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On The Cover



The International Police Association conference center located in Germany was founded 30 years ago. Gimborn Castle is a very well known place, where police officers meet, exchange experiences and learn together. About 2500 participants, mostly police officers, attend the facilities and conferences offered. Most conferences are IPA seminars lasting about a week. The annual program comprises of about 15 seminars in non-German languages with or without simultaneous translation. About 35% of participants at IPA seminars come from countries other than Germany.

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Glossary

IEC: International Executive Council
(International Conference)
NEC: U.S. National Executive Committee
NDC: Natl. Delegate Council (Conference)
PEB: Permanent Executive Bureau made up
of International Officers

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Message From President Mike Lynch



Mike Lynch

This will be my last message as National President. I am very proud and honored to have represented the US Section these last seven years. I want to extend my appreciation to everyone for their support and efforts during my time in office, especially all the regional and national office holders. The hard work and commitment of many members is what keeps the IPA going for the whole membership. I will leave office this November knowing that the US IPA is functioning well and will continue to prosper in the future.

At the end of my term, I will have served nearly 20 years in a variety of IPA positions. This includes 12 years on the National Executive Committee (NEC) with 7 years as national president and 5 years as a national vice-pres-

ident. I have also served 9 years as editor and member of the National Reporter team, probably the most demanding position I held in the IPA. In addition, I served nine years as a region president, 12 years as National Parliamentarian, 10 years as National Bylaws Chairman and 5 years as National Hobby Officer. I also served as the organizing chairman for three national conferences (1991, 1997 and the 2006 Cruise conference). Finally, I served as chairman of the organizing committee for the world IPA conference in Reno in 2001, a three year effort.

One of the top highlights of my term as president was the US hosting of the International IPA Conference in 2001 in Reno. At the international lev-



el, the 2001 world conference is considered one of the best organized, most smoothly run and most enjoyable international conferences ever! I still get comments from IPA members from around the world telling me what a good time they had in Reno and what a great conference it was.

I love the IPA and have dedicated a large amount of my time and energy to the IPA over the last two decades. I certainly don't intend to completely disappear from the scene, but plan to continue to be involved in an "emeritus" or elder statesman manner.

Again, my thanks to everyone, members and officers, who make the IPA such a great organization.



Proposed Dues Increase

I have submitted a proposal to raise the US Section dues by \$5. This proposal will be taken up at the delegate meeting at the November conference. I think this increase is vitally needed to keep the US Section on firm financial ground and able to move forward. We have not had a dues increase in 10 years and the price of everything has gone up significantly during this period, including several postage increases, printing costs and the international dues rate.

At the national level, we have reached a point where we cannot fund our basic necessities without using our reserves. To balance the national budget, we have had to cut back in every area, including reducing the National Reporter this year to three editions. We need a reasonable dues increase and the one proposed will provide needed additional operating funds for both the national and the regions. I urge everyone to support this modest increase.

The following is a more detailed description from the official proposal: Reason for the Proposal: This proposal is to raise the dues to \$25 and to promote recruitment by having a new members dues rate be at a discounted \$20.

Dues raise: The US Section cannot continue to operate on \$20 per year, especially at the national level. Because of higher exchange rates and higher costs for the new membership cards, the International IPA costs (dues levy & cards) has gone up significantly. Because of increases in postage & printing costs, the National Report had to be reduced to publishing only three times per year in 2006. If for no other reason, this dues increase is needed to keep publishing a decent National Reporter four times per year! Additionally, the funds available for recruiting efforts from the National level have dwindled so low that very little can be accomplished.

Most of the current national budget is spent on fixed costs. In the 2005 budget, 64% (\$52,000 out of a budget of \$81,200) of the National budget was taken up with just four necessary items (IPA mandated insurance, IPA International dues levy, annual tax preparation and the National Reporter). If you add in the cost of required meetings of the NEC, NDC & international IEC and other required costs, this raises the total over 80% of the budget being a fixed amount, even when these costs naturally increase. This leaves virtually no funds for recruiting, committees, Associate Secretaries or other operating costs. The national treasury has reached the stage where it will be necessary to use reserves to cover basic costs of operations in the future. We cannot allow the US Section to reach a point where we are eating up our reserves for basic and necessary operation costs.

Fiscal Impact: Regions will receive \$12.50 per member and the National will receive \$12.50 per member. Regions will also be receiving \$1 more per member for their operation with this dues increase and change to a 50/50 region/national split. The last dues increase was in 1996, over ten years ago. The cost of living during this time has gone up 25.61% making the new dues amount less than the cost of living increase for this time period.

Mike Lynch

First Vice President's Message, Jim Foster

Just prior to the NEC Meeting in San Francisco, I contacted several Regional Presidents for any comments or problems they needed the board to address. Region 13 (Pennsylvania) President Oscar Vance recommended we remind all of our members that, while our IPA contacts work outside the United States, they also work *within* the United States.

Lets say you are traveling to Chicago (Region 4). You have the opportunity to avail yourself of the same type of benefits available from any IPA section. All that is necessary is an E-mail, approximately 6 weeks in advance, to the official E-Mail address listed on the IPA website, www.ipa-usa.org. You will have to explain what assistance you are asking for, when and how you are arriving, and your contact information. Very important in the contact information is your cellular telephone number, if you are traveling with it, so the region can find you easily. You must also provide your IPA identification number, located on the front of your IPA Passport, and the IPA region you belong to, so the region can verify your membership either with the Regional Secretary or the National Membership Secretary.

While speaking of traveling within the U.S.A. I have been asked by the New York City (Region 2) President, Dave Morales, to let members know about some unique requirements when visiting New York. First, please check out the New York City Region website, www.iparegion2.org. Once inside, you will find, on the top menu, a flashing menu choice "visitor information". There you will find a form that will be forwarded to the NYC Reception Officer once you fill it out. If you are in a group of police officers and wish assistance from the New York City region, you must, without exception, send a letter to Region 2 on your AGENCY LETTERHEAD and signed by the Commanding Officer of your agency. This is a requirement set forth by the Mayor of the City of New York and is necessary for Dave and his staff

to provide tours and other police related services to visiting members. Group trips need six months advance notice. Also, Region 2 regrets to advise all members that they can not do airport pickups due o the large number of visitors they receive. They also do not do home hosting within the region, however, these services may be available from Regions 3, 5, 10, 15 and 48 (Yonkers, NY, Long Island, NY, New Jersey, and Essex, Bergen, Passaic and Hudson Counties of New Jersey) so you can contact those regions for assistance if necessary.

As the summer approaches, check out the *National Reporter* classified area as many of our members have second homes they rent out to IPA members at a reduced rate which could make the difference between taking that vacation, or not.

Finally, whether or not you plan to use IPA contacts on your traveling, you should always request from your Regional Secretary, a copy of the page from the U.S. Section Handbook that provides contact information for the region where you are traveling. I call this my "in case of emergency" page. Should you get into a problem where you need a friend, the page will be a godsend. Recently, Susan, Jennifer and I traveled to Aruba, a Foreign Associate Region of the U.S. Section and I had the Aruba officer's page from the handbook. Jennifer got sick and, although I didn't have to use it (we were able to contact our pediatrician back home by telephone) it was nice to know that we would have had assistance in getting a local doctor and whatever else we needed by contacting the local region.

Finally, I hope all of you are really considering our 2006 NDC Cruise. Over 200 people have already signed up making it one of the biggest NDC's in a very long time. Look into the prospects and consider taking the kids. My 5 year old will be there and needs to make new friends to play with! The latest information will always be available by going to www.ipa-usa.org or by calling a National Officer.

National Treasurer's Report, Kevin Gordon

After many region and member requests and two years of looking, we have finally found a place to purchase banners that are good quality and a good price, direct from the manufacturer. The banners are white satin fabric, printed on one side, 6" x 9", with fringe around the border. To purchase a banner see your region supply officer.

All forms are both on line and on the CD sent to the regions. An updated CD will be mailed to each region after the next NDC. As soon as the bylaws are updated everything will be put on a CD and sent out. As many of you know, several of these forms are in Adobe pdf format and are set up to allow regions to enter their own address info. Examples are the promotional poster and the application. I put together a new one, which is a promotional brochure. It is a tri-fold, designed to be printed with the application on one side. It can be folded and mailed as it. If there are any forms that you would like to see, let me know.

As mentioned in the last NR, we will be using the new ID cards instead of stamps for the 2007 renewals. I'm sure we will have some confusion and some issues during the transition but we'll work through it.

A US Route 66 Law Enforcement Patch poster is now available. These posters were created to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Route 66 in 2001. A limited edition run of only 5000 were made to honor all law enforcement officers who protect motorists on the Mother Road. We have the remaining stock of these. This 24" x 36" poster has a detailed map of the entire route from Illinois to California with full-color example of each department's respective arm patch illustrated and are suitable for framing. This really cool poster is available for IPA members for \$20 including shipping. An order form is online.

We talk a lot about locations for the NDC. Using the historical info, I reviewed where they have been held

since 1968 to this year. Following is a list, not by region or city, but by state. I thought it was interesting and thought others may also. The state with the most is New York with 13. Washington DC, Missouri and Illinois all have had 4. California is next with 3. States with 2 NDCs are Nevada, Florida, Maryland and Pennsylvania. States with one are Michigan, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Arizona, Texas, Colorado, Alaska, and Montana. Two have been held in Canada and three (counting this year) on cruise ships. Thirty four states haven't had an NDC:



The new National Banner (pictured above) is available through your Region supply officer. The banner is approximately 6" X 9" with gold fringe around the border.

Alabama, Arkansas, Iowa, Delaware, Connecticut, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming. Lot of great places to visit in that list! Vermont in the fall, Hawaii anytime, and I could go on. If you have any ideas for NDC location, please contact a national or region officer.

National Reporter Editor, Bob Livoti

The National Elections are being held now and the ballots will be counted at the NDC cruise meeting in November. In this issue you will find a short comment from each candidate running for office. Please take the time to read what they have to say. They are all very dedicated people who believe in the IPA and want to expand what the IPA is to other law enforcement people across the country.

I would like to say thank you to Mike Lynch for everything he has accomplished and done as his tenure of US Section President comes to an end. He has devoted much time and energy away from his family to being President of the US Section. Now as his term draws to an end, he'll be able to devote more time to his family and I'm sure they will appreciate that. Knowing Mike, he'll still continue to be an active IPA member.

I hope that whoever the new incoming President is, along with the new Board of Officers, will continue to advance the ideas, activities and friendship of the IPA US Section. I hope that the entire membership will help the new President and Board of Officers achieve the many things that will make the US Section the best in the world.

There are over 250,000 law enforcement officers in the United States. Wouldn't it be nice if most of them belonged to the IPA. The one nice thing about the IPA is that we are strictly a fraternal organization.

Therefore we don't get involved in politics or political issues. Why not try and recruit a new member to the IPA. There are many benefits to being an IPA member and the biggest one that I believe, is being a member of a world wide organization where everyone has something in common, and that is being a law enforcement officer. There isn't another group of people in the whole world that I know of, that has such a comradely as law enforcement officers. No matter where you go in the world, just mention the fact that you are a law enforcement officer to another officer and doors are immediately opened that other people have no idea that are available. When I tell people of the hospitality that is shown to me by a complete stranger in another country or even in this country, they just don't understand it and find it hard to believe that we are so welcomed by other members of our profession all over the world.

Why not recruit one of your partners to the IPA so that they can see for themselves what the IPA is all about. It's the best bargain around!

