart Comes Out Your Mouth", published in April 2013. Each year he averages 120 speaking engagements, impacting audiences' lives with his story. In fact, since 1995 it has been his privilege to speak to over a million people worldwide.

Rob Finch and Kory Flowers will be giving presentations on Sovereign Citizens and White Supremacist groups. They have taught upwards of 5,000 officers in recent years about these subversive groups.

The Southern Poverty Law Center has estimated that there are some 100,000 hardcore sovereigns operating in the United States, along with an estimated 200,000 more people who are dabbling in its bogus legal techniques. The number of Patriot groups, including sovereign organizations, has exploded in the last three years, from 149 in 2008 to 1,274 last year.

Rob Finch is a Detective in the Greensboro, North Carolina, Police Department's Criminal Intelligence Unit, where he has been assigned since 2008. His daily responsibilities involve monitoring, documenting and prosecuting subversive criminal groups and organizations that include sovereign citizens/anti-government extremists, outlaw motorcycle gangs, anarchists, separatists and animal/earth extremists. Finch has worked numerous criminal cases on a state and federal level that have resulted in successful prosecutions. He is well versed on covert and overt surveillance techniques used during intelligence operations involving these subversive groups and has worked several large regional and national events in multiple jurisdictions.

Kory Flowers is a Corporal with the Greensboro, North Carolina, Police Department, Patrol Division, where he has been assigned since 2012. Prior to his promotion, he spent five years assigned to the Criminal Intelligence Unit where his daily responsibilities included monitoring, documenting and prosecuting subversive criminal groups and organizations that included sovereign citizens/anti-government extremists, white supremacists/racist skinheads, anarchists, separatists and animal/earth extremists. Flowers has worked numerous criminal cases on a state and federal level that have resulted in successful prosecutions. He is well versed on covert and overt surveillance techniques used during intelligence operations involving these subversive groups and has worked several large regional and national events in multiple jurisdictions.

Joe Preciado with Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, who also serves on the Board of Directors of the International Latino Gang Investigators Association, will give a presentation on Gang Cartels and their use of public lands, specifically for grow operations and meth labs.

Bruce Ferrell, (Retired from Omaha, Nebraska, Police Department) President of NAGIA (National Alliance of Gang Investigators Associations) will give an overview of gangs, cartels, migration patterns and trends. NAGIA provides global leadership in developing and recommending strategies to prevent and control gang crime, administer professional training as well as assist criminal justice professionals and the public in identifying and tracking gangs, gang members and gang crime around the world.

Geoff Frisby, CPP, PCI,LCR Consulting Ltd. Geoff retired from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in 2001 after 27 years of service which included Uniform (General Duties), Drug Enforcement and Witness Protection. After his retirement, Geoff coordinated the New Identities for Victims of Abuse (NIVA) program for Children Services of the Alberta Government. The mandate of the NIVA program was to assist those who were in life-threatening domestic abuse situations.

Starting in 2003, Geoff began operating a security consulting and training firm, LCR Consulting Ltd. Geoff has extensive experience in risk/threat assessment and management. He has instructed on security management and investigative topics at the University of Alberta, Faculty of Extension, as well as MacEwan University. Geoff will be giving presentations on using undercover operatives including source recruiting, and source handling.



Tours and Activities for NAWEOA Reno 2014 Conference

MONDAY, JULY 21st

Full Day Trip to San Francisco (Approximate cost \$110.00 each)

The committee is currently working on putting together opportunities for officers and their families to enjoy the local flavor and history of Nevada and the surrounding areas.

If you should decide to come early, we are looking at a FULL-day trip to San Francisco. Keep in mind, this is about a 4-hour bus ride on a motor coach to get from Reno to San Francisco. On the way there, enjoy a fully narrated tour and relax viewing the unique scenery on the way.

Once you hit the City by the Bay, you will be taken to Fisherman's Wharf, shown Chinatown, and travel across the Golden Gate Bridge. The tour will be narrated and the guide will have the "inside" scoop about restaurants, boutiques, museums, and many other exciting stops you and your guests can experience. You will be dropped off at Fisherman's Wharf where you can ride the cable car/trolley, shop, go to the wax museum, sights galore! You will have time to explore the city on your own.

