



Highway Patrol Communiqué - 8 August 2017

Greetings Highway Patrol Friends & Colleagues,

It has been two months since I emailed the last communiqué (May) and several things have occurred that affect our group. I truly wish that I was communicating with all of our members, however, as mentioned before, I only have valid email addresses for a small number of our members – presently 38 of the 128 that we have addresses for. Despite the continual request for additional contact info – nothing has been forthcoming. As Gene, Smitty, I, and others have discussed – we really are no longer a valid association. Rather a loosely knit small group of survivors of a proud organization.

I am not really sure that I should even be using the term VP as it has actually been more than several years since we had a formal meeting to include an election of officers or trustees. Regarding these small turn-outs during the past several reunion meetings, I need to report that during the past couple of months only three (3) rooms have been booked at [The Bavarian Inn](#) in [Shepherdstown, West Virginia](#), site of our scheduled October 3, 4, and 5, 2017 reunion. In addition to myself, two family members of our departed comrade, Ray Emala, have booked rooms. The hotel has been in touch with me already regarding this small booking, and they wish to know if we want to cancel as they can easily fill their rooms. Other than those mentioned, I have not heard from any other members from our group regarding plans to attend. In reality, if I do not hear something within the next 7 days regarding a substantial booking of the room block, I will reluctantly release the rooms, and cancel the activity. Should you desire information regarding the planned event, please check on our website at: <http://www.62hp.org/reunion.htm>; or you may contact [me](#).

PHOTOS. I recently received more HP photos. In addition to the Bob Parretti's collection (mentioned last time), Jerry Hawkins (Det. A-Darmstadt, 1957-58) sent a CD and several additional photos from his tour. They have been added to our collection along with some other photos of interest. The negative

update (as reported on our HP photo page, <http://www.62hp.org/pictures.htm>) is that once again Google® decided to change their photo options. They no longer support their former Picasa® service, and as a result, our photo albums are no longer able to be viewed. Nearly 1,600 photos of interest just archived at present. This is devastating for our members, and for me as I have invested far too many hours of effort that now seems to have been in vain.

I hope that a good work-around for this glitch will soon be found. I have already tried various options such as the new Google app, Flickr, and even Facebook. So far, none of them has met our needs. We need to be able to control access to those folks that link from within our website, and most importantly, allow the photo details or caption. It also has to be free (and simple to use). I will gladly follow up on any suggestions that you may offer.

Another Story: Word of the Week: Peterwagen.

In Germany, you might recognize a cop car by the large green or blue stripe that stretches around the vehicle.



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It might come as no surprise then that a police car is called a *Streifenwagen* ("stripe-car"). But in Hamburg, police cars go by a different name: *Peterwagen*, which means "Peter-car".

But who is Peter?

After World War II, the city of Hamburg was under control of the British Forces Germany. In 1946, the British administration decided that Hamburg would be equipped with new radio patrol cars. These cars contained radios that allowed

police officers to communicate with one another - a new type of technology for the police force. These cars were therefore called *Radiowagen* ("radio cars").

As the story goes, the German word *Peterwagen* arose from an encounter between a German government worker and a British officer in 1946. The officer did not understand the word *Radiowagen*, so the German explained, "*Radiowagen* - it's like a patrol car!" Due to the government worker's German accent, the British officer did not understand him correctly, and asked him to spell out "patrol car." The German man explained that it starts with "P - like Peter", and the British officer wrote *Peterwagen* in his documents. Ever since, Hamburg residents have used the word *Peterwagen* to describe a *Radiowagen*.

Although many Germans might know what a Peterwagen is, this term is used primarily in Hamburg. In other places, a police car is usually referred to as a *Funkstreifenwagen* or *Streifenwagen*.

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<http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/Startseite.html>

I did find out how to transfer my old 35mm slides to the computer (and CD). So far, I have completed over 3000 images that needed saving. A good copier designed to work with media was the answer. A bit slow, however, it beats the commercial prices and allows me to save directly into whatever file I desire.

Now, if I could only find a use for several Kodak slide projectors, a stack loader, many (way too many) Carousel slide trays, and a projection screen.

Until next time, Happy trails and stay safe,

Larry



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