You will notice some subtle changes in this issue of the National Reporter. We have the ability to add more color to it in other pages. This requires a little different layout than in the past because the color can only be applied to certain pages. I am attempting to use that to give it a little more notice. We (the US Section) are one of the few countries that put out a magazine to

our membership by ourselves. There are many countries that put out a professional type magazine similar in quality to Newsweek, Time or Popular Mechanics magazines. A commercial printer does it all and the reason they can do it is because theirs contain many advertisements. Advertisements pay for the whole thing.

Because we are limited in funds I am attempting to get some advertisements into the US National Reporter. Dennis Arcoraci from Region 62 is helping me with this little endeavor and we hope to be able to bring more advertising to the Reporter and help pay the costs of printing and mailing.

If you know of anyone interested in placing an ad, please have them e-mail me, gotsha@aol.com or Dennis, Ipavapatriot@aol.com for further information. In this issue you will find our new advertising rates. Due to postal regulations, we cannot accept any ads from insurance companies, banks or travel agencies unless they are directly related to a membership benefit.

The IPA is still the best bargain around. Where else can you get the comradely and worldwide assistance and travel opportunities for \$20 a year. Why not try and sign up a new member. You'll find an application in this National Reporter.

2nd VP Report, Viola Powrie

As of July 3, 2006 we have 7,718 members paid for 2006, we had 634 new members join since October 1st of 2005, based on the fact that there are over 250,000 law enforcement officers in the United States we should have many more members than we have, but of course I am preaching to the choir here. I know that those of you that are reading this article are the ones that are enjoying the benefits of the IPA, but I am counting on you getting the word out to your fellow officers. You know the old commercial, if everyone tells two people and they tell two people, and so on, and so on.

We also sent out a delinquent billing in the beginning of June which jogged a few memories, and also corrected a few mistakes. If you received a delinquent notice and had already paid your bill, I apologize again for the inconvenience. I would also like to thank those of you that took the time to send in your address changes, this ensures that you receive your National Reporter without interruption. We are going to continue this practice in the future as it has proven to be quite successful. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about your membership. Thank you.

Passing Of Marjorie Troop

Marjorie Troop, the wife of IPA founder Arthur Troop, passed away in the UK in July after a short illness. Representatives of the PEB and the British Section attended the services on behalf of the IPA. In 2003, Marjorie Troop unveiled a Memorial Plaque in honour of her husband Arthur at Christ Church, Stamford in Lincolnshire.

Passing of Bruno Brock, Early Founder of US Section

Bruno Brock, one of the original founders of the US Section and 1st VP of the US Section from 1962-1965, passed away in June after a long battle with cancer. His IPA life membership number was LM4. Bruno was an original member of Region 5 in Long Island, NY and upon retiring from the Nassau County Police Department, he and his wife Pat moved to Florida where they resided and he became a member of Region 39. He also served the IPA as an Associate Secretary to Germany, Austria and Switzerland as well as being an officer of Region 39. In the early days of the IPA, Bruno along with the late Tom Murray were responsible for spreading the word about the IPA around the US and making it what it is today.

IPA US Section 50TH Anniversary Being Planned

The United States Section of the International Police Association was founded Feb 26, 1962 and we will celebrate our 50th Anniversary in 2012. That may be six years away but it isn't too early to begin planning! When I brought this up at the NEC I agreed to chair the 50th anniversary committee. Larry Kiceina of Region 11 (FL) and Diane McGregor of Region 20 (MI) volunteered to assist. We are looking for more folks who are interested in working on the committee. Even if you don't have the time to donate we still would like your ideas! Obviously our 50th should be a big event but the first question is where? We are looking for something unusual. Something that will give our foreign visitors a real taste of American, a larger area versus just one city. Examples are a Route 66 bus trip from Chicago to the coast. A train trip to the NW. A riverboat cruise down the Mississippi River. If you have suggestions, ideas or want to help in any way, please contact Kevin Gordon at Treasurer@ipa-usa.org or TrTreasurer@ipa-usa.org

Joseph Wambaugh Becomes Region 29 Honorary Member

Joseph Wambaugh noted author was made an honorary member of Region 29 recently. Nick Mileur from Region 29 made the presentation. As Nick tells the story, "my first contact with Joseph Wambaugh was in the early 1970's, soon after the CHOIR BOYS was released. Joe was the guest speaker at a past president's luncheon for the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC). He had brought a carton of the book for any one interested in the event. He had exhausted the supply by the time I reached him but he graciously took my card and mailed me an autographed copy. Several years ago I submitted a biographical article regarding Joe's continued success as an author to the IPA NATIONAL REPORTER. At that time our Region 29 Board voted to extend honorary membership to him, which he accepted. In the fall of 2006, Region 29 hosted an International Friendship Week (IFW) in Sacramento. To raise some start up funding for publicizing the event I had "put the arm" on Joe for an autographed book for our fundraising raffle. He sent three by Fed EX. I asked our Region Board for approval to present him with a modest plaque as token of our appreciation. It was approved unanimously. Since I was driving to southern California to attend my grand daughter's 2nd birthday celebration, I contacted him to set up a place where we could meet. His reply was "stop by the house and have lunch". Well, that wasn't a hard decision. To say he and his wife, Dee, were great hosts, doesn't quite cover it. He did tell us that he has a new novel, HOLLYWOOD STATION being published this fall. If any IPA member would like Joe to autograph a copy, please contact



Elect Jim Foster, President

Having joined IPA in 1984, discovering it through the IPA Radio Club, I have traveled the winding road of regional and national offices until I now stand before you as a candidate for your Section President.

I am qualified and ready for the assignment. I have spent over half my 20-year membership as either a Regional Officer, or a member of your executive board. Having this experience allows me to properly understand the operations of the Section and more importantly, the history of the section, the "intent of the rule" if you will, not just the word on the page. This has assisted me as a National Officer when I can explain the "why" for a by-law.

I have had the singular honor of coordinating our Associate Secretary team for the past six years. I have also coordinated the U.S. Section Website, prepared and submitted the international reports, and have been the National REMNET coordinator. I have written for not only our National Reporter but also in other publications, specifically NJ Cops which reaches all sworn law enforcement officers in New Jersey bringing IPA more into the limelight. I have participated, as a member of Region 10, in an annual recruiting drive at the Atlantic City Police/Security Expo for the past 15 years. I am proud to have assisted in the birth of Region 48 and the rebirth of Region 30. I have attended two IECs as an observer and will be attending my first World Conference in 2006.

In addition to my IPA affiliations, I serve as Senior Warden of AzureMasada Lodge #22 F&AM and presently serve on two Scholarship Committees, one for my home lodge and one for the 13th Masonic District (NJ). Professionally, I have just started my 29th year of service to the Township of Union Police Department and my 33rd year in public service to that community. I have served in the Patrol and Traffic Divisions and presently supervise a squad of 18 police officers, and three other Sergeants.

Our future requires we grow as a section both in membership numbers and in quality of membership in IPA. Our NDCs will become more "family friendly". As a father of a six-year-old girl, I know how important both interesting and exciting locals are to children. In order to entice and retain younger members of our profession into IPA, we must take into consideration their family needs and build upon this concept as we design programs and events both Regionally and Nationally.

Our future also requires that we not ignore the "professional" side of IPA. As an active duty officer I have used my IPA contacts around the world to benefit investigations in my own agency. Professional training at conferences will become a reality. Using our own members from around the world we will build a training theme for each conference to entice more members to participate in our National Conferences. It is my hope that the Regional Committees will allow me to rise to the challenge of leading the United States Section into the future by selecting me as National President for the 2006-2009 term.

Elect Viola Powrie, President

My name is Viola Powrie and I am running for National President of the United States Section of the IPA. I started my membership in the IPA in Region #3 in December of 1994 and became Secretary of the Region in 1995, a position that I have held ever since.

In 1998 I was appointed to the position of National Membership Secretary, a position I still hold; in 1999 I was asked by President Mike Lynch to take over as National Recording Secretary as well. When Secretary General Ken Davis became ill in 2000 I took over his duties until the election when Bill Kroeger became the new Secretary General. Finally, in 2003 I ran unopposed for the position of 2nd Vice President and gave up the position of Recording Secretary.

If I am elected President I will continue to carry on the work I have started in improving the National Database, in attempting to increase the national membership and to improve services to the general membership by revamping the billing and application processing procedures. I have always been open to suggestions from any and all, and will continue to do so if elected.

My husband Thomas is President of IPA Region # 3 which includes the Hudson Valley Region of New York State. We presently split our time between Yonkers, NY and Berne, NY. I am retired from the Yonkers, NY Police Department after 17 years of service, and Tom is a detective with the department in the burglary division. In what little spare time I have, I read, do counted cross stitch and ride my 9 year old Missouri Fox Trotter.

Thanks for taking the time to read this article, and I hope that you will make the right choice in the upcoming election.



Elect Tom Savage, President

My name is Tom Savage and I am the President of Region 52, Las Vegas, Nevada. I was introduced to the IPA 11 years ago by Bill Kroeger in Monterey, California at a police association meeting.

I am originally from Brooklyn, New York and retired from my military career with the USAF in 1975.

I am a graduate of the Maryland Police Academy and went to work with the Cambridge Maryland Police where I was assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division. I was honored as "Policeman of the Year" after my first year of service. I later went to work for the US Federal government where I attained the position of Chief of Police.

I received the Commanding General's Medal for my efforts to save life and property during the Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989 while I was assigned as the Security/Intelligence Officer at Oakland Army Base in California and in 1990 for my work in Security and Intelligence during Desert Storm/Shield.

I was assigned to San Francisco in 1991 to the responsibility of security for over 500 federal buildings in Nevada, Hawaii, Saipan, Guam, American Samoa and the state of California. In 1993 I was assigned as Chief of Police at Fort Ord, California and retired in 1996 and moved to Las Vegas.

During my term as President of Region 52 I have had the distinct honor of hosting thousands of IPA members from the around the world. In November 2001 myself and eight others from the Las Vegas region assisted in the clean up at the World Trade Center for seven days. And, most recently, I was honored with an invitation from the Russian IPA to join in a memorial expedition to honor police who were killed in the line of duty.

I would be honored to lead the spirit of the International Police Association, US Section. To reward those who have put their lives on the line 24-7, is no small task. But, we must be sure we are doing all that we can by making them welcome wherever they go in these great states.

Affiliations

Director, Police Athletic League (PAL), Las Vegas, Nevada; Homeland Security Volunteer Homeland Reserve Unit; Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association of Nevada; Fraternal Order of Police, Las Vegas, Nevada; Police and Fire Emerald Society of Nevada; New York city Ten-13 Retired Police Officers Assn., Las Vegas, Nevada; Monterey County, California Peace Officers Assn., Lifetime member American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. I am candidate for the President of the IPA, US Section. I ask for your support and vote. Thank you.

Elect David Bacigalupi, 1st VP

Greetings to all my friends in the IPA! I thank you for re-electing me to Third Vice President last election, which kept me busy as I worked as a Patrol Sergeant full time. After 5+ years as your National Third Vice President, my pending retirement this coming January will give me more time to serve you as National First Vice President. I am asking for your support in my bid to continue to work to make the IPA the best that it can be. I would describe myself as an independent thinker who is a team player. I have been a Life Member since 1981 and have worked at the local level (1st VP, NDC Rep. and Secretary) since we formed Region 37 in 1990. My experience includes being a senior Patrol Sergeant with the San Jose Police Department, where I have worked for over 30 years. My leadership experience includes 9 years with the San Jose Police Officers' Association (Director, CFO-Secretary, and VP), the bargaining unit for San Jose cops. I also served 8 years as Chairman of the Board for the San Jose Police and Fire Retirement Plan, a \$1.6 Billion pension fund representing 2100 active and 900 retired police officers and firefighters. This gave me a unique opportunity to interface equally with both active and retired police officers. As I wind down my 30+ years in Law Enforcement, I have been paring down my other commitments to get even more involved in this truly unique, friendship organization. With the collateral assignment of the National Handbook Coordinator, I am constantly in contact with Region Officers and get the opportunity to present some great ideas to the National Board. (Thanks to the regions that keep me updated of your changes and sorry to the regions that I "nag" to get your info). I am committed to the goals and ideals of the IPA, and think that my experience, leadership and willingness to work can contribute to your national team. I will continue to advocate the National Board's support of the regions in the areas of member recruitment, retention, and service to the membership. I think some of our biggest challenges are to recruit new members, retain the members we have and facilitate the interaction of IPA members from all over the world. It is paramount for each officer, both national and regional, to re-enforce the IPA philosophy of "SERVO PER AMIKECO," Service Through Friendship! *My commitment* to the IPA and all our members is to work to dispel the IPA from being the "best kept secret" in the world for law enforcement officers.