You can bring snacks and beverages on the trip. You will be on your own for meals. Here are a few things you may want to experience in San Francisco – Fisherman's Wharf:

- Aquarium of the Bay – walk through the 300-foot-long crystal clear tunnel tank – Pier 39
- Pier 39 – breathtaking views of the Bay, Alcatraz, Angel Island and the Golden Gate and Bay Bridges

- Down to Pier 45 – Taylor and Jefferson Streets – outdoor stalls that sell fresh whole crabs, seafood cocktails and calamari
- Boudin @ the Wharf – fresh loaves of bread – since 1849
- Wax Museum – Jefferson Street – Leonardo DiCaprio, Marilyn Monroe, John Wayne
- Ripley's Believe it or Not!
- Hyde St. Pier – visit historic California coastal vessels
- Aquatic Park
- San Francisco Maritime Museum
- Ghirardelli Square – chocolate anyone?
- Shopping
- Street Vendors
- Street Performers
- Tour Alcatraz – leaving Pier 33
- Trolley Cars

INCLUSIONS:

Round-trip transportation
Professional driver and driver's gratuity
Convention Activities professional guide
Narrated tour throughout



TUESDAY, JULY 22nd

The Carson City, Lake Tahoe and Truckee Tour: (Approximate cost \$55.00)

Guests will be transported from Reno along US 395 to Carson City. Guests will enjoy learning about the rich history of Northern Nevada as they travel through Washoe Valley into the state capital, Carson City. Our Convention Activities guide will narrate and point out interesting sights along the way. Guides will discuss the 'Nevada State Museum of Mint' built originally as a U.S. Mint, which operated from 1870 to 1895. Today, the museum is known for exhibits ranging from Dat So La Lee Washoe Indian baskets to Nevada natural history to Coin Press No. and the Nevada Railroad Museum. Guests can enjoy a wonderful lunch set up at RED'S OLD 395 CAFÉ.



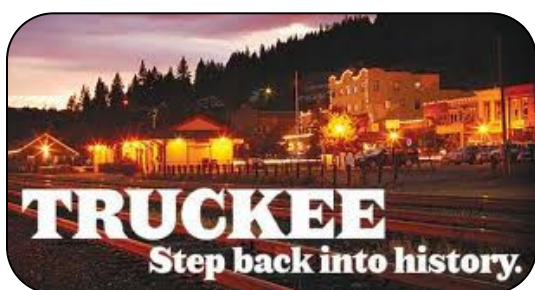
After lunch, it's on to Highway 50 over Spooner Summit to **explore Lake Tahoe!** There will be short stops along the shore of Lake Tahoe going up Highway 28 to enjoy taking pictures and looking at the scenery. Lake Tahoe is a large freshwater lake in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. It is located along the border between California and Nevada, west of Carson City. Lake Tahoe is the largest alpine lake in the United States. Its depth is 514 m making it America's second deepest. The lake is known for the clarity of its water and the panorama of surrounding mountains on all sides. It has a maximum depth of 1,645 feet, trailing only to Oregon's Crater Lake.



Then it's on to Highway 267 to **discover Truckee!** Featured in America's history of westward expansion, many early pioneers followed the Emigrant Trail through Truckee. Later, as the California gold rush hit a fever pitch, fortune seekers poured into the area. By 1868, the Central Pacific Railroad had reached Truckee, which had grown into a bustling, bawdy town known for its major ice harvest and lumber industries. Today, Truckee retains much of its Old West flavor and historic charm. Nostalgic Commercial Row, lined with fine dining spots and quaint shops, offers the visitor a glimpse into history.

The memorial at Donner Summit is a great way to learn more of the infamous Donner Party. They were one of the early wagon trains coming across the country attempting to reach California. They ran into severe weather conditions and spent a desperate winter on the shores of Donner Lake. You will view the museum and enjoy a presentation detailing this historic episode.

Guests will return to Reno via Interstate 80. The entire tour will be fully narrated by our Convention Activities guide.