I have (or can) work successfully with all the candidates for the other National Offices for the good of the IPA. I hope you will support me in this election by convincing your region to vote to elect me as your National First Vice President. Thanks for your time and attention.

Servo Per Amikeco, David Bacigalupi, National 3rd Vice President e-mail IPABaci@aol.com

Elect Bob Killen, 1st VP

I am running for the National Office of 1st Vice President and hopefully I can get your consideration and support. My goals are that I would bring to the National Board, the enthusiasm and dedication to fulfill my responsibilities and goals. As elected 1st Vice President, I understand that such position carries many responsibilities and that the line of communications between fellow board members and also the regions is a necessity for growth and harmony. Over the years, I have developed an excellent rapport and reputation with, not only the PEB and section delegates, but also with the section members in attendance.

I have attended five IEC/WC conferences in which four of them I have had the official "Observer Status"; learning the need of cooperation and compromise on all levels for a successful Association. I also attended the last five NDC's. My bio has been mailed out to the Board to review extensively and additional copies are available upon request to review all my experiences and background. Please feel free to contact me by e-mail for any questions you may have at B47irishnd@aol.com

I want to bring to the USA Section, the status as the #1 Section. Some of my goals are:

I will be sure that there is a better line of communication between the Region and the National Board and feed on the talents and ideas of the entire membership

Develop markets and strategies for retention and recruitment as well as identifying Regions in distress, before it's too late

Develop fundraising programs for the National and Regions

Recognition for Regions who demonstrate growth and provide their membership with functions

Encourage "Twinning" with other Sections

Develop a National Section attire contiguous with the USA philosophy and image

Make the USA Section not only the largest Section but also the most desirous to visit

I have additional ideas as well as many others that have been given to me and my promise to you is that the word, "impossible" is not in my vocabulary

With your vote, I promise to continue to live by the motto, "Servo Per Amikeco."

VOTE: BOB KILLEN for 1st Vice President

ELECT LARRY KICEINA, 2nd VP

USA SECTION OF INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION

In November, 2006 the USA Section of the International Police Association will be electing new officers. I would be honored if your region would vote for me for the position of 2nd. Vice President.

Background Information

1. Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. Graduated from Brooklyn Tech H.S. and then joined the U.S. Army in 1968 and volunteered for Viet-Nam duty with the 1st. Aviation Brigade in the Central Highlands of Viet Nam.
2. Upon completion of a 3 year tour with the U.S. Army I then joined the U.S. Air Force and was a staff Sergeant in charge of a Security Police Flight with the 31st. Security Police, Homestead Air Force Base, Florida.
3. Graduated from Savannah Police Academy, Savannah, Georgia while in the military. Graduated from New Jersey State Police Academy, Sea Girt, New Jersey and was assigned to Freehold Township, New Jersey. Graduated from Broward County Police Academy and served with the Pompano Beach Police Dept. now part of the Broward County Sheriff's Dept.
4. Hold an Associate Degree and Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice. Courses in Human Resource Management and Theology towards a Master Degree.
5. I have been a Road Patrol Officer, Traffic Officer, Mounted Police Officer, Detective, and my last assignment was an Instructor at the Police Academy.
6. Past President of Broward County "Cops for Christ" and past Treasurer of the Christian Law Enforcement Officers Foundation.
7. Joined the IPA in 1997 and represented the USA Section at the Invitation of the Lithuanian IPA and spoke at the major police departments concerning Internal Investigations and Police Procedures.

I currently reside in Central Florida and I am a member in good standing of Region 39. I am presently Associate Secretary to the countries of Lithuania and Estonia. I am also serving on the USA Section of the IPA 50th Anniversary Committee.

Elect Steve Livingston, 3rd VP

Greetings to all! My name is **Steve Livingston** and I am a **candidate for US 3rd Vice President**. I am an active-duty police sergeant with the Columbus, Ohio Division of Police (CPD) and heavily involved in IPA activities at the State and International levels. I have over 13 years of police experience and am currently a patrol sergeant with CPD *actually* working the streets ☺. I am the Treasurer for Region 21 and its Newsletter Editor, too (www.ipa21.us). I am also the US IPA Associate Secretary for Switzerland. I have had the pleasure of home-hosting and assisting officers from Turkey, Australia, Switzerland, the US, Italy, Peru, Norway, and Great Britain in Columbus on ride-alongs, tours, fraternalism, and vacations.

I enjoy instructing various topics with CPD and obtained my Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Tiffin University in 2004. I now have the honor of being an Adjunct Professor for them teaching *History of Terrorism* and *Comparative Criminal Justice Systems*. The latter course is one that brings in my IPA experiences by comparing policing across the world; the contacts and interactions I have within the IPA have proven invaluable.

I recently returned from a wonderful trip to the IPA's training facility at Gimborn Castle in Germany. I am also a member of the Mid-Ohio Critical Incident Stress Management Team. This volunteer team is comprised of police officers helping police officers through critical, stressful, and traumatic events in our lives; this was the topic of my recent seminar in Gimborn. To have the ability to attend seminars and interact with officers from around the world in fraternalism is unbelievable! I have attended International Executive Conferences in Trondheim, Norway and Dublin, Ireland where I represented the US Section in the Young Officers' Program. I have been fortunate enough to be able to blend some of my work and IPA experiences through close cooperation with the Turkish National Police (TNP), too. CPD and the TNP have had a close working relationship to share experiences and bring the TNP into a more democratic society; many of the TNP with whom I have interacted are also IPA members who find themselves surprised to be working with a fellow IPA member. That is one thing that I hope to help change if elected – we need more involvement of IPA members and greater numbers. In a country of 700,000 police officers we are lucky to field 9,000 IPA members throughout the US; this is a number that we need to increase. My work in the Ohio Region of the IPA has helped us towards that goal with a slight increase in numbers and better retention of current members. None of that would have been possible, though, without the assistance of the rest of Board.

I can be reached by email (ipa21@columbus.rr.com) or phone (614-588-3920) anytime and would be happy to discuss any questions, ideas, suggestions, etc that you may have. I hope that you will support me in my endeavor to become your next 3rd VP for the US IPA!

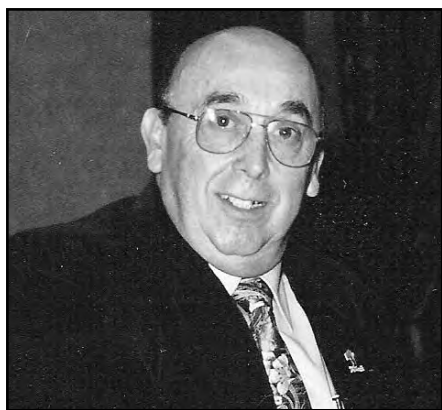
Steve (USA), Nicole Pollard (Australia), & Nico Crelo (Luxembourg) in Dublin



Elect Diane MacGregor, 3rd VP

Diane MacGregor chose not to submit any article

Elect Richard Nevarez, Secretary General



Prior to accepting the nomination for Secretary General, I researched all the rules and requirements for someone to hold this job. The By-laws indicate that this is an important position on the National board. I then considered my qualifications to fill this position. I joined IPA 18 years ago and became a region board member the first year. My first elected position was as the Region 29 National Delegate. The National Delegate position was my learning ground for how this organization works. During my many years attending National meetings, friendships were developed, ideas were shared and goals were reached. I have personally hosted visiting members and their families. I accepted and accomplished numerous committee assignments and have served on Regional committees that hosted large visiting foreign groups. I have also served on committees that planned "Friendship Weeks" and helped plan two National Conferences including the inaugural one aboard a cruise ship. I was

elected President of Region 29 eight years ago and in this position helped it grow to over 400 members. We hold monthly brunches at different locations in our Region with an average of 60 members attending. During this period, Region 29 has organized three large group trips to England. Nationally, I was the co-chairman for the IEC in Reno in 2001 which hosted over 600 members from over 60 countries. To accomplish this, I attended several International conferences as an observer. During my many international trips I have developed friendships with officers from around the world which will be very useful if I'm elected to Secretary General. I also consider one of my major accomplishments was the re-formatting of the National Handbook into its present form. I hope you will consider my qualifications to serve you as the National Secretary General.



Elect Jack Gaffigan, Secretary General

My name is Jack Gaffigan and I am running for Secretary General of the IPA – US Section. I have been a member of the IPA since 1975 and for the past 15 years have been the Secretary of Region 8.

One of my main concerns for the IPA is the attraction of new members and the retention of members once they join. In addition to attracting and retaining members, we need to network with other police organizations. This interaction will firmly establish our commitment to the police officer and his family in social settings by providing contacts throughout the US and around the world.

I believe that I have the experience and the energy to be Secretary General of the US Section. Some of my qualifications are:

- Secretary, Region 8 (15 years)
- Co-Chairman NDC (St Louis 1989 & 1999)
- Chaired IPA charity funds for IPA victims of Katrina (2005) and Oklahoma City Terrorism (1995)
- I have traveled extensively across the US and around the world using IPA contacts
- I have written and presented educational seminars and have published financial planning articles for police officers and their families.

If elected, I will try my best to re-energize the US Section of IPA and work with the other members of the NEC to find new and better ways to bring our organization to the attention of police officers and their agencies. We need to find new ways to streamline our processes to make things easier for everyone – especially our regional officers who day in and day out do the lions share of the work necessary to keep the IPA functioning. By promoting the use of the internet, we can get up to date information to our members in a timelier manner. This will result in a significant savings in postage expenses for IPA at the regional and national level. I would also like to make the NDC more family oriented event. This year's cruise is a good example. Hopefully this will encourage our younger members to attend and get involved. This approach could make the NDC a family vacation rather than just a business meeting with adult socializing. Open lines of communications between the NEC officers and the regional officers will go a long way to making our organization more productive and more enjoyable for all of us.

I would appreciate your support and your vote, but whether you vote for me or not, please take the time to vote. The future of our organization is more important than any of us.

Elect Kevin Gordon, Treasurer

I have accepted the nomination to the position of Treasurer and am asking for your support. I am a Life Member, having joined 17 years ago, and I have served the last three years as Treasurer. I serve as Supply Officer and took over as temporary Webmaster when the previous Webmaster had to step down due to health reasons. On the region level, in 1999 I spearheaded the formation of Region 57, the 34 counties of Southern Illinois. I was elected as the region's first president and have served in that position since.

We have moved ahead in the last 3 years but we have to continue updating and modernizing the organization. Change doesn't always come easy but changing with the times is necessary to stay a viable organization. Changes and updates completed include: mailing labels provided to regions, eliminated the confusing credit system (and a proposed bylaw change to simply more), developed CDs containing all forms and handbook, and developed promotional Power Points. Supplies lists and all forms are online and new supply items were added including the IPA challenge coin and the new US banner. Great strides have been made in voluntary national billing.

Future projects include putting the IPA "store" online so a member can purchase logo items direct from a secure web site using a credit card. Online billing so members who choose to, can be notified by email and can renew their membership in that same way. In the effort to stream line the membership procedures, the entire process is being reviewed to see if it can be made simpler for all. This will likely result in no longer the need for two copies of monthly reports but only one and that being sent to the membership secretary versus the treasurer.

I think it is the responsibility of all national officers, regardless of position, to continually move the IPA forward. Beyond the treasurer area, I'd like to see; more ads for the National Reporter to offset the printing costs; full-page membership ads in national police magazines (the first ad is in the works now); a promo DVD that can be used at recruitment events; and all regions newsletters available for downloading from the IPA web site. We should look at changing the handbook from its present all encompassing document into one document with several separate appendixes. This breaks the big document into smaller chunks that are easier to manage, update, open and use. We should add new supply items each year and concentrate on items that easily identify the user as a member hopefully generating more discussion about the IPA with non-members. NDCs should be held in locations the members want to visit such as Las Vegas and Orlando with a cruise every 4th year.

I have enjoyed the challenges of the last three years and ask your support in continuing in that role.



IPA Hobby Contacts

J.J. Sullivan



If you are a collector of law enforcement items there are some

books that will assist you in your endeavors. Many of these books are somewhat specialized and deal with a broader range of collecting. If you collect badges try to get a copy of an old badge maker's catalog. There is a wealth of information to be found such as metal types, fasteners, shapes as well as styles. Older catalogs will show older styles of badges. This information can be helpful in dating badges. Newer catalogs are useful also. "Law Enforcement Memorabilia" by Monty McCord covers badges, patches and many other items. It is illustrated and has values assigned to some collectibles. "The Encyclopedia of Federal Law Enforcement Patches" by Raymond H. Sherrard is the bible for those who have an interest in U. S. patches. The research that went into this book is massive. Be prepared to spend a lot of your time when going through this book. Our own President "Mike" Lynch even added to the list of books with his specialized work on California badges. This is just a very short list of books on collecting. Most of these books never bring a profit to their authors. In most cases it is done as a labor of love. Some of the earlier books and booklets on collecting are now out of print and have become collectibles themselves. If you want to invest in knowledge, pick up a book on collecting. You'll enjoy it!

Foreign Collectors

Poland

Daniel Tyszka

Daniel is an IPA member living in Warsaw. He is looking for an IPA member in the US that would be interested in exchanging police patches, hats, insignia or any other police items.

DANIEL TYSZKA

UL. PEŁCZYŃSKIEGO 30 M 64

01-471 WARSAW POLAND

e-mail: d.tyzkapolicjak99971@wp.pl

Czech Republic

Peter Ěejka

Peter is a police officer of Metropolitan police of "Ěeské Budějovice" in the city of Ěeské Budějovice about 100,000 citizens on the south of Czech Republic. He is married with two children and a hockey fan. He collects police patches, hats, jackets and other police items and would like to exchange such items with someone here in the US.

PETR ĚEJKA

PUKLICOVA 21

ĚESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE 3

37004

CZECH REPUBLIC

e-mail: Pte.Cejka@seznam.cz

Pen Pals Wanted

Polish Police Officer of the IPA Polish Section, My hobby is collecting cards of the famous people in Poland and Police, Border Police, Fire Brigade, Prison Officers, Customs Officers, Lokal Police and also the members of IPA. If possible, I would like to request for you to send me your card as well as other peoples. My home address: Zdzislaw Mirecki 59-700 BOLESŁAWIEC ul.Kosiby 26/4, e-mail: 3vice.prezydent@ipapolska.pl or mireckiipa@go2.pl Zdzisław Mirecki

Hebi-Leigh Lyon, age 9, grand daughter of UK IPA member Anthony Huddersfield is looking to correspond with someone from the USA. Hobbies are piano, arts and crafts. Address is 1B Ben Booth Lane, Grand Moor, Wakefield, WF44BQ, UK, E-mail tonylyon@btinternet.com

Germany

The daughter of a German IPA member, Romina, who is currently aged 16, would like to spend one year in an English speaking country during the school year 2007/08. The family would also like to reciprocate by hosting a girl from a foreign country. For interested members, further details

including photos are available from: IPA International Youth Exchange Co-Ordinator, Mr Zdenko Prizmič, Mlinarska pot 5, SI-8000 Novo Mesto, Slovenia. Fax: ++386 7 33 80 076 e-mail: zdenko.prizmic@siol.net

Germany

Hendrik Kaiser

Hendrik and friends have built a private billard room and want to decorate it an American style. American license plates or other american memorabilia. e-mail: henkai@yahoo.com

Anaheim, California

Megan Briggs, grand daughter of Anaheim PO is 12 years old, attends a Catholic school, plays softball and basketball. Wants to write to others with similar background outside of California. e-mail is Samsthebest123@sbcglobal.net

US Collectors

Police Vehicle Replicas

Ret. Chief Frank C. Harr

821 Central Ave.

Sparta, WI 54656-1510

Chief Harr is looking to sell or trade a large selection of police vehicle replicas in 1/43 & 1/60 scale. Will trade for other models or uniform hats/badges or foreign patches.

Grille/Bumper Medallions

Raymond M. Paul

IPA # R20370 Reg. 25

P.O. Box 1112

Carefree, AZ 85377

Ray is looking for grille and bumper medallions or plaques. All kinds (police, military, clubs, car companies) U.S. or foreign. Will trade a minimum of 10 patches up to 50 patches for a single medallion. Must be in excellent condition. e-mail: Agp@depthsoftheearth

IPA Hobbies

2007 National Police Collector Show

Veteran California law enforcement collectors Mike Lynch, Doug Messer and Brian Smith will host the show October 5-7, 2007 at the Nugget Casino Resort in Reno. The show will be sponsored by the International Police Association (IPA) US Section and will benefit the Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS). Tables are \$50 each and admission is \$5. A \$5 table discount is available to IPA and California Law Enforcement Historical Society (CLEHS) members. The show is the largest gathering of law enforcement collectors, collectables and historic displays of police and old west memorabilia in the world. For table reservations or questions about the show, contact Mike Lynch, P. O. Box 3212 Auburn, CA 95604-3212, Phone (530) 885-9420, FAX (530) 885, or e-mail Mike at lynch@psyber.com or Brian Smith, 5209 Shelato Way, Carmichael, CA 95608 or e-mail redfive@ix.netcom.com



Northern California Law Enforcement

Collectors Show and the Ripon PD Emergency Vehicle Show

Saturday Oct. 7, 2006, 0900-1400

Ripon Community Center

The show is a benefit for the Concerns Of Police Survivors

Ripon Police VIP's and the

Menlo Park Police Cadets

Tables are \$20 each

Admission \$3 donation

For table reservations contact

Mike Lynch (530) 885-9420

For vehicle show, contact

Darryl Lindsay (650) 743-4486

National Hobby Officer

J.J. Sullivan

Any listings for the IPA Hobbies page, requests for pen pals etc, please send the information to the National Hobby Officer at the below listed e-mail

dadacnt@aol.com

Law Enforcement Collector Shows are Compliments of the Police Collectors News Mike Bondarenko Editor & IPA Member

www.p-cnews.com

"Free Sample Copy" If you write to: Police Collector News, 2392 US Highway 12, Baldwin WI 54002-7000, ask Editor Mike Bondarenko to send you a sample copy. This is a great source for collectors and for keeping up with the hobby news. Mention that you read about this offer in this column. Be sure to include your name and address. Sample copies will be sent to US address only.

IPA RADIO CLUB

**Radio Club President/Editor
W. A. Dennis -WIWA
e-mail: editor2ipa@yahoo.com**

**For Radio Club
information see**

**their website at www.iparc.org
The US Section Radio Club became an official entity in 1966 and has been operating for the past 30 years as a continuous and growing club.**

Police Collector Show Dates:

Sun. Oct. 1 - PAL Fall River, Mass. Contact: Rich Pontes 508-636-3035

Sat. Oct. 7- Ripon Community Center, Ripon, CA. Contact: Mike Lynch 530-885-9420

Sat. Oct. 28- Elks Lodge, Imperial, MO. Contact: Frank Selvaggio 314-631-1988

NOTE: Always telephone first to confirm that the show date has not been changed or canceled.

Due to the response to the popular NDC coins & the request of members, the IPA US Section has developed their own Unit Coin. These coins are also referred to as Challenge Coins and Military Coins. This beautiful coin has crossed IPA and US flags depicted on the obverse and the full color logo on the reverse. Contact Kevin Gordon for complete information or visit the web page www.ipa-usa.org or contact US Treasurer Kevin Gordon Treasurer@ipa-usa.org





IPA Discount Accommodations United States Section



The locations listed have agreed to give IPA members a discount rate. **Sometimes it is the same as the corporate/government rate. You should ask if there are any special promotional rates which may be less than the IPA/corporate rates.** To obtain the IPA/Police rate you must usually make advance reservations (30 days is recommended) guaranteed with a credit card. Walk-ins MAY NOT receive the discount. If the location is a chain and you are unable to obtain the discount rate by calling the toll free number, ask for the direct number at the location you want. **YOU MUST ASK FOR THE IPA/POLICE RATE!** Taxes are additional. Any change in the price, discount policy, contact information, etc. please notify Editor Bob Livoti at gotsha@aol.com

California

Millbrae - Quality Suites, 250 El Camino Real, 888 547-2001. One mile from SFO airport, and two blocks from BART train station. Free shuttle to SFO, free inside parking, cooked to order breakfast. IPA rate per Susan Lee, Sales Manager, rate code LR2, \$89 + tax.

San Francisco

San Francisco Airport, Quality Suites, 250 El Camino Real, Millbrae, CA 94030 (650) 259-0400 E-mail jgrinberg@sfoqualitysuites.com Corporate Rate: \$79.00 + Tax (Sgl/Dbf Occupancy) You must ask for IPA rate ref Account Number: 106-922

South Lake Tahoe – 4br/2ba home, call for IPA discounted rates. Robert Shusta, 3 Via Oneg, Lafayette, CA 94549 (925)284-2408 E-mail bshusta@pacbell.net

Florida

Baymont Inns, Over 155 Inns in the US. (800) 428-3438 IPA corporate rate ID K6322.

Anna Maria Island, (Mantee County) near Bradenton/Sarasota. Gulf front 2br/ba condo, pool, tennis. IPA R-14 member, Karl Schaefer (901) 753-3492 Fax (901) 756-8101, e-mail schaeferpi@aol.com

Disney/Epcot, Villa rental, 2br/2ba sleeps six, added extras minutes from attractions, Daily/Weekly. IPA rate \$500 week. Owner A. Meyer R-15 (631) 289-6285, e-mail meyervilla@aol.com

Daytona Beach: Direct ocean front condo on the no drive portion of the beach in Ormond Beach. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, fully equipped. Pool, covered parking, minutes from Daytona Speedway, golf, shopping and great restaurants. One hour drive from Orlando, Disney, Seaworld and all the other Orlando attractions. Rent weekly or monthly. R-5 member Bob Livoti (516) 579-1195 E-mail gotsha@aol.com Website <http://members.aol.com/daytonabchcondo/index.html>

Daytona Beach: Direct ocean front condo on the beach in Daytona Beach. 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, fully equipped. 3 pools. 2pools outdoors (1 heated) and a heated pool indoors. Covered secured parking, minutes from Daytona Speedway where NASCAR is King! Daytona Beach has it all. Nearby golf, shopping and great restaurants. An hour's drive from Orlando, Disney, Seaworld and all the other Orlando attractions. Rent weekly. R-5 member Bob Livoti (516) 579-1195 e-mail gotsha@aol.com Website <http://members.aol.com/stmaartencondo/index.html>

Daytona Beach, Florida. IPA members may visit the area and stay with me in my private home in an exclusive gated community. FREE room/bath in my beautiful home for any IPA member. No Smoking and no cooking. OK to bring food in from restaurants. HDTV surround system, TV in the room, etc. I am 6 Miles from the beach and Bike Week, 1.5 miles from the NASCAR Daytona track, races and activities. 1 hour to Orlando and the attractions. I have a swimming pool at my house. Call: Harvey Morse (386) 760-5000 Ext. 11 for arrangements..... based upon availability.