INCLUSIONS:

- Round-trip transportation
- Professional driver and driver's gratuity
- Convention Activities professional guide
- Narrated tour
- Group Luncheon at Red's Old 395 Café
- All taxes, gratuities and service charges
- Admission to the Donner Memorial

The Virginia City Tour: (Approximate cost \$48.00)

Guests will be transported from Reno to beautiful Virginia City. Our Convention Activities guide will narrate and point out interesting sights along the way.

Established in 1859, Virginia City became the richest mining town in the world. San Francisco was built from the mines of the Comstock and the Civil War was partially financed from the gold and silver discovered beneath the city. Today's Virginia City is remarkably the same as it was during its heyday with wooden sidewalks, restored mansions, "Old West" saloons, the Piper Opera House, and mine tours. Mark Twain began his illustrious writing career at Virginia City's own "Territorial Enterprise." Your guests can visit his, as well as numerous other, museums, shops, mansions and churches in this richly historic town during their free time. Lunch will be included for your group at the Delta Saloon. The Delta bears Virginia City's oldest business name, dating back more than 100 years to 1862. Here you can also view the Suicide Table, so called after three owners committed suicide due to crushing house losses incurred while gambling.

After lunch, guests may want to meander down to Grandma's Fudge for something to satisfy their sweet tooth before enjoying free time for shopping, sightseeing or just people watching before re-boarding the bus for the return trip to Reno.



INCLUSIONS:

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- Convention Activities professional guide
- Narrated tour throughout
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Virginia City, including taxes and gratuities
- Discount coupon for Grandma's Fudge

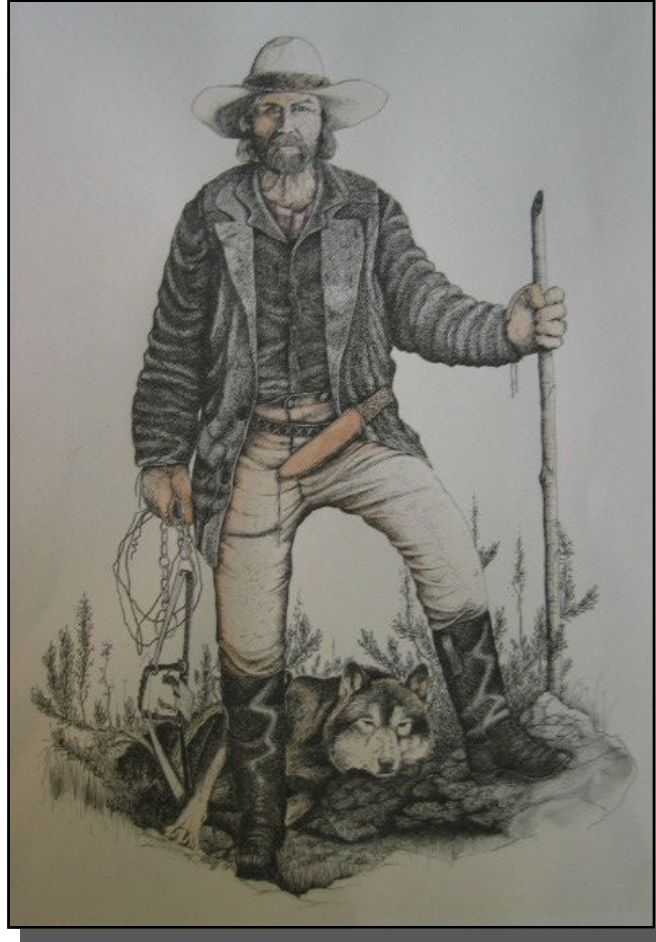
If none of these trips meet what you are looking for, we will have contact information for a local tour company that will be glad to assist you.

We will also be scheduling the conference golf tournament on Monday, July 21st, with the golf course to be determined. Also on Monday, we will be offering sporting clays for the non-tour and non-golfer attendees.

The committee is coordinating guest, youth and other activities, including hospitality nights, and is working hard to provide each with an array of entertaining and learning activities throughout the conference.



The Trapper
by fallen
Idaho Wildlife Officer and artist
Bill Pogue



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