Daytona Beach, Spruce Creek Fly-In, villa/condo 3 bedroom, fully equipped, 2bath, community clubhouse and pool, 2wk minimum. R11 member Mike DeLong,(561)315-2381, E-mail tinstar4453@juno.com

St. Augustine, Beautiful ocean front condo. One bedroom, one & one/half bathrooms. King-size bed, sleep sofa, all amenities, W/D, TVs, VCR, microwave, etc. Pool and tennis court. 90 minutes to Orlando, 45 minutes to Jacksonville or Daytona airports. Regular \$750 weekly. Half off for IPA members. Phone (904) 797-5227 E-mail halleger@webtv.net

Treasure Island, Bilmar Beach Resort, 10650 Gulf Blvd., Treasure Island, FL 33706 800 826-9724 30% IPA discount Su-Th, 10% Fr-Sa 18yrs. and under free.

Florida Keys

Florida Keys: Big Pine Key. Daily and weekly rentals. 2br/1ba, full kitchen, washer/dryer, 2 TVs, VCR, play station,

computer, covered patio with gas bbq. Located on canal so your boat is docked at your back door.. IPA members 10% discount. R-43 member George Thoman, 31316 Avenue J, Big Pine Key, 33403 (305) 872-9009 E-mail JoanKeys@aol.com Website www.paradiselodging.net

Florida Keys: Key Largo, Condo on the bay, 2br/2ba on the water. Fully equipped with all amenities. Just bring your sun lotion. Heated pool, tennis courts, marina. Available by the week or the month. One hour from Miami Airport. R-5 member Bob Livoti (516) 579-1195 E-mail gotsha@aol.com Website <http://members.aol.com/vacationflorida/index/html>

Florida Keys: Marathon, Sombrero Resort and Lighthouse Marina, 19 Sombrero Blvd., Marathon, FL 33050 (800)433-8660 IPA discount 15% Website www.sombreroresort.com

Miami/Ft. Lauderdale

Region 43/ Miami Area lists many attractions and special IPA discounts on their website www.ipa-usa.org/ipa43/accommodations.htm

Miami Beach, Best Western Beach Resort, 4333 Collins Ave. Miami Beach, FL 33140 (800) 832-8332 10% IPA disc. Ask for government rate.

Miami Airport West, Candlewood Suites ... Our place - Your space. E-mail gladys.calle@ichotelsgroup.com Visit us at <http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/cw/1/en.home> Ask for Gladys (305) 591-9099 ext. 402 FAX (305) 591-4117 IPA special: Studio suites from \$64 if available. Seasonable IPA rates.

Fort Lauderdale, Sawgrass Recreational Park, 5400 North Highway 27, Fort Lauderdale. (888) 4AIRBOAT Website: www.evergladestours.com Mailing address: P.O. Box 291620 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33329 For 10% disc coupon e-mail: wjasabell@aol.com

Orlando, Sheraton Studio City Hotel, 5905 International Dr, Orlando. (800) 327-1366. You must request Law Enforcement Rate. You must present confirmation number and Law Enforcement ID upon check in. Rate is subject to availability.

Hawaii

Maui, Valley Isle Resort, beachfront deluxe studio, Steve Jackson, (775) 742-3337 or (800) 742-7955 \$119 per night. Non Smokers only.

Maryland

Bethesda, American Inn of Bethesda, 8130 Wisconsin Avenue, 20814 Wi-Fi, free DSL, deluxe continental

breakfast. Must ask for very special IPA rate. Phone 1-800 323-7081 www.american-inn.com

Silver Springs, One bedroom apartment with furniture, garage, etc. \$20 a day. Also an apartment in Lima, Peru at same price. Contact George Martel, IPA member Region 7, Associate Secretary to Peru, Tel.(301) 589-8020 or E-mail georgitoipa@aol.com

Missouri

St. Louis, Cop Party/Benefit every 3rd Monday of the month. Benefit is for OFF DUTY injury or death for COPS. Contact Bob Schure, Region 8 Host Officer (314) 209-0597. FREE place to stay while traveling through St. Louis, MO as 41 others have over the last 10 years.

Website <http://geocities.com/bschure1940>

Nevada

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Another From Russia

by Tom Savage, Region 52

In April 2006 I received an e-mail from Pavel (Paule) Alexandrov of the Moscow, Russia IPA and was invited to be part of a 5 SUV vehicle Expedition leaving Moscow and driving North to the White Sea and returning to Moscow. I had met Pavel about 3 years ago when they were traveling across the US and stayed in Las Vegas for a week. The major places we would be visiting were Yaroslavl, Vologda, Archangelsk and Solovetsky Archipelago. I told him I would be honored. I arrived in Moscow on May 27th with a scheduled return date of June 14th.

While there, I was taken on guided through the Kremlin and explained the



fantastic history of the area from ancient times to the present. We also visited Red Square, the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the government owned store, State Universal store was the name from Communist times when everything excluding personal goods belonged to the Soviet state.

The first official day of the expedition we stopped at the Headquarters for the Central Federal District of Russia-the country consists of 7 Federal Districts. A Russian Orthodox Priest held a ceremony and gave each of us an individual blessing with Holy water to keep us safe during our new journey. After that there was a ceremony for deceased Police officers and a wreath and flowers laid on a memorial just outside of the building. After the ceremony I presented some gifts to the Commanding General and some other officials on behalf of the U.S. IPA and myself.

We then drove to the first of three orphanages. When we arrived at the orphanage we were met by the head Doctor and her staff. Alexey Darkov, the leader of our group spoke about the reason we were there. Then we unloaded numerous gifts for the children and carried them inside and met with some of the children. It almost brought tears to your eyes to see all these tiny children without parents to raise and nurture them. At another of the Orphanages I picked up one of the little girls for a moment and it gave me a real heartwarming feeling.

In America we have 50 States, in Russia they are called regions (89). When we arrived at a new region we then had a new police escort. At one new region we were met by the top police officials along with three beautiful young ladies in traditional dresses

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and hats. Outside one of the cities we stopped at a SWAT installation and along with family members we paid our respects to the deceased and then attended a memorial service in the small Police Chapel. After each of the memorial services during the expedition we gathered with family members for a luncheon and making traditional Russia toasts. Gifts were given to the families by the Russian IPA members and me at each of the locations during the expedition.

After spending a day in Archangelsk we flew by charter plane to Solovetski Island where we spent about three days. The 1st Gulag was built and in operation in 1920 where Lenin had Intellectuals sent as criminals to work and be executed. There was only one wooden building of the original camp left and two small memorials dedicated to the deceased. The Solovski Monastery was built in (1436) and part of it is used as a museum to raise money and restore the buildings. The Police Chief took us on a small boat about 5 miles from there to an island that has a small wooden church that was built for Peter The Great and is now guarded by armed patrols. We were not allowed to stop and visit.

We were now at the Artic Circle and there was no darkness (White nights). We toured many areas of the island. After a wonderful visit to the Island, we flew back to Archangelsk, got the SUV's and started driving back towards Moscow. We stopped at many places on the way back and exchanged gifts with many of the police officials I met. When we finally made it back to Moscow, we unloaded all the vehicles and spent the night relaxing. The next day we attended a ceremony for some police families and the Commanding General gave me a beautiful Certificate of Appreciation in a red velet box for representing the USA during the expedition.

Some of the most important things I learned is the Russian people have a very strong pride in their country, and feel strongly in their customs, beliefs and traditions. Everyplace we went I gave away the Region IPA poker chips and the baseball cards, which seemed to be a major hit with the people. There are many other things I could probably add to this story, but overall it was an expedition of a lifetime and spending time with the greatest IPA members in the world. The total distance we traveled was approximately 2,000 miles. I am glad to have so many new friends and people that I now call family. Servo Per Amikeco.





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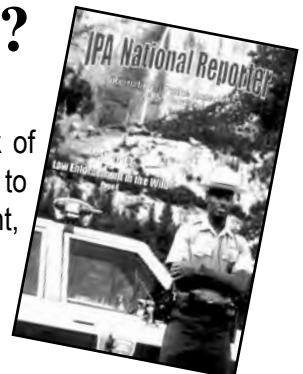
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The Gimborn Experience by Steve Livingston, Region 21

I am riding on the ever-efficient trains of the Deutsche Bahn on my way from Cologne to Berlin, having just said goodbye to a very close and dear friend who now returns to her country. I am at once struck by the vastness of our world and how the IPA can make the world feel so small and bring us closer together.

I relax as I take in the beautiful German countryside, the fields, the small towns and villages we pass through, the large windmills generating power, the helpfulness of all the people I have come across; something that I never, ever seem to be able to do lately. We are all busy, whether we are active officers or retired, yet we all remain engaged.

My purpose for this latest overseas adventure was to attend a week-long conference at the amazing IPA Training Facility at Gimborn Castle in Gimborn, Marienheide, Germany. I was fortunate enough to be selected by the US National IPA Section to attend a conference and chose "Trauma and Stress in Law Enforcement," something that we are at times ALL too familiar with in our fields of work.

I began my journey with a flight into Frankfurt; from there I took a train to Cologne, and then a local train to Engelskirchen.



The moment I stepped off the train in Engelskirchen I found myself in the middle of a street fair. The



town was enjoying a beautiful, sunny Sunday afternoon with vendors selling their wares, the enticing odor of good German food filling the air, and people enjoying carnival rides. Carrying my luggage through the crowd, I was tempted to stop and shop; but I had friends waiting for me with my first glass of good German beer at the Schloss Hotel across from Gimborn Castle. So it was off to

the taxis.

A short ride later I arrived in the tiny hamlet of Gimborn. How tiny, you may wonder? Gimborn boasts just **28 residents** (we more than doubled their population with 39 participants at the seminar)! Coming from a metro population of 1.7 million, I noticed a *slight* difference. There are no stores, gas stations, mini-marts, or traffic jams to contend with in Gimborn; this is a break from reality and does help you relax as the week goes by. The Gimborn facility has just recently signed a 50-year lease on its facilities here and I am happy that they have done so; this will allow them to expand their conference center and add an exercise facility and sauna (for those of us who might need to work off a few pounds of good German food and drink!).



Gimborn itself is located approximately 30 miles east of Cologne on land owned by the Baron von Fuerstenberg. The Baron is easily recognizable by his

mustache, what we would call the "Kaiser Mustache" upturned at the ends, and his ever-present pipe. The Baron lives in part of the Castle still and leases out another part to the IPA. Some of his land is also leased out to the Schloss Hotel, which is where all meals are eaten. Several people from the surrounding area were enjoying a meal at the Schloss Hotel when I arrived, but I easily spotted my friends and joined them for a beer and some good conversation.



I obtained my key from the restaurant owner and headed to my room. Every room at Gimborn is sponsored by a different IPA Region or Section that looks after the long-term maintenance of it. My room was decorated and maintained by the German IPA – Region Overath. After securing my belongings in the room I went for a walk around the Gimborn facilities. The castle grounds are lovely and set the tone for relaxation. While the castle is not what one would immediately picture (turrets, drawbridge, large spires), it is an impressive structure. At one time this castle did indeed have a drawbridge and was surrounded by a moat, but the need for that passed a long time ago. I was also shown the two spots in town that you have to

walk to in order to get a cell phone signal; one corner of the castle and, appropriately enough, the cemetery ☺). There are also phones in every room that you can use to call home and they are very reasonably priced at .45/minute to the US. The castle has its own self-service pub for the IPA where members can obtain snacks, beer, wine, spirits, etc and run their tab; as you can imagine, this location becomes the prime hotspot for interaction in the evening.

Colleagues from Cyprus, Ireland, Norway, Switzerland, Romania, the UK, Sweden, Canada, and Germany attended the conference with me. I recognized several people from other IPA events that I had attended and felt as if I knew others already.



This particular conference was presented in only English and I admire those attendees for whom English is not their first language; participating in seminars in another language can be stressing in and of itself! Throughout the week various instructors provided education on topics touching on trauma, critical incidents, our reactions to them, problems in law enforcement, suicide, and more, all under the guidance of Lyn Brown. Lyn is a unique and elegant lady who impressed all of us with her stamina and fire, especially her

footballing. The seminar provided useful information to me that I can incorporate into my own Critical Incident Stress Management team back home.

While the weather was not always cooperative, we did find time to enjoy outdoor activities and some hiking in the surrounding woods. A game of volleyball one afternoon showed all of us how dedicated to sports the Cypriots are!! We all enjoyed the game and interaction, having good, clean fun. We also celebrated the birthday of one of the Norwegian contingent, and my good friend, Mona Martinsen. I will just say that she throws *quite* a party – and Aquavits has a really good flavor!!!



The purpose of the seminars at Gimborn is not just education, but also the interaction, fellowship, camaraderie and friendly encounters with officers from many different cultures. This is not something that the average police officer in America has the opportunity to do, but I say that it is one we should all avail ourselves of. I promise my Irish colleagues that I will work on my singing voice for next and memorize a few American songs!! No matter where in the world we hail from, we are ALL cops/officers/police. We take on jobs that others run away – cops run TO the danger, not away from it, and as such, we have instant bonds with our colleagues around the world.



One of the seminar participants, Hans-Joachim Tilgner from Berlin, has offered to meet me and conduct me around the city; my own personal Berlin tour. I am looking forward to this,



as the last time I was in Berlin there were two Berlins and armed guards, machine guns, and the Wall. I never believed that the Wall would come down in my lifetime and I am looking forward to seeing the changes that almost 18 years have brought since my last visit.

Every time I attend an IPA event overseas I leave with a mix of emotions. I am happy for having had the interaction with others, for learning more about them, myself, our world; but I am also sad that it has come to an end. I know that I will attend more conferences at Gimborn and continue to expand my interactions within the IPA. We need members to become involved locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally with the various IPA events offered, with hosting those from other regions or countries, with traveling and broadening our own views. We are ambassadors of not only the IPA, but also the countries that we hail from. I have attended IPA events now in Norway, England, Ireland, and Germany, and I look forward to many more in the future. I know my Romanian friends are hoping to put on a conference in the future and I can assure everyone that they will take good care of us all; I hope to assist them with anything



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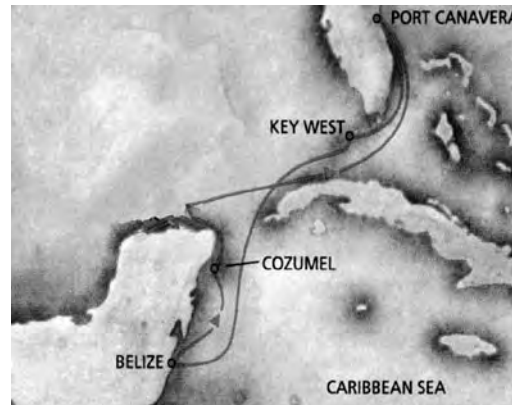
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Aruba Police IPA Visit New Jersey and Candlelight Vigil in Washington, DC

by Bill Schievella, Region 49

Recently in May ten police officers from the Aruba Police visited New Jersey to exchange with area police officers from Region's 10 and 48 and to participate in the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Service in Washington, DC. These ten officers spent time with their peers in New Jersey exchanging information about policing and socializing with officers. The group visited Ground Zero and One Police Plaza in New York City and was given a tour of the Passaic County Sheriff's Department's SERT Team. The officers met with Passaic County Sheriff Jerry Speziale and were impressed with the array of special weapons and training their American counterparts have.

The trip was organized by a group of members from the International Police Association Regions 48 and 10 from New Jersey. "We enjoyed having our brothers and sisters spend time with us and build relationships", said Sgt. William Schievella, NJ State Parole who is the Reception Officer for the International Police Association Region #48 and the trips sponsor.



Aruba IPA lined up at the memorial services with their flag



R10 Reception Officer Al Attanesio and R48 Reception Officer Bill Schievella with Aruba IPA group in Washington, DC



left: Aruba police visit the White House grounds

right: Aruba police with Bill Schievella and Director Rocco Miscia visit the Essex County Police Academy



Police Week 2006 *by Viola Powrie, 2nd VP*

I attended Police Week 2006 as I have done in the past, however, since we decided not to have an IPA booth this year I had an opportunity to attend some of the functions that I did not have a chance to in past years. My husband Tom (President of IPA Region 3) and I arrived in Washington, DC and checked into the Mandarin Oriental Hotel which is located not far from the Potomac River and had beautiful views. We took a short walk around the hotel to get our bearings and ran into John Walsh, which was a good thing since we were to present him with the IPA National Honorary Life Membership the next night. He was quite glad to see us, and remembered us from two years ago, something which I found quite remarkable, since I imagine he meets quite a number of people in his travels around the world.

We then attended the Top Cop Awards the next evening, which for those who don't know, are awards presented by The National Association of Police Organizations to law enforcement officers from across the country for outstanding service to their communities. These officers are nominated by their fellow officers and are selected by an Awards committee, the top ten cases are awarded the 2006 TOP COP awards. This year the IPA National Board decided to award the Top Cop award winners, 2006-07 memberships in the IPA as well. These memberships certificates were given to the award winners at the Top Cop ceremony.

Prior to the opening of the Top Cop award ceremony we had a few minutes to meet with John Walsh and present him with a IPA National Honorary Life Membership. He was very grateful to receive this honor and could not thank the organization enough. Every time I meet this man he impresses me with how much he understands just how important the job of each and every law enforcement officer is and the danger involved, but the sacrifices not only the officers face but the families face also.

After the awards ceremonies, there was a cocktail reception for the award winners and the celebrity presenters. We got to meet and talk to Pauley Perrette who plays Forensic Tech Abby Sciuto on NCIS; Eddie Cahill who plays Det.

Donald Flack, Jr. on CSI: NY; Jack McGee who plays Chief Jerry Reilly on Rescue Me; and Jeremy Ratchford who plays Det. Nick Vera on Cold Case. They all had a great time, and said they would be back next year, not only as presenters, but also to party!

The rest of the week's activities got between the rain drops, but the proudest moment for the IPA when was the arrival of the police unity tour when the IPA delegates from Aruba were lined up to greet the bicyclists as they arrived at the Police Memorial. I know that the moment really belongs to those great people on the bicycles who pedal all those miles to raise over a million dollars for the Police Memorial Museum. The sight of over a dozen IPA police officers from Aruba standing at attention lining the entrance to the memorial as the cyclists rode in was impressive to me as well.

The candlelight vigil was moving as always, and the weather cooperated for that as well. We were in the crowd with the IPA group from Aruba as well as IPA members from Spain, Australia, Italy, and Andora and the US of course. It's nice to see that the number of IPA members from other countries attending the Police Memorial week activities in Washington, DC is continuing to increase each year.

On May 15th, we attended the President's Speech on the Capitol steps. Afterwards we attended a dinner sponsored by IPA Region 2 New York City. They had over 75 members from their region and other regions as well as Spain, Andora and other countries in attendance. Region 2 President Dave Morales and Secretary Carmen Alvelo tell me that next year they plan on having even more members and guests in attendance and they are looking for a bigger location to have their dinner.

All in all it was a great week and one well worth attending. If you have never been there, make plans now for next year. Police Memorial week is always the week which includes May 15th. The IPA has arrangements with the American Inn in Bethesda, MD for an IPA rate and the hotel is not too far away from the Metro with is a quick and easy way to get to and around the DC area.

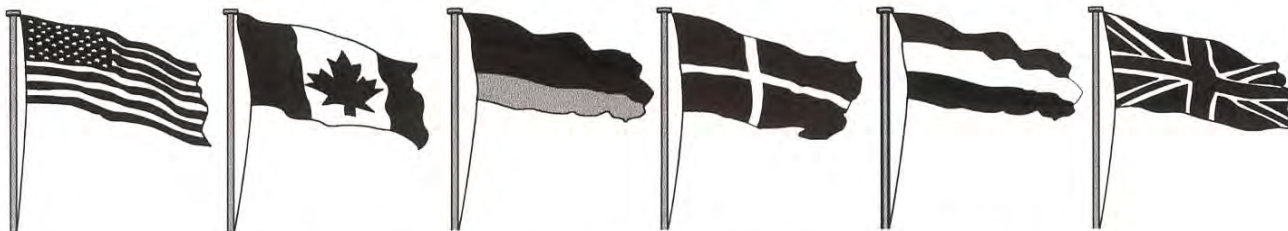


Tom and Vi presenting John Walsh his IPA honorary membership



Vi and Jack McGee of "Rescue Me"

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IPA Member Finds His Roots *by J. P. Johnston, Region 29*

Thomas Guy was born in 1834 and died sometime around 1900. He lived in Torquay (pronounced Tor-key) England. He had children, four of whom immigrated to America. One was named Benjamin F. Guy, and he was my great-grandfather. Among the items he left that reached my generation were two photographs dated 1896-1898, according to a letter mailed with them.

For many years, I and my siblings have wondered about the photos. One was of the house in which Thomas lived, the other was of Warberery Hill in Torquay, where another child named Carrie Guy lived in 1894. I decided to travel to Torquay to learn about the photos and to see if I could find any Guys who might live there. I had never taken advantage of my IPA membership, but this time decided to see what results it might bear. My initial request was for help in locating sources of information and places to stay in Torquay.

I received an email from Rab Peattie, who lived in Teignmouth England, very close to Torquay. He said he would be glad to help me, so I sent him some more information on the Guys. In his emails, he suggested I stay with him and his wife Jenny. After several emails, I was sure we would find ourselves very compatible.

This past September, my wife Laura and I spent some time in northern Italy before traveling to England. We pulled up in front of Rab's house in the early evening, and he was out the door to greet us before we could cross the street. We met his extraordinary and beautiful wife Jenny, who had made a traditional English dinner for us. That was a treat and a lot of work.

The next day, Rab and I set out for Torquay, while Jenny took Laura to Teignmouth. Before I had arrived, Rab had already done some research, so we had a bit of a plan. We began with the photo of Warberery Hill. I did not expect much change, having been to England before, I knew they built with more permanence and paid more attention to their history than we do in the United States. I was in for a surprise, because there had been a lot of change in the intervening one hundred years. During World War II, Torquay was a prime target for bombing as it had a boat repair facility and was a staging area for D Day, so a lot of records and buildings had been destroyed.

We started with the photo of Warberery Hill. In the photo was a large long building and a church with a spire. I expected the church to have survived the years. Rab knew where to find a church with a spire, but it did not compare with the photo. Out on the street, Rab talked with about six different elderly people we encountered, and we were directed to Edna White who lived near the post office. We found her home, but she was not there. The two ladies at the post office knew Edna, and they took a note for her.

At the library, we found several addresses for Thomas Guy and a couple of relatives, however, the addresses had been lost in time as street names had been changed. The librarian was able to identify the church, which sat below

Warberery Hill and the long building as the "winter garden", which had been demolished a number of years ago.

Rab and I left to find the church, which was where we were told, but we could not place the location from where the photo was taken. We began to have success when we realized the background was not ocean, but sky. Nearby, we found Vane Hill, and as we walked up the narrow road, we saw an elegant lady removing items from her Jaguar in the courtyard of an old stone villa with a stone wall around. Rab



approached her, and after looking at the photo, she said, "This had to have been taken from Ray's house."

She took us to Ray's house, and when he opened the door, she walked right in, saying, "Ray, do you mind if we look out your window?" Ray did not have a chance to say no, but they were obviously friends. As we stood there, looking out Ray's windows which had a view of Warberery Hill and the downtown section, Ray described what he could recognize in the photo. The church spire lined up perfectly, as did only two other recognizable features which correlated with the photo. We realized the photo had been taken from the location of Ray's house, which had been a garden to the house next door when the photo was taken.

In one of those interesting moments in life, we learned from Ray's wife that she had worked for the same police district as Rab, and they knew many of the same people. The next day, having received a phone call from Edna White, we set off to meet her. Edna White is 83 years old, is very active and is a local historian. We spent hours with her. She knew of Thomas' wife right away. With her help, we were able to trace several addresses from old directories, the names of which were no longer used or written, to modern streets, which she would show us. She took us to York street, which we walked without recognizing the house in the photo. At the end of the street, we found the Foxlands Hotel which had been torched a month earlier. I looked at the house next to the Foxlands, and thought I recognized the smokestacks on the house as those in the photo. We walked around the block to the back side of the house, hidden by a hotel. Through a walkway, we were able to approach the back of the house,

and there it was. We compared details of the photo with the house, and it was a perfect match, though it was partially hidden by trees, hedges and an English garden.

I realized I as standing on the ground my ancestors had walked, looking at the house where they had lived. Suddenly I was more intimate with the faces of my ancestors in those faded photographs - the people who had written the old letters I had. It wasn't just me who was elated, however. Both Rab and Edna had become caught up in the quest, and all of us felt like little children who had been off on an adventure, and we were very satisfied with our success. We took a number of photographs before leaving. Edna showed us several other houses, which had also been Guy homes.



Articles like this always add praise and appreciation for the hosts, and now I realize why people write to such extent on that subject. It is hard to adequately put into words the appreciation for people who start out as strangers, welcome you into their home, feed you, entertain you, help you to do the things you want to accomplish, and become friends. I accomplished my goal, which is satisfying to me, yet, in addition, the experience shared with my hosts is as satisfying and more enduring. I hope Rab and Jenny will now come to visit here, so I can reciprocate and treat them as well as they treated me. Lastly,

my thanks to IPA for the experience, for it was IPA which introduced me to Rab and Jenny.

Post Script:

After we returned home, I tried to contact Rab by email and by phone. I did not receive a reply to my emails, nor were my phone messages returned, and I was worried. After about two weeks of silence, I called again and spoke with Rab. He and Jenny had just returned from a trip to Scotland, which I vaguely remember they talked about while we were there. While he was there, and because of the experience Rab and I had shared in Torquay, he decided to go to the town of his grandfather, St. Monance, which was nearby, to see if anyone there might know of his father or grandfather.

Rab went to the post office. He found a man there and said to him, "My name is Rab Peattie. My grandfather was from here, and I wanted to know if there were any Peatties still here, or someone who would know about them."

The man looked at Rab with an "over the glasses" look and said, "Almost everyone in this town is named Peattie." He referred Rab to "Old Tom" (I believe that was his name) who lived at the end of a road. Rab drove out the road and found a car coming towards him.

Rab waived the driver to a stop

and asked for "Old Tom". The man said it was he. They chatted for a few minutes, then went back to Old Tom's house, where they ate lunch, spent the afternoon, and then had supper. In the ensuing days, Rab met many of his cousins, who gathered to meet him. One of the Peattie family members had completed a genealogical research into the family and had a chart of the Peattie clan, going back to 1600. Suddenly Rab had a whole new family.

One of the relatives there told Rab a story about his father, who had been a runner, a fact with which Rab was familiar. At a point in time, his father had been ill, and the relative had taken him in and nursed him until he recovered. His father had nothing but a gold medal he had won in a foot race, and he gave it to the relative. She had never felt comfortable with having taken the medal, and was happy to give it to Rab. He told me he was very touched. Rab also told me his Christmas card list had grown larger.

New IPA Webmaster

President Mike Lynch announced the appointment of Russell Brown from Region 4 in Illinois as the new IPA Webmaster.

We would like to congratulate and thank Russell for taking on this important position and look to his expertise in maintaining the US National website.

Russell, a member of the Everston, IL PD is assigned to the Traffic Bureau as a major crash investigator lives with his wife, two daughters and a step-son and for the last 17 years has been a member of the Everston PD.

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Mike Lynch

California Police Historian of the Year

Mike Lynch, of Auburn California, has been selected as the 2005 Police Historian of the Year by the California Law Enforcement Historical Society (CLEHS).

Since 1990, Mike has co-hosted the Northern California Law Enforcement Collectors and Restored Police Cars Show, held in Ripon. The show celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2005, with Mike providing leadership and guidance for 15 of those 20 years. The show began as a small gathering of badge and patch enthusiasts and has grown into a show that attracts collectors and history buffs from across the country.

All of the shows are fundraisers for charitable groups helping the law enforcement community. Some of the benefactors include the California Association of Highway Patrolmen and the Concerns of Police Survivors. Additionally, funds are also provided to the California Highway Patrol and Fish and Game Museums, whose goal is to preserve and display the rich history of these two fine agencies. Since it's founding in 1985, this show has donated over \$23,000 to various law enforcement related organizations and helps to preserve the history of California's law enforcement officers.

In 1996, Mike and two fellow badge and patch collectors, founded the 49er Law Enforcement Collectors Show that is held each February in Rocklin. Like the Ripon show, the 49er raises money for law enforcement support groups and provides collectors, historians, and enthusiasts a place to meet, network, and enjoy the history. This show is known for its fine displays of historic badges, patches, photos, uniforms and other law enforcement memorabilia.

Mike published his first book, "The Rangers of California State Parks," in 1996. This book chronicles the history of California Park Rangers beginning with the appointment of Galen Clark as the first state park ranger of Yosemite State Park in 1866. It traces the development of the early state parks, establishment of the park system, challenges of the depression, post World War II demands, women rangers, changing roles of the ranger, and, finally, the modern ranger. Also included is information on the famous Ranger Stetson (Smokey Bear) hats, badges, patches, vehicles, and over 112 historic or vintage photographs. The book is a tribute to the men and women who have given 125 years of park protection and service to the State of California.

Mike's latest book was published in 2005, but its origins can be traced to the year 2000. To celebrate California's 150 Year Sesquicentennial, a California State Resources Protectors Sesquicentennial Committee was formed to develop a Resources Agency badge. The badge was made available for use by peace officers in the departments of Parks and Recreation, Fish and Game, and Forestry and Fire Protection. Mike Lynch immediately joined the committee offering his years of experience developed through collecting. The specially designed badge was produced and 1250 were distributed.

As part of the celebration effort, the committee decided to create a book on the history and insignia of the three represented departments. Mike again volunteered to co-author this book and, along with fellow committee members Doug Messer (retired Fish and Game Warden) and Captain Steve Huntington (California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection) set about to compile this tribute to the peace officers of the California Resources Agency.

After several years of research, interviews, and editing, the book entitled "The Insignia of the California Resources Agency" was released in February 2005. The book contains 56 pages with more than 100 color photographs. It includes the history of each department including timelines, historic photos of staff and equipment, photos and descriptions of badges, patches, pins, awards, hats, identification cards, nameplates, and information on special programs and activities within the departments.

The "Insignia of the California Resources Agency" is well written, concise, and a thorough portrayal of the history and insignia of the departments and their long and distinguished service to the citizens of the State of California.

Mike's unselfish dedication and interest in preserving the detailed and multifaceted history of law enforcement in California makes him uniquely qualified for the honor of Police Historian of the Year. Mike's leadership and tireless volunteerism exemplifies the qualities deserving of this recognition.

For his tireless support and impact in preserving the history of law enforcement, Mike Lynch has earned the title of Police Historian of the Year 2005 by the California Law Enforcement Historical Society.



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Automatic License Plate Recognition by Kevin Gordon, Treasurer

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The various forms of Automatic License Plate Reading (ALPR) technology are also called License Plate Recognition (LPR), Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR), Automatic Vehicle Identification (AVI), and to a lesser degree Car Plate Recognition (CPR) and Car Plate Reader (CPR). While the technology has been around since the early-1990s, it is safe to say that ALPR is still an emerging technology.

In the futuristic police movie, Robocop, the vehicle license plates were bar coded and were easily scanned at a distance. ALPR isn't a bar code but it is an amazing technology that is benefiting law enforcement across the world. While used in many countries including the United States, Canada and Australia, the United Kingdom unarguably leads the way in ALPR use. The catalyst for the ALPR development was an attack by the IRA in the United Kingdom.

When you scan a text document into your computer it uses Optical Character Recognition (OCR) software, which scans the pixels. The OCR software determines if it could be a letter and replaces the pixels with the American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASC-II). While obviously a simplistic explanation, a car passes the camera that is linked to a computer and uses OCR to read the plate. The software then checks it against source databases and if a match is located, an alert is sounded.

ALPR does not replace officers or their skills of observation, but it does permit the checking of large volumes of traffic. It is used for what are referred to as Primary applications and Secondary applications. Primary applications are activities such as using intelligence to locate known suspects and vehicles, border traffic concerns, drug interdiction, and security at vulnerable areas such as ports. In other words, the reasons most officers think of when considering ALPR. Secondary applications include more administrative type incidents such as increased vehicle revenue, toll road evasion, etc.

ALPR utilized on a major highway can be used to scan for Amber Alert vehicles, stolen vehicles, wanted

vehicles or other special interest vehicles. Beneficial uses at border crossings are obvious in the fight against terrorism.

In both the public and private field, they can be used at access control points. In this example, the data could contain the plates of all authorized vehicles, allowing only authorized vehicles entrance. The systems is also used at parking garages where it can read the plate on entry, read it again when leaving, and then determine how much the parking fee is. Exit is only granted after depositing the money or billed directly if a monthly pass, etc. The extent of use is determined by the extent of the database.

During its development, the software had to overcome many issues such as poor image resolution, blurry images, poor lighting, something over the plate, a hard to read font, etc. Infrared light is used so no auxiliary illumination is needed. It produces good images in bright sunlight, darkness or approaching headlights.

Sometimes the technical problems are easier to overcome than the society concerns. A monitor attached



Officers in car watch scanning screen in operation

to an interstate overhead for example, scanning all plates, is considered a mass surveillance method that is by definition, the surveillance of an entire population or fraction thereof. On the other side of the argument, since the government issues the registration plate and as we all know, driving is a privilege, not a right, it can be argued the issue doesn't exist.

Another hurdle is the variety of American plates. Most veterans can remember the days before vanity plates and each state had one style of registration plate with small variations for different class vehicles. The software has to be more sophisticated because of these differences. That isn't the case in most countries, such as the United Kingdom. There, all plates are controlled by the Driver Vehicle Licensing Authority (DVLA), which is responsible for the issuing of all new registration numbers.

The plate numbers are issued by the government but not the plates. A new car dealer applies to the DVLA and is given a list of available numbers. The plates are actually provided by the car dealerships, made to specs as set by the government. The plates issued with a new car stay with that car until it hits the junk heap; they don't change with ownership.

The only exception in the United Kingdom is

personalized or vanity plates. The DVLA sells those to the highest bidder. When that owner sells his car, he retains the vanity plate and the vehicle reverts to the original number allocated when the car was first sold. U.K. drivers pay a vehicle excise license tax not unlike our annual registration fee. Proof of that paid fee is stored in a little disk displayed in the front windshield of the vehicle.

Captia Symonds (SymondsNA in North America) is one of the providers of ALPR systems. Symonds helped develop the U.K. ALPR national standards and provided strategic vision and solutions. In June 2005, Colin Coxal, Strategic Security Officer for Capita Symonds Ltd., appeared before a U.S. House subcommittee on administration.

Coxal testified that “prevention is a better cure is central to the approach the U.K. government and its agencies took when dealing with the threat to London and consequently the wider U.K. economy.” Symonds ALPR system can read three thousand plates each hour at vehicle speeds of up to 130 mph. Since the system operates 24/7/365, it is a cost-effective management tool.

SymondsNA is part of the Capita Symonds Group, the United Kingdom’s leading professional and support service organization. Symonds provides biometric strategies, drug interdiction strategies and solutions, command and control solutions, and traffic control including ALPR. Symonds services include protection of the city itself, ports and critical infrastructure, intelligence gathering, suspect and target vehicle monitoring, law enforcement and traffic enforcement.

The United Kingdom experience was designed to be self-funding. The cost was to be offset by the collection of evaded taxes on vehicle registrations. In late 2004, the U.K. Home Office introduced ALPR into 23 police forces for a one-year pilot program. The experiment was touted as a great success with more than 13,000 arrests made by ALPR teams. This was an arrest rate nine times higher than the police national average. In addition, over 8 million pounds of drugs and property were seized with a total of 180,543 cars stopped.

On a recent trip to Scotland, I stopped by the Stirling Police Station where Iain McAlpine of Central Scotland Police Branch provided me a tour. At strategic locations around the area, ALPR cameras were in place. Like an ever present, ever observing employee who never takes a break or time off, the system scanned every plate on the highway. Just as effortlessly, it cross-checked those plates against the Police National Computer (PNC), the Driver’s Vehicle Licensing Authority (DVLA), and intelligence databases like the Scottish Intelligence Department (SID).

The monitor is observed in the communications center and sounds an alert if any license plate is recognized. It has to be seen to be appreciated. Think of your county warrant list and about having the vehicle plate of every person on that list, in the database. Strategically placed cameras on local interstates could read thousands of vehicle plates each day. Every time it “sees” a vehicle of interest, it immediately notifies the telecommunicator who in turn notifies patrol

officers. That impresses me!

The level of satisfaction with the program is obvious. In the United Kingdom, funding is in place for construction of a national ALPR data center capable of holding 50 million ALPR reads each day. This year Britain will become the first country where every journey of every vehicle will be monitored and recorded.

The United Kingdom is way ahead of U.S. law enforcement in the use of ALPR, but our efforts in the fight against terrorism, a fight that will be with us from now on, will continue to push the use of ALPR in the United States and we’ll see an increase in safety and security because of it.

Region 57 Member Killed In Line Of Duty

Region 57 member Jeremy Chambers of the Cahokia, Illinois Police Department, was killed Monday April 24 of this year. Jeremy, age 26, was an IPA member for 2 years. Jeremy was killed in an automobile accident on Illinois Route 3, when a drunk driver struck his patrol car head-on. The oncoming vehicle crossed the centerline and struck Jeremy’s patrol car head-on. The impact caused his vehicle to overturn and he was trapped inside. Rescue crews were able to free Jeremy and he was flown to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. The drunk driver was charged with DUI and reckless homicide. Jeremy had served with the Cahokia Police Department for 2.5 years and also served as a volunteer firefighter. Jeremy is survived by his parents, sister, and brother. His father, brother, sister-in-law, and brother-in-law are all active or retired law enforcement.

When informed of the tragedy, IPA US President Lynch said “It is always shocking to lose a member of the law enforcement community and it is doubly so with the death of International Police Association (IPA) member Jeremy Chambers. This tragedy is made even worse by the fact that Jeremy was only 27 years old. The condolences and prayers of all law enforcement, including the 8,000 IPA members in the US and the over 300,000 IPA members worldwide, go to out to Jeremy’s family, friends and his law enforcement colleagues.

International President Michael Odysseos commented “It is with deep regret that I was informed about the great loss of our IPA Member Jeremy Chambers of the US Section, Region 57. On behalf of the Permanent Executive Bureau and myself, I express my sincere condolences to his family, the entire USA IPA Section and his region”.

Jeremy’s the first member killed in the line of duty since Lt. Wax of Baton Rouge, LA PD who was killed May 22, 2004. Prior to Lt. Wax the IPA lost three members on 9/11/2001 in the World Trade Center attacks.

Any individual or region wishing to donate to the Jeremy Chambers Memorial Fund can send donations to Region 57, PO Box 7, Mascoutah, IL. Monies will be used to send the family to the 2007 Police Memorial Event in Washington DC and a memorial in the city to public safety personnel.

A Double Decker Trip Across the Big Pond *by Jeff Ohlfs, R44*

Recently my wife Deb and myself had occasion to visit the UK on two back to back flights separated by 14 days. While we were there, we got to meet the ladies who run IPA International & British Section Headquarters, in Nottingham. While we were in Poole, we were hosted by Dorset Inspector Paul Smith & wife Allie. I was given a ride-along on their police boat, "Alarm." We were hosted in Glastonbury (retired Somerset officer Roy Jones & his wife Pam), Stonehenge (retired Wiltshire officer Peter Spencer), and Edinburgh (Lothian & Borders Inspector Ritchie Adams). The trip was very enjoyable. We brought some great California weather for them. I would like to thank all those who made our visit a trip to remember. Traveling the IPA way is a great help and an experience to remember.



In front of IPA Headquarters in Nottingham



Dorset Police Detective Constable Paul Smith and Boat Officers Joe and Ian.



Me on the Dorset Police boat "Alarm" in Poole Harbour.



My wife Deb with Dorset Detective Constable Paul Smith and his wife Allie on boat cruise in Poole Harbour.



Right: Lunch with Libby and Lesley who work in the IPA house in Nottingham.

USA: Karl gets more than a little help in buying a new Texan

For some years now, I've been considering buying a house in the US. I have friends over there and have found the American people some of the friendliest I've ever met.

Eventually I decided it was time to stop thinking about it and do it. My first thought was Florida but apart from the high prices, I fancied somewhere a little different. So it came about I decided on Texas, more specifically, the Houston area. You may think this a little odd, as I'd never been to Texas, but with the power of the Internet, I obtained details of a number of new developments.

It then struck me that the areas sound great on the websites, but I knew nothing about them. That was when I had the idea to obtain the e-mail address for the president of the Texas region of the IPA, Clarence Hightower. And so my journey began.

I explained what I was looking to do and just asked his advice on what areas to avoid. I traded several e-mails, which resulted in Clarence inviting me to stop with him and his wife Susan. This was a complete surprise, but gladly appreciated.

Clarence (pictured with me on the left) is a retired Houston police sergeant, having served for over 40 years! They have a beautiful home in Huntsville, 55 miles north of Houston and built on land which had been in the Hightower family for generations.

Over the next few days, Clarence guided me around

Houston, giving me the benefit of his knowledge of the area and experience of how things are done in Texas. This proved invaluable. On the third day I found a house (pictured below) which I now own.

During my stay with Clarence and Susan, I met both their families and friends and was made to feel welcome everywhere I went. Without their friendship, help and guidance, my dream of buying a home in the US would have been much more difficult. More importantly, apart from buying a home, I have made new friends. I think my story goes to show the bonds that exist between fellow IPA members. It does not matter what country they are from, being a law enforcement officer and IPA member bonds us together.



IPA US Section Badge

Region 57 has created a US Section Badge as a region fundraiser. The badge is similar in design to other sections including the German and Switzerland Sections. The badge is approximately 2 1/2" high by 2" wide. Gold, full color logo, black letters. The banners read "IPA United States" and "Section". The two sided banners list the founding dates of the International of Jan. 1, 1950 and the US Section of Feb. 26, 1962. There is a money clip on the back, which allows fastening in a badge case. If interested, contact Kevin Gordon US Treasurer, President Region 57 (618) 566-2993 or E-mail Treasurer@ipa-usa.org



Recruitment Across

The Sea

Nick Mileur, past editor of the National Reporter, was browsing through some issues of the *UK Police World* magazine when he saw the July/August edition which featured a cover article on Lisa Whiteface from the Rapid City Police Department. He then set out on a mission to recruit her to the IPA.

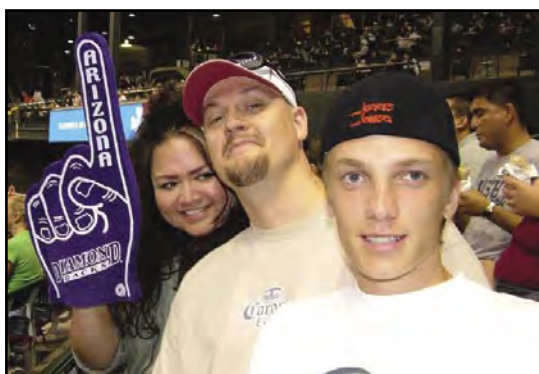
Police World was able to provide some extra details and thanks to his contacts across America, Nick was soon able to contact Lisa and persuaded her to become a member of the IPA. "She is a full-blooded Sioux American and formerly with a native American police force and a very nice person," said Nick.



Region 25 Hosts Swedish IPA Exchange Student

by Barbara Piirinen, Region 25

Region 25 member Barbara Piirinen and her husband Peitsa, are hosting a 17 year old Swedish boy, named Victor Eriksson. He will be with them for the entire school year. Victor is the son of IPA member, Annika Eriksson, who is a Police Commander for the Communications Division of the Stockholm, Sweden Police Department. Barbara met Annika in 2001 when she visited Stockholm. Annika is a very active IPA member and was kind enough to take Barbara and Peitsa around beautiful Stockholm when they were there. Victor arrived on July 14th, in time for the many Arizona heat waves! By July 17th, he was on his way to football camp with the Chandler High School varsity football team in Snowflake, Arizona. Victor has been playing American football in Sweden since the age of 10. Victor's father, Tom Eriksson, is an assistant coach/manager for the team. Victor's first week of high school at Chandler H.S. has also included going to football practices at 6 PM everyday. He said the practice is like running inside of a 400-degree oven! Activities also included attending one of the Arizona Diamondbacks games. Victor has many interests and we have planned many family activities with him (if he can squeeze us into his busy schedule). He does hope to gain a police ride-along and perhaps a heli-ride during his stay here. Region 25 will assist in the ride alongs and a possible Police helicopter ride. Barbara and Peitsa Piirinen are regular hosts to IPA exchange students in Arizona. Barbara is a Sgt. with the Maricopa County Sheriffs Office and has taken part in the Police Olympic games overseas and in Canada. She is also a medal holder in these games, and has been sponsored in these games by Region 25.



National Election Notice

Official Ballots will be mailed on or about September 18th and must be received by October 30th. Full instructions regarding the voting procedures and where to return the ballots will be included with the ballots when they are mailed. The National President has also asked me to remind Regions of the following:

Regions must schedule a Region Committee meeting before the ballot return deadline to consider and vote for the National officers. The bylaws provide that, "Each Region shall have one vote which shall be cast based on a majority vote of the Region committee" (Statute 1204.30). A Region ballot not based "on the majority vote of the Region Committee" could be challenged and be thrown out, so please follow the bylaws regarding the voting process.